

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Cultivating the intellect, refining the character, confessing the Christian Faith.



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Dear Immanuel Lutheran School Alumni Family,

Immanuel Lutheran School is turning 70! And we invite you to join us for the celebration of our past as we embark on our future.

As you well know, Immanuel has always been a special part of my life. From the time my father first opened the doors to the new school building in 1945, to my years teaching, to my time now serving on the School Board and greeting families and students in the morning carpool line, I have been blessed to watch Immanuel educate and nurture countless students and serve so many families over the years.

Today, Immanuel Lutheran School continues to grow and serve the greater-Alexandria community, offering nearly 130 students a Christian classical education for Junior Kindergarten through 8th grade.

This is an important moment in ILS history. As I reflect on the past 70 years, I remember and thank you, all of the teachers, students and families who have been a part of making ILS what it is today.

Immanuel is also looking ahead to our future. I am excited that ILS continues to grow and serve the families of our community, but to do this well, we must ensure that we have the facilities necessary to provide a classical Christian education for our children today and into the future.

Over the past year, Immanuel has been conducting an exciting capital campaign with the goal of raising one million dollars for significant improvements and expansion of the church and school facilities. Our aging facility is in need of major renovations and more classrooms! Plans are in place to *break ground this June* to add five classrooms to our school building and expand the kitchen and bathroom facilities in the church undercroft.

Through the generous support of the congregation, our school parents, our faculty and others, we have already reached \$800,000 of our one million dollar goal. **But we need your help to raise the final \$200,000.**

In honor of our 70th year, we are launching a 70 Day Campaign to support Immanuel.

Hundreds of students, like you, have walked through Immanuel's red school doors over the past 70 years. *Won't you join fellow alumni, current families, our friends, and our supporters in this ambitious effort to ensure our place in the Alexandria community for another 70 years?*

I am so grateful for your generous support of our school in the past, and ask that you prayerfully consider supporting us again this year with your tax-deductible gift to our 70 Day Campaign before January 9, 2015. Your support, of whatever amount, is truly appreciated and will directly support our students and our school, improving and updating our facilities to allow Immanuel to continue to serve this and future generations of students.

As we near our planned ground-breaking in June of 2015, stay tuned for more information about joining us in Alexandria for a celebration with Immanuel families past and present.

Thank you for your support over the years and for your prayers as Immanuel embarks on this next step in the school's history. I also invite you to come and visit us any time to see what your donation is accomplishing.

In Christ,



Priscilla Mensing Cook

PS - Please visit our website at www.immanuelalexandria.org for more information on what is happening at the school and with the building plans! You can also sign up to receive our newsletters and other updates from the church and school.

If you know another ILS alumnus who should be on our mailing list, please contact the school!

The mission of Immanuel Lutheran School is to cultivate the minds, hearts, and bodies of students through classical education and Lutheran catechesis.