



## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

### Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

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### ***WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of April 5, 2020***

Sunday: Communion in the CLC 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Monday – Friday office hours 9:00 a.m. – Noon

#### Service/Communion schedule:

- No Holy Week services
- No Easter services
- All services and Bible studies cancelled until further notice
- No Holy Communion until further notice\*

\* Holy Communion will no longer be available on Sunday mornings. The threat of the virus spread to you and to Pastor has increased. The stay-at-home order by President Trump will likely be echoed by Governor Walz, extending Minnesota's stay-at-home order through the end of April. We must do our part; we must sacrifice for a time for the good of our neighbor, especially our health care professionals under extreme pressure to tend to the additional sick from the pandemic.

**Let's have Easter together!** Although we will not be able to gather in church for Easter, make a plan to watch the recorded service next Sunday at 8:00 or 10:15 a.m. As you do, remember that others will be doing the same and we can take comfort that we are still together in Christ!

**Immanuel worship services** are on Plainview cable channel 20 (both HBC and Mid-Continent). HBC broadcast times are at 8:00 a.m. Sunday mornings and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings. Mid-Co replays the service as volunteers and/or City Hall staff load a DVD recording. This can result in inconsistent playback which is beyond our control. Services are also online via YouTube. Find service links on [immanuelplainview.org/worship](http://immanuelplainview.org/worship).

**Main Street Living** is an LCMS program airing each Sunday at 9 a.m. that features pastors from the WFTC, channel 29 (9-2 over the air antenna), viewer area. For satellite or cable subscribers, check your listings for WFTC. The first half hour is a reproduction of *This is the Life*, a Lutheran Hour Ministries program made popular in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Then at 9:30 is a modified Lutheran worship service. This a great option for Sunday morning worship during our time apart from each other. You can also watch online at <https://www.mainstreetliving.com/twincities/>

**Red Cross Blood Drive** is still on for Tuesday, April 21. All donors will have a health screening in the lobby before entering the gym for the blood donation. The safety of staff and donors will be maintained during the drive. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

**PJ Aarsvold Vicarage Assignment** will take place on Tuesday, April 28. Due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions, the assignments will take place in an online service at 7:00 p.m. Find out more information at <https://www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services/>. Vicarage is a one-year internship at a congregation where PJ will learn “on the job” under the supervision of a pastor.

**Stay Informed on Church/School news and changes due to COVID-19:** Bookmark [immanuelplainview.org/covid19](http://immanuelplainview.org/covid19) for all the latest updates to school and church events and schedule changes. Also, sign up for the new news/announcements email service! Send an email to [ilcs-news+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:ilcs-news+subscribe@googlegroups.com).

**Principal/Teacher Hired!** In the midst of so much “doom and gloom” that our Lord continues to bless and provide! It is with great joy that the congregation announces that Mr. Rocco “Rick” Arguto has accepted the offer to become our next Principal and Teacher of Immanuel Lutheran School. He will begin this coming summer for the 2020-21 school year. He will be moving here from Pueblo, Colorado where he has been an assistant principal and teacher for many years at Trinity Lutheran School. He is a 1989 graduate of Concordia University of Seward, Nebraska and has served other Lutheran schools in Colorado Springs and Las Vegas. He is married to Pam (also a CUNE graduate) and they have two adult children. Once the COVID-19 situation has calmed a bit, the Arguto’s will plan a visit to the area.

**On-line giving of your offerings** - A reminder that this is available and easy to sign up for. Go to our church website, [www.immanuelplainview.org/give](http://www.immanuelplainview.org/give) click the Give Now tab, and it will work you through the sign-up process. It is confidential and can be changed at any time. Call the office if you have questions.

**Dorcas Club** will not meet in April.

**Immanuel Lutheran Fish Fry has been postponed.** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ILS Fish Fry/Auction will be held Friday, September 11, 2020.

*God’s richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week:*

*April 5: Logan Grummons, Carson Timm*

*April 8: Isaac Gander, Madelyn Gander, Cynthia Stenglein*

*April 11: Cheryl Gensmer, William Kuehl, Lyle Bartsh*



An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God’s plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it. So, when you are experiencing difficult times, don’t struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or Pastor Augustine (884-7390). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!