



*Easter 5 - In my Father's house*

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL May 10, 2020

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### **WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of May 10, 2020**

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

Wednesday – Red Cross blood drive in CLC (PEM NHS hosting) 8:30 – 3:30

Service/Communion schedule:

- All services and Bible studies cancelled until further notice
- No Holy Communion until further notice
- Recorded services and cable TV times are online at on [immanuelplainview.org/worship](http://immanuelplainview.org/worship).
- DVD ministry now available! \*\*

\*\* **DVD Ministry** – if someone is unable to view the recorded church services either online or through Plainview cable providers, a DVD of the service can be mailed. Brian and Laura Haack have graciously volunteered their time and resources to this ministry. Contact Laura at (507) 259-8422 to give a name and address for the DVD to be mailed. *DVD's will not be reusable/recyclable, so do not return them to the Haack's or the church.*

**Blood Drive in CLC on Wednesday:** PEM's National Honor Society is hosting their spring blood drive here at Immanuel's Christian Life Center due to the construction going on at the High School. It will run from 8:30 to 3:30. If you missed out on the drive here a few weeks ago, here's another great opportunity to give the gift of blood to your neighbor in need!

**LWML/ILCW News:** During this time of COVID-19 when we are not able to be together for our ILCW meeting and devotions, I wanted to update you on what is still happening.

- THANK YOU to all who sent in Mites to the LWML Minnesota South District from our ILCW and personal checks, as well as those who submitted honorariums. Your generosity has helped meet our mission project goal of \$265,000 for the 2018-2020 Biennium. Praise the Lord!
- The 2020 LWML MN South District Convention that was scheduled June 19-10, 2020 has been cancelled. Delegates Becky Luckstein and Just Schwantz will still participate in an online program to conduct District business of the election officers, Bylaw amendments, set mission goal and select mission grants for 2020-2022. We will update you when this process is completed.
- Also, even though we have no idea what fall will bring, the LWML Executive Committee is considering a **“one-day celebration jubilee to praise our Lord who has not left us, who still loves and cares about us and is walking along with us through this pandemic.”** I will share more as we continue to **“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.”** (Isaiah 12:5) – *Becky Luckstein*

**Principal Arguto Visit:** Our new principal, Rick Arguto, and his wife, Pam will be coming to visit Immanuel and the Plainview area next weekend of May 16 and 17. Keep them in your prayers for safe travel and a productive visit!

**Good news!** Immanuel services are now back on MidCo channel 20!

### **Lutheran School Important Dates and Information from Mr. Lutringer**

**We are swiftly approaching the end of the school year.** The teachers thank the parents for their support during this time of learning for all. You have been a blessing to us and your child. There are some events that we want you to know about.

- **All new assignments end by Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>.**  
The teachers will use the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> to work with those students that have work that needs to be completed.  
When the teacher says the student has all their work handed in, they are done for the year.
- **8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>.**  
The teachers will meet in the school parking lot at 7 p.m. and then proceed to the graduate's home where we will give them the diploma and a keepsake folder. You are welcome to join us in the school parking lot.  
I told the 8<sup>th</sup> graders that their job was to be at their door when we arrive.
- **We will have a drive by collection of school materials for Pre-k to 8 students on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 - 7:30 PM**  
The teachers will each have a spot in the parking lot to collect books, computers, and other classroom materials.  
At that time, they will also hand out items left at school and any awards the child has earned.  
**This will give your child the opportunity to say goodbye to their teacher from the confines of your vehicle.**
- **Report cards will be sent home on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry and bake sale**

**School Website** – This has been a project for several months and in dire need of someone to own it. You do not have to have any technical experience. We will hire that skillset from moneys that were raised over a year ago. You must be willing to be the point person to communicate between a web designer and a group of people helping with feedback and direction for the website. If you are willing and able, contact Pastor Augustine ([pastor@immanuelplainview.org](mailto:pastor@immanuelplainview.org)) or the church/school office.

**Baccalaureate Service** for graduating high school seniors will be postponed. P-E-M has announced that a commencement ceremony is tentatively planned for July 24 on the football field in Elgin if social distancing guidelines allow at that time. The office is aware of four graduates for the class of 2020: Spenser Gilbertson, Wyatt Pretzer, Kennedy Standing, and Julia Sparks. We hope to have a service recognition for them in late May or June, depending on when gathering size restrictions ease.

**Confirmation Sunday update:** Due to Minnesota's stay-at-home directive, Confirmation of the youth candidates that was originally set for May 3 will be rescheduled. Confirmands have been individually examined by Pastor and are all set for this milestone in their faith formation. There are 5 confirmands: Logan Haack, Zach Irish, Nathan Miller, Ellie Radel, and Jaylen Welti.

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

*May 10: James Klassen*

*May 11: Michelle Miller, Melissa Scheerer, Morgan Walden*

*May 12: Jack Decker, Tiffany Staudacher, Stacy Miller*

*May 13: Theodore Zabel III, Danielle Gander, Duane Mussell, Adalynn Wohlers*

*May 14: Hadley Miller, Wade Hauschildt, Doris Lanning, Steven Miller, Eric Gensmer*

*May 15: Julia Sparks, David Murphy*

*May 16: James Lentz, Cassandra Byler*

### **OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS**

Date of deposit: 5/6/20: \$ 10,656.00

Thank you for continuing to mail or bring your weekly offering envelopes to the church office.

**Financial Update:** God bless you all who have given generously and faithfully during this time of safer-at-home! Many have taken advantage of gift matching and Choice Dollars from Thrivent that help with our daily expenses. Thank you! As a matter of disclosure, Immanuel did apply for and receive Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan from the Small Business Association (SBA). This involves a low-interest loan of \$92,000 to cover 8 weeks of wages, health insurance, and other payroll expenses for ALL our staff (salaried and hourly) to help us through the COVID-19 situation. The office is diligently tracking these expenses as they can be submitted for loan forgiveness. This PPP loan is a tremendous gift God has provided and we thank Him for giving our country the freedom to offer it to non-profits, including churches and schools, to keep them functioning during this economic downturn. Please continue your regular giving so we are ready to help our new principal move and be ready to resume regular activity on our campus.

**Member in Need** – Lazarus Karpyak, 4-year-old son of Maks and Lisa (Prigge) Karpyak, was diagnosed on February 6<sup>th</sup> with Autism Spectrum Disorder Level 3. Due to COVID-19 reduced medical services, he is unable to get therapy for this disorder, so a service dog is being trained for him. If you would like to know more and/or contribute to the cause, check out the Go Fund Me page here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/dvnru-a-boy-and-his-dog>.

**Did you receive your “Economic Impact Payment” from the IRS?** For filers who had direct deposit set up, many have received this gift in their bank accounts. While many people will have need of every dollar to make ends meet, others may be able to use this gift to the blessing of others. **Consider a 10% gift to Immanuel** (or other charitable organizations) to help with on-going expenses.

**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/>

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