



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL May 3, 2020

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Easter 4 - The Shepherd's Door

WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of May 3, 2020

Monday – Friday office hours

9:00 a.m. – Noon

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.
- 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.*

PJ Aarsvold Vicarage Placement: We congratulate PJ and Melanie on his vicarage placement to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Colorado! Lakewood is a western suburb of Denver with beautiful views of the Rockies. PJ & Melanie recently wrote to Immanuel and a copy of their letter should be sent with these announcements.

Wedding Congratulations! Greg Gilbertson and Becky Gilsdorf were united in marriage in a small family-only gathering on Saturday, May 2. May God bless and keep their love for Him and for each other for many years to come!

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

Teacher Appreciation week is May 4-8! Consider sending a teacher a note of encouragement, gift card, and/or treat! While our teachers are teaching from home, you can drop off things during office hours or we can provide a mail address. Email addresses for our ILS teachers are:

Alvin Lutringer (7 & 8): alutringer@immanuelplainview.org

MaryAnne Smith (5 & 6): msmith@immanuelplainview.org

Dawn Schroeder (3 & 4): dschroeder@immanuelplainview.org

Shilo Braun (1 & 2): sbraun@immanuelplainview.org

Lisa Hammers (Kindergarten): lhammers@immanuelplainview.org

Rena Vinton (Preschool): rvinton@immanuelplainview.org

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) or the church/school 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 6th 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>.

Confirmation Sunday update: Due to Minnesota’s stay-at-home directive, Confirmation of the youth candidates that was originally set for today, 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.

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 three or possibly four graduates for the class of 2020.

No Quarterly Voters Meeting – Due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions, the regular quarterly voters meeting will be postponed until it is deemed safe to gather a larger-than-10 group.

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

May 3: Kaylyn Wohlers, Kari O’Reilly, Elizabeth Koehler, Eric Irish

May 4: Chase Neumann, Tylor Hoffman

May 5: Erik Bartz, Curtis Bateman

May 7: Isabella Krusmark

May 8: William Bartz, Julia Aarsvold, Otto Erwin, Sally VanSchaick

May 9: Aspen Cichacki, Dean Gerberding, Baighley Standinger, Brittany Harrington

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Dates of deposit: 4/19/20: \$ 6,514.00

4/26/20: \$ 4,705.00

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