

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
**WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**August 23, 2020**

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 23: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:00 am
Monday, August 24: Women’s Bible Study	9:00 am
Ferman Lanning visitation	4:00 – 8:00 pm in CLC
Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
Sunday, August 30: <b><u>Christian Education Sunday</u></b>	
Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Thank you!** The ILCW would like to thank the congregation for contributing to the mite donations. We collected \$41.26. This will be sent to the LWML MN So District to further their mission. One of missions is to support Concordia Seminary students. We have very generous donors & pray the Lord will continue to bless each of you richly. Thanks again!

**Release Time** is a Christian education ministry our area churches have supported for public school children in grades 1 – 6. Due to COVID19 conditions and precautions, Release Time will not be held this year. However, we have been promised by PEM administration that it will be returned next year if the pandemic has eased.

**Save the date!** On Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. we will have a watch party in support of the Living Hope orphanage in Puebla, Mexico. This is the orphanage several of our youth traveled to in March 2019 and were very touched by the ministry they provided to the orphans and staff. Another trip is being considered for March 2021!

**SCRIP program update:** The SCRIP program is being discontinued at Immanuel. For many years it has been run without a volunteer to lead the program and was not profitable for the amount of time the office staff put into it. The payback on many cards is down to 1-4 cents per dollar sold. Therefore, the Board of Ed has decided to end the program and focus on more profitable and sustainable fundraisers. On the resource table you will find the current inventory of SCRIP cards. We would like to sell as much as possible at face value before we are forced to sell them for a fraction of their worth. There is over \$7,500 of gift cards available that when sold goes immediately to the ILS general fund for school needs. Do some early Christmas shopping and help convert these cards to cash for our school!

**Christian Education Sunday** is next Sunday, August 30. Lutheran school and Sunday school teachers will be recognized and commissioned for service with the Lord’s blessing. Teachers can come to either service but need not be at both. Praise the Lord for raising up four new teachers!

**Gladiolus for Sale** - Immanuel Potsdam has decided to sell Gladiolus at the Plainview Farmer’s Market at Bennett’s Food Center on Wednesdays from 4 to 7 pm. The proceeds benefit Immanuel Lutheran School.

**Hope Lutheran Fish Fry's** resume on Friday, August 28 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy! DINE IN, CARRY OUT, and CURBSIDE PICK UP available. Tickets available for \$9 at Restored Blessings (Winona Mall) or \$10 at the door. Take a look at the new building the Lord has provided! Hope/St. Martin's is at 312 E. Broadway in Winona.

**Fish Fry Fundraiser** - Over the past 10 years, Immanuel Lutheran School has had a fish fry & auction to raise funds for new technology at ILS. Since the Coronavirus has changed our lives over the past few months, Immanuel Lutheran School will not be having our regular fish fry & auction in 2020. If you are so moved, please continue to support our school by prayerfully considering a donation. There are still many obligations that we need to continue to support in spite of the changes. There are licenses to update, computers, iPads & other technology that needs to move forward. Our PARA is also paid with these funds. Instead of donating or purchasing at the fundraiser, please consider a donation for what you would have spent at the Fish Fry and/or auction. Think of your donation as a "continuing mission in the Plainview & surrounding community". Your donation has and will continue to make a difference. Checks should be made payable to Immanuel Lutheran School and in the memo "Fish Fry Fund."

**COVID19 Service Plans** – the Board of Elders met Monday night and in cooperation with the Trustees have decided that our Sunday services will remain in the CLC until further notice. Ease of crowd flow and easier cleaning were the main drivers. Two services will continue to be provided at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Pastor is working with Sunday School leaders on what we will be doing for that in September.

**Mask Requirements** – Per Governor Walz' executive order #81, masks are now required as of July 25 for all indoor gatherings. The Elders request your cooperation with this effort to love our neighbors who may be vulnerable to COVID19.

**Home Communion Visits** – If you or a loved one are sheltering at home during the pandemic and desire Holy Communion, please know that Pastor is willing to set up a visit to bring you the body and blood of Jesus for your forgiveness and strength. He can meet in your home or outside; masked or unmasked; for a short visit (scripture, devotion, and Supper) or a longer visit with you for the Lord's consolation and care during this time of social distancing. We were not created to live in isolation. If you need this precious medicine for your body and soul, call the church office to schedule a visit.