

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
**WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**August 30, 2020**

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Sunday, August 30: Christian Education Sunday Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:00 am
Monday, August 31: First Day of School Women’s Bible Study	9:00 am
Sunday, September 6: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Today is Christian Education Sunday.** Lutheran school and Sunday school teachers will be recognized and commissioned for service with the Lord’s blessing. Praise the Lord for raising up four new teachers!

**The school year at Immanuel begins on Monday, 8/31/2020! Praise the Lord!**

Thank you to all who are entrusting and partnering with Immanuel Lutheran School in the education and faith building of their children. The staff have been very busy putting all the necessary precautions in place and are excited to begin what will be a great school year!

**Pastor Augustine** will be out of the office for some much-needed time off from August 31 to September 7. Pastor Fuchs will be handling any pastoral needs.

**Opening Chapel** for the 2020-21 school year will be Wednesday, September 9 at 8:30 a.m. after Pastor returns from vacation. Weekly chapel will be in the CLC and social distancing & masks will be required.

**Ferman Lanning’s funeral video** is on YouTube ([youtube.com/user/thenarrowgate3](https://www.youtube.com/user/thenarrowgate3)) and will be on MidCo channel 20 this coming week when the new DVD of weekly services is created.

**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!

**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.

**COVID19 Service Plans** – the Board of Elders met 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.

**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 to the Fish Fry Fund.

**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 \$5,500 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!