

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
**WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*October 11, 2020*

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Sunday, October 11: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:00 am
Confirmand stole making	11:00 – 1:00
Monday, October 12: Women’s Bible Study	9:00 am
Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 14: ILS Chapel (CLC)	8:25 am
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade confirmation	6:00 pm
Sunday, October 18: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Pastor appreciation month** is October with today, Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>, being Pastor appreciation day. The elders encourage everyone to support our Pastor’s with cards and gifts if you so choose. Thank you.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation** has begun in the church basement. Bring the usual items (Bible, catechism, workbook, pen/pencil). Pray for this time of instruction to be uninterrupted so we finish the course strong!

**Confirmation** for this year’s students will be Reformation Sunday, October 25 at either service. Confirmands will remain with their families for the service. If families are unable to make that day work, a private confirmation will be scheduled. May God bless and nourish these young souls who will be able to gather at their Lord’s Supper for forgiveness, life, and salvation!

**Youth confirmands** (now in 9<sup>th</sup> grade) will gather after late service today in the church basement for stole making and final preparations for the rite of Confirmation on October 25. Confirmands just need to bring themselves. All supplies and materials will be supplied.

**Plainview Lions Club** is hosting a drive-thru Pork chop Dinner on Friday, October 16th beginning at 5pm at the Plainview American Legion. Snickers for Tricklers also available. Proceeds benefit all Lion's programs. Our breakfast the last Sunday of the month is now from 8:00am til noon. The Community meal that is the last Monday of the month is now from 4:30pm til 6:00pm.

**ILCW/LWML** will meet Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30 pm in church basement. Agenda includes bible study lead by Jonette Pierce, committee reports and discussion Olde Fashion Country Christmas luncheon. Come and enjoy Christian Fellowship as we plan our mission events. Social distance and masks will be observed per Covid-19 precautions

**Volunteer Christmas Dinner** unfortunately will be cancelled this year due to the COVID restrictions around large gatherings. We are blessed to have many volunteers among us and thank you so much for your help throughout the year. We look forward to the dinner in 2021!

**OCTOBERFEST** – a fundraiser our school, typically held the fourth Sunday in October, put on by St. John’s-Hammond, Immanuel-Potsdam, and Immanuel-Plainview has been cancelled for 2020. Please continue your prayers and support of ILS with donations to the school, Secret Angel fund, Hot Lunch program, and adopt-a-student. See you in 2021!

**The Plainview Elgin Area Food Shelf** is preparing for our annual winter outer clothing distribution. Donations of clean, gently worn coats, scarves, mittens, and boots of all sizes are greatly needed. The Plainview and Elgin branches of People's State Bank have again agreed to serve as collection sites during regular banking hours. Donations can also be accepted at the Food Shelf location, 25 Main St W, Elgin, MN during regular operating hours, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Wednesdays. Distribution is planned to begin on October 14<sup>th</sup>. If you need further information, please call the Food Shelf at (507) 876-0112 on Wednesdays or see the Food Shelf Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/PlainviewElginFoodShelf>.

**Heritage Fest** – typically held the third Sunday in October and featuring Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers has been cancelled for 2020. May the Lord have mercy on us and clear this pandemic so we can celebrate again next year!

### **Message from our Church Council President Butch Mussell**

One of my favorite Bible stories is the of Gideon in Judges 6-8. Gideon had every excuse for why he could not serve the Lord until he realized it would not be by his power, but that God would provide the power he needed to serve the Lord. Paul said in his many letters to the early churches, “in my weakness God's power was made known”.

I speak from personal experience. If God can use an insecure procrastinator like myself, God can, and he does, use anyone. You don't need superpower to serve the Lord because He provides the power to serve. Step out in faith to serve on one of the Board positions. There are positions open in terms of 1 to 3 years. May god be with you in your choice.

**Choristers** is suspended for now. Practice will commence when circumstances permit. If anyone is interested in singing for church in a small group of 2 to 4 singers, it would be a special addition to the church service. There is general service music as well as Advent, and Christmas music in 2 or 3 parts. It would be wonderful if a small group or solo sang for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Think about it and let the church office know if this is something you would like to do. Either Barb Lutringer or Deb Eggenberger can work with these small groups if needed.

**SCRIP program update:** The SCRIP program is being discontinued at Immanuel. Please find an updated list of what is remaining on the resource table.

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