

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
March 21, 2021

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Sunday, March 21: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:00 am
Sunday School	9:00 am
Monday, March 22: Women’s Bible Study	9:00 am
Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 23: Quilting Hour	1:00 pm
Volleyball vs. Winona (Home)	4:30 pm
Wednesday, March 24: Chapel	8:25 am
Lent Midweek Service	6:30 pm
Thursday, March 25: Volleyball vs. Silo (Away)	4:30 pm
Chorister Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday, March 28: Divine Service (Palm Sunday)	8:00 am & 10:00 am
Sunday School	9:00 am

Easter Flowers If you would like to bring a plant or flower for the church altar on Easter Sunday, we ask that you have them to the church by Saturday morning, April 3rd. You are welcome to pick up your plant after Easter services, or leave them to decorate on the following Sundays. If you would like to dedicate a plant in memory of a loved one, please call the church office by noon on Thursday, April 1st.

Easter Cross If you would like an Easter cross, there are still some available by the elevator downstairs in the church. The cost is \$5 (envelope in box - self serve). Display the cross in your yard or window with the white side facing out. First thing on Easter morning, turn the cross around and announce to the world that He is Risen! A great witness to a world that needs to be told!

Church Entrances Change: As of Sunday, March 21 all the entrances to the church will be open to use for both entering and exiting. Please be mindful of shared surfaces and make use of hand sanitizer if desired. Masks and social distancing are still required.

Thank you, Thrivent Members! We have received Thrivent Choice Dollars for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School for February. ILC received a donation of \$1,159 and ILS received a donation of \$1,132. What a blessing!

*If you haven’t allocated your 2021 Choice Dollars yet, you have until March 31st to do so through Thrivent’s web site (thrivent.com) or by calling 1-800-THRIVENT. You must contact Thrivent to designate your Choice Dollars or they will be lost. Contact your Thrivent agent if you have questions. What a great way to support our congregation and school ministry!

God provides for our daily bread. Perhaps you have been blessed with a tax refund or another COVID stimulus payment or anticipating it in the days/weeks ahead. Consider a 10% “thank you” offering to the church or school - or charity of your choice. What better way to use this gift than to pay it forward to those organizations dedicated to serving you with the Gospel! “*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others*” (Philippians 2:4).

ILS Fish Fry & Auction The 11th annual ILS Fish Fry & Auction is just one month away! The fish fry is Friday, **April 16th** and the auction will be held **April 17-27th** online through Plain-View Online Auctions. We need your help to make this event a success. We are looking for donations of new larger items (electronics, bikes, quilts, furniture, etc.) experiences (river cruises, dinners, outings), baked goods, gift cards to local businesses, and themed lots (think silent auction baskets without the basket - kitchen goods, meals, baby shower, kids' stuff.) **Auction items need to be delivered to school by 7 p.m. on Monday, April 5th.** As always, 100% of the funds from what is donated to this part of the auction will go directly to ILS to fund technology and curriculum needs. If you have any questions or if you are donating something that needs to be baked or brought in right before delivery, please talk to Anne Borgschatz about arrangements at 534-2487 or aborgschatz@hotmail.com

Fish Fry Donations / Volentueers If you would like to help with or donate food or other items for the fish fry, please contact Sherry Tuxen at s.tuxen44@gmail.com or 507-676-2210 or watch for the signup.com link that will be out shortly.

Immanuel Lutheran School ONLINE auction fundraiser! ILS will be having an online auction fundraiser in April. We are looking for your items such tractors and machinery, autos, ATVs/snowmobiles, livestock, feed, hay, tools, fencing, firewood, furniture (in like new condition), collectibles/antiques, toys, household items in good condition, hunting/fishing/sporting goods, and other items in good condition. **We will NOT accept electronics, appliances, guns, exercise equipment, or junk (or boxes of stuff).**

*There will be a commission charged on the items to cover the cost of the auction and the remaining donated to ILS. This is a great chance to raise money for ILS. There are sheets at the entry with more details about putting your items on the auction. **Please contact Tom 507-475-4064 or Lisa 507-251-3998 or email to gldnchrn@aol.com with questions!**



Finding new Stephen Ministry Ministers (and Leaders) is needed for growing our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Right now, we are praying for the individuals God is calling to serve as Stephen Ministers and Leaders. **Please include this need in your prayers.** God answers our prayers because He is faithful. Stephen Minister training is done here at Immanuel by our Stephen Leaders (Becky Luckstein, Mary Timm, and Pastor Augustine). What is a Stephen Minister? From the Stephen Ministries website: *Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.* Go to www.stephenministries.org to learn more for yourself, or contact Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or Pastor Augustine.