

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
**WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*May 9, 2021*

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Sunday, May 9: Divine Services	8:00 am & 10:00 am
Mother’s Day	
Monday, May 10: Women’s Bible Study	9:00 am
Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
Church Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 12: Chapel	8:25 am
Thursday, May 13: Ascension Day Service	7:00 pm
(Trinity Lutheran Church, Elgin)	
Sunday, May 16: Divine Services	8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Ascension Day service** will be Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin. Come and celebrate Christ our King!

**Back to the Hymnals**: For the next several weeks our services will use the hymnals for liturgy and hymns. Pastor spends hours every week preparing the PowerPoint slides and needs that time to better train the church secretaries to do this work if we are to continue using that format in our services. According to the MN Health Department guidance for churches, “Sharing books, hymnals, and religious texts by people from one service to the next does not pose a significant risk of spreading COVID-19” (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/guidance.html>, link titled “COVID-19 Preparedness Plan Requirements for Faith-Based Communities, Places of Worship, Weddings, and Funerals (PDF)”, page 7)

**Board of Elders announcement**: Summer services will follow our typical routine of moving to the Christian Life Center for the months of June, July, and August. There will be just one service at 9:00 a.m. beginning June 6 and ending August 29.

**Immanuel Lutheran School Eighth Grade graduation** will be held on Saturday, May 22 at 7:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church. This year’s graduates are Henry Borgschatz, Erik Dahl, and Kylee Kruger. A reception for the graduates will be held in the church basement following the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Another Fish Fry Auction in the books!** Last week we wrapped up the ‘online fish fry auction’ and we want to thank everyone who bid on items and took the time to help as needed. This being ILS’ main fundraiser, we are so thankful for those who went along with us as we transitioned it all to online. We could not have done it without your generosity.

**We are in the planning stages for VBS!** We need help! Anyone who is willing to help in anyway please contact Barb Larson at 507-251-2138. If there is someone who would help with the organization of it, please let me know as soon as possible. More on this soon, please give this prayerful consideration, our children are our future.

**Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)** 2021 Convention is in Lexington, Kentucky this June. Delegate, Bonnie Boettcher from Immanuel, will be attending. At the Convention there is an opportunity to support two areas of need.

**1. ASSURANCE FOR LIFE MINISTRY.** Assurance is a specialized health clinic serving Lexington and the surrounding areas providing free medical services, compassionate counsel and support to individuals facing unplanned and often crisis pregnancies. Concordia Publishing House is offering a special on Arch Books. The books will be shipped directly to Convention. If anyone is interested in contributing to purchase books that will be given to Assurance, please leave your monetary donation at church or to the church office by May 18th. We will send the order in for you.

**2. Food Bank Support--Concordia Seminaries Fort Wayne and St. Louis.** Gift cards to stores like Walmart and Target in denominations of \$10, \$20, and \$25 are most appreciated. Bonnie will be able to take the gift cards with her to Lexington. Please bring them to church or church office by June 15th.  
Thanks for giving "Gifts from the Heart."

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