

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 20, 2022

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, February 20: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Bible Study	9:10 am
Sunday School	9:10 am
Monday, February 21: Presidents' Day – No School	
LifeLight Bible Study	9:00 am
High Rise Church	1:00 pm
Tuesday, February 22: Quilting Group	1:00 pm
Wednesday, February 23: Chapel	8:25 am
Confirmation	6:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday, February 27: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Bible Study	9:10 am
Sunday School	9:10 am

Church stained-glass windows update: The Stained-glass window proposal to restore and protect the stained-glass windows in the church was approved at the Annual Congregation Voters meeting on Sunday, January 30, 2022. Fund raising has now begun, starting with a matching gift of \$25,000 with members/individuals making donations to raise and match this amount to bring it to \$50,000, and even higher to reach the total goal of \$107,718, the total cost of project. Additional funding such as memorials, donations, other fundraisers, etc., are greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church – Stained-glass Window Fund.

I wish to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my recent hospital stay. I am home now. God's blessings! -Sharon Mankin

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Thank you, Thrivent Members, for your Choice Dollars gift of \$325.00 in January! 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. Choice dollars given to the church support the general fund while dollars designated to the school goes to the Secret Angel program to support families with financial need. What a great way to support our congregation and school ministry!

Pastoral Retirements Announced – Pastor Dale Kohrs announced his retirement to the congregations of Immanuel, Potsdam and St. John's, Hammond last fall. Pastor Kohrs' last Sunday will be February 27. If you wish to extend a card of thanksgiving for his service, please mail it to him at his home address: 1018 W Lyon Ave, Lake City, MN 55041. Pastor Terrill Bramstedt has announced his retirement to his congregation at Trinity, Elgin. His last Sunday is August 28. Please keep these congregations in your prayers during their transitions.

Farewell Party We have been invited to Pastor Kohrs and Shari's Farewell Party on Sunday, February 27, at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Potsdam. The church service starts at 10:00 am. There will be a meal served after the service or come for cake and coffee. They will be serving until 2:00 pm and ask that if you are coming for dinner to contact Bev Stoehr at (507) 251-9895

(please leave a voice mail) or e-mail her at thebeverly911@gmail.com as space is limited and it will help with planning.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of St. Charles invites the congregation to join them for the installation of their new pastor, Rev. Thomas Fast, on Sunday February 20 at 2:00 p.m. A reception will be held in the fellowship hall immediately following the service. The address of the church is 555 E 12th St, St. Charles, MN 55972.

Lent Suppers – Ash Wednesday is March 2 and marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Evening meals are planned as follows:

March 2 – Trustees

March 9 – Youth

March 16 – Elders

March 23 – Hope LHS Board

March 30 – ILCW

April 6 – available!!!! Please call or email the church office if your group is interested in serving. The Youth would be willing to give up March 9 as they are planning to serve a breakfast on Easter Sunday.

Critical Race Theory Bible study continues weekly in the church sanctuary. If you miss a session, find the recording of it online at www.immanuelplainview.org/crt. This is the only place the video links are available. Contact Pastor Augustine with questions.

Masking update for Sunday School and Immanuel Lutheran School staff and students

At the Tuesday, Feb. 8th Board of Christian Education meeting it was decided to change Immanuel Lutheran School's current adaptation of school policy on masking. This policy will then be reviewed again at the next Board meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. This change is as follows:

Face coverings (masks) will now be optional for students and staff while on site at Immanuel.

Effective dates: Thursday, 2/10/2022—Tuesday, 3/1/2022. The Board of Christian Education will review this change again at their next meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Thank you for your understanding and patience with this still ever-changing fluid situation. If you have questions, please contact the church office.