

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 18, 2022

Monday – Friday office hours 8:00-3:30 pm
(Office closed Friday Dec. 23 and Monday Dec 26)

Sunday, December 18: Divine Service 8:00 am
No Bible classes until January 8
Sunday School practice 9:15 am
Sunday School Christmas Program 10:15 am
Monday, December 19: LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 am
High Rise Church 1:00 pm
Wednesday, December 21: ILS Chapel 8:25 am
Friday, December 23: Hoosier Ridge Service 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 25: Divine Service 9:30 am
No Bible classes until January 8

The poinsettias on our altar today are in memory of James Luckstein and Heidi Hoekstra.

CHRISTMAS EVE service is Saturday at 5:00 p.m. This is a service of lessons and carols to worship our God who comes to be one of us to save us. There is no Holy Communion in that service. Come and sing the praises of the angels as they announce the birth of our Savior!

CHRISTMAS DAY is next Sunday, but there will be only ONE service at 9:30 a.m. This is a different service and sermon than the Christmas Eve service. Come and worship our newborn King!

Charitable contributions for 2022 must be received before January 1, 2023 to be on your giving statement for this year for charitable giving deduction for 2022. Checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2022 will still be deductible even if received at church in January. For your contribution to be on your statement of giving, it must be in a giving envelope, a check with your name on it, or through our website with Vanco's e-giving service. Gift made through Thrivent (Choice Dollars or their e-giving platform) are not direct gifts to Immanuel and therefore not on your statement of giving.

Brick Fund contributions – The Brick Fund debt is now under \$4,000! The Church Council approved a recommendation by the Treasurer, in anticipation of special year-end gifts to retire the debt, to direct any excess gifts to the Stained Glass Window repair project. What a Christmas this would be to celebrate that debt retirement!

The Youth Group would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the congregation for their incredible support. The pre-Thanksgiving meal served 75 people, and the group received \$512 in free will donations. To those who shared their talents in making salads, desserts, those who helped set up, serve, clean up and the many hands that made such a wonderful meal, your help is so greatly appreciated. Old Fashioned Country Christmas was also a success with over 30 vendors, and the bake sale was a huge hit earning over \$1000 to support youth servant and fellowship activities. Thank you to all who donated baked goods, helped with set up and clean up, served a wonderful meal, kept the CLC tidy and the parking lot safe, and those who supported the vendors in their shopping. Your support is truly a remarkable blessing. The group looks forward to a full calendar of activities in the new year and wishes you a very Merry Christmas.

Installation of new Board members will be at church services on January 1, 2023. If you have been elected or re-elected to a Board position, please plan on a time of recognition and blessing of your service to the Lord and His Church.

Thank you to our family, friends and our church family for the greetings, cards and gifts we received in recognition of our 50th wedding anniversary. A special thank you to our family for serving the Advent supper and making it a special celebration. We thank the Lord for the many blessings we have received over the years.
Bob & Sue Lamprecht

From the church/school office: We want to share with you a special event that Mary Lou from The Woods Store in Plainview is doing for our school. She is having a fundraiser to benefit our hot lunch program. She gives the option to donate to either the Plainview Library or Immanuel Lutheran School food program – Donate \$10/1 ticket or \$25/3 tickets, she will match your funds and your name gets put in a drawing to win a \$1,000 gift card! The drawing will be held on December 24th. This is a wonderful fundraiser, and we hope you have the opportunity to stop at The Woods, do a little Christmas shopping, put your name in for the drawing, and thank Mary Lou for her generosity. Please spread the word to your friends and family!!

From ILCW we thank everyone who came and had lunch with us during Country Christmas. Thank you also to those who bought and/or made candy for the candy table. And a very special THANK YOU goes to those who worked in the kitchen or at the candy table, who brought bars and made soups. This is the big fundraiser for ILCW, and it was once again a success.

Trinity Lutheran, Elgin is hosting a bus trip to the Church Basement Ladies, Saturday, January 28, 2023 at the Ames Center in Burnsville. Cost is \$56 person (price includes play ticket and motorcoach transportation) Sign up with Patty at 507-273-7675. We will leave Trinity, Elgin at 1:00 pm, supper on your own at Pizza Ranch, and return home approximately 8:00 pm.

Door Offering will be gathered this Sunday to assist with Matthew Feils' mission trip to Mexico in January. Funds will help offset the cost of travel and supplies he and two others will bring to the Esperanza Viva (Living Hope) orphanage in Puebla, Mexico. Your prayers are highly appreciated for the trip and to bring the joy of Jesus into the hearts and lives of the children at the orphanage. If you would like to know more, visit with Matthew directly or pick up a copy of his letter in the Resource Room on the candy gram table.

The Trustees need someone that holds a MN Boilers License MNB-16622 and is willing to assist with the church boiler operation. Contact the church if you can help or may know someone.