

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
**WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**January 15, 2023**

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00-3:30 pm
Sunday, January 15: Divine Service	8:00 & 10:15 am
Bible Class & Sunday School	9:15 am
Monday, January 16: LifeLight Bible Study	9:00 am
High Rise Church Service	1:00 pm
Tuesday, January 17: Quilting in church basement	1:00 pm
ILCW meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 18: Chapel	8:25 am
8 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation	5:30 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation	6:15 pm
Chorister practice	6:30 pm
Thursday, January 19: ILS Home Basketball Game	4:30 pm
Sunday, January 22: Divine Service	8:00 & 10:15 am
Sunday School/Bible Class	9:15 am

**THANK YOU!** A giant thanks to everyone who helped with the sanctuary decorations this past Christmas season! Your participation made decorating so much easier, and it is much appreciated. The Borgschatz Family

**2022 Year End Giving Statements are now available** to be picked up in the resource room. Please help us save on postage by stopping in and picking yours up today. Any remaining statements will be mailed out by the end of the month.

**Prayer Chain contact person needed!** Barb Larson has been Immanuel’s prayer chain contact person for many years. But now she would like to hand that over to someone else. Pastor Augustine would provide direction and help whenever needed. You would need a working email address and ability to respond quickly to prayer requests. Contact Pastor Augustine or the church office if you would be willing to be our prayer chain leader or for more information

**ILCW/LWML will meet on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm in the Church basement. There will be a Bible Study, installation of officers & a short meeting. Remember to bring your mites. This link (<https://www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-23>) reports on “Showing God’s Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico — God Cares About You Mission.” It is the LWML featured grant for January 2023: \$98,000 PAID IN FULL. Take some time to learn where our mites are going. If questions, please call Bonnie Boettcher at 534-3045.

**The Annual Voter’s Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:25 am, in the church basement. All agenda items are important to Immanuel. Please plan to attend.

**We are looking for volunteers** to help shovel sidewalks around the church and school. Please contact the church office (507) 534-3700 if you can help. Two of our current volunteers will be gone the last two weeks in February and the first two weeks in March. Please consider helping if you are available.

**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.

**Deadline for ILS Food Shelf donations is January 19<sup>th</sup>**. Immanuel Lutheran School has been collecting for the PEM Food Shelf. There is a table set up in the CLC lobby for nonperishable food items. Thank you to all who have donated to the PEM Food Shelf.

**Church stained-glass windows update:** To date we have raised **\$79,127.50**. The total cost of this project is \$107,000. Additional funding such as memorials, donations, other fundraisers, are appreciated. Make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church – Stained Glass Window Fund. The windows will be finished and ready to celebrate in the spring!

### **2023 LCMS Synod Convention Action – Nominations**

Every 3 years (although it is 4 this cycle due to COVID19), our church body, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), meets in convention to elect officers, discuss matters for the Church at-large, and review accomplishments since the last convention. At the next Voters meeting on January 29, voting members have the opportunity to nominate pastors for the positions of Synod President, Vice President, and the Regional Vice President. All congregations of the LCMS participate in this process. Pastor Augustine has the following suggestions for nominations. Two nominations can be submitted per position. If you attend the Voters meeting, you can bring forward additional name(s) then or make your suggestion known to Pastor Augustine or Chairman Butch Mussell prior to the meeting. *Note: Per Immanuel's constitution and bylaws, voting members are communicant members that are 18 years or older and a member in good standing.*

1. Synod President
  - a. Rev. Matthew Harrison Synod President, currently serving in that role
  - b. Rev. Lawrence Rast, Jr., currently the President of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
2. First Vice President
  - a. Rev. Peter Lange for First VP, currently serving in that role
  - b. Rev. Benjamin T. Ball, currently serving as 6<sup>th</sup> VP
3. Great Plains Regional Vice President  
*(covers Districts: Montana, Wyoming, North & South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa District West, and Minnesota North and South; nominees must reside in these districts)*
  - a. Rev. Nabil Nour, currently serving in that role; pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, SD
  - b. Rev. David Mumme, currently the pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Waterville, MN and First VP of the MN South District (He officiated PJ Aarsvold's ordination last June)

**LCMS Presidential Voting** takes place prior to the Convention in late July. Immanuel must elect a lay person to represent the congregation in this election process, which is all done online. You must be a communicant member with a working email address. If you are interested in this unique, short-term position, please contact Butch Mussell or Pastor Augustine this week.