

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
**WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**January 29, 2023**

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00-3:30 pm
Sunday, January 29: Divine Service	8:00 & 10:15 am
Sunday School	9:15 am
Bible Study - Matthew Feils shares his mission trip to Mexico experience	9:15 am
Voters Meeting	11:30 am
Youth – The Bible Series	6:00 pm
Tuesday, January 31: Quilting in church basement	1:00 pm
Wednesday, February 1: ILS Chapel Service	8:25 am
8 <sup>th</sup> grade confirmation	5:30 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation	6:15 pm
Choir practice	6:30 pm
Sunday, February 5: Divine Service	8:00 & 10:15 am
Bible Class & Sunday School	9:15 am
Youth – The Bible Series	6:00 pm

**The Annual Voter's Meeting** is today, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am, in the church basement. All agenda items are important to Immanuel. Please plan to attend.

*Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,*

*From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank all of you for your prayers, support, and financial support for my recent mission trip to Puebla Mexico. This experience is one that truly showed the power of God's provision and faithfulness even in the darkest of times. I am excited to share about my experience on January 29th during Pastors Bible Study time. Please join me as I walk through photos, videos, stories, and visions for the future of Esperanza Viva. Thank you Church family! - Matthew Feils*

**Important dates to note as Lent, Confirmation, and Easter approach:**

- February 22 - Ash Wednesday
- Midweek Lent services – March 1 to March 29 (Lent meals served – sign up in the office)
- April 2 – Confirmation Sunday (Palm Sunday) – this is early this year due to Pastor attending daughter's college graduation
- April 6 – Maundy Thursday
- April 7 – Good Friday
- April 9 – Easter Sunday
- May 18 – Ascension Service (here)

**With Lent beginning on February 22**, we also begin Wednesday Lenten Suppers. The church office has a signup sheet for those groups willing to serve. Ash Wednesday will be served by our LWML. The following five Wednesdays are open.

**New Prayer Chain contact person!** We welcome Kim Zabel as Immanuel's new prayer chain contact person. Kim's email address is [zabelkim.kz@gmail.com](mailto:zabelkim.kz@gmail.com) and her phone number is (507) 272-6301. Thank you, Kim for being Immanuel's new Prayer Chain leader. It is a very important part of Immanuel's ministry. If you would like to be added to the Congregational Prayer Chain call the church office (507) 534-3700 or contact Kim Zabel.

**Quilting has begun!** We could use more helpers for tying quilts on Tuesday's at 1:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. **No experience is needed** ... just a fun hour, or as much time as you want, tying square knots with yarn for quilts given to the charities we support. Many hands make light work!! (If you have a large needle and scissors, bring with or we have them to borrow.)

**OPEN HOUSE at Hope LHS** - Would you like to learn more about a Christ-Centered education for your child? HOPE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL (9th-12th grade) is hosting an OPEN HOUSE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 TO 7:00! This is an opportunity for you to tour our NEW school and meet with teachers and students. Our ENROLLMENT IS OPEN TO ALL regardless of religion or church affiliation. Please join us for our OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at HOPE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL, 312 East Broadway, Winona! For more information contact us at [office@hopelhs.org](mailto:office@hopelhs.org) or 507-474-7799.

**LifeLight Bible Study** on Monday mornings will resume on Monday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayo Clinic Hospice** will once again offer Grief Support Groups this spring beginning in April. A flier is in the Resource Room or at the entrances for your information. If you know of anyone who might benefit from the grief group experience, please share the information. If you have any questions, please call Mayo Clinic Hospice at 507-284-4002 or 1-800-679-9084 or email at [RSTHOSPICEBEREAVEMENT@mayo.edu](mailto:RSTHOSPICEBEREAVEMENT@mayo.edu). Because space can become limited, registrations must be submitted **prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>**. Those who have attended these support groups rate them as very helpful.

**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.

**Church stained-glass windows update:** To date we have raised **\$79,337.50**. 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!

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** Thank you, Thrivent Members, for your Choice Dollars gifts. If you haven't allocated your 2022 Choice Dollars yet, you have until **March 31st** to do so through Thrivent's web site ([thrivent.com](http://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!