

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
January 8, 2023

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00-3:30 pm
Sunday, January 8: Divine Service	8:00 & 10:15 am
Bible Class & Sunday School	9:15
Youth Group Ski Trip	1:00 pm
Monday, January 9: LifeLight Bible Study	9:00 am
Board of Trustees	6:30 pm
Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 10: Quilting in church basement	1:00 pm
Church Council Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 11: Chapel	8:25 am
8 th grade confirmation	5:30 pm
7 th grade Confirmation	6:15 pm
Chorister practice	6:30 pm
Sunday, January 15: Divine Service	8:00 & 10:15 am
Sunday School/Bible Class	9:15 am

Reminder that Pastor's Bible Study and Sunday School resume today, January 8.

Quilting starts January 10. Come join fellow quilters as we start tying quilts on Tuesday, January 10, 1:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. If you have a large needle, scissors, or pliers, please bring with. No experience needed...just a fun hour with yarn tying quilts for all the charities we support.

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 19th. Immanuel Lutheran School has been collecting for the Plainview Elgin Millville Food Shelf during 2nd quarter of the school year. The 2nd quarter ends on January 19th. There is a table set up in the CLC lobby for nonperishable food items. A monetary donation also goes a long way when purchasing supplies for the food shelf. Thank you to all who have donated to the PEM Food Shelf.

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.

Church stained-glass windows update: To date we have raised **\$78,987.50**. 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. If you attend the Voters meeting, you can bring forward additional name(s) then. Prior to the Voters meeting, please make your suggestion known to Pastor Augustine or Chairman Butch Mussell. *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 6th 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.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Around Christmas and New Year's, many people are hurting due to the loss of a loved one, a cancer diagnosis, divorce, job loss, or some other significant life challenge. These experiences can make an ordinarily joyous season difficult, lonely, and perhaps even painful. If you or someone you know are hurting, consider a Stephen Minister to come along side you and walk with you. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or Val Aarsvold (259-3586)