

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
**WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**August 20, 2023**

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00-12:00 pm
Sunday, August 20: Divine Service	9:00 am
Pancake Breakfast (CLC)	8:00-10:30 am
Monday, August 21: High Rise Church	1:00 pm
PTL Meeting (CLC lobby)	6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 22: ILS Back to School Night registration	5:00-7:30 pm
Sunday, August 27: Divine Service	9:00 am

**Offering Protocol Change:** Offerings will be presented as part of the service, starting on August 20. This is to bring back to our attention that our tithes and offerings are part of our worship life. Continue to place your tithes and offerings in the collection plates or baskets by the entrances. We will not pass the plates during the service. They will be brought forward by an usher or Elder at the usual time of the offering in the service, following the sermon. Please try to give your offering before the service, but the gathering baskets will remain after the service for any who forgot to do so prior to the service. May God guide and bless the stewardship of His gifts that support the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Our new Interim Principal, Dr. Ruth Badciong, shares the following letter as she joins the staff at Immanuel:**

Dear Immanuel Lutheran School and Church Families:

As the Interim Principal for the 2023-2024 school year, my goals are that our school and church community will remain connected to Christ so we will be fruitful in all we do and that we will stay connected to each other as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

I will be commuting to Plainview two to three days a week from Winona, Minnesota, where I live with my husband Steven, an attorney in private practice, and our older son Timmy. Our younger son Peter will be a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he is studying Biochemistry and Microbiology with the goal of becoming a physician. We are members of St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Winona where I volunteer as Director of Campus Ministry, participate in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), sing in the choir, and occasionally play clarinet during worship services. Although this is my first call to be principal, since graduating from Concordia University Wisconsin I have had many diverse educational ministry experiences, including serving as a teacher, athletic director, technology coordinator, professor, administrator of graduate teacher education programs, and curriculum writer.

I look forward to meeting our Immanuel Lutheran School and Church families.

Connected in Christ,

Ruth E. Badciong, Ed.D.

**Confirmation enrollment** is now open for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2023-24 school year. Contact Pastor Augustine via email ([pastor@immanuelplainview.org](mailto:pastor@immanuelplainview.org)) or text (507-884-7390) to sign up for this special faith formation class. We will have a special kick-off meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the CLC lobby for class materials and expectations for the program. Regular classes will be on Wednesday nights, beginning on September 13. General information on confirmation can be found on the church website: <https://www.immanuelplainview.org/confirmation>

**Walk to Defeat ALS** - Mrs. Karmen Clark, our kindergarten teacher, is organizing a team to walk at the ALS Fundraiser on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Rochester by Silver Lake. Follow the link which should take you right to "Team ILS". Karmen is the captain. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Karmen at: [kclark@immanuelplainview.org](mailto:kclark@immanuelplainview.org). This is a fundraiser, so the only optional cost is to donate money for research and support for those with ALS. We will get more details as we get closer, but we will plan to walk the courses together as a group in support of the Arugutos. Please Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/teamils>

**Church service time change** in two weeks on September 3rd, we return to two services on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:15 am.

**Get your singing voices ready**, because the Immanuel Lutheran Choristers are gearing up for the choir season with rehearsals starting October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. All are welcome, and capacity is never limited. We have some fun songs planned for this year and would love to have as many join in the fun as possible. Contact director Jacob Mikkelson at [jmikkelson98@gmail.com](mailto:jmikkelson98@gmail.com) or (402)769-5730 with any questions or to let him know that you want to join in the excitement!

**Immanuel Lutheran School has had a section of Hwy 42** for road ditch clean up for several years. Deb Bigelow has been the coordinator for the past few years. She is stepping down after this fall's cleanup. A new coordinator is needed to continue this project. Deb will work with you to transition over to be a new leader. A contract will be sent to ILS towards the end of the year (2023) to be signed if we want to continue the project of cleaning ditches twice a year. The area is on highway 42 between Good Shepard Lutheran Church & KBS in Plainview. It is a great witness to the community of ILS.

### **The Praise the Lord Celebration is Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

The following is a letter to share from Connie Walkes:

After many years of helping coordinate the event, I've decided to pass my duties to someone else. Please **let** me know if you're willing to help coordinate the event! \*\*You may have different ideas that make the day even *more* enjoyable!!! (change is o.k. 😊)

It's not that hard of a job and I have notes from past celebrations to assist with the items that need to be thought about for the special day. I'd been so blessed with people and groups that were willing to help, making the duties of a coordinator less stressful. This is a great event and only once a year.