

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
August 27, 2023

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00-3:30 pm
Sunday, August 27: Divine Service	9:00 am
Monday August 28: First day of school for ILS	8:00 am
Funeral of Deloris Smith	11:00 am
Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
Wednesday, August 30: Opening Chapel Service	8:30 am
Sunday, August 27: Divine Service	8:00 & 10:15 am

Church service time change starts next Sunday, September 3rd. We will return to two services on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:15 am. Chapel Service on Wednesdays at 8:30 am with our ILS students begins this week. All are welcome to join us.

Walk to Defeat ALS - Mrs. Karmen Clark, our kindergarten teacher, is organizing a team to walk at the ALS Fundraiser on Saturday, September 9th 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. 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>

Thank you to everyone who came to support Think Tank and had Pie in the Park last week at the Praise Fest during the Corn on the Cob festivities. We have been serving Pie in the Park since 1995!

Confirmation enrollment is now open for students entering 7th grade in the 2023-24 school year. Contact Pastor Augustine via email (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>

Save the date: October 14th, 2023. LWML Whitewater Conference Fall Rally will be held in Rochester at Redeemer Lutheran Church. More details to follow at a later date.

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!

Get your singing voices ready, because the Immanuel Lutheran Choristers are gearing up for the choir season with rehearsals starting October 11th 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 or (402)769-5730 with any questions or to let him know that you want to join in the excitement!

The school year at Immanuel Lutheran School begins tomorrow, Monday, August 28th This year we welcome our new Interim Principal, Dr. Ruth Badciong. She 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.

The Praise the Lord Celebration is Sunday, September 10th

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.