

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 3, 2023

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00-3:30 pm
Sunday, December 3: Divine Service	8:00 & 10:15 am
Christian Education Hour	9:15 am
Monday, December 4: Lifelight Bible Study	9:00 am
Board of CCO	6:00 pm
Board of Youth	6:00 pm
Board of Trustees	6:30 pm
Board of Elders	7:00 pm
Board of Stewardship	7:30 pm
Tuesday, December 5: Board of Ed Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 6: Chapel Service	8:30 am
Advent Supper served by Trustees	5:00-6:15 pm
Advent Worship	6:30 pm
Adult Choir	7:15 pm
Sunday December 10: Divine Service	8:00 & 10:15 am
Christian Education Hour	9:15 am
Christmas Choir Concert	3:00 pm

Advent Services begin this Wednesday, December 6. Make plans to join us for a time of repentance, prayer, and hope in our coming Lord Jesus Christ. Meals will be served before each evening service starting at 5:00. Services are at 6:30 p.m.

Advent Supper Signup If there is a group willing to serve an Advent Supper, December 13 and December 20 dates are open. Call the office if you would like to serve a meal.

New Directories are available in the Resource room to account for the address and membership changes over the past year.

Advent Devotions are available at the entrances. The larger connects to the Advent series Pastor is using on “The Clothing of the King”. This devotion runs from December 3 to Christmas Day. The smaller booklet goes from December 3 to January 6 and is from Lutheran Hour Ministries and connects more with the Christmas story. Both will be a blessing for your preparation for the coming of Christ at His birth and His return!

ILCW would like to thank everyone who donated to the Food Shelf. There were 179.5# of food delivered and \$100. The items for the Food Shelf are greatly appreciated.

New Address: Allyn & Frieda Stoltz have moved to a care facility near their daughter, Denise. Their address is 1405 Madison Ave, Apt 202, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501.

Mark your calendars for the Christmas Concert by Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Sunday, December 10, 3:00 pm. You are invited to join us for our Christmas concert! The concert will be a retelling of the Birth of Christ, our Lord, along with songs prepared by the students of ILS and the Immanuel Lutheran Church Choristers. Light refreshments will be provided in the church basement following the concert.

If you haven't put up a tree yet and are looking for a place to buy a real tree, check out the tree lot hosted by **Hope Lutheran High School** at the Winona Mall. Proceeds to help the senior class trip to Washington D.C. this spring.

We have good news! Our general fund is (\$76,526.71). We have reduced the deficit by almost \$20,000! When we look at that number, it may look like there is a mountain in front of us. It may seem like a burden too much to handle. But through God's Grace and Mercy we are reminded that he moves mountains and carries our burdens. "Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him." Isaiah 30:8. If the Lord places it on your heart this month, we would encourage you to give. These costs go towards Pastors & staff salaries, utility bills, repairs, upkeep and so much more. Let us show God our thankfulness through this month's gift.

Christmas Sugar Cookies The school has cookies for sale. They are delicious, frozen pre-cut cookies, all ready to bake. Call the office to order. Each cookie bag is \$30 with 5 dozen per bag. If you have questions, please contact Jill Hayes at jhayes@immanuelplainview.org or call the church office.

Road ditch clean up – CHAIRPERSON NEEDED beginning 2024. Deb Bigelow 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 to be signed if we want to continue the project of cleaning ditches twice a year. The area is on highway 42 between Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & KBS in Plainview. This would be a great opportunity for families, National Honor Society hours or others groups. You don't have to do all of the cleanup yourself, we just need a **CHAIRPERSON** to organized it. Please contact the office at 534-2108 if you are willing to take on this task.