

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
**WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*November 26, 2023*

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| Monday – Friday office hours                       | 8:00-3:30 pm    |
| Sunday, November 26: Divine Service                | 8:00 & 10:15 am |
| Christian Education Hour                           | 9:15 am         |
| Decorate sanctuary for Christmas                   | 11:15 am        |
| Monday, November 27: Lifelight Bible Study         | 9:00 am         |
| Stephen Ministry                                   | 7:00 pm         |
| Wednesday, November 29: Chapel Service             | 8:30 am         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation                 | 5:45 pm         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation                 | 6:30 pm         |
| Adult Choir  | 6:30 pm         |
| Thursday, November 30: Country Christmas set up    | 6:00 pm         |
| Friday, December 1: Country Christmas Craft Show   | 9:00 am-6:00 pm |
| ILCW serving lunch in CLC                          | 10:30-2:00 pm   |
| Saturday, December 2: Country Christmas Craft Show | 9:00 am-4:00 pm |
| Immanuel Live Nativity                             | 5:00 pm-8:00 pm |
| Sunday December 3: Divine Service                  | 8:00 & 10:15 am |
| Christian Education Hour                           | 9:15 am         |

**Tis the season!** We will be decorating the church sanctuary today, Sunday, November 26th immediately after the 10:15 service. We need help! All members of any age are invited - the more the merrier!

Can you lend a hand or two to help? **ILCW will be decorating the church basement** today, Sunday, November 26th during & after the 10:15 service. If you are able, please come join us. It takes about an hour. Many hands make light work!!

**Old Fashioned Country Christmas Craft Show** is Friday, December 1 from 9 to 6 and Saturday, December 2 from 9 to 4. Youth Group will be having a **bake sale during County Christmas** and would love to have you share your talents with them. They are looking for donations of home-baked items. Items can be dropped off in the CLC on Thursday, November 30, or a member of the youth group would be happy to stop by and pick them up.

**Immanuel's Live Nativity** is Saturday, December 2nd. We are looking for volunteers for our characters. The first shift begins at 5:00 pm and each shift is one hour. Call the office if you are interested in being part of the nativity or can help in the church basement with costumes. After your shift, there will be soup and treats in the church basement to warm you up!

**ILCW will be serving lunch during Country Christmas** in the CLC. There will be a variety of homemade soups and chili, along with Barb's BBQ sandwiches. The meal will be served from 10:30 to 2:00. Take-out meals will be available. There will also be coffee and coffee cake in the morning from 8:30 until 10:30 and afternoon coffee and bars from 2:00 until 3:30. This is the major fundraiser for the ILCW and we appreciate your support!

**The ILCW will have a candy table again this year** at Country Christmas. We are asking our candy makers out there to consider making and donating some of your sweet treats. We ask that you please put the candy on plates and into a baggie (or w/o a plate if that works). If you have a suggested price, we would appreciate that too, as we don't often know what is in the item and can't judge the value. The candy can be brought to the CLC anytime on Thursday and left in the kitchen. All profits from the candy sales go toward projects within the church/school or toward mission projects supported by the ILCW. Thank you!

**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.

**Today is the last day to buy Luminaries** to raise money for the American Cancer Society and the LCIF Childhood Cancer Program. They are available for purchase in the church resource center or the church office. Luminaries are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

**Christmas Sugar Cookies** The ILS cookie sale ended, but they are not sold out! They still have bags for sale. They are delicious frozen pre-cut cookies, all ready to bake. Order forms are available in the office, or just call the office and let us know how many you would like. Each cookie bag is \$30 with 5 dozen per bag. If you have questions, please contact Jill Hayes at [jhayes@immanuelplainview.org](mailto:jhayes@immanuelplainview.org) or call the church office.

**2024 Offering Envelopes are available in the resource room.** We are happy to provide these tools for your stewardship practice. If you have been assigned envelopes, but prefer not to use them, please let the office know. Likewise, if you have not been assigned envelopes and would like some, please let us know and we will get them to you. ILS Board of Stewardship

**A sincere thank you comes from Mrs. Hayes,** our school cook, to all those who donated or helped with the Hot Lunch program this fall. Without your generosity, the Hot Lunch program would not succeed. So again, thank you from the students and staff at Immanuel Lutheran School. Mrs. Hayes

**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.