

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 31, 2023

Monday-Friday Office Hours: 8:00 – 3:30 pm

Sunday, December 31: Divine Service (w/Communion) 8:00 & 10:15 am

Tuesday, January 2nd: School Resumes

Thursday, January 4th: Circuit Pastors Meeting (Church Basement) 9:00-2:00 pm

Sunday, January 7: Divine Service 8:00 am & 10:15 am
Installation of New Board Members Both Services
Christian Education Hour Resumes 9:15 am
Remove Sanctuary Christmas Decorations 11:15 am
Youth Event in the CLC 6:00 pm

HELP NEEDED We will take down the Christmas decorations in the church sanctuary on Sunday, January 7th immediately following the 10:15 service. All are invited to help! It usually takes about an hour. Thanks!

Installation of new Board members and Officers will be at church services on January 7, 2024. If you have been elected or re-elected to a Board position, please plan on a time of recognition and blessing of your service to the Lord and His Church. Thank you to all outgoing officers and board members for your service! It is so appreciated!

Thank you from Pastor and Kim for all your Christmas cards and gifts! We are amazed by your generosity and truly appreciate every bit of your kindness. We give thanks to God for you all. May God bless and keep you in the new year!

Youth Event – the next Youth event will be on Sunday, January 7th at 6:00 in the CLC. We will be making homemade pizzas and watching a movie! All 4-12th graders are invited. Bring a friend and let's have some fun!

Arguto Dinners -We want to thank the families who have so generously made dinners for us these past few months. Not only have the meals been delicious, but having a meal prepared for us has saved valuable time. We feel so blessed to be part of such a caring congregation and school.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 ~Rick and Pam Arguto

We no longer need to look for a person to be Chairman!! Larry Hoiland has answered and is willing to serve as Chairman of our congregation! Let us all support Larry in his willingness to serve. Thank you.

RALLY FOR RICK – Save the date for the Rick Arguto fundraiser **on Sunday, February 4th, from noon to 4:00 pm** in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Christian Life Center. Enjoy live musical performances, lunch, desserts, and a silent auction as we raise funds to assist with medical costs, health care equipment, modifications to their home, the loss of wages, and other expenses as a result of Rick's battle with ALS.

ALS, often called Lou Gehrig's Disease, has no cure at this time and has an annual out-of-pocket cost of over \$250,000, according to the ALS Association.

Watch for more information on ways that you can give monetary donations, donations of items/services for the silent auction, and the event schedule.

Let's shower Rick and Pam with God's love through our support during this difficult time.

Charitable contributions for 2023 must be received before January 1, 2024 to be on your giving statement for this year for any charitable giving deductions for 2023. Checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2023 will still be deductible even if received at church in January. For your contribution to be on your statement of giving, it must be in a giving envelope, a check with your name on it, or through our website with Vanco's e-giving service. Gifts made through Thrivent (Choice Dollars or their e-giving platform) are not direct gifts to Immanuel and therefore not on your statement of giving.

MAN UP! MEN'S RETREAT at Camp Omega March 15 – 16, 2024 -- Men from churches in the LCMS Minnesota South District are invited to attend a 24-hour retreat where faith will be strengthened, and spirits renewed by God's Word. This year's speaker, Rev. Dr. Rich Carter, will be speaking on the theme: "My Life Matters?! Freedom in Christ for Service with the Neighbor." At this retreat, there will be time for fellowship and recreational opportunities. Cost includes three meals and lodging. For more information, call 507-633-2253 or go to the Camp Omega website: <https://campomega.org/event/manup/>

STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 2024... LCMS Stewardship has encouraged Lutherans to spend 1% every day (14 minutes) in God's Word and prayer. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is currently leading a study on the Book of Colossians. You can listen at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app, or your favorite podcast provider.