

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
January 21, 2024

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| Monday-Friday Office Hours: | 8:00 – 3:30 pm | |
| Sunday-Friday | National Lutheran Schools Week <i>Book Fair in CLC lobby open between services today</i> | |
| Sunday, January 21: Divine Service | 8:00 am & 10:15 am | |
| | <i>ILS sings at 10:15 service for NLSW</i> | |
| | Christian Education Hour | 9:15 am |
| Monday, January 22: Bible Study/church basement | 9:00 am | |
| | Stephen Ministry | 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday, January 23: Quilters meet/church basement | 1:00 pm | |
| Wednesday, January 24: Adult Choir | 6:30 pm | |
| Friday, January 26: Grandparents Day at ILS | | |
| Sunday, January 28: Divine Service | 8:00 am & 10:15 am | |
| | Christian Education Hour | 9:15 am |
| | Voters Meeting | 11:30 am |

Principal search has begun! We need your help. If you would like to submit a name for the Principal position at ILS, please contact a call committee person, Pastor Augustine, or the church office. Ideally, we want to extend a call to a rostered (LCMS trained) worker, but we can consider other candidates with a teaching or administrative background. Call committee members are: Becky Luckstein, Cally Murphy, Mark Bartsh, Jim Larson, and Bob Walkes.

Voters Meeting... A reminder to mark your calendar for the Quarterly Voters Meeting next Sunday, January 28th, 11:30 am, in the church basement.

National Lutheran School's Week starts today ...Sunday, January 21 – Friday, January 26. Our school will be full of events to celebrate! **Open between services today Jan 21st** and continuing through Friday is the **Book Fair** in the CLC lobby. You are invited to stop in and look at all the fun books and items for sale. All proceeds go to Immanuel Lutheran School. Chapel will be daily at 2:00 pm, except for Friday when it will be at 1:00 pm.

2023 Year End Giving Statements are now available in the church resource room. Please help us save postage by picking yours up today! If you did not receive 2024 offering envelopes and would like them, they are available from the church office. Thanks - The Board of Stewardship

Pastor Augustine will be on vacation beginning Monday (22nd) through next Sunday (28th). Rev. Fred Morck will serve as guest pastor for services and bible study. If pastoral needs arise, please contact an Elder or the church office.

Rally for Rick coming soon! It is guaranteed to be a fun afternoon on Sunday, Feb. 4th. The event is from noon to 4:00 pm in the CLC with lunch provided. The afternoon begins with our ILS students singing, followed by two soloists, two bands, and ending with the closing of the silent auction baskets. Come for lunch or stay all afternoon and enjoy the entertainment! All funds raised go directly to Rick & Pam Arguto.

Lent 2024 is just around the corner! Ash Wednesday is February 14. Evening meals are planned and open to claim for your group, activity, or mission. ILCW will be serving on Ash Wednesday. The following six Wednesdays are open for serving. Contact the office to sign up!

LOOK HOW GREAT GOD IS!! ILC General fund at the end of **November WAS (\$76,142.57)**. At **December 2023 year end** the ILC General Fund balance is **(\$6,881.21)** **THANKS BE TO GOD** that this deficit has been reduced SIGNIFICANTLY since last month!! There is a continued need to get this amount into the black & remember our obligations every month of the new year. The average MONTHLY funds needed to meet our expenses is **\$64,340.00**. Each person's contribution, no matter how big or small, is still a gift from your heart to the Lord. **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!**

Quilting on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the church basement has started. We yarn tie quilts which are distributed in the spring to those in need. No experience necessary and everyone is welcome!

New Church Photo Directory –Universal Church Directories has contacted Immanuel about a new photo directory of our members. It has been 5 years since the last directory. Several people will be needed to coordinate this effort. The goal is to schedule pictures for late summer to early fall in order to have the directories available by early summer of 2025 for the 150th anniversary celebration of the congregation. If you are interested in the project, please contact pastor or the church office.

Plainview Area Youth Night All PEM area youth are invited to enjoy games, activities, worship time with a full band made up of local musicians, taco dinner and fun midnight snacks! The event will be at ILS in Plainview on February 17th from 6:00 pm – 12:00 am. **We need volunteer chaperones for the evening! Can you commit to 2 hours? 3 hours? Start to finish?** Please contact Matthew Feils 507-923-0462 or email at Matthewfeils7@gmail.com with any questions or your willingness to supervise the various groups of kids and activities!