

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
March 17, 2024

Monday-Friday Office Hours:	8:00 – 4:00 pm
Sunday, March 17: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Christian Education Hour	9:15 am
Youth Group/CLC	5:00 – 7:30 pm
Monday, March 18: Bible Study/church basement	9:00 am
High Rise Church	1:00 pm
150 th Anniversary Committee	5:15 pm
Tuesday, March 19: Quilters/church basement	1:00 pm
Wednesday, March 20: Chapel	8:25 am
Lent Supper/church basement	5:00 - 6:15 pm
Lenten Service	6:30 pm
Adult Choir	7:15 pm
Friday, March 22: No school (Teacher work day)	
Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Christian Education Hour	9:15 am

Tonight, Sunday, March 17, Youth Group will meet in the CLC from 5:00-7:30 pm for nachos and dodgeball. (*Note that this is a change from the original schedule*) Youth are encouraged to bring a friend!

Wednesday Lenten Meal - This Wednesday, March 20, the meal is being served by the Board of Education. They are serving: Beef tips and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, salads and desserts. Welcome all to come for a delicious meal on the last Lenten meal of the year. Support classroom teachers and students at ILS.

The annual Easter Breakfast is just two weeks away! The youth of Immanuel are excited to host the event from 7-9:30 AM on Easter morning and are looking for donations of meal items and volunteers to help prepare and serve. Sign-up sheets are located in the church resource room. The Youth Group truly appreciates the incredible support from the congregation.

Easter Flower Garden Missy and Mark Bartsh will again be ordering flowers for Easter Sunday for those who wish this as an option to fill our Church Cross Flower Garden. There is a basket in the church entrances for order forms when completed. Orders are due by March 24th. You are also welcome to bring your own flowers without purchasing from this form. If you prefer to do this, please bring flowers to the church by Saturday, March 30th at 10:00am. If you have questions contact Missy Bartsh directly at 421-8361. Thank you!

The 14th Annual Fish Fry and Auction is on Friday, April 19th, 2024, at the Plainview American Legion. Pre-sale tickets are available in the office or ordered from a student for \$14 starting March 8th. Tickets at the door will be \$15. We are accepting auction donations. To allow for the best success of auction item preparation and inventory, all donations should be display ready and delivered to the school no later than April 4th, 2024. If you have questions, please contact Cally Murphy murphy.cally@gmail.com or 507-273-8901. Thank you!

Mark your calendars! The Think Tank is planning a Hawaiian themed dinner for Sunday evening, April 14th. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with a 6:00 pm dinner and 7:00 pm show. The group 'Sister Luv' will be providing entertainment. The menu is grilled pork chop, garlic shrimp, and short ribs luau style.

Sister Luv is composed of four sisters, who have been singing together for most of their lives. They perform all different genres of music including 20s-80s Pop, Classic Country, Gospel and much more. Sister Luv has captured many audience's hearts across the United States through their shows. Their love of singing and entertaining led them to formally start their group, Sister Luv, to honor their Papa Bear, who passed away in November, 2018, after battling brain cancer. He was their greatest fan and even though he is now in heaven, he is with them in spirit!

Tickets for this event are \$25.00 each and can be purchased from Eric or Brenda Bennett, Renee Anderson, Bonnie Boettcher, Lisa Hoekstra, or the church office. Get your Hawaiian shirt and grass skirt ready, bring your sweetie, bring a friend, or just bring yourself, to enjoy a good meal and entertainment by Sister Luv!

What is S.A.G.E.S.? It stands for "Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving." SAGES is organized to enhance the Older Adult Ministry of the Minnesota South District by providing experiences in Christian fellowship, service, and life enrichment. SAGES is trying to get a lay person contact within every congregation of the MN South District to promote older adult ministry opportunities within our congregation, community, and the area. If are 60 or older and are looking for ways to connect our older adults, please let Pastor know or contact Mr. Stan Tordsen (S.A.G.E.S. representative for the Lake Pepin, Winona, and Rochester Circuits) at stordsen@yahoo.com. You can also learn more at <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages>.

Principal Called! A special voters meeting was called to consider the candidates for principal and elected Mr. Todd Baringer to serve as our next Principal. Mr. Baringer is currently in a school consulting role with his brother's business. He was the former principal at Rochester Central Lutheran School (RCLS) and has been a principal and teacher in Lutheran schools for about 25 years. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and peace for him during this time of deliberation.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Thank you, Thrivent Members, for your Choice Dollars gifts! If you haven't allocated your 2023 Choice Dollars yet, you have until March 31st to do so through Thrivent's web site (thrivent.com) or by calling 1-800-THRIVENT. You *must* contact Thrivent to designate your Choice Dollars, or they will be lost. Contact your Thrivent agent if you have questions.

Hope LHS Challenge is on now through April 30! Hope Lutheran High School has a \$20,000 matching grant as they seek to raise funds to end the school year. If you are so moved to provide a gift to Hope, please use the donation form found at the entrances. – *Hope LHS Board members from Immanuel (Pastor Augustine, Anne Borgschatz, and Alvin Lutringer)*