IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCMENTS April 21, 2024

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Monday-Friday Office Hours:	8:00-4:00 pm
Sunday, April 21: Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Christian Education Hour	9:15 am
"Christ in Dreams" Topic Study (church basement) 9:15 am	
Quarterly Voters Meeting	11:30 am
Monday, April 22: LifeLight Bible Study	9:00 am
Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 23: Quilters	1:00 pm
Wednesday, April 24: Chapel	8:25 am
Confirmand Dinner	6:00 pm
Adult Choir (church balcony)	6:30 pm
Sunday, April 28: Confirmation Sunday	
Divine Service	8:00 am & 10:15 am
Christian Education Hour	9:15 am
"Christ in Dreams" Topic Study (church basement) 9:15 am	
Youth Group Bowling	11:15 am

The Quarterly Voters Meeting is today, April 21 at 11:30 am in the church basement.

Youth group will host Bowling with a Buddy at Bowlocity next Sunday, April 28. Meet in the CLC following late service. Bowling, shoe rental, and pizza provided.

<u>New Church Photo Directory</u> – 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. The photography company provides a lot of resources and can help the organizing and communication tasks.

<u>Prayer Chain</u> – The Immanuel Prayer Chain sends out an email when someone asks for a special prayer request during a time of need, illness, loss, hardship, etc. If you are currently not receiving e-mails from the Prayer Chain and would like to be included please contact Kim Zabel (507) 272-6301 or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

<u>Youth Confirmation</u> will be April 28 at the 10:15 service. This year's confirmands are: Rily Irish, Caleb Miller, Bree Severson, and Brielle Staudacher. Keep these wonderful kids in your prayers as they finish their preparations for this faith milestone!

<u>Work on the Bell Tower Restoration Project</u>, in the amount of \$27,845, is scheduled to begin in mid-May to replace the louvers, tuckpoint and caulk the concrete cap at the top, install metal plates to brace the walls inside, and repair the roof membrane to prevent leaking. Gifts received to date are \$ 11,322.55. Thank you in advance for your continual prayers and any financial support on this restoration project.

<u>1st Quarter 2024 giving statements</u> are available from the church office by request. *ILC Board of Stewardship*

<u>Save the date: June 20th – 22nd</u>. LWML MN South District Convention will be held in Mankato at Mayo Health System Event Center. See flyers for more details. Registration is due by May 1st. If you need a registration form, please contact Bonnie Boettcher at 534-3045 or Becky Luckstein at 951-1716.

<u>You are invited to join in on a New Topic Study</u> at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings. Did you know that Jesus Christ has been appearing to Muslims in dreams and calling them out of Islam and into the Christian faith? Not only that, but these Christ-filled dreams lead them straight to the Word of God! Join Kim Zabel for this informational and thought-provoking study.

<u>Thank you to Immanuel's Think Tank</u> for the special Hawaiian Dinner and entertainment event held last Sunday. A special thanks to Eric & Brenda Bennett, Tom & Lisa Hoekstra, and Randy & Bonnie Boettcher for their planning and serving...and we can't forget Becky Gilbertson who cooked the great meal!

<u>Trinity Lutheran, Elgin will host the Divine Service for The Ascension of Our Lord</u> on Thursday May 9, 2024, at 7:00PM. There will be a combined choir from four area churches. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings, May 1 and May 8 at 7:30 pm and at 6:00 pm on May 9th at Trinity, Elgin. Call the church office if you are interested in singing and would like a copy of the music. We look forward to our shared Ascension Day worship!

<u>Ruby's Pantry</u> - Sue Caine from Trinity Lutheran, Elgin is working on starting a Ruby's Pantry in the Plainview-Elgin area. This would not compete with the food shelf in Elgin, but compliment it. She has reached out to Immanuel and other local churches, hoping to have 2 or 3 (or more) people from each congregation to help with this once-a-month effort. If the Lord lays it on your heart to help, you can ask Pastor about it or call Sue at 507-421-7163. Find out more about the program at rubyspantry.org.

<u>The 150th Anniversary Committee</u> invites you to create and design a logo using our selected theme – **To God Be the Glory** – to be made into a banner to display in our church as part of our anniversary celebration on July 26 and 27, 2025. Be creative and have fun. Please submit your logo to the church office, or a committee member, by June 1 of this year. Contact any committee member with any questions.

<u>Church quilters</u>...we will meet this Tuesday, April 23 to put together quilt top kits. This will be our last meeting, depending on how many kits we put together! If you have fabric you no longer need, we are always looking for more. Or, if you like to sew, you are welcome to take a kit home and sew the pre-cut squares together. This year our quilters made over 60 quilts which are on their way to organizations for those in need. Thank you to our quilters!