IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCMENTS June 9, 2024

Monday-Friday Summer Office Hours:	8:00-12:00 pm
Sunday, June 9: Divine Service – Summer schedule	9:00 am
Vacation Bible School begins	6:00 pm
Monday, June 10: VBS	6:00 pm
Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm
Tuesday, June 11: VBS	6:00 pm
Church Council meeting	6:30 pm
Sunday, June 16: Divine Service – Summer schedule	9:00 am
Hymn Sing & Potluck	
Old Stone Church in Millville	3:00 pm

<u>The flowers on the altar this month</u> are given in memory of Dorothy Schulz who passed away on June 23, 2016, and also in memory of Minnie Hasse (May 29, 2000) and Heidi Hoekstra who died on June 19, 2017.

<u>Vacation Bible School</u> at Immanuel begins tonight: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, June 9 - 11, 6pm. Contact is Cally Murphy - <u>murphy.cally@gmail.com</u> or 507-273-8901.

<u>Welcome to Immanuel!</u> The Board of Elders approved the membership transfer to Immanuel for Tom and Kari Johnson from Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City, AZ. They now reside in the Lake Zumbro area and have been visiting Immanuel for several months. May God bless you and grow your faith as you receive His gifts of grace with us at Immanuel!

<u>Choir Director</u> position is available. A monthly stipend is provided. If anyone is interested, contact the church office with a name and contact information so the Board of Elders can follow up.

Hymn-Sing at the Old Stone Church in Millville on Sunday, June 16th at 3:00. There will be a potluck picnic at the Millville park following. Everyone welcome!

<u>Communion Assistants</u> – This is a new volunteer position under the Board of Elders to assist with the public distribution of the Lord's Supper when additional help is needed. Assistants are to be men in good standing in the congregation with a high regard for serving the Lord's gifts. Training will be provided for any new to the task. Depending on the number of volunteers, the Elders will determine to schedule assistants or call upon them when needed. Contact Brent Wohlers to sign up (phone: 507-273-4427 email: bwohlers14@gmail.com)

Full time teacher wanted at ILS for combined 7th and 8th grade classroom for the 2024-25 school year. We are looking for someone with the ability to communicate effectively, Christ Centered, adaptable and committed to teach students at Immanuel Lutheran School, Plainview, MN. Please call the school office at 507-534-2108 for further information. If anyone has names to submit please let the school office (507-534-2108) know and Immanuel Board of Christian Education will follow-up. Thank you.

ILCW Funeral dessert update... Until approximately 5 years ago, the congregation had provided the cakes and bars at funeral lunches for our members. We stopped the tradition because we were having a hard time finding people to make and bring cakes and bars. The ILCW, who serves the funeral lunches, is hoping to once again start the tradition. We are asking every member of the congregation to consider signing up to make either cakes or bars (family choice) for the funerals we serve. This is a simple, but special thing we can do for our brothers and sisters in Christ in their hour of need. It also helps with ever increasing burial costs and shows our care and compassion. You will find a sign-up sheet at both entrances to make bars and/or cakes for upcoming funerals. We are hoping that, with enough names, you may be called a couple times per year. If we don't get enough names, we will not proceed with this and will order cakes and bars through the catering services that provide the rest of the food. Thank you for your consideration.

Altar flowers - we are going to try something new! There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the elevator entrance where you can sign up to purchase flowers to beautify our altar. You may pay for 1 bouquet or 2 bouquets. The cost will be \$40 for one and \$80 for both. We would take the vases to be filled and you can drop off a check to the office made out to "ILCW" or give to Lisa Hoekstra or Bonnie Boettcher prior to the month you are signed up for. If you sign up for 2 bouquets and want to go to your florist to have them filled, we can make arrangements for that too. If you have an abundance of flowers in your garden and would like to supply the flowers for a month, we welcome that too! You can do this in memory of someone, in honor of someone or a special occasion, or "just because". Flowers will be chosen that keep well in the flower cooler and last most of the month. If you have questions, please call/text Lisa at 251-3998. If you sign up, we will contact you about the details prior to your month.

Closet cleaning time!! LWML MN South District 30th Biennial Convention will be June 20-22nd in Mankato. Orphan Grain Train has been chosen as the recipient of Gifts from the Heart. OGT is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies & other items of need to people in 71 countries worldwide. Things that are on the wish list are: new or gently used clean shoes & socks (all sizes – child to adult), blankets, quilts or comforters (any size) or cash for shipping supplies. Average cost to ship a box is \$11, to ship a container overseas is \$9,000!! There is a donation box in the church basement. Or you can drop them off at the church office Monday – Friday 8am – 12pm. Everyone is welcome to donate. Thank you for your support of the 2024 Gifts from the Heart recipients and sharing the love of Christ!! If questions, please contact Becky Luckstein at 951-1716.or Bonnie Boettcher at 534-3045

<u>The Bell Tower Restoration Project continues</u>. Pictures of this project are posted on our website and in the church entrance. Cost for this project is \$27,845. Gifts received to date total \$17,039.55. Thank you for your continual prayers and any financial support on this restoration project.

<u>Can-It-Sunday</u> - A few years ago, we named the first Sunday of every month Can-It-Sunday. Although we have not actively been doing this anymore, we are going to start it up again! The need is great and it is something that everyone can do. Pick up a few extra items each week when you shop and bring to church on the first Sunday of the month (or place in boxes anytime during the month). There will also be a can in each box for cash/check donations. There is one box near the elevator and another box near the middle set of double doors in the entry area. Thank you!!