

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
January 19, 2025

Monday-Friday Office Hours:	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 19	Divine Service 8:00 am & 10:15 am
	Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Education Hour 9:15 am
	Esperanza Mission trip Meeting 4:00 pm
Monday, January 20:	High Rise Church 1:00 – 2:00 pm
	150 th Anniversary Committee Meeting 5:15 pm
	Fish Fry Meeting 5:30 pm
	PTL Meeting 6:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 21:	Quilters in church basement 1:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan 22:	Chapel Service 8:25 am
	LifeLight Bible Study 9:15 am
	7 th Grade Confirmation Class 5:45 pm
	8 th Grade Confirmation Class 6:30 pm
Thursday, Jan 23:	Men’s Thursday Bible Study 6:00 am
	Basketball Game Home vs. RCLS 4:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 26:	Divine Service 8:00 am & 10:15 am
	Education Hour 9:15 am
	National Lutheran Schools Week
	Book Fair in CLC lobby 9:00 am
	Voters Meeting 11:15 am
	Youth Event-Build your own Pizza Night

Pancake Breakfast today! The ILC 150th anniversary committee is sponsoring a pancake breakfast today in the church basement. Serving time will be from 9:00 – noon. There will be a freewill offering to help raise funds to support the anniversary celebration on July 26th and 27th, 2025. Please join us for food & fellowship. Pastor’s Bible study will be held in the sanctuary for the day.

The flowers which adorn our altar and pulpit this morning are given by Tom and Roxann Neumann in memory of their son Jared who was born September 11, 1981, baptized September 27, 1981, and passed away on January 9, 2007. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” *John 3:16-17*

Door Offering today, January 19, to support a pro-life event in Rochester in October. The event is being organized by the MN South District and Pastor Elliot Malm of Grace Lutheran Church, Dodge Center. The theme is “Moving from Death to Life” and will feature several speakers, pro-life Christian ministries, and prayer services. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to Grace Lutheran Church, memo: 2025 Life Ministry Convocation. We will forward all cash and checks received to Grace Lutheran.

Mark your calendars... Voters Meeting, January 26, 11:15 am (following late service) in the church basement.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. We are looking for groups to serve a Lent Supper on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:15 pm prior to the 6:30 church service. If you have a Board or group willing, please call the church office.

Youth Make your own Pizza Night, Sunday Jan 26th from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Come enjoy making a pizza and bring a friend!

End of year church giving statements are available for you to pick up in the resource room of the church. Plan to pick yours up and save the postage! Board of Stewardship

HELP IS NEEDED - Board of Trustees is looking for some assistance for the winter shoveling of sidewalks & steps following snow events. Times may vary as to when it needs to be done. Please call or text Randy Boettcher at 507-259-1875 for more information.

The choir will sing again in February! The date we will sing is **Sunday, February 23rd** and practices are Wednesday, **February 12th at 6:30** in the church basement and possibly February 19th. The song has a children's choir solo that children from ILS will be learning. The song we will sing is "I want to walk as a Child of the Light". All are welcome to join a fun group that likes to sing our praises at a church service.

The latest SAGES newsletter is now available at the entrances and resource room. SAGES (Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving) is organized to enhance the **Older Adult Ministry** of the Minnesota South District by providing experiences in Christian fellowship, service, and life enrichment.

PEM Area Youth Night 2025 will be held February 15, 6:00 pm to midnight in the Christian Life Center. Registration is open! PARENTS – sign up you youth here: <https://tinyurl.com/youthnight25> or find it on the **PEM All Area Youth Night** Facebook page.

We have good news! Our general fund is **(\$26,082.27)**. We have reduced the deficit by over **\$52,000.00 since November!** We are headed in the right direction! When we look at that number, it may look like there is a mountain in front of us. It may seem like a burden too much to handle. But through God's Grace and Mercy we are reminded that he moves mountains and carries our burdens. "Therefore, the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him." Isaiah 30:8. If the Lord places it on your heart this month, we would encourage you to give. These costs go towards Pastors & staff salaries, utility bills, repairs and upkeep, and so much more. Let us show God our thankfulness through this month's gift.