



**Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**Immanuel Lutheran School &**  
**Children of Grace Preschool**  
20882 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

**HYMN – 578 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”**

*We follow Setting Two on page 172.*

**CONFESSION**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

**The Word**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST READING – Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?” <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> ‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said.

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to

accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

**PSALM 103**

**SECOND READING – Ephesians 4:29-5:2**

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. <sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 179**



*Refrain*



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**All:** Bear with each other and forgive one another.  
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

*Refrain*

**GOSPEL – Matthew 18:21-35**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

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<sup>26</sup>“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup>The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup>“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

<sup>29</sup>“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

<sup>30</sup>“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup>“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup>Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup>In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup>“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

**HYMN – 586 “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”**

**SERMON – Genesis 50:15-21**

**“Follow God’s Example in Forgiving”**

**NICENE CREED**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**

**THE SACRAMENT** - *We invite those who hold membership in this church or any church in fellowship with WELS, to partake of the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**733 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”**

**671 “Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior”**

**BLESSING**

**HYMN - 926 “Lead Me, Lord”**

## Contacts

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Monthly Calendar (under Church/calendar)

Weekly Bulletins (under Church/service)

Church Services Broadcasted Mondays at 10:00 am & Sundays at 9 pm on Nuvera channel 10 or Mediacom channel 107.3



<https://www.facebook.com/immanuelhutch>

Services are streamed live on Sundays at 10 a.m.



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### Serving today at Immanuel:

**Organist:** Jane Vacek

**Elder:** Jason Horrmann

**Video Taping:** Mark DeVries

**Power Point:** Lily DeVries

**Altar Guild:** Marilyn Rusch

**Ushers:** Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann

### **Living in God’s Grace this Week**

Today, Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
Monday:	10:00	a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30	p.m.	Choir
	7:00	p.m.	Bible Study
Sunday:	9:00	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00	p.m.	Pizza ~ Puzzles ~ Pies



**Choir will start TOMORROW,  
September 18 at 6:30p  
Everyone Welcome to join!**

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**Save the Date!**

**Sunday, September 24 at 5 p.m.**

**Pizza ~ Puzzles ~ Pies**

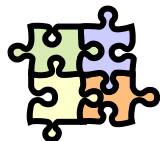
**Family fun evening – Everyone Welcome!**

*Pizza will be served – we will have some fun with a little challenge of putting together puzzles. (Puzzles will be provided.)*

*Bring a Pie (or dessert) to share.*

*Hope to see you there!*

*Sign-up sheets in the back table in entryway.*



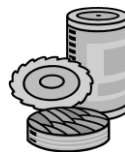
Free Fun for ALL at **MLC Homecoming**: On Saturday, September 30, the MLC Alumni Association invites you to campus for Homecoming. The events begin with the Sprinter Fun Run/Walk at 9 AM. This 1-mile course (all stroller-accessible) meanders throughout the main campus. Learn more about the Fun Run and sign up at [bit.ly/2023MLCFunRun](https://bit.ly/2023MLCFunRun). After the Fun Run/Walk, stay to enjoy the free Family Fun Zone that includes Bumper Soccer, QB Challenge, caricatures, inflatables, basketball challenge and more! Later that day you'll be able to catch several sporting events and alumni will have an evening reception at Kegel Klub. Check out [www.mlc-wels.edu/events/homecoming](http://www.mlc-wels.edu/events/homecoming) for the full slate of events and come see what is new at your college of ministry!



***Heating Season is upon us, if you are able to assist with additional giving to help defray the costs, it would be greatly appreciate. Thank you.***

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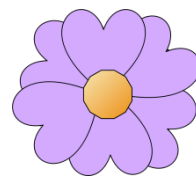
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**The Ladies Aid is again sponsoring a drive for the Martin Luther College (MLC) food bank.** MLC has a food bank program for married students that is supported by donations from WELS congregations and their members. This program provides food staples and practical items such as paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, toiletry items, cleaning supplies and laundry and dish soaps. Donations will be accepted from now thru Sunday, September 24th. Totes are available in the church entryway. *Thank you.*

### **Items needed:**

- Chocolate chips or other baking chips and nuts
- Muffin mixes, cookie mixes
- Pie fillings, blueberry, etc. (No pumpkin, please)
- Canned meats: chicken, spam, small hams, tuna
- Cream soups
- Chunky soups
- Canned peaches and pears, lite varieties
- Applesauce - any size jar
- Mac and Cheese
- Jelly (No grape jelly, please)
- Cooking oil (48 oz or smaller)
- Pickles and olives
- Bottles fruit blend juices such as Old Orchard
- Regular Coffee, no instant
- Granola bars
- Liquid laundry soap and dish soap
- Packages of Toilet paper (packages of 4 rolls)
- Single rolls of paper towels
- Toilet bowl cleaner and cleaning supplies
- Gift Cards



The Ladies Aid will tour **Anderson's Garden** in Litchfield, Wednesday, October 4. If you would like to car pool, we will be leaving church at 5:30. Otherwise, meet us at Anderson's Garden at 6 p.m. We are planning to eat at a Litchfield restaurant after the tour. Everyone Welcome!!

Also, if you would like to help decorate the church for fall, we will start at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**Join Us on October 7!**

**MLC Ladies' Auxiliary Day**

Saturday, October 7

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Learn about MLC's newest programs and plans.

See a sneak peek of the musical *Hello, Dolly!*

Hear updates from MLC students and faculty.

Enjoy an afternoon of MLC sports or take in Oktoberfest!

**Save the Date!**

The Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid has scheduled another trip to the Ames Center on

Saturday, December 2, 2023 for a 3p Show.

***I'm Dreaming of a Looney Christmas***

Featuring the Looney Lutherans!

Cost: \$34, bus will be an additional cost.

We will stop to eat at Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe on the way home.

Last Day to sign up is October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Questions: See Donna Telecky



**Support WELS Missions!**

Learn more at the LWMS  
Crow River Circuit Fall Rally

***Mission Journeys: Publish Glad Tidings***

Sat., Sept. 30, 2023 — 11a-3p

Registration starts at 10a

Speaker: Shannon Bohme, Mission Journeys

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

227 Ramsey Ave. S — Litchfield

Please RSVP by Sept. 25

to: Teresa Ross at [taross316@gmail.com](mailto:taross316@gmail.com).

***All women of the  
Crow River Circuit  
are invited and  
encouraged to  
bring guests.  
Children & families  
welcome!***

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Serving for the September's lunches has been filled!

***Thank you! Thank you!***

To all who have so graciously served!

October's schedule is pending.

**Also, regarding the snacks and drinks, looking over the generous donations, the one item now would be**

**Gatorade and/or Diet and/or Regular pop/soda.**

**As the rest of the items are well stocked.**

***Again, Thank you! Thank you!***

If any questions, please contact Brittany Clark (587-4858) or Julie Thompson (583-6007) for assistance. *Thank you.*



**WELS Builders for Christ are looking for area volunteers to work with them. No construction experience is necessary and there are many opportunities to serve. Contact Elwood Heldt at 507-327-3313 for more information.**

**Thank  
You**

***Thank you to all of the Kingdom Workers for their time and talent assisting with building the school. We are truly blessed to have them with us.***



## Preschool, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

*The school has a variety of fundraising options to help the school with various activities....won't you help?*

**SCRIP** A current list of the gift cards available thru the school is posted on the bulletin board. You pay the face value of the card and the school receives the % listed. We also carry Cash Wise/Coborns (\$25, \$50, \$100) which does not show on this list. The money earned provides your children with their field trips throughout the year. Remember the cards are available all year long. Thank you for your support of our School and Pre School.  
*Karen Kohls*

- **Caseys Rewards.** – Go to [www.caseys.com](http://www.caseys.com)
- **cocacola.com/give** – *for Coke products, enter the code*
- **Country Hearth – Loaves4Learning**
- **Ink Cartridges** – There is a collection box in the entryway.
- **School Store Fundraiser** - [www.schoolstore.com](http://www.schoolstore.com)
- **Cash Wise Rewards**– *enroll at [www.morerewards.com](http://www.morerewards.com)*



• **BoxTops** – This is all digital. For us to get credit, you will need to download the Boxtops for Education App on your smart phone, search Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson and scan your entire receipt.

*A complete listing with details is on the table in the entry way by the school display. Thank you for your help.*



### **BUILDING FAITH FOUNDATIONS - New School**

**Building:** Below is a link to our Thrivent page where you, family, alumni, and friends can donate to our building fund. Just click on the link, then push the Make Personal

Donation button. We also have this information on our website ([www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com](http://www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com)) under Building Project with a

Donation button that leads you to the same Thrivent page. For traditional check donations envelopes can be provided if you know someone that would rather go that route than online. **BUILDING PROJECT | Hutchinson Lutheran** ([hutchinsonlutherschool.com](http://hutchinsonlutherschool.com))



## Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Do you have Choice Dollars® available?  
Have you directed them? You can direct to thousands of organizations enrolled in the program - *including Immanuel Lutheran Church and School!*

## School Calendar



*Thank you for your support!*



The School qualified to receive financing through LACE (Lutheran Association for Church Extension). What is not covered through fundraising will be financed through this organization. The proposed school budget covers all loan payments without requiring extra financial commitments from our congregations.

**LACE provides an opportunity for WELS members to purchase investments and receive interest payments. These investments help lower the interest rate on the building's loan payments through LACE.**

**They are currently offering a 2 YEAR SPECIAL\* 5.30%**

Visit [laceinc.org](http://laceinc.org) to learn more and/or to obtain the application.

Designate Immanuel Lutheran School to help reduce the cost of the loan for the school. Only WELS or ELS members are eligible to participate.