



Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Quarter 1, 2017

10 a.m. Sunday Services



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



Bible Study:

8p Mondays *(note change)*

Confirmation:

4:15p Wednesdays

Choir:

7p Mondays *(note change)*

Director: Kim Schmeling

Available on the table in the church entry:

2017 Directory
2016 Annual Report

When I choose hymns for our worship services, I always have two goals in mind. I want the service to begin and end with familiar hymns that everybody knows and loves. But I also want to include hymns that we don't know so well but have the potential to become old favorites. In every case the hymn should be doctrinally correct and beautiful. Of course, that last word contains the most difficulty. What exactly is beautiful? Most of us have our own personal list of favorites. And the congregational list of 150 favorite hymns has been a great help in figuring out what hymns people love the most.

However, there are principles for Lutheran worship that go beyond personal preference and familiarity. Martin Luther came up with these ideas and used them in his own decisions regarding public worship. First, the gospel should predominate. The message of God's forgiveness through Jesus' blood changes hearts and gives power to our Christian lives. So we give first place to the gospel in our hymns, lessons, and liturgy. In fact, we repeat the liturgy every week for this very purpose. That the gospel will always have center stage.

Second, the people should be able to participate. In ages past, the people simply watched while the worship service took place in a different language. Martin Luther's great gift to the church was the Bible

in their own language and hymns that the people could sing. In a way, the hymns become the people's sermon. We proclaim these words of salvation to one another.

Third, we honor the historic voice of the church. Luther wanted to show the world that he was not a religious innovator. What our church teaches is right in line with what the church has always taught. Many of our hymns and liturgical songs have roots that go back to the very earliest days of Christianity. It gives us great joy to realize that we join our voices with generations of believers who have gone before us. This doesn't mean that we never do anything new. Rather, we honor the experience and faith of those who are now in glory.

Fourth and finally, we use God's best gifts in music and the arts. In everything we do at worship, we desire to bring God our best. We ourselves may not be the best at music or at art. But we gather together with the attitude that God deserves the best of what we have, including our best efforts. No one should think, "I'm a terrible singer so I should be quiet." Rather, we want everyone to make a joyful noise to the Lord.

We come together in worship not only to serve God but also to let God serve us. God serves us with his forgiveness and grace. He renews our hearts so we may serve him with joy. He binds us together in love and unity as one body of believers. And so we come together, not with critical hearts or looking for mistakes. But we come together with eager expectation, offering our hearts to the Lord and lifting up our hands to receive his blessings.

Sunday School

Teachers:

Eileen Prieve

Deb Plamann

Barb DeVries/Cindy

Wendorff

Substitute Teachers:

Stephanie Kutter

Anna Hoff

Helpers:

Patrick Schlueter

Natasha Tews

Opening Devotion:

Chrissy Forcier

Sunday School meets on **Sunday mornings at 9:00** prior to Church starting.

Please have your children at Sunday School by 8:55 AM, so that they have time to take off their coats and get settled before we start at 9:00.

Each morning there will be a mission offering collected.

Classes resumed after the Christmas holiday with a

change in teachers. Barbara DeVries will be teaching the upper grade classes for the remainder of the school year. Thank you to Cindy Wendorff for teaching the first half of the year, and for being available to fill in as needed. Also, thanks, to Anna Hoff for her substitute teaching this year.

The Sunday School Children will be joining the

Children of Immanuel Lutheran School to sing in the church service at Immanuel on Sunday, **February 26th**.

Also, the children will be singing on Palm Sunday, April 9th.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 16th.

2017 Church Board Officers:

Chairman: Jim Radunz
Vice-Chair: Rodney Schmeling
Secretary: Mike Brekke
Treasurer: Bruce Trick
Financial Secretary: Dale Kohls
Delegate: Carl Nass
Trustees: Mike Heine
Brad Duesterhoeft
Chris Wersal
Elders: Jason Horrmann
Justin Black
Kori Leske
Finance Committee:
Steven Hellwig
Ron Kohls
David Rusch
Cemetery Board: Jeff Hoff
Willard Wendorff
Steve Wendorff

G.I.L.L

The **Quarterly Voter's meeting/Congregation meeting** met on January 17, 2017. Current membership is 246 members and 213 communicant members and we welcome Doug Benage to our congregation.

Elections were held for 2017 (as noted in the side bar).

The Trustees reported that the parsonage will be re-shingled and the trees on the north side of the church will be taken down. Also, will be looking into replacing the light bulbs with LEDs.

The Cemetery Board reported they received a bid from David Telecky for mowing the church and cemeteries. David and Donna did an excellent job last year and recommended to accept the bid.

Salaries for the Church Secretary, Bookkeeper, Organist and Pastor were discussed and increases were approved.

There are two opportunities that **Thrivent** members of our congregation have. The first is direct your **choice dollars**, this is a program where you can elect to have your own direct choice dollars given to, either our church or school. This is money that Thrivent distributes based on your choice. The second opportunity is **Thrivent Action Teams**. This program offers seed money from Thrivent (once approved) for a fundraiser, service activity, or educational event in our church or school. Every Thrivent member is eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Event twice a year. This has helped fund activities such as Advent by Candlelight and the Every Daughter Banquet in the past and potentially the outdoor service. We encourage anyone in the congregation that is a Thrivent member to talk to Julie Thompson about these exciting opportunities, and best of all they cost you absolutely nothing to enroll.

Quarterly Voter's/Congregational Meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Leaders: Pastor DeVries, Pastor Tobison, Teresa Ross, Jean Horrmann

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:30 at Grace with Supper Served

Activities Planned:

Sunday, February 19—Sledding or Bowling - depending on snowfall

Sunday, March 19—Sledding or Bowling - the opposite of February 19

Saturday, April 29 or Sunday, April 30—Zoo (details to follow)

May's activity will be Paintball and Paint Factory (details to be determined)

Long Range Planning Committee

Members:

Chrissy Forcier
Beth Podratz
Jon Hoff
Mike Heine
Karen Kohls
Marilyn Rusch
Betty Henke
Barb DeVries
Pastor DeVries

The next meetings:
February 15 at 7p
March 28 at 7p

Mission: Immanuel's Long Range Planning Committee exists to work with the congregation to plan for the future by prioritizing goals, being proactive with execution, and following up with implementation.

Vision: To be a vibrant community of faith and encourage our members to actively engage in Worship, Christian Education, and Outreach.

We discussed the progress of the newsletter, which has been started and at the annual meet-

ing it was decided to continue doing the newsletter quarterly but have council meeting minutes published separately. Each group will submit something to Julie for her to put in.

We reviewed the meeting with Grace in regards to joining us in using the WELS Self Analysis and Adjustment program. They are interested but would like to review with the person in charge what would be covered and costs before going further.

We reviewed what a Long Range Planning Committee should be and what structure there should be. We determined, based on other reports of LRPC, we are on the right track. We figured the school is the weak link and we should be focused on making that the strong link.

We also started to discuss putting together information packets for visitors and new members.

Members:

Barb DeVries
 Betty Henke
 Donna Telecky
 Julie Thompson
 Julie Trick
 Jane Vacek

Next meeting is scheduled for **April 23, 2017** at 6 p.m. If you would like to join us, please feel free to attend the meeting.

Everyone is invited to lunch right after church (February 12) in the basement to welcome the following members who have joined our church in 2016:

Debra Boelter
Matthew, Ashley and Daisy Brehmer
Dustin, Mackenzie and Aubrey Boeckers

Brian Gephart
Along with the babies born in 2016

Lily Mackedanz
Daughter of Jay and Miranda Mackedanz
 Tyson Schmeling
Son of Courtney and Tyler Schmeling
 Daisy Mae Brehmer
Daughter of Matthew and Ashley Brehmer

Lane Rasmussen
Son of Andy and Kim Rasmussen
 The Events Committee will be serving

Scalloped Potatoes and Ham
 Corn – Salads - Desserts

Just bring yourself and enjoy a good meal and fellowship.

On February 19, 2017 we will be celebrating the January, February and March birthdays. Cake and Coffee will be served after church.

A craft day was scheduled for January 27 and 28 to assist in making Quiet Books for the church.

The Fairgrounds have been reserved for the outdoor service which will be on Sunday, July 16. Grace, Zion and Darwin will be invited to join us.

The committee talked about presenting the new babies of the congregation with a gift. A crocheted baby blanket will be given in 2017. We currently are anticipating 3 new babies.

Ladies Aid

2017 Officers

President: Wendy Hellwig
 VP/Secretary: Donna Telecky
 Treasurer: Betty Henke

Next Meeting: March 7 meeting with speaker Lori Pickall-Stangel

Ladies Aid is sponsoring a “Befriend a MLC Student”. **Emily Ash.** The congregation is invited to be part of the effort. To start with, we are going to send Emily a Valentine bag. We would invite the congregation to add to the bag if they wish. Suggestions would be cookies, hot chocolate packets, candy bars, toiletries, dorm or school supplies, gift cards. Our dead line is February 1. We would also invite everyone to remember Emily at any time with a card of encouragement. Her address is 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, MN

56073. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Kohls..

During the February meeting, Kate Tohal, from MCL gave a brief overview of MLC and the shortage of pastors, teachers, pre school teachers and principles. An interesting fact was, there is a waiting list for the MLC pre school, which is 0- 5 years of age.

For March: McLeod County Food Shelf Drive (MN donation match). A box will be in church for collections.

Ladies Executive

2017 Officers:

President: Julie Thompson
 VP: Deb Plamann
 Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Gauer
 Directors: Jan Stibal, LuAnn Yerks, Donna Telecky

Semi-Annual Meeting: July 19, 2017 at 7p

Elections were held (as noted on the side bar).

Spring cleaning of the upstairs will be held April 1, 2017. Everyone’s assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The Directors to investigate and purchase new coffee pot as one is not working correctly.

Money collected during the Lenten meals will be designated at the July meeting.

Lenten supper will be served prior to Wednesdays’ services starting at 6p. Serving groups were assigned:

- 3/1 (Ladies Aid)
- 3/8 (Group 1)
- 3/15 (Group 2)
- 3/22 (Group 3)
- 3/29 (Event committee)
- 4/5 (School)



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Mondays at 10 a.m. and Sundays at 9 p.m.

NuTelecom—Channel 10 or Mediacom—Channel 107.3

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Altar Guild: February: Eileen Prieve and Chrissy Forcier
 March: Wendy Hellwig
 April: Betty Henke

Ushers: February: Kori and Joyce Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Dawn Nass, Steve and Cindy Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann
 March: Brad Duesterhoeft, Justin Black, Katlin Davis, Danielle Olson, Tyler Olson, Dawn Nass, Lucas Plamann, Tom Schlueter, John Schlueter, Patrick Schlueter, Chuck Nisse
 April: Jeremy Prieve, Mike Heine, Dawn Nass, Joshua Prieve, Alex Prieve, Del Prieve, Michael and Julie Thompson, Eric Thompson, Kyle Podratz

Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool



Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool
 20917 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350

Principal, Brian Gephart
 Phone: 320-587-4858
 Email: ilschool@hutchtel.net

Principal: Brian Gephart
 Grades 4 to 7
 11 students

Teacher: Kristi Utsch
 Grades K– 3
 15 students

Teacher: Mallory Eckstrand
 Pre-School
 10 students

Christian Education week is scheduled March 20th to March 24th.

Association meeting: April 9 at 7p.m. at the school.

MUSTANG BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Saturday, Feb 18th is our annual basketball tournament beginning at 8:00am. We are in need of volunteers for admissions table, concessions, score board & score book keepers, and just in

general someone to keep an eye on the garbage bins, bathrooms, and gym area (may need sweeping between games). These are 2 hour increments starting at 8am – 10am, 10am – 12pm, and so on. Sign-up sheets will be at the school and churches. You can contact Coach Sue at 320-5831495 email: sueschlueter@gmail.com or the school 320-587-4858 email: ilschool@hutchtel.net with any questions. Thanks!

School Board Officers:
 President: Jon Hoff
 VP: Gary Marlowe
 Secretary: Kyle Podratz
 Treasurer: Jeremy Prieve
 Outreach: Ryan Bushman

Latch-key is available before and after school. Please contact the school for information.

Caregivers are Donna Telecky and Sharon Smith.

PTF

Officers:
 President: Jeremy Prieve
 VP: Jon Hoff
 Secretary: Barb DeVries
 Treasurer: Eileen Prieve

Meetings:
 Second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Fundraising updates: 3M EMPLOYEES (or anyone in general) The school is need of scotch tape and colored, post-it notes, bandages, etc. If you happen to have extra's lying around the house, we would greatly appreciate it!

BoxTops – Found on most General Mills, Betty Crocker, Hamburger Helper, Totino's,

Pillsbury, products (etc.). Just need to be cut out.

Loaves4Learning – From the makers of Country Hearth & Village Hearth Bread. They are UPC's usually found on bread bags. Cut off from bag. Cash Wise receipt points - At the bottom of the receipt will have 'Labels for Learning' and number of points. Just need the bottom of the receipt. Ink cartridges - Empty cartridges from computer print-

ers Kwik Trip Milk Moola – Only caps with the Milk Moola symbol or bag top. Accepting only clean milk caps Only milk caps from Milk Moola., FYI – Campbell's is no longer doing their program; no need to save anything anymore.

Schwan's fundraiser #31146 started on February 1. Please call or go online to enter this fundraiser number before ordering in February and March. Your delivery will arrive on your regularly scheduled day.