



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 1, 2018

10 a.m. Sunday Services



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



In With the New -

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Anonymous hands hold a small cardboard box. A voice announces that the package just arrived in the mail and he's about to open it up. We watch as the hands cut open the mailing tape and remove the plastic wrapping. The item rotates so the camera can catch every angle while the voice describes every detail.

You have just entered the world of unboxing videos. It is fiercely competitive. People rush to post the first unboxing of a new phone or video game. And remember, they don't actually play the game or turn on the phone. They just show themselves opening the box and examining its contents. But thousands of people watch these videos every day.

New things hold so much promise in our imaginations that people get enjoyment from watching others open their new things. What if it could be just as easy to get a new self? That's what many of us try to do when the New Year arrives. We try to change ourselves by getting rid of a bad habit or starting a good one. What if those changes were as easy as opening a box and removing the plastic wrapper?

It almost sounds that easy in 2 Corinthians 5:17. The Apostle Paul writes that anyone who belongs to Christ is a new creation. The old has gone. The new has come. But how can it possibly be that easy? How can I be a new person just by belonging to Jesus? How can I be new, when the old sins and temptations still cling to me?

It helps to read a little more from this inspired letter. A couple sentences further on, Paul writes, "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their sins against them." And then, a little further yet, "We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

God reconciled the world to himself when Jesus died on the cross. In other words, guilt and sin separated us from God. But God removed that barrier by charging it to his own Son. Jesus took the penalty and paid the price for our sin. Now God calls all people everywhere to receive this precious gift by putting their trust in Jesus. Trust that he has made things right between you and God.

Now, God calls us to unbox our new self every day. Remember what Jesus did for you. Put to death whatever belongs to your sinful nature. Rejoice in the new status you have as a redeemed and forgiven child of God. Live a new and holy life.

Pastor DeVries

Bible Study:

8p Mondays

10a Thursdays - Will start again Summer 2018

11:15a Sundays

Confirmation:

1p on Sunday

4:15p on Wednesday

Choir:

7 p.m. on Mondays

Everyone Welcome!

Director: Kim Schmeling

Sunday School

Teachers:

Eileen Prieve

Deb Plamann

Cindy Wendorff

Helpers:

Patrick Schlueter

Natasha Tews

Opening Devotion:

Chrissy Forcier

Sunday School is at

9 a.m. Sunday mornings.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

The children's mission offering will be given to the LWMS Kids C.A.R.E. project for 2017-2018, Feeding Jesus' Lambs in Nepal.



2018 Church Board Officers:

- Chairman: Rodney Schmeling
Vice-Chair: Harold Plath
Secretary: Mike Brekke
Treasurer: Bruce Trick
Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer
Delegate: Carl Nass
Trustees: Brad Duesterhoeft
Chris Wersal
Matt Forcier
Elders: Justin Black
Kori Leske
Kurt Leske
Finance Committee:
Ron Kohls
David Rusch
Matt Dahl
Cemetery Board:
Willard Wendorff
Steve Wendorff
Chuck Nisse

The **Quarterly Voter's meeting/Congregation meeting** met on January 16, 2018. Current membership is 250 members and 212 communicant members.

The **Trustees** reported that they were able to fix the women's toilet in the basement restroom rather than replacing it. After much time spent troubleshooting the heating situation in the church, the problem was found in the furnace and a new furnace was installed. The furnace was under warranty, although the labor to install and the many calls beforehand were not.

The **School Board** reported a current enrollment for this year at 14 preschoolers; 14 K-3rd; 15 4th- 8th making total enrollment 43 students. A couple upcoming events scheduled include: a spaghetti supper on January 26th with proceeds going to the upcoming 100th anniversary celebration of our school in August, and a basketball tournament on February 17th at the Rec. Center in Hutch.

Cemetery Board Reported three burials for 2017. They also presented to the voters with a bid from David Telecky for the mowing of the church and cemeteries for next year which was accepted.

Pastor presented to the Voters two proposals from Elite EV for upgrading our sound system in church. There was much discussion about the two proposals and which one made the most sense for the money invested. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the first proposal which was \$22,140, with a max of \$25,000.

It was decided at the meeting to disband the Long Range Planning Committee and to establish a more formal structure with the Events Committee.

Next Voter's/Congregational meeting is April 17, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Ladies Aid

2017 Officers

- President: Wendy Hellwig
VP/Secretary: Donna Telecky
Treasurer: Betty Henke
Next Meeting:
March 6 at 7 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid
Invites you to join us
for the presentation of
Katie Luther: Here I Stand
By Story Teller—**Pati Kachel**
Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Immanuel Lutheran Church Basement
Refreshments Following Program
Free Will Donation



Long Range Planning Committee

Members:

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

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.

Discussion took place as to what the purpose and direction should be of this committee. The committee asked for a clearer statement from the Council to tell us what we should be accomplishing and whether or not we should disband.

It was decided at the January 2018 Voter's meeting to dissolve the committee and address it again at the Council's discretion.

Events Committee

Next Meeting:
Sunday, March 18 at 2p

Everyone welcome to attend.

Quarter 1 birthday celebrations will be on Sunday, February 25 after church. Cake/coffee will be served after church in the meeting room.

April 8 after church we will recognize our 2017 new members with treats/coffee in the meeting room.

Discussion will continue at the next meeting regarding a charter and terms for officers.

Thank you to all you attended the February meeting.



Thrivent Policy Members

Thrivent Coordinator:

Julie Thompson

Register on line:

www.Thrivent.com

Do you have a Thrivent Policy?

If so, are you aware of the programs at no cost to you that could benefit the church and/or the school?

“**Choice Dollars**” can be designated to the church or school at no cost to you. In 2017, \$2,348 were designated by Thrivent members to the church and school. Can we meet or exceed that number for 2018?

“**Action Teams**” when approved, provides \$250 of seed money to be use towards an event, again at no cost to you.

Currently, the following Actions Teams are approved for 2018:

- ILS Spaghetti Supper
- ILS Basketball Tournament
- March 14 Lenten Supper
- Easter Morning Breakfast

Building Committee for the School

Members:

Chair: Brian Lokensgard

Vice-Chair: Ryan Bushman

Secretary: Matt/Chrissy Forcier

Steve Wendorff

Brian Gephart

Bruce Trick

A list of “Current School needs” has been developed and the committee continues to work with teachers, School Board and Trustees of Immanuel to complete items one by one.

The discussion of the possibility of a new building in town is not a feasible option at this time. Likely, the best scenario is to build a new building on the current campus.

We are still working with the School Board to make and pursue a final decision. In the mean time we are doing our best to keep the current building preserved to train our children in the Glory of God.

The next meeting is scheduled in April.

Ladies Executive Board

2018 Officers:

President: Deb Plamann

VP: Janel Radunz

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Gauer

Directors: LuAnn Yerks, Donna Telecky, JoAnn Kallemeyn

Semi-Annual Meeting:

July 18, 2018 at 7 p.m.

The annual meeting was January 17, 2018. Elections were held with Janel Radunz elected as Vice-President and JoAnn Kallemeyn as Director.

The Directors will investigate and purchase a cupboard/storage unit for the closet in the basement kitchen.

Spring cleaning will be held on **April 7, 2018**. The upstairs of the church will be addressed.

Lenten meals will be served prior to each Wednesday service at 6 p.m.

Serving:

- February 14 - Ladies Aid
- February 21—Group 1
- February 28—Group 2
- March 7—Group 3
- March 14—Catered
- March 21—PTF

Monies collected from the free will offering for February 21, 28 and March 7, 14 will go towards the school’s 100th anniversary.



Committee Members:

Pastor DeVries
Barb DeVries
Chrissy Forcier
Jon Hoff
Brian Gephart
Deb Plamann
Eileen Prieve
Teresa Ross with Grace
Julie Thompson

Next Scheduled Meetings:

February 22, 2017 at 7 p.m.
March 22, 2017 at 7 p.m.



Activities are being planned for the weekend of

August 25 and August 26, 2018

Watch for details in the coming months as activities are being planned.

Help! We are looking for a few addresses of past teachers. If you could assist, please let Julie Thompson know.

Otto Boernecke
Harry Karth
Julius Wantoch
Alfred Kempf
Robert Koch
Kathy Haker
Nancy Albright
Dawn Roxbury
Christine Zunker

G.I.L.L.

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

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

Upcoming activities:

February: Sledding or bowling.

March: Mall of America

April: Saints game

G.I.L.L. will be serving a Lenten Supper at Grace on March 7, 2018.

Annual Report

The 2018 Directory and the 2018 Annual Report are available on the table in the entryway.



Holiday Services

Ash Wednesday—February 14 at 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday—March 25 at 10 a.m.

Mandy Thursday—Joint Service at ILC—March 29 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday—March 30—9 a.m. at Zion and 7 p.m. at Immanuel

Easter Sunrise Service—April 1 at 6:30 a.m.

Easter Morning Breakfast—April 1 following the Sunrise Service (approx. 7:30 a.m.)

Serving until 9:30 a.m. by our Ladies' Aid

Easter Sunday Morning Service—April 1 at 10 a.m.



ILS Basketball Tournament

Saturday, February 17 at the Rec Center in Hutchinson.

Five (5) area Lutheran Elementary Schools are invited to participate in a day of fun and fellowship.

Come and cheer on our Mustangs!



Officers:

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

Meetings:

Second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

PTF serving Lenten Supper at Grace on March 14.

A new **Schwan's** campaign was begun January 5 and will continue through May 20. **The new code is 36272.**

February 13 at 7:00 PM we will meet in the church meeting room. Guest speaker, Dr. Cynthia Whaley from Martin Luther Col-

lege, will give a presentation on the latest brain research.

The Mustang Invitational Basketball Tournament will take place **February 17** at the Rec Center in Hutch. Please consider signing up to help with registration and concessions.

Christian Education Week is **March 19-23**. A special activity is planned for each day of the week on campus. On Friday the children will travel into town to sing at assisted living facilities, have a pizza lunch at Grace, and go bowling.

Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool



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

Upcoming Events:

February 17—ILS Basketball Tournament at the Rec Center in Hutchinson

February 23-25—MLC Basketball Tournament in New Ulm

March 3—Great Plains Basketball Day in Watertown, SD

March 26-30—Spring Break—No School

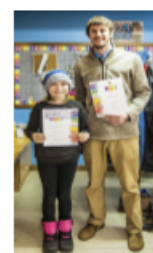
April—2018-2019 School Registration

April 8 at 7 p.m.—Association Meeting at Immanuel

WINNERS!

Our school has been in a couple of contests! The 2nd graders were to draw a new design for the Great Plains Lutheran High School (South Dakota) t-shirts. Samantha Eckstrand won and received a t-shirt from their High School!

Mr. Gephart's class had a chance to make a 'Peace Poster' sponsored by the Cedar Mills Lions club. Natalie Hoff won 1st place and received \$25! Way to go girls!



Principal: Brian Gephart
Grades 4 to 7
16 students

Teacher: Kristi Utsch
Grades K- 3
12 students

Teacher: Mallory Eckstrand
Pre-School
12 students

School Board Officers:

Jack Draper, Kyle Podratz
Jeremiah Clark,
Jeremy Prieve
Outreach: Ryan Bushman

Christian Education Week

March 19 to March 23

Monday—Painting with Tim (Artist that helps us paint)

Tuesday— Tim Utsch will demonstrate for us some self defense with Tae Kwon Do

Wednesday—Preschool, K-3rd—We will be learning about farming, seeds, and tractors

Wednesday—4th to 8th— Chinese Lesson

Thursday—Kevin Draper will talk to us about Robotics and 3D printing

Friday—All the children will sing at an Assistance Living facility, Pizza Party, and Bowling





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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: Chrissy Forcier
March: Wendy Hellwig *June is still open, if interested, contact Julie Thompson*
April: Betty Henke and Donna Telecky
- Ushers:** February: Kori Leske, Joyce Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Dawn Nass, Cindy and Steve 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, Chuck Nisse, Patrick Schlueter
April: Jeremy Prieve, Dawn Nass, Joshua Prieve, Del Prieve, Julie and Michael Thompson, Eric Thompson, Kyler Podratz, Alex Prieve

Choir

Front Row: Kim Schmeling, Chrissy Forcier, Karen Kohls, Barb DeVries, Deb Plamann, Student Teacher, Monica Rehberger. **Back Row:** Gina Buske, Brian Gephart, Rodney Schmeling, Dori Duesterhoeft, Mike Heine, Heidi Radunz, Del Prieve, Janel Radunz, Jane Vacek



Weather Closings



Winter weather will soon be with us again. On Sundays with questionable weather, worship cancellations will be announced on KDUZ -1260 AM radio. During the week, Pastor's policy is this: if Hutchinson Public Schools are closed for the day, evening events at both Immanuel and Zion will also be postponed on that day.

Address Changes

And if anyone has an update to their address and/or phone, please let Julie Thompson know at juliethompson@mchsi.com or Church Box #75.

Congratulation

Congratulations to Seth and Jaci (Duesterhoeft) Potter on the birth of their baby boy.

Everett was born January 3, 2018.

Everett is the grandson of Brad and Dori Duesterhoeft

Our Thoughts and Prayers to the families of

Arls Davis, age 73, of Hutchinson, Minnesota, passed away Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Funeral service will be Saturday, February 3, 2018, at 11:00 A.M. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Acoma Township, McLeod County, Minnesota, with interment at the church cemetery.

Deloris Hoff, age 93, of Hutchinson, passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at Harmony River Nursing Home. Funeral service on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Acoma Township, McLeod County, Minnesota, with interment at the church cemetery.