



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 1, 2019

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Sunday Services



## Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



### *A Letter from Christ to His Bride, the Church*

My Dearest Beloved,

I felt so pleased to hear from you recently. Every time I hear your voice it is music to my ears. Hopefully this letter will answer some of your questions and remind you of my eternal love.

You mentioned how difficult it is for us to be apart. I know it must seem that way to you. But please remember that I have never left you. And no matter what happens, I will never forsake you. So even though you feel alone at times I am always at your side. It has to be this way for now, both for your sake and for those who will soon come to faith.

I know it sounds strange but the troubles that you face are the ones which I have sent. I have kept myself hidden from the world so that you may live by faith and not my sight. I have allowed unbelievers to say evil things about you so that you may take comfort in my Word. I have allowed others to persecute you so that your faith, which is of greater worth than gold, may be purified for the day of my return.

But at the same time, I have commanded my angels to watch over you. You don't even realize the trouble from which I have rescued you already today. And when you call on me in prayer I always give you my full attention. Some people have troubled you with the idea that everything has already been decided. And it is true that I

already know the outcome of history. But I also know all of the possible outcomes. And so I always take your prayers into account. In fact, you can ask me for anything in my name and I will do it. No matter how busy I am, I will always make your concerns my concerns.

The day draws ever closer when we will be together forever. Then all your troubles will disappear. All your present sorrows will seem like a distant memory from someone else's life. I will return with power to destroy the enemies who have troubled you. The devil and all his evil angels I will throw into the lake of fire. This world will be burned up to make room for a new heavens and earth. Even your sinful nature will be removed once and for all.

But the last enemy to be destroyed is death. I have planted a tree of life beside the river near our new home. From that tree you will eat and never die. You will never again suffer any illness or weakness in your body.

For now, I want you to remember that my love for you has not changed. Yes, I know about your weaknesses and indiscretions, but those are in the past. In fact, those sins are the very reason why I came to earth to suffer and to die. But now I have washed you and made you clean by the washing with water through the word. I have sent you my Spirit to live in your heart, giving you strength against temptation and despair. Through my Word and Sacrament I will continue to give you everything you need to stand firm until I return.

Your Savior,  
Jesus Christ

### Bible Study:

8p Mondays  
10a Thursdays  
Starting May 9

### Confirmation:

Wednesday at 4:15p

### Choir:

Mondays at 7p  
Director: Kim Schmeling

### Monday Services:

7p starting June 3  
through August 26

## Sunday School

### Teachers:

Eileen Prieve  
Deb Plamann  
Cindy Wendorff  
Ali Plamann

### Opening Devotion:

Chrissy Forcier

Sunday School will be singing on Sunday, **February 24**. We'll also be singing on Palm Sunday, **April 14**. The children will walk in together before the service and carry palm branches to the front of the church. They will sing their song, then go to sit with their parents for the remainder of the service. After the service they will be able to take the Palm branches home.

Our Fellowship Committee is hosting a Chili Cook-Off and a "No Talent Talent Show" On **February 24** right after church. Sunday School has been practicing a few of our warm up songs to perform

in the line-up. So don't bother going home for lunch, just come on down and join in the fun with a Chili Cook Off and Talent Show!

There will be no Sunday School Classes on Sunday, April 21. We will resume class on April 28.



## 2019 Church Board Officers:

Chairman: Harold Plath  
Vice-Chair: *Open*  
Secretary: Mike Brekke  
Treasurer: Bruce Trick  
Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer  
Delegate: Willard Wendorff  
Trustees: Chris Wersal  
            Matt Forcier  
            Chris Plamann  
Elders: Kori Leske  
          Kurt Leske  
          Steve Plamann  
Finance Committee:  
          David Rusch  
          Matt Dahl  
          Jim Radunz  
Cemetery Board:  
          Steve Wendorff  
          Chuck Nisse  
          Matt Brehmer

The **Quarterly Voter's meeting/Congregational meeting** met on January 22, 2019. Current membership is 246 members and 211 communicant members.

The Council offered the Book-keeping position to Eileen Prieve and she accepted.

The **Trustees report:** We are still awaiting the removal of the two Elm trees next to the parsonage by Madsen Tree Service. Also, we will be working on installing a new air condition and more insulation in the parsonage.

The **Cemetery Board Report:** The cemetery board read their report for year, this included 5 total burials for the year. This included the four members from our church (Sam and Arlys Davis, Delores Hoff, and Roy Strasmann) and an inurnment for Randy Koepp.

There are a couple of non-designated memorial funds that will be combined into the general memorial fund. We will be contacting the relatives one last time to see if there is anything they would like to see the money used for, and if not will be put in the General Memorial Fund.

The **LIMA commitment** for 2019 is at \$1600.

The **Mission goal** for 2019 will be at \$20,000 again. With the hopes of reaching the goal. In 2018, we only raised \$17,890 of the \$20,000.

**Next Voter's/Congregational meeting is**

**April 23, 2019 at 7 p.m.**

*Everyone Welcome!*

## Ladies Aid

### 2019 Officers

President: Marilyn Rusch  
VP/Secretary: Karen Kohls  
Treasurer: Betty Henke

### Next Meetings:

Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m.  
  
Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30 meet at the Lamb Shoppe. *This will serve as our April Meeting.*

Ladies Aid ended 2018 with our Staff Appreciation Dinner in December. We began the year with our annual election of officers in January. In February DeDe Schaefer from Harmony River spoke to the group about volunteer opportunities there. We have many members who are already spending time helping out residents on a regular basis. There was a good discussion on the benefits of contributing our time and talents helping those in need of the help. In February we also prepared Valentine bags for our shut-ins at Harmony River and elsewhere.

As Lent comes, the next two meetings will be on Tuesdays. March 5 we will have a regular meeting at church. March 26<sup>th</sup> we will meet at the Lamb Shoppe at 5:30 p.m. on Hwy 7 west of Cedar Mills to tour the local business and learn what is available. We will then eat out at another local business, in Cosmos. Please join us.

The Ladies Aid looks forward to hosting both a supper before our Ash Wednesday service and Breakfast on Easter Morning. Please come and enjoy.



The Ladies Aid continues to sponsor **Emily Ash** through the "Befriend a MLC Student" program. The congregation is invited to be part of the effort.

We invite everyone to remember Emily throughout the year as she continues her studies as a Junior at MLC. Her address: 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, MN 56073 or her email: [ashem@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:ashem@mlc-wels.edu)

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Kohls.

# Fellowship Committee

**Next Meetings:** March 17,  
April 28 & May 19 at 2 p.m.

**Everyone welcome to attend.**

Chair: Pastor DeVries  
Secretary: Barb DeVries  
Treasurer: Julie Thompson

First Quarter birthdays will be celebrated on Sunday, February 10 with a cake reception in the basement after worship.

The Fellowship Committee is planning a “No Talent, Talent Show and Chili Cook-off” for February 24 after church.

Everyone welcome, you don’t have to be in the

talent show or cook off, but come out and vote for your favorite chili and enjoy the show!

***Joint Outdoor service with Zion, Grace, St. Peter and Immanuel is scheduled for July 14, at 10:30 at the McLeod County Fairgrounds.***

***Mark your calendars!***

# Thrivent Policy Members

**Thrivent Coordinator:**

Julie Thompson

Register on line:

[www.Thrivent.com](http://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 2018, \$3,195 (a 26% increase from 2017)

were designated by Thrivent members to the church and/or 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. A total of 17 Action Teams were applied for and approved for 2018 for a total of \$4,250 from Thrivent (a 58% increase from 2017).

# Ladies Executive Board

**2019 Officers:**

President: Janel Radunz

VP: MaryAnn Dettman

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Gauer

Directors: Donna Telecky, Jo-Ann Kallemeyn, Brittany Clark

**Semi-Annual Meeting:**

**July 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.**

Spring Cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, April 6 at 9 a.m. for the upstairs. Please consider helping for an hour or two. *Thank you.*

The Ladies groups have been reassigned, new listings will be available. Group Leaders have also been reassigned as there will be 5 pairs of group leaders to rotate per event.

The Ladies Serving Groups **will not** be serving a meal prior to the Lenten Services. However, a three (3) other groups will be serving, please watch for the dates in the bulletin as well as noted on page 4 under “Holiday Services”.

# Association of Immanuel Lutheran School

**2019 School Board Officers**

President: Ryan Bushman

Vice-President: Tim Utsch

Secretary: Kyle Podratz

Treasurer: Jon Hoff

Outreach: Jeremiah Clark

**Next Meeting:**

April 7, 2019 at 7 p.m.

At the school

*Everyone Welcome!*

The officers encourage everyone to attend the a special meeting on February 20th at 7 p.m. at the school.

Bring your questions and contribute in the conversation.

Everyone Welcome!



# Holiday Services

Ash Wednesday March 6 at 2 p.m. at Zion

**March 6 at 6 p.m. Ladies Aid Serving Supper—Hot Turkey Sandwiches**

March 6 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel

Lenten Service March 13 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel (*No meal served prior to service*)

**Lenten Supper/Service March 20 - 6 p.m. Supper served by PTF and service at 7 p.m.**

Lenten Service March 27 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel (*No meal served prior to service*)

**Lenten Supper/Service April 3—6 p.m. Supper served by Fellowship Committee and service at 7 p.m.**

Lenten Service April 10 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel (*No meal served prior to service*)

Palm Sunday April 14 at 10 a.m.

Mandy Thursday Joint Service at ILC—April 18 at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion

Good Friday April 19 at 9 a.m. at Zion

April 19 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel

Easter Sunrise Service—April 21 at 6:30 a.m.

Easter Morning Breakfast—April 21 following the Sunrise Service (approx. 7:30 a.m.)

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

Easter Sunday Morning Service—April 21 at 10 a.m.



## LWMS

Immanuel Lutheran Church is the host for the LWMS Spring Rally.

Saturday, April 28, 2019. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

The rally theme is “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus in the Heartland”.

***Everyone is welcome!***

## Pastor's Conference

Immanuel Lutheran Church is the host for the Pastor's Conference on February 26.

Approximately 24 men will be in attendance.

Thank you to Wendy Hellwig and Karen Plath for organizing.

## PTF

### Officers:

President: Patti Schaefer  
VP: Jon Hoff  
Secretary: Sarah Henschke  
Treasurer: Eileen Prieve

### Next Meetings:

March 4 at 6:30  
April 8 at 6:30  
May 13 at 6:30

PTF stands for Parents/Teachers/Friends. Everyone welcome to attend. Children are invited to come along and watch a movie in Mrs. Eckstrand's classroom.

If you are not able to attend the meetings, you can still support the school by giving monetary donations, helping with fundraisers, or saving General Mills box tops, Nature's Touch milk caps, and Village Hearth bread UPCs. Empty printer cartridges are also accepted. A basket for these items is located under the table dedicated to school news in the church entryway.

We had a successful spaghetti fundraiser. We

served 130 people and made \$2,096.48. A vote was made to donate \$1,500 to the Tuition Assistance Fund. The remaining balance will go towards the PTF Fund and will be used for school supplies and activities. A special thank you was given to the Kohl's families for donating the beef and to all the parents of the school that helped put on the fundraiser.

**Basketball Tournament** was held February 9<sup>th</sup> and was very successful. We are still waiting on some final bills to come in from

the rec center to determine what the profits raised are.

Also, the basketball team will be attending tournaments at MLC in New Ulm and in Watertown, SD.

***Go Mustangs!!***

**Christian Education Week** will be March 4<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. The teachers and working on finalizing details for the week and the PTF will assist with each activity as needed. Their will be a school **dance** on Friday the March 8<sup>th</sup> in the church basement.

**Schwan's** campaign fundraiser is completed.

# Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool



**Principal:** Brian Gephart

Grades 4 to 7

**Teacher:** Kristi Utsch

Grades 1- 3

**Teacher:** Mallory Eckstrand

Pre-School &

Kindergarten

## School Board Officers:

Ryan Bushmann

Tim Utsch

Jeremiah Clark

Jon Hoff

Kyle Podratz

## Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool

20917 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350

*3 John 4, "There is no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."*

Our 100<sup>th</sup> school year is quickly coming to a close but we are ever blessed by God with his promises as we continue to preach and teach God's Truth's everyday in our classrooms. Here are some quick updates happening at our school the next couple of months.

### February

9<sup>th</sup> – Mustang Basketball Invitational—We had 14 total teams and had a great day playing basketball

14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day Party

Students get to express their Christian love to fellow students and teachers in forms of candy and chocolate. It's also a great reminder of God's unfailing love for us.

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> MLC Basketball Tournament

A 3 day tournament, playing other WELS school from across the Midwest. It's also a great opportunity to visit MLC and consider your talents as a pastor or teacher.

### March

3<sup>rd</sup> – Students sing @ Immanuel Lutheran

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – Christian Education Week

It's a fun learning experience for our students as we find presentations and guest speakers.

We'll have a painting class, farming presentations with tractor rides from McLeod County FSA, a presentation on electric safety from McLeod Power Association, a foreign language lesson from students at MLC, singing at nursing homes, and a fun afternoon swimming.

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break

### April

7<sup>th</sup> – Students sing @ Grace Lutheran

12<sup>th</sup> – VIP Day

ILS and CoG are hosting our **Very Important People**. We invite grandparents, aunts, uncles or other VIP's to visit their students and classrooms for a fun day of learning and a meal for lunch.

Our spring sports will start which is softball for grades 3-8 and track for K-8.

We will play in the Gaylord softball tournament and participate in the Our Savior's Track Meet

### May

3<sup>rd</sup> – MLC Children's Theater

23<sup>rd</sup> – Closing Service @ Immanuel 7pm

After worship, we take time to acknowledge and celebrate our students' accomplishments in sports and in academics. **And the 24<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school**

## School fundraisers

**Discount cards** for \$20 to help pay for our new refrigerator and raise some money for classroom needs. The multi-use discount card has 20 vendors that are good for Hutchinson and some Litchfield locations and is good for one year.

**Milk Moola** bag tops & milk tops, from **Kwik Trip, BoxTops, Loaves4Learning** UPC symbols and empty ink cartridges from printers.

**School Mall Fundraiser:** SchoolMall.com is an online shopping mall where over 350 nationally known merchants have agreed to give a percentage of sales to K-12 schools. Companies like WalMart.com, Sears, Target, Disney Store, Family Book Store, and Oriental Trading Company participate.

Customers help your school by making every day purchases from the nation's top online merchants...with NO COST and NO RISK for your School.

- Go to schoolmall.com — Search for Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson, MN
- Click on Merchants or look for magazines
- Click on your favorite store and shop away

**Amazon Fundraiser** - Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) Make Immanuel Lutheran School your choice for donations.

## Leaders:

Pastor DeVries  
Pastor Tobison  
Teresa Ross  
Brian Gephart

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

March 10  
April 14

Are you a consumer or a producer? Do you take in valuable products or services made by other people? Or do you make valuable products and services for other people? The answer is "both." But it's useful to ask ourselves this question to put life in perspective. We live in a consumer culture. Every product and service imaginable is available all the time, assuming you can afford it. And the people who can afford it consume like there's no tomorrow.

But think of the difference between the person who consumes and the one who produces. Consider the most low budget, cheaply made indie film that only plays at some film festival. To consume that movie you'll have to know that it's playing, find out where, travel there, and buy a ticket. But to produce that movie you need a script, camera equipment, actors and actresses, organizational skills, and most of all the ability to tell a good story. Being a producer takes much more effort than being a consumer. But the result is much more satisfying.

Consider your life as a Christian. Are you a consumer or a producer? Does your Christian life consist of taking in a sermon once in a while? Maybe a Bible Class or a potluck supper? Or do you produce something in your Christian life? God calls us to produce a life of service to others, a life of witness to the glory of God, a life of obedience to his commands. Once again, being a producer takes much more effort. But the result is more satisfying.

Grace Immanuel Luther League puts on a meal and Bible Study every month. We'd love to have you come and consume what your leaders have produced. Our next two meetings are March 10 and April 14 at 5:30 at Grace. We'd also love to have you consume the upcoming sledding and scavenger hunt activities. More details will be coming soon. But we'd also love your help in producing GILL. How can we make this better? How can we help you serve God and grow as believer in Jesus? How can we help you be a producer and not just a consumer in your Christian life?



Immanuel Lutheran School Meeting: **Wednesday, February 20** at the school, beginning at 7pm, there is a meeting to discuss the wants, needs, & possibilities for a new school. We would appreciate everyone's thoughts, ideas, and opinions on this. What rooms, space, gym, parking, storage, ease of movement etc....What would you like for the future of YOUR SCHOOL? Please make plans to attend this meeting. *Everyone welcome!*

## Annual Report

The 2019 Directory and the 2018 Annual Report are available on the table in the entryway.





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**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hutchinson MN**



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**Mondays at 10 a.m. and Sundays at 9 p.m.**  
**Nuvera—Channel 10 or Mediacom—Channel 107.3**

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- Altar Guild:** February: Chrissy Forcier  
March: Wendy Hellwig  
April: Betty Henke and Donna Telecky
- Ushers:** February: Kori and Joyce Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve and Cindy Wendorff, Mike Yerks,  
Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann  
March: Brad Duesterhoeft, Justin Black, Katlin Davis, Danielle Olson, Tyler Olson, Lucas Plamann,  
Tom, John and Patrick Schlueter, Chuck Nisse  
April: Jeremy Prieve, Joshua Prieve, Del Prieve, Julie & Michael Thomson, Eric Thompson,  
Kyle Podratz, Alex Prieve, Andy Prieve

## Our thoughts and Prayers to the family of

Dawn Nass, who passed away on January 9, 2019

Robert William Kock, 91, of Red Wing, passed away on January 24, 2019.  
*Robert Kock was Immanuel Lutheran School's teacher from 1953 to 1957.*

## Congratulations!

*Joshua and Felicia Telecky on the birth of their twin girls, Breckyn and Teagyn*



***Congratulations to the Kevin and JoAnn Kallemeyn  
on celebrating their 35th Wedding Anniversary!***

***Welcome to our new members!!***

*Josh and Emily Paulson have joined Immanuel Lutheran Church*

