



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 1, 2021

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



## Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



### Confirmation:

4:15p on Wednesday

### Choir:

6:30p.m. on Mondays

Everyone Welcome!

Director: Chrissy Forcier

### Bible Study:

7:30p Mondays

Is our culture becoming less religious? It certainly looks that way. Fewer people attend church than in previous decades. Popular culture has mocked Christianity for a long time. People in power openly question whether Christians should be elected to office or seated as judges.

Our culture is clearly changing. But it's not becoming less religious. If anything, it's becoming more religious. We should think of it as a change in religions. In place of Christianity, our culture is adopting a do-it-yourself religion. Individuals can still be Christian. Huge groups can still be Christian. But the dominant religion of our culture is becoming something else. And we don't quite know what to call it yet.

This new religion speaks the language of Christianity. It speaks of love. But not the love of Jesus. It speaks of right and wrong. But not the commands of God. It has its own definitions of love and of righteousness. Most of all, it speaks of guilt. If you break its commands or fail to live up to its definition of love, then you become guilty forever.

Once a person has been marked as guilty, they can be "cancelled." For this reason, the city of San Francisco has plans to rename George Washington High School. Washington himself has been marked for his sins. And now even his name must be removed from public view. Living people who fall short of the new morality can lose their jobs and reputations.

Because this new religion knows nothing of forgiveness. It seeks nothing more than to control human behavior using the threat of cancellation. In the book of Galatians, the Apostle Paul spoke to a very similar situation. False teachers had come into the church commanding rules and regulations. They tried to control the

Galatians by teaching a righteousness that was not founded on Christ. So Paul encouraged the church, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." (5:1)

We need to understand the meaning of Christian freedom. Christ took away the debt we owed. We had an obligation to obey the law perfectly or else suffer the consequences of eternal death. And Jesus removed that obligation. So no one can say, "You have to do thus and such, or you're a bad person." No one can say, "You have to follow this rule, or you will be guilty forever." Jesus has set us free from that.

It is true that we now have a new obligation, if you can call it that. We have an obligation to love Jesus. That means love him, serve him, follow his commands. A cynical person might say, "You've just snuck the commandments in through the back door!" But this is different. Before, we were slaves and subject to God's anger and punishment. Now, we are God's children and dearly loved. This new status comes with an additional advantage. No one can put new commands on you. No one can use their self-invented morality to burden you with guilt. Because of Jesus, your obligations to God have been fulfilled. You are free to serve God with a joyful heart. Hold on to that freedom. Don't let anyone burden you with a yoke of slavery.

## Sunday School

### Teachers:

Pre-School & Kindergarten:

Amanda Krajsa

Eileen Prieve

Grades 1-3:

Deb Plamann

Grades 4-8:

Barb DeVries

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."*



**Pastor DeVries**

## 2021 Church Board Officers:

Chairman: Lynn Mackedanz

Vice-Chair: David Rusch

Secretary: Mike Brekke

Treasurer: Mike Heine

Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer

Delegate: Carl Nass

Trustees: Chris Plamann

Bruce Trick

Matt Forcier

Elders: Steven Plamann

Jason Horrmann

Justin Black

Finance Committee:

Jim Radunz

Andy Weber

Michael Thompson

Cemetery Board: Steve Wendorff

Dale Kohls

Willard Wendorff

School Board: Jon Hoff

Jay Mackedanz

Jeremiah Clark

## Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is

**SUNDAY, April 18 at 11 a.m.**

**After Church**

**Everyone Welcome!**

The **Quarterly Voter's/Congregational meeting** was held on January 19, 2021. Current membership is 195 members and 236 Baptized souls.

The **Trustees** reported that the snow removal has been good so far. Also, will be looking into insulation for the attic in the parsonage.

The **Cemetery Board** reported 3 total burials for the 2020 year. Once again, Donna and Dave Telucky will mow the cemeteries this summer. We thank them for the great care given to our cemeteries.

**New Business:** Our Mission commitment for 2020 was \$18,000. However, we did exceed our goal with a total of \$19,200.09. Thank you to all who generously gave.

A question was raised about the cutting of the prairie land south of the parsonage. It was felt that in the future that it should be cut once a year in the fall/dry time and would require the permission of the council before proceeding with the cutting/bailing of it.

Discussion was brought forth about using a portion of the Wally and Leona Plamann Thrivent monies to be earmarked for the school building fund. It was noted that the Plamanns were large promoters of

our school and would want some of the money to be used for that purpose. It was agreed upon to earmark \$25,000 of the Plamann Thrivent fund to go to the school building fund.

The next Voter's/Congregational meeting will be after church in order to try and increase attendance/participation. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2021 at 11 a.m.



The church services are now **live streamed** Sunday mornings on Facebook.

It is also viewable on HCVN on **NuTelecom channel 10** or **Mediacom channel 107.3** on Mondays at 10 a.m. and Sundays at 9 p.m.

Also, available on the **website**

[www.immanuelhutch.com](http://www.immanuelhutch.com)

Under the tab: video



## Ladies Aid

### 2021 Officers:

President: Marilyn Rusch

VP/Secretary: Wendy Hellwig

Treasurer: MaryAnn Dettman

### Next Meeting:

March 2, 2021 at 7 p.m.

April 7, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Our first meeting for 2021 was held on January 13, 2021. We held our election of officers for 2021: President, Marilyn Rusch; VP/Secretary, Wendy Hellwig; Treasurer, Mary Ann Dettman. Along with committee assignments.

We discussed some activities for the group and what choices we would have for fundraising.

*In peace and faith.*



Join the Ladies Aid on a tour of Clay Coyote in their new studio (22 First Avenue NE in downtown Hutchinson) on **Tuesday, March 2 at 6:00 PM**. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Upon arrival you will receive a coupon for \$5.00 off in the gift shop. Please sign up on the sheet in the entry and place your payment with your name in box 28. Checks may be made out to Immanuel Ladies Aid.

# Fellowship Committee

**Next Meeting:**

Pending

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

*Advent Pot-Luck* was cancelled due to COVID.

*New Member Welcome* for the 2020 members will be recognized on February 14th. We welcome Miranda Heine and the babies that were baptized in church: Hazel Mackedanz, Jason Forcier, and William Heine.

*Quarter 1 2021 Birthdays* will be celebrated February 14. Treats available in the entry way after church.

*Joint Outdoor Service* with Zion, Grace, St. Peter and Immanuel is currently scheduled for July 18 at 10:30 a.m. 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.

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

2020 Total for Choice Dollars totaled \$2,137.

2020 Total for Thrivent Action Teams totaled \$2,250.

# LWMS—58th Annual LWMS Convention Sharonville Ohio



## Proclaim God's Promises

The convention will be held at the Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, Sharonville, OH 42546, June 24 - 27, 2021.



We pray that we will be able to meet in person in June, but due to the pandemic, we may need to pivot to an online event again. The final decision will be made with the information that we have available on February, 20, 2021.

<https://sharonvilleconventioncenter.com/>

# Ladies Executive Board

**2021 Officers:**

President: MaryAnn Dettman

VP: Janel Radunz

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Gauer

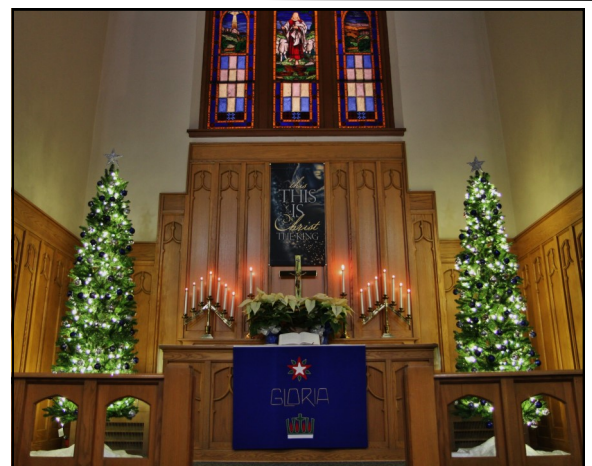
Directors: JoAnn Kallemeyn, Brittany Clark, Sharon Smith

**Semi-Annual Meeting:**

**July 14, 2021 at 7 p.m.**

**Spring cleaning** is scheduled for Saturday, April 17 at 9 a.m. We will be cleaning the upstairs of the church. Please consider an hour of your time to assist. Men are encouraged to help too.

The Ladies groups of the church will NOT be serving a supper prior to the Lenten Services due to COVID.



# Holiday Services

Ash Wednesday February 17 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(no supper served)*  
 Lenten Service February 24 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(no supper served)*  
 March 3 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(no supper served)*  
 March 10 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(no supper served)*  
 March 17 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(no supper served)*  
 March 24 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(no supper served)*  
 Palm Sunday March 28 at 10 a.m.  
 Mandy Thursday April 1 at 7 p.m. Joint Service at Immanuel with Communion  
 Good Friday April 2 at 9 a.m. at Zion with Communion  
 April 2 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel  
 Easter Sunrise Service April 4 at 6:30 a.m. at Immanuel  
*Easter Morning Breakfast Pending*  
 Easter Sunday Morning Service April 4 at 8:45 a.m. at Zion  
 April 4 at 10 a.m. at Immanuel



Immanuel Lutheran  
 Grades 4 – 8

**Class Field Trip Fundraiser**

Mr. G's students are raising money to help them pay for an amazing field trip to see the Ark Museum and the Creation Museum both in Kentucky. They have been learning about creation and the Ark since preschool, so how awesome will it be to see a life size Ark in person! We are planning to take our trip in mid-May. Donations will help pay for hotel rooms, tickets for the museums, van rentals, and food. Thanks so much!! Our classroom goal is \$1500 so every little bit helps.



## G.I.L.L.

**Leaders:** Pastor DeVries, Pastor Tobison, Jennifer and Chad Koenen

**Meetings:** Pending

**G.I.L.L.** stand for "Grace and Immanuel Luther League". We serve the youth (4th to 12th grade) of our two congregations through Bible Study and fellowship activities.

**Youth Group Fundraiser:** On Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., **Buffalo Wild Wings®** will donate 15% of your total bill (not including tax, gratuity, alcohol or promotional discounts) to our organization. You **MUST** mention the G.I.L.L. fundraiser when you order.



## Looking for a Volunteer(s)



At Immanuel we currently have a group for our kids ages 4th grade to a senior in high school (G.I.L.L.), however, we currently don't have an established group for our younger children (boys and girls) that are in Kindergarten to 3rd grade.

Many years ago, we had a group ("Pioneers") for our elementary children with activities and Bible Study. If you are interested and willing to volunteer your time to start up a program for the children, please contact Julie Thompson. Please note there are funds available for this group which is from the original "Pioneers" days. Another thought would be to include Grace in this endeavor as Grace is included with G.I.L.L. (Grace and Immanuel Luther League)

## School Board Officers:

Ryan Bushman  
Tim Utsch  
Jon Hoff  
Jeremiah Clark  
Jay Mackedanz



## Building Fundraiser Progress

In the beginning of 2020, both congregations, Grace and Immanuel, gave the school board approval to go forward with Jeff Davis from Cornerstone Stewardship Ministry to help us fundraise for a new school building. We were able to set up a meeting with him in October to give us a timeline and a plan for how we are going to fundraise. We are currently in the process of asking other WELS congregations in the area (St. Paul's, Litchfield and St. John's, Glencoe, St. Peter's, Darwin) along with St. John's, Cedar Mills to see if they would like to join us in this process. This would mean they would have fundraisers to not only help our school but, maybe a certain project in their own church.

We are also in the process of getting different

bids from other companies for our current architectural plans. We will have another meeting the end of February 2021 with Jeff to start our fundraiser plan with a leadership team and hopefully more congregations. Once that meeting happens in February, be on the lookout for handouts, announcement, and emails from the leadership team for ways to donate and give.

Our current building plans include 6 classrooms to make room for an expanding preschool, kindergarten, and day care, office space, kitchen, commons, and a gymnasium. The plans are also posted at church by the school table and also in the front entry of school.

## Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool



**Principal:** Brian Gephart  
Grades 4 to 8

**Teacher:** Kristi Utsch  
Grades K- 3

**Teacher:** Mallory Eckstrand  
Pre-School

### School Board Officers:

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Tim Utsch  
Jon Hoff  
Jeremiah Clark  
Jay Mackedanz

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

The first half of the school year was pretty quiet. We weren't allowed to visit churches to sing, we couldn't play any sports, we couldn't have any field trips. We didn't have any extra-curriculars. However, we were still able to stay open and stay in-person. Students were able to come every day not only to learn all of the different subjects but to hear God's Word, grow in their faith, and learn to cooperate and work together. We look forward to the second half of the school as we are able to play basketball and have a music concert and musical. Mr. G's classroom is also looking forward to going on their field trip to see the Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky. God is full of blessings every day. We are truly thankful for them.

**STUDENT TEACHER:** Alex Stoeberl is a student teacher from MLC who is currently working with Mrs. Eckstrand and her wonderful class. Alex is from Franklin, WI and is one of two brothers in his family currently studying at MLC to become teachers. His areas of expertise are social studies and religion. Although this is his first experience at this grade level, it has been such a blessing. Alex has enjoyed watching how they grow in their learning. He is so thankful for this opportunity to grow in his skills as a teacher and looks forward to seeing firsthand how incredibly smart your children are. God Bless ~

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

**Cash Wise More Rewards** - Sign up at <https://www.morerewards.com/>. Designate Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson MN . You can also download the app, MORE Rewards on your smart phone.



**Ink cartridges** - Empty cartridges from computer printers; can be sent in anytime, no shipping charges!

**Loaves4Learning** – UPC's found on Country Hearth and Village Hearth products. (Breads).



**School Mall** – Like to online shop? Shop through [www.schoolmall.com](http://www.schoolmall.com) Search for Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson MN.

**AmazonSmile** – is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization, Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson MN.



**CocaCola Gives** – Go to [www.cocacola.com/give](http://www.cocacola.com/give) go to donate to school, search for Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson MN, sign up, and enter codes. Codes are found on Coke product bottle tops and inside cartons/boxes. You can also bring the codes to school and we can enter them! Checks are distributed to the school quarterly.

**Scrip** – Purchase gift cards from participating retailers. (A percent of the gift card goes to the school) To order scrip gift cards, contact Karen Kohls (Immanuel) [kohls@hutchtel.net](mailto:kohls@hutchtel.net) 320-444-0170 or Teresa Ross (Grace) [taross316@gmail.com](mailto:taross316@gmail.com) 320-305-9262



Also, our school is selling flower arrangements for a Mother's Day/Spring fundraiser. If you would like to order, please contact the school or sign up in the entryway of church.

Orders are due by March 1st and will be delivered on May 6th. Please Make Checks Payable to Immanuel PTF.



There are a few Cash Wise Coupon books here at school if anyone would like to buy one, \$20 each.

## PTF

### Officers:

President: Rebecca Plocher  
VP: Brittany Clark  
Secretary: Patty Schaefer  
Treasurer: Eileen Prieve  
Teacher Appreciation:  
Nicole Washburn  
Fundraising Chair:  
Beth Podratz  
Social Chair: April VonBerge

**Christian Education Week** will be March 1 thru March 5 with a variety of activities planned.

Q4 activities were relatively quite, however we were able to supply pizza to each classroom for a Reformation Party

in October. We also hosted a successful fundraiser, selling Cash Wise Coupon books in which we raised around \$2,700. We have donated \$1,000 to the tuition assistance fund and we also purchased new book shelves for the latchkey room and Pre-K and Kindergarten room.

### Meetings:

Second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.



### Sue Schlueter was selected as the 2020 3Mgives Global Volunteer Award!

Sue was nominated for her outstanding volunteer contributions. The Committee at 3M selected Sue as one of their extraordinary volunteers and salutes Sue for her service. Sue’s dedication to community was acknowledged by both 3Mers and others in the community.

Sue wasn’t going to share this, because she stated “The program is never ever about me. I do what I do for the kids and I love teaching the game the right way. Win or lose we always hold our heads high and I am thankful for every lesson we learn on and off the court. I received an email stating that I was selected as a recipient of the 2020 3Mgives Volunteer Award. This brought tears to my eyes for I had never dreamed that I would be selected. I am very thankful for all that I have been able to do for that group of kids out at Immanuel Lutheran, for the past 14 years as their Basketball Coach and God willing hope to continue as long as my body allows me to. Watching them grow and improve is the only reward I really need. Every member of the Mustang team past and present will always have a special place in my heart. Thanks to Team Mustang as we always accomplish our goals together. I hope to be back on the court for my 15th season, real soon. Thank you.”

### Congratulations, Sue! Well deserved!





The Befriend A Mission program was established to ensure that each WELS mission would have a team of encouragers to support our WELS missionaries.

In supporting these Ministers, the best thing we can do as a congregation is to pray for the mission and missionaries. ***However, it is encouraged to send cards of encouragement and sometimes gifts to support special projects or gifts simply to show love to the missionary and family.*** Below is the information if you would be inclined to send a card. *Thank you.*

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) works with the 60 circuits throughout the WELS congregations. Our circuit (the Crow River Circuit which consists of the following congregations: Grace, Hutchinson; Mount Olive; St. Paul, Litchfield; Calvary; Trinity, Johnson; St. Paul, Morris; Immanuel, Willmar; St. Paul, Alexandria; Immanuel, Hutchinson) has been assigned the following Home Mission as well as a World Mission congregation for two (2) years.

## Home Mission:

Cross of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church  
8131 Soule Road  
Liverpool, NY 13090-1578

### ***Rev Benjamin Birner***

8131 Soule Road  
Liverpool, NY 13090  
PHONE NUMBER: (315) 622-2843  
WORK NUMBER: (920) 284-5688  
EMAIL ADDRESS: [benbirner@gmail.com](mailto:benbirner@gmail.com)

WEBSITE: [www.nycrossofchrist.org](http://www.nycrossofchrist.org)

## World Mission:

WELS Latin America Mission Team  
6055 NW 104th Ave.  
Doral, FL 33178

### ***Missionary Mike Hartman***

8438 NW 109th Ct.  
Doral, FL 33178  
PHONE: (305)890-0560  
EMAIL: [Michael.Hartman@wels.net](mailto:Michael.Hartman@wels.net)

### FAMILY INFORMATION:

Birthdays: Missionary Mike - 10/19  
Spouse Rachel - 04/27  
Trinity (girl) - 02/01/07  
Noelle (girl) - 10/24/08  
Hans (boy) - 07/21/11  
Hope Victoria (girl) - 02/02/17

Mission Website: <https://wels.net/serving-others/missions/latin-america/>

Blog address: [academiacristo.com](http://academiacristo.com)

Facebook: [facebook.com/WELSMissions](https://facebook.com/WELSMissions)

**PRAYER/WISH LIST:** Health and security

### **MISSION INFORMATION:**

Mr. Hartman is the Team Leader for the WELS Latin America mission team. He does not serve a particular congregation but rather help people all over Latin America start churches that are faithful to Scripture.

Their primary mission work effort in Latin America is called Academia Cristo. You can learn more about it at <https://wels.net/serving-others/missions/latin-america/> Additionally, WELS is highlight Academia Cristo's ministry during the month of December on their WELS Missions Facebook page: ([facebook.com/WELSMissions](https://facebook.com/WELSMissions)).

Mr. Hartman is willing to give an online presentation on their mission work should our circuit desire an online presentation at some point.

In the picture below is Mike Hartman's family taken last Summer (2020) when they were in Ecuador with missionary Nathan Schulte (pictured far left).







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<b>Altar Guild:</b>	February:	Karen Plath
	March:	Wendy Hellwig
	April:	Betty Henke and Donna Telecky
<b>Ushers:</b>	February:	Bruce Trick, Jon Hoff, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff, Justin Black
	March:	Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann
	April:	Jeremy Prieve, Mike Thompson, Alex Prieve, Andy Prieve, Kyle Podratz, Chuck Nisse, Brad Duesterhoeft

## Altar Guild

The following months are available for 2021: **June, August and September**. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these months or would like to work with a partner, please contact Julie Thompson.

Thank you.

## 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.

## Email, Phone and/or Address Changes

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

## Our Sympathies



To the family of Ronald Rosenau. Ronald passed away on December 8, 2020.

To the family of Mary Hoff. Mary passed away on December 19, 2020.

## Congratulations to:



Congratulations to Amanda Krajsa and Andy Weber  
on their **Engagement!**

Congratulations to the following on celebrating their **Wedding Anniversary!**  
Ron and Karen Kohls —50 years  
Wayne and Cindy Rusch—10 years

Immanuel Lutheran School & Children of Grace Preschool  
Mothers Day / Spring Fundraiser

Orders are due by March 1st and will be delivered on  
May 6th

Please Make Checks Payable to Immanuel PTF

\_\_\_\_\_ 10" Trilogy Hanging Basket = \$30/ea  
*Mango Smoothie Calibrachoa Mix*



\_\_\_\_\_ 10" Trilogy Hanging Basket = \$30/ea  
*Thunder Calibrachoa Mix*



\_\_\_\_\_ 12" Mixed Sunny Basket = \$35/ea

\_\_\_\_\_ 12" Mixed Shady Basket = \$35/ea



\_\_\_\_\_ 13" Mixed Sunny Planter = \$40/ea

\_\_\_\_\_ 13" Mixed Shady Planter = \$40/ea



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_