



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter I, 2023

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



## Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



### Confirmation:

4:15p on Wednesdays

### Bible Study:

7:00p Mondays

### Stewards in God's House

"Joseph found favor in [Potiphar's] eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to [Joseph's] care everything he owned."

Joseph gives us a good example of what it means to be a steward. He owned nothing but he had responsibility over everything. And Joseph took that responsibility seriously. He gave his full attention and effort toward running Potiphar's household. Joseph paid careful attention that nothing went missing or misused. He certainly never took anything for himself. And when Potiphar's wife threw herself at Joseph, Joseph refused to even be in the same room with her. He would not betray the trust that had been given to him.

As Christians, God has entrusted us with many things. God has given us relationships that need nurture and attention. If you have children, that is a huge trust from God. Not only does God mean for you to provide for their physical needs. He also expects you to pass on the faith to the next generation. Together as a church, we have a responsibility to proclaim the gospel publicly.

God has also entrusted us as human beings to take care of the land and the creatures that live in it. Our culture has become very confused about our human place in the natural order. Some insisted that it's morally wrong to consume other creatures as food. Others want to return the land to a "natural" state. Both of these ideas come from the same philosophical source. Anti-human ideas come from Darwinism, the idea that humans are nothing more than intelligent apes, with no special status or distinction among the other animals of the world.

Christians believe that God has made us stewards of the earth and its creatures. We have the right and authority to use resources for our own benefit. This includes the right to use animals for food. These rights come with great responsibility. God also expects us to take care of the land and leave it better than we found it. God expects us to give our animals a good life and to treat them humanely when that life comes to an end. We take these responsibilities seriously, knowing that we will answer to God for how well or poorly we carried them out.

Since the world has become so confused about such basic questions, we also need to be ready to defend these ideas. Humanity has a special place in God's heart that begins and ends with Jesus. Along the way, we also have God pleasing work in caring for his creation.

*Pastor Eugene DeVries*

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Annual Report and Church Directories available on the table in the church entry. Help yourself.

## 2023 Church Board Officers:

Chairman: Brad Duesterhoef

Vice-Chair: Bruce Trick

Secretary: Mike Brekke

Treasurer: Mike Heine

Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer

Delegate: Harold Plath

Trustees: Matt Forcier

Steve Wendorff

Tyler Schmeling

Elders: Justin Black

Steve Plamann

Open

Finance Committee:

Michael Thompson

Ron Kohls

David Rusch

Cemetery Board: Willard Wendorff

Jeff Hoff

Craig Kohls

School Board: Jay Mackedanz

Jeremiah Clark

**Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is  
Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!**

The **Quarterly Voter's/ Congregational Meeting** was Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

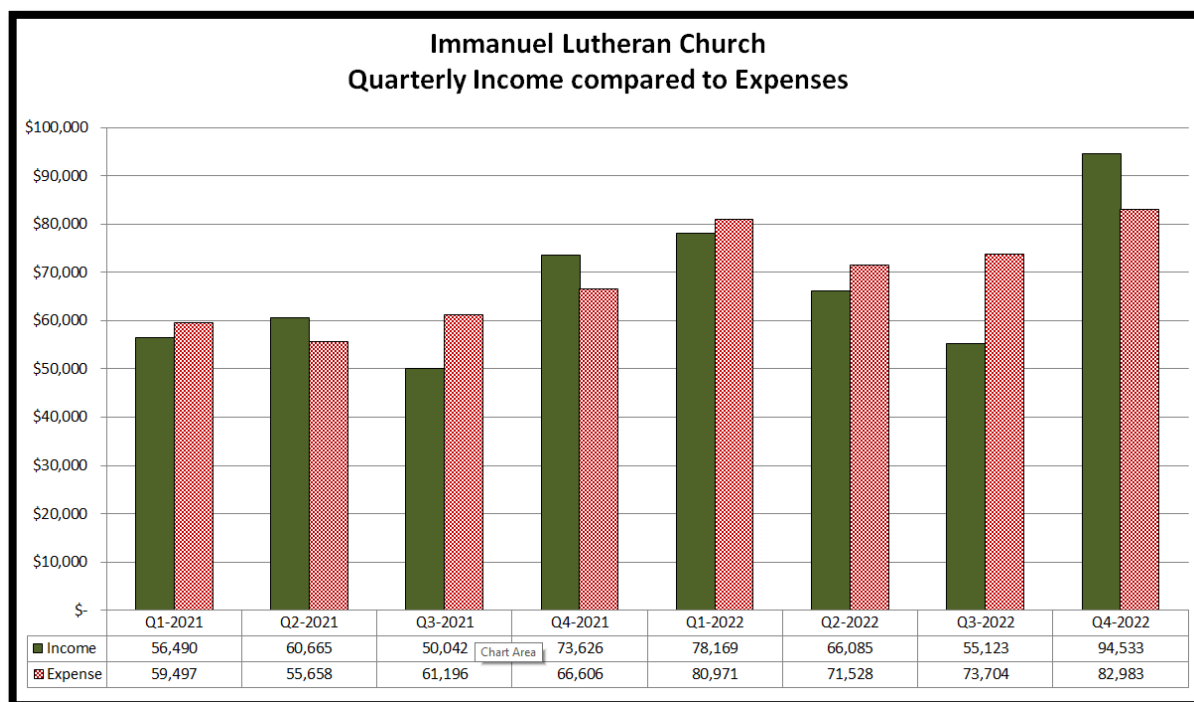
**Pastor's Report:** We welcome two new members, Kari (Halloff) Paredes and Andrew Birkmaier. Outdoor worship is planned for Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>. Looking ahead Ash Wednesday is February 22; Easter is April 9. Confirmation is planned for May 14<sup>th</sup> with one confirmand this year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our mission goal for 2022 was \$18,000 and we received \$17,322. The 2023 Mission Commitment is set for \$18,000. With the overabundance of snow this year our plowing requirements have been extraordinarily expensive. Our expenses for plowing have greatly increased over the last few winters. Any extra money directed toward grounds maintenance can be given in the "Grounds Maintenance" envelopes.

**The School Board Report:** The School Board reported that basketball season is underway. We currently have 70 students enrolled. Two student teachers will be coming this spring to help our teachers. The Articles of Agreement that were first presented at the October voters meeting were again presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Articles of Agreement as presented.

**Cemetery Board Report:** The Cemetery Board reported that Dave and Donna Telecky will be again mowing the cemeteries this summer. They again would like their \$1500 we would pay them, put in the west cemetery fund. We thank them again for the wonderful job they do for us.

A discussion of planting more trees in both cemeteries, as we have recently lost some due to age and storms. The Cemetery Board will work with the council on some potential spots for trees and bring it up in a forthcoming meeting.



## 2023 Officers:

**President:** Barbara DeVries

**VP/Secretary:** Donna Telecky

**Treasurer:** Karen Kohls

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday, March 7 at 7p**

**Tuesday, April 4 at 7p**

All the men and ladies that attended the play “Church Basement Ladies” enjoyed it! We had fun on the Hutch school bus and stopped to eat on the way home at “Unhinged Pizza” in Glencoe.

We have new officers: Barb DeVries, President, Donna Telecky, Sec/VP, and Karen Kohls, Treasurer.

In January and February, we welcomed new members: Lily DeVries, LuAnn Yerks, and Cindy Rusch.

Valentine gifts will be delivered to the shut ins. We will be serving supper before the Ash Wednesday service. The congregation is invited to join us for the Meeker County Gardener’s Gala in Litchfield on March 21. Also, during the month of March, we will be collecting for the McLeod County Food Shelf...March is the MN Food Share Campaign. All donations, including monetary, are multiplied by the Food Fund! At our Match 7 meeting, we will view the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary DVD and share appetizers...all are invited to join us!

# Ladies Executive Board

## 2023 Officers:

**President:** Deb Boelter

**VP:** Dori Dueterhoeft

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Wanda Gauer

**Directors:** Sharon Smith, Kim Schmeling, Cindy Wendorff

The next meeting is scheduled for **July 12, 2023 at 7p.**

Each Ladies Serving Group will serve before the Lenten Services.

Group 2 will serve March 1

Group 3 will serve March 8

Group 1 will service March 15

Spring Cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, April 1 at 9 a.m.

We will be cleaning upstairs. Check lists will be out the week prior if you are able to come during the week and help. *Thank you!*

# G.I.L.L. - Grace and Immanuel Luther League

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

**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.



In 2022, Grace-Immanuel Luther League (GILL) enjoyed fellowship activities and Bible study throughout the year. GILL exists to promote Christian fellowship and spiritual growth among the young people of our churches. Officially, GILL is open to young people in 4th through 12th grade.

Over the next few months, GILL has a few activities planned. On March 15, GILL plans to host the Lenten supper at Grace. We have a 3D night planned for March 19 at 5:30 at Grace. On April 16, we'll be bowling at 3:00 p.m. in Hutchinson. Finally, we will have a third WELS Youth Night coming up in mid-May, details to be announced later.



**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.

***Applied for and approved:***

*Christian Education Week*

*Mustang Classic Basketball  
Tournament*

*McLeod County Food Shelf Drive*

## LWMS



The **60th Annual LWMS Convention** will be held June 22nd- 25th, 2023 in La Crosse, Wisconsin at the La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza. The convention will be hosted by the Crow River and Rock River Circuits.

Registration Forms are located on the table in the entry way.

The **Spring Rally** is scheduled for April 29, 2023 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hutchinson. (We are the host congregation)

**Agenda:**

- 9:30 to 10:30 – Fellowship
- 10:30 to 11a – Registration
- 11:00 to noon – Worship
- 12 to 1p – Lunch
- 1 to 2p – Mission Speaker
- 2 to 3p – Business Meeting

A committee of Cindy Wendorff, Wanda Gauer and Julie Thompson will coordinate this event. Please watch for a sign up sheet closer to the time frame in areas you would be able willing to assist. *Thank you.*

## Fellowship Committee

**Next Meeting:**

March 12 at 2p  
Everyone Welcome!

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

**Activities:**

February 12 - Quarter 1 - Birthday celebration – caked served  
July 16 - Outdoor Service

*Anyone is welcome to join the Fellowship Committee to help plan various activities for our congregation.  
If any questions, please feel free to contact one of the officers.*

## Teachers:

Pre-School & Kindergarten:

Amanda Weber

Grades 1-3:

Deb Plamann

Grades 4-8:

Barb DeVries

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

**Sunday School Children  
will be singing on  
Easter Sunday  
April 9  
Church is at 10 a.m.**



## Choir



**Choir Coordinator**  
Chrissy Forcier

Also, if you're interested in joining, you're in luck! We accept any willing participants! **Practices are every Monday at 6:30, with the exception of the first Monday of the month.** Practices are just 30 minutes so it's not too much of a time commitment. We are not professionals, but we are happy to sing God's praises and to help jazz up our church services.

## School Building Update



### School Board Officers:

Ryan Bushman  
Tim Utsch  
Jon Hoff  
Jeremiah Clark  
Jay Mackedanz

After voting to move forward with our building project and hiring Miller to be our architect and general contractor, the building committee has had many meetings over the last 4 months to go over design, blue prints, and materials. We are currently waiting on bids for all sub contracting work. Once all of those bids come in, the building committee will meet again and decide which bids to accept. We will then know the final cost of the project.

### School Building Committee:

Jay Mackedanz  
Bruce Trick  
Steve Wendorff  
Brian Lokensgard  
Jon Hoff  
Lance Hartkopf

**Builders for Christ** met in early January to decide among the many projects to choose from and they *chose our project*. We will find out more information in the next month or 2 see what that entails for us and the feasibility of using them. Lutheran Association for Church Extension (L.A.C.E) has accepted our application for a loan. At 4.75%, we are well below the current market. They also have securities and investments options at 2.5%, 3%, and 3.5% which have opportunities to lower our interest rate on our loan. Purchase an investment, make money on those investments, and help the school out all at the same time. They'll take a purchase investment as low as \$25, so it's a great way for the whole family to get involved. Everyone can make a difference.

Our initial 3 year fundraiser appeal received pledges and donations of about \$1,000,000. With 1 year still to go, we are still receiving those pledges. If you have not yet donated to our project, please prayerfully consider a donation of any kind. Wouldn't be awesome to have no debt or even build the gym at the same time?

A huge thank you to all who have donated already. Keep spreading the word and excitement. Pray for a warm, dry spring so we can start building as soon as possible.





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

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

**Teacher:** Mallory Eckstrand  
Pre-School

**School Board Officers:**

- Ryan Bushman
- Tim Utsch
- Jon Hoff
- Jeremiah Clark
- Jay Mackedanz



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

**hutchinsonlutherschool.com**

Greetings from Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter for the church in reality starts the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for school. As we start of new calendar year, we are midway through the school year. "Courageous in Christ" (1 Corinthisan 16:13) has been the focus of our school year as we remind ourselves to be courageous in our faith in an unfaithful world.

We are in the middle of basketball season now. We have a coed B team and a coed A team. So far, we are winless but learning lots. A huge thank you to our new coaches Tina Erickson and Nicole Dragt. They are doing an awesome job. Our teams are having fun and looking forward to getting our fist win of the season. We also look forward to our basketball tournament February 18<sup>th</sup>, MLC's basketball tournament February 24-26, and the Great Plains Lutheran High School tournament March 4<sup>th</sup>.

We always look forward to March. Not only does it bring promise of warmer weather, it also brings some fun to the classroom with Christian Education Week. This year, we will paint, go sledding, build bird houses, and make frozen meals for our elderly in our congregations. Our Spring break is from February 27 - March 3.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support! We also thank God for his amazing blessings and for all of the hard work our students give.

In Christ,  
*Brian Gephart, Principal*



**Weather Closings**

On days with questionable weather, meetings and/or worship cancellations will be announced on KDUZ-1260 am radio and on [www.immanuelhutch.com](http://www.immanuelhutch.com)

***Immanuel has made plans to order more hymnals for the sanctuary. If you would like to donate a hymnal in memory of a loved one, we will affix memorial cards inside the front covers. Please speak to Pastor or Julie. The cost per hymnal is \$24.***

This winter has proven to be a heavy one for snow fall. If you would like to help offset the cost of snow removal, you may designate a special offering along with your weekly envelope. Please make a note on the front of the envelope that it should go toward "snow removal." Thank you.



Ash Wednesday February 22 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel  
Lenten Service  
*(Ladies Aid serving a meal prior—6 p.m.)*  
March 1 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel  
*(Group 2 serving supper starting at 6p)*  
March 8 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(Group 3 serving – 6p)*  
March 15 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(Group 1 serving - 6p)*  
March 22 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(PENDING)*  
March 29 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(PENDING)*  
Palm Sunday April 1 at 10 a.m.  
Mandy Thursday April 6 at 7 p.m. Joint Service at Immanuel with Communion  
Good Friday April 7 at 9 a.m. at Zion with Communion  
April 7 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel  
Easter Sunrise Service April 9 at 6:30 a.m. at Immanuel  
Easter Morning Breakfast April 9 starting at 7:30 at Immanuel  
Easter Sunday Morning Service April 9 at 8:45 a.m. at Zion  
April 9 at 10 a.m. at Immanuel



## Immanuel Lutheran Church's Website

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

Weekly **Bulletins** with the Announcements can be found  
under the tab: Church/*Service*

Monthly **calendar** can be found  
under the tab: Church/*Calendar*



**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.

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



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**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 (now Raising Right)** – 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.

**Kwik Trip** has a new promotion going on for in store purchases. There is a new “GROCERY” card and by using this card, 15% is donated to the school. (*excludes: fuel, tobacco, alcohol, lottery or stamps*) The regular Kwik Trip cards are still available for fuel and instore purchases, and will donate 5% to the school.

## PTF

*Thank You for helping support our school!*

### Officers:

President: Brittany Clark  
VP: Amy Smith  
Secretary: Rebecca Plocher  
Treasurer: Eileen Prieve  
Teacher Appreciation:  
Sarah Henschke  
Fundraising Chair:  
Beth Podratz  
Social Chair: April VonBerge

### Meetings:

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

Upcoming fundraisers: Car Wash, Cash Wise Brat Stand

**Current fundraiser:** School Calendars. They are still available for only \$10 if you still need a 2023 calendar, they are located in the narthex of Immanuel Lutheran Church with a donation box to place your payment. Or you can contact Brittany Clark, [ilschool@hutchtel.net](mailto:ilschool@hutchtel.net) or 320-587-4858.

Mustang Classic Basketball Tournament is scheduled for February 18 at the Rec Center in Hutchinson.

Christian Education Week is scheduled for February 27 through March 3 with a variety of activities planned for the children.

Scrip will now be called **Raising Right**.





**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
20882 Walden Ave.

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*Monthly Calendar (under Church/calendar)*  
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Services are streamed live on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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Sunday Services are broadcasted

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

**NuTelecom—Channel 10 or Mediacom—Channel 107.3**



- Altar Guild:**
- February: Wendy Hellwig and Sharon Smith
  - March: Karen Plath and Betty Rusch
  - April: Donna Telecky
- Ushers:**
- 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

## 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.

## Congratulations!



To Joshua and Felicia Telecky on the birth of their son, Deklyn.

## Our Sympathies



To the family of Betty Henke who passed on December 19, 2022.

## Welcome our New Members!

Andrew Birkmaier



Kari Paredes



## Please check your church mailbox

Some of the items that are placed in your mailbox monthly are the Church Council minutes and Church Calendar.

If you would like to receive these items via email, please provide your email address to Julie Thompson at

[juliethompson@mchsi.com](mailto:juliethompson@mchsi.com)

