



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 2, 2017

10 a.m. Sunday Services

7 p.m. Monday Services starting May 15



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



Bible Study:

8p Mondays—last day 5/8
10a Thursdays—starts May 18

Confirmation:

Begins August 30, 2017 at
4:15p Wednesdays

Choir:

Off for the summer

Where Does The Time Go?

My family and I went berry picking last summer. We try to go at least once every season. But more than once we've pulled up to the entrance and found a sign that said, "Closed for the season." Time goes by quickly if you don't pay attention. That's a good rule to live by. All too often we get focused on the hard work of living without realizing how much time has gone by. One day we look up and wonder where it all went.

It's always good to stop once in a while to look around and see where you are. If you're berry picking you'll need to stand up and stretch your legs anyway. But if you're just living your life it might take extra effort. Take the time to consider where you're at now compared to 10 years ago. Think about where you'd like to be 10 years from now.

We need to stop and look around in a spiritual sense as well. Where are we now? Where are we going? It would be easy to give a simple answer to those questions. "I'm a Chris-

tian." "I'm going to heaven." Those answers only scratch the surface of God's grace toward us. The sun only shines for a few hours each day, but God's love toward us never stops. The rains only come once in a while, but God constantly showers us with his grace and peace.

Time keeps rolling on whether we pay attention or not. So it's good for us Christians to take notice of the passing days and months and years. It's good for us to realize that we enjoy them only by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. Take time to notice the blessings of each season. Take time to look at your life and give thanks for the abundance of God's grace.

"I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. Ecclesiastes 5:18"



Ascension Service

Thursday, May 25th

7 p.m.

at Zion

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

The last day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 28th for the 2016/2017 School Year.

The Sunday School Children will sing on May 21st.

2017/2018 school year will start up in September.

Thank you for bringing your children to Sunday School to learn of God's word.

Blessings throughout the summer.



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

The **Quarterly Voter’s meeting/Congregation meeting** met on April 19, 2017. Current membership is 249 members and 216 communicant members.

The **Trustees** reported a worklist of items they will be working on from the **School Board Building Committee**.

- White board—Preschool Room
- Misc. Lights to be replaced
- Loose ceiling tile in Kristi’s room
- Update Fire alarms
- Replace windows in Kristi’s room
- Repaint ceilings
- Replace hose in sump pump
- Handicap Accessibility (includes bathroom remodel and access to basement)
- Wall shelving to be made mobile
- Redo floor in Brian’s room to new tile or possible epoxy to match the rest of the basement
- Antenna on roof has tipped over and needs attention

The **Cemetery Board** reported that they have completed some clean-up and two grave stones are to be set.

There are four (4) funds (Altar Guild Room, Church Records, Organ/Piano, and Video Equipment) that will be liquidated to the General Budget.

Noted in 2009 it was voted on that memorial funds that are older than 2 years shall, after consulting the family for any designation, be moved into a “**Memorial General Fund**”, which the council may designate its usage. A couple of the memorial funds will need to be addressed shortly.

Several concerns were raised over the **sound system** in church not being adequate and very inconsistent in volume. Upgrading the system will be looked into.

In the **bell tower**, the clay tile on the inside east wall is slowly crumbling due to age and moisture changes over the years. This will be looked into by the Trustees.

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

G.I.L.L

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

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:30 at Grace with Supper Served—starting in the fall

Bible Study will reconvene in the fall.

A trip to **Valleyfair** is being planned for sometime in the

summer months. Please watch for dates/times.



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:

May 24 at 7p
June 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.

Information Packets for new members are being reviewed.

A new **church directory** was discussed and determined to wait until an Anniversary Year. 2019 = 155 yrs; 2024 = 160 yrs

The **WELS Self-Assessment** and Adjustment Program is being considered. Grace Lutheran went through the process a few years ago. Pastor will reach out to Grace for additional information.

The Commission on Congregational Counseling assists WELS congregations to assess and evaluate ministry, review biblical teachings and principles

*that impact ministry, develop plans to **adjust** and expand ministry in appropriate ways, and carry out their plans over a period of time.*

A **survey** was discussed to be used as an outreach tool for the school and church.

To encourage **fellowship** amongst our members, we are looking into the possibility of having once a month a different game night or something fun.

Discussed to have a **parents group** meeting during Sunday School starting in the fall.

Members:

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

Next meeting is scheduled for **June 4, 2017** at 6 p.m. If you would like to join us, please feel free to attend the meeting.

Q2 Birthday celebrations were on Sunday, May 7. **Q3 Birthday celebrations** will be on Sunday, August 13. Cake and Coffee Served after church in the meeting room.

The **Outdoor Service** will be on **Sunday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m.** under the Pavilion at the McLeod County Fairgrounds. A pot-luck will follow in the Commercial Building meeting room. Zion Lutheran, Grace Lutheran and St. Peters, Darwin are all invited.

Bring your own lawn chair and a large dish to share. The children from Vacation Bible School will be singing during the service.

There will also be a Joint Choir...what for dates for rehearsal.

We hope you can join us!

Mark your calendars: An **Ice Cream Social will be on Sunday, September 10** following church. The committee will be soliciting for pies to be served with the BBQ Pork Sandwiches. In conjunction with the Ice Cream Social, we are encouraging those that have collector cars and/or tractors to bring to church to "Show off your wheels".

Advent by Candlelight will be on Sunday, November 26 at 5 p.m. More information to follow closer to the date.

Ladies Aid

2017 Officers

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

Next Meeting: June 7 at 7:00p we will be hosting our annual salad luncheon and hymn sing.

The Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid were busy the last several months. We are the group that organize and serves the Ash Wednesday supper, kicking off the Lenten suppers. We also are the group that wrapped up the Lenten season with the Easter breakfast, and a sincere thank you to all who attended and supported us. If you haven't attended any of these Lenten suppers and Easter breakfast we encourage you to try them next year.

We also organized the annual McLeod Food Shelf donations in March, our church gathered 145 pounds food. When we run the food shelf program in March, the pounds of food we gather are matched. This year they were matched by the Greater Minneapolis Council

of Churches. So it is a means for our donations to double in size and double the benefits to the persons receiving these gifts.

At our April meeting we also donated monies to the LWMS rally that will be held in Willmar on Saturday 4/29. Also, we will send a gift of a gift card to our adopted student to use during the final's week at MLC.

Another project we completed was making dish towels to be used during the Orange Spectacular. If you have worked or attended the food both from our school you would see how many dish towels are needed.

Ladies Executive Board

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

Thank you to those that helped clean the upstairs of the church in April.

In November we will clean the basement.



A special thank you to the family of Ray and Lois Schmeling for their memorial that was used to install motion lights on the church entrance doors.

Also, providing Immanuel Lutheran School with new handbells for the children.

Building Committee for the School

Members:

Chair: Brian Lokensgard
Vice-Chair: Ryan Bushman
Secretary: Matt/Chrissy Forcier
Steve Wendorff
Brian Gephart
Bruce Trick

Next meeting: May 10, 2017

Mission: To provide and maintain the best possible building within our means, for our children's education.

Goals: Identify areas where the current building needs repair and follow up with Church Trustees to see that it's being fixed, as well as exploring options for a new building.

The new Redwood Falls school was toured and insight was obtained from them about their process. They hired a team to help with fundraising and got most of the project paid for with just fundraising. It was mentioned that other area church/schools have part of their mission commitment designated to their own school as a home mission.

Redwood Falls had suggested we move the school into town so that people can't use the excuse of the inconvenience of a country school. It was suggested to possibly move just the preschool into town to try to attract more non-church members to get involved

with the school. Also, moving into town would attract the big company's (i.e. 3M, HTI) by being right in town.

Perhaps if the Preschool is successful, expand it to a Prek-3rd grade and upgrade the current building for the "middle school" grades (in competition with the public schools, as the other private schools only go through grade 6).

It was brought up that Word of Life church has closed and that the building is currently empty. We discussed the possibility of buying it for the school or even to consolidate churches and use the building for the church and school. What could hold back that idea, is to make sure we would have all the churches in agreement over consolidating as well as buying a new property and trying to sell the old properties. It was then mentioned we could maybe rent just a few rooms of the building as a trial run. Maybe even look into a lease-to-own option.

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
Grades 4 to 7
11 students

Teacher: Kristi Utsch
Grades K- 3
15 students

Teacher: Mallory Eckstrand
Pre-School
10 students

School Board Officers:

President: Jon Hoff
VP: Jack Draper
Secretary: Kyle Podratz
Treasurer: Jeremy Prieve
Outreach: Ryan Bushman

The school year is coming to a close. It will be a busy last couple of weeks will studies, tests and special activities.

May 2—4th to 7th grade field trip to the History Museum and Twins Game.

May 10—4th to 7th grade Softball tournament in Gaylord.

May 12—K to 7th grade Track meet at Hutchinson High School.

May 15—All School Field Trip to Como Zoo.

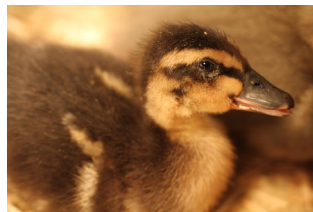
May 15—Closing service at church at 7 p.m.

May 16—Last day of school and school picnic.

The school annual will be available the end of May.

Preschool funnies:

- 1) All the chicks are in the eggeater! (Incubator)
- 2) They love to beep! (Cheep)
- 3) One is named Sleepy, that one is Jumpy, & then when they all come out they're all Sleepy & Jumpy!



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

Caregivers are Donna Telecky and Sharon Smith.

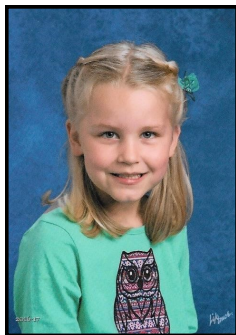
The children did a wonderful job singing at St. Paul's, Litchfield; Grace Lutheran, Zion Lutheran and Immanuel throughout the year. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School

July 10 to July 14

At Grace Lutheran Church

Congratulations to our 2017 Graduates!



Emma Hoff graduates from Kindergarten from Immanuel Lutheran School and will be attending 1st grade in the fall at Immanuel.

John Schlueter graduates from Hutchinson High School. He has been hired on as an apprentice with E2 Electrical and will work and continue his education as an Electrician.



If you have a graduate, please contact Julie Thompson a.s.a.p.

We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 4 during the service and would like to recognize all our graduates.

PTF

Officers:

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

Meetings:

Second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Note: June's meeting is June 6 at 7 p.m.

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Fundraising updates:

The **Schwan's** campaign code is 31146 which is good thru mid-June.

Mr. Gephart signed up for **SchoolMall.com**. Parents and members can create an account, type in the school's code, and shop online. A percentage of every purchase goes to the school.

Cash Wise brat stand is scheduled for August 10, 11, 12. Please watch for sign-up sheets to help.

Script paid for **over \$1,000** this year for all of the field

trips. See Karen Kohls for Script. And *Thank you* for all of your support!

Orange Spectacular: July 21, 22, 23

Mr. Gephart is looking into ministry leadership education for the faculty and school board. Each leader will be interviewed to find his top five strengths. This will be followed by a three hour group presentation to help them recognize weaknesses. Finally, there will be an eight hour session of strategic planning. The total cost will be about \$2500. The association congregations will be paying

most of the cost. Asking PTF to assist. Also, there will be a **door offering on May 14 and May 21** to help with expenses.

Ministry Leadership Institute provides leadership-related training and coaching support for WELS leadership teams, pastors, and principals. Through Spirit-guided leadership development efforts, centered on Christ, MLI helps ministries with their Matthew 28 purpose through growth in leadership abilities, approaches, and attitudes, while providing vital tools for the leader's ministry toolbox.

For more information about MLI see: <https://ministryleadershipinstitute.com>



Children's Sermon

4th Sunday of the Month



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- Altar Guild:** May: Sharon Smith and Wendy Hellwig
June: *Open—Please contact Julie Thompson if interested*
July: Marilyn Rusch
- Ushers:** May: Bruce Trick, Kyler Adams, Tessa Adams, Dawn Nass, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Brad Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Jon Hoff
June: Kori and Joyce Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Dawn Nass, Steve and Cindy Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann
July: Brad Duesterhoeft, Justin Black, Katlin Davis, Danielle Olson, Tyler Olson, Dawn Nass, Lucas Plamann, Tom Schlueter, John Schlueter, Patrick Schlueter, Chuck Nisse

Twins Game

Teresa with Grace Lutheran Church is planning a trip to a Twin's game and extending the invitation to Immanuel, Zion and St John's.

Tickets have been reserved for **Tuesday, August 8**. It is a **7:10 p.m.** start time against Milwaukee. The seats are in section 101 (8 at the top and the top 3 rows for a total of 41 seats) and the price is \$36 plus bus fare. ***Bus Fare***- We will be taking a coach bus and the price depends on how many sign up. **Sign up as soon as possible** so if she needs to add or reduce seats. Payment will be due at the beginning of July.

You can sign-up on the sheet at church or contact Teresa directly at 320-305-9262.

We welcome

Easton, son of Kyle and Beth Podratz
Harper, daughter of Jeremiah and Brittany Clark
Mason, son of Chris and Sara Wersal
*May the Lord bless Easton, Harper and Mason
as they begin their life of faith.*



Our Sympathies

Our sympathies to the family of Elizabeth “Betty” Hoff.

Elizabeth “Betty” Hoff, age 87, of Hutchinson, Minnesota, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at her home in Acoma Township, McLeod County, Minnesota. Funeral service was Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 2:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Acoma Township, McLeod County, with interment at the church cemetery.

Also, our sympathies to Pastor and Leanne Reich. Pastor Reich’s father passed away on May 6, 2017.