



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 2, 2021

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



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



Confirmation:

4:15p on Wednesday

Off for the summer months

Choir:

Off for the summer months

Director: Chrissy Forcier

Bible Study:

7:30p Mondays

10:00a Thursdays starting

May 20

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. -- Ephesians 2:4,5

Habitat for Humanity is a community organization that builds houses for poor people. When Habitat for Humanity builds a house for someone they at least require them to pick up a hammer and pound a few nails. If a wealthy friend takes you out for supper at an expensive restaurant, the least you can do is tip the waitress. Why should it be any different in our spiritual lives? If God poured out the life blood of his own Son, should we not be required to contribute something toward our salvation?

Paul says, "No, we are saved by grace alone." But these verses do not contain the word "alone." It's true that the word "alone" is not there in English or in Greek. But it is in the picture that Paul draws. You were dead in your trespasses and sins, Paul says. Imagine Jesus standing outside the tomb of Lazarus. And Lazarus has been dead four days. "Lord don't open the tomb. By this time there is a bad smell." But Jesus opens the tomb and calls in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" Does Lazarus wiggle his little toe? Does Lazarus make a decision to come out? Does he contribute the least little thing to his new life? No, it is by grace alone. In the same way grace alone rescued us from sin. Grace alone made us alive with Christ. Grace alone has saved us.

But someone may object, "Yes, but now that we are alive doesn't God command us to do something? Doesn't God require our obedience to make salvation complete?" How many times have you watched a football game that came down to one play? The game has been played with a huge effort while the kicker sits on the sideline. One field goal would determine the final outcome of the game. Imagine it. The crowd is screaming. The cameras are all trained on you. Under all that pressure you miss the easy kick. You drop the ball. The game is lost. Can you imagine the pressure if your eternal life depended on you? We just can't do it. No matter how small the requirement. If salvation depended on us at all, we would be lost.

But now look! Because of his grace God has not only made you alive. He has done everything to bring you into glory. In his eyes you are already seated at the heavenly banquet. You have already taken your place in glory through your Savior Jesus Christ.

It would take a thousand lifetimes to explore all the beauty of God's grace. But maybe, by scratching the surface just a little bit, we will want to love God more. Maybe we'll respond with a new sense of joy and wonder the next time we go to communion. Maybe we'll be inspired to struggle more against the sins that tempt us. May God grant it through his free and faithful grace. *Pastor DeVries*

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."

Last Day of

Sunday School

Sunday, May 23

And Children sing in church for Confirmation



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, July 25 at 11 a.m.

After Church

Everyone Welcome!

The **Quarterly Voter's/Congregational meeting** was held on Sunday, April 18, 2021 after church which worked well with 11 additional non-voting members in attendance.

The **Trustees** reported: the flooring in the teacherage was replaced and it was installed by Brian Gephart and his brothers under the watch of the Trustees. Jeff Hoff would like to use part of Mary's Memorial money for the purchase of a 60" TV and DVD player for the meeting room. This would be used for the latch key kids as well as for Pastor to use in catechism class to display the lessons from his laptop. This would replace the current tube tv and cart that is taking up space in there now.

The **Elders:** Pastor reported that Harmony River has opened up again to visitors. The Elders have member visits on hold for now. Private communion is offered to anyone wanting it.

The **Cemetery Board:** The Cemetery Board reported was one internment, Fred Kuehl. Dave and Donna Telecky will

again be taking care of the mowing of our cemeteries this summer.

New Business: A concern was raised as to the number of people being ushered up to the front at a time for communion. With social distancing concerns, it was felt that 3 people per side should be the max allowed to keep ourselves properly spaced out.

At this time with the current communion distribution up front and spread out, it is hard to hear the Pastor speak. We will refrain from singing distribution hymn/s at this time and the organist will play soft background music instead.

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

Under the tab: video

Fellowship Committee

Next Meeting:

Pending

Chair: Pastor DeVries

Secretary: Barb DeVries

Treasurer: Julie Thompson

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

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.

Action Teams applied and approved:

Easter Breakfast
Celebration Sunday

LWMS—58th Annual LWMS Convention



After hours of prayer, discussion, and research, your LWMS board members have made the difficult decision to hold a small virtual convention this year instead of the in-person convention in Ohio that we were all hoping for.

We do ask that you **REGISTER** for **FREE** by June 7. While you register you will be able to sign up for the Annual Business Meeting, our interactive IGNITE session, and virtual chat rooms to bring us together for some virtual fellowship. We look forward to seeing you online June 24-27, 2021!



Ladies Aid

2021 Officers:

President:

Marilyn Rusch

VP/Secretary:

Wendy Hellwig

Treasurer:

MaryAnn Dettman

Next Meeting:

June 7 (Monday)

July—No Meeting

Happy Spring. Our group has continued to meet monthly and accomplish several events.

The church council advised our group, we should not plan our annual Ash Wednesday supper along with the weekly Lenten suppers this year. For Easter breakfast they gave their consent to continue with tradition and serve Easter breakfast after the sunrise service.

In February, our shut in's were remembered with valentine gifts made by Deb Plamann and distributed to them.

In March we toured Clay Coyote with Betsy Price giving us the tour. After the tour we held our meeting at the home of Sharon Smith. Donna Telecky and Betty Henke organized the palm branches and flowers for Palm Sunday, also the Easter lilies for Easter Sunday.

Our food drive for McLeod county food shelf collected 111 lbs of food, thank you to each of you that helped us achieve the 111 lbs.

Karen Kohls is collecting for Emily Ash our Adopt-a-Student. She will be graduating in May and getting married in June.

Looking forward, we will be having our hymn sing and salad luncheon on May 5 at church. In June we are working on organizing a tour of Hutchinson Community Video channel 10. If either of these events interest you, PLEASE consider yourself invited to join us. *In Gods Peace.*

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.



Immanuel will have two confirmands this year.

Lillian DeVries and Amanda Tews

Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, May 23rd.

Congratulations!

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.



What does it mean to be "grown up"? If you are 14 or 15 years old, you might say getting your driver's license makes you grown up. A little later in life, you might mention going away to school or getting your first real job. These are important milestones in life. But there's another way to define a grown up. A grown up is someone who can be trusted to do what they say they are going to do. This means having a certain level of responsibility. You have to keep track of the things you said you would do. You have to put in time and effort to carry them out, even when they turn out harder than you thought. You have to be consistent in fulfilling your words; not just some of the time, but all of the time.

This definition is independent of age. People say that a 9 year old "behaves like a grown up" when she consistently does what she said she would do. But a 19 year old who doesn't do that "still has a lot of growing up to do."

God always does what he says he'll do. Joshua 21:45 says, "Not one of all the LORD'S good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled." The entire Bible tells the story of God keeping his word and fulfilling his promises. Most of all, we have to marvel at how God fulfilled his word in Genesis 3 by raising Jesus from the dead.

But we should also notice what God still does with his word. He gives us the power to do what we said we were going to do. As Christians, we repent of our sins. We say, "I don't want to live in sin." "I want to live a new life, a holy life." We can't keep that promise all by our self. So God pours out grace and power through his word. The Word says, "You are a new creation." "You died with Christ and were raised with him in your baptism." "You have been born again!" None of those things were done by you. God did them all in fulfillment of his promises. And through these words, God gives you power. He enables you to keep your promises.

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~FAITH~FOUNDATIONS

For over 100 years the Lord has allowed Immanuel Lutheran School to flourish by reaching out and teaching God's Word to hundreds of children. We are teaching more and more students each year. The increase in student the population has created space challenges. Using God's Word to build up the faith of our children has always been the primary focus.

The goal of the **BUILDING ~ FAITH ~ FOUNDATIONS** Appeal was set at \$700,000. To generate funds of that size everyone will need to help out, and it could never happen without the Lord's blessing. And we did see God's Blessing at work with an **initial commitment of \$302,000** from several members. **A new updated total is \$683,000.** *Thanks be to God!* The apostle Paul reminds us of how this goal can be accomplished when he writes, "...so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom but on God's power."

All received gifts will be deposited into the Immanuel Lutheran School building fund designated for the new school. Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool are a major ministry of our churches and has been a very effective means of assisting parents in nurturing the faith of their children. In addition, the school helps us to connect with the community. Many families have partnered with Immanuel and Grace churches because of their connection with the school. We pray that God will continue to bless our efforts through this ministry!



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:

Ryan Bushman
Tim Utsch
Jon Hoff
Jeremiah Clark
Jay Mackedanz

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

STUDENT TEACHER: My name is **Ms. Clara Kammuller**. I attend Martin Luther College and am an elementary major with a music minor. I currently live in Pittsville, WI, which is located in central WI. I live on a little hobby farm. I come from a big family of nine, three brothers and three sisters. I am the third from the youngest. I am engaged to be married to Quinn Handy on June 27, 2021, and I am looking forward to getting a call in a few weeks. I am very excited to be here and work with the students and to grow as a teacher. We welcome Ms. Kammuller to Mrs. Utsch's classroom!

School Closing Service & Awards Night
Thursday, May 27 at 6:30

Last Day of School - May 28

Sports Camp: June 21 - 25 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Cash Wise Brat Stand
June 24, 25, 26

School Musical
Sunday, May 23
3 p.m.
Church Proper

Vacation Bible
School

Tentatively

scheduled for

July 12 to July 16

Watch for announcements closer to dates

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**VBS at**

**St. John's Cedar Mills**

**June 6-10**

**Contact Sarah Henschke**

**583-4349**



## Kindergarten

**Gavin Wersal**

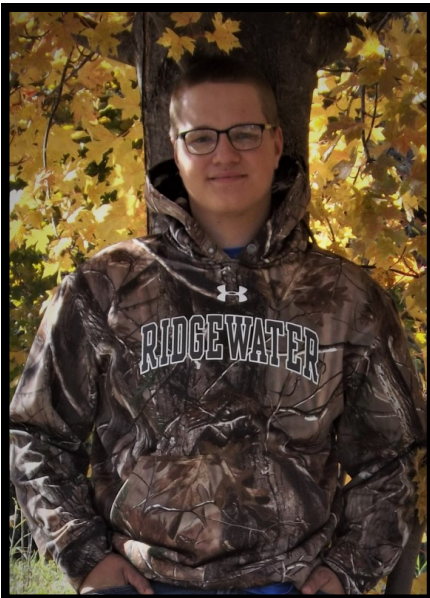
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**Graduation Sunday**

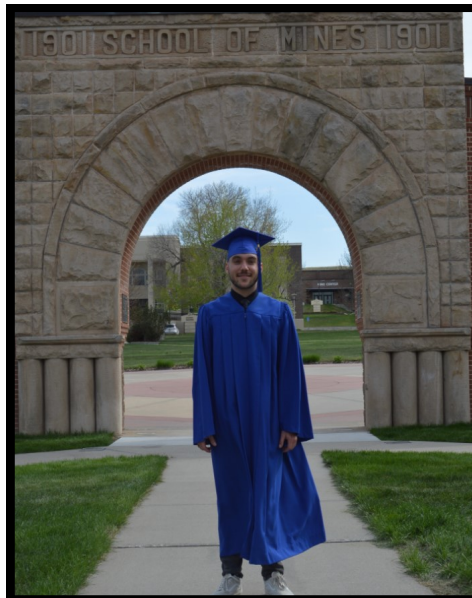
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## College



**Carl Horrmann**

Carl graduated from Ridgewater College-Hutchinson with a Welding diploma. He has accepted a job with Millerbernd Manufacturing in Winsted.



**Jacob Jahner**

Jacob graduated on May 8 from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology with a major in Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management. Jacob started at Spectralytics, Inc. in Dassel.



**Mikkayla Tews**

Mikkayla Tews graduated from Herzing University, Minneapolis with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene in August of 2020. She is employed as a licensed dental hygienist in Waconia and will be getting married to Nick Pagel August 21, 2021.



**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



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

*Thank You for helping support our school!*

## 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

### Meetings:

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



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**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hutchinson MN**

Services are streamed live on Sundays at 10 a.m.

Church Secretary: Julie Thompson

Phone: 320-583-6007

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Sunday Services are broadcasted on

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

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

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| <b>Altar Guild:</b> | May:  | Sharon Smith and Wendy Hellwig                                                                                  |
|                     | June: | <i>Open</i>                                                                                                     |
|                     | July: | Marilyn Rusch                                                                                                   |
| <b>Ushers:</b>      | May:  | Bruce Trick, Jon Hoff, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff, Justin Black             |
|                     | June: | Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann |
|                     | July: | 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.

## 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 Donna Krueger. Donna passed away on April 17, 2021.

## We Welcome:



Jaci and Seth Potter on the birth of their daughter, Elle Grace.

## Congratulations to:



Congratulations to Amanda Krajsa and Andy Weber  
Who were married on March 27, 2021!

Congratulations to the following on celebrating their **Wedding Anniversary!**  
Chris and Sara Wersal —10 years  
Jaci and Seth Potter—5 years  
Mike and LuAnn Yerks—45 years  
Brian and Wanda Gauer—25 years