



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 2, 2023

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



## Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



### Confirmation:

Will resume in the Fall

### Monday Night services:

7:00p starting June 5

### Bible Study:

7:00p Mondays

10a Thursdays

starting May 25

### Ascension Service

Thursday, May 18 at 7p

At Zion Lutheran



### Weaponized Compassion

Christians strive to be compassionate people. That means we try to help people who suffer rather than turn a cold shoulder. And this world contains plenty of suffering people for us to help. Our hearts go out to people who live in poverty, those who experience natural disasters, and people who suffer from abuse or drug addiction. We can easily imagine how we would like to be treated if we were in their shoes. However, we need to understand that compassion can also be used against us. The devil can even twist this holy thing to serve his wicked purposes.

The transgender movement calls it compassion to pretend that a male can be female or a female can be male. They call it compassion to give medications that will stop a child from developing into an adult. This leads to the compassion of gender surgery that attempts to make the person's body correspond to their feelings. If you refuse to go along with such things, you will be called unloving, hateful, and bigoted.

The Christian basis for resisting such satanic evil comes from 1 Corinthians 13:6. It says, "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth." It is unloving to pretend that a person can change their gender or sex. Because that is not true. No surgery can change the programming of a person's DNA or the wiring of their brain. It is unloving to give puberty blocking medications to children. Because such medications cannot really pause the development of a child's body into an adult. In truth, giving those medicines to children causes damage that cannot be repaired.

God calls us to love all people, even people who hate us, even people we don't get along with. Love requires us to tell the truth. God has made all people in his image, giving us bodies and souls. All people are sinners who fall short of his glory and must turn away from sin in true repentance and faith. All people have a Savior who lived and died and rose again to give them eternal life. These truths are the foundation of our compassion. We cannot show true compassion without also telling the truth.

*Pastor Eugene DeVries*

[pastor@eugenedevries.com](mailto:pastor@eugenedevries.com)

## Sunday School—9 a.m. Sunday Mornings

### Teachers:

Pre-School & Kindergarten:

Amanda Weber

Grades 1-3:

Deb Plamann

Grades 4-8:

Barb DeVries



The children gave \$300.00 in offerings and are sending it to the WELS mission in Pakistan, where only 1% of the population is Christian.

Last day for the 2022/2023 year is Sunday, May 21, 2023.

See you in the Fall!

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

**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  
Jason Horrmann

- 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, July 18 at 7 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!**

The **Quarterly Voter's/ Congregational Meeting** was Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

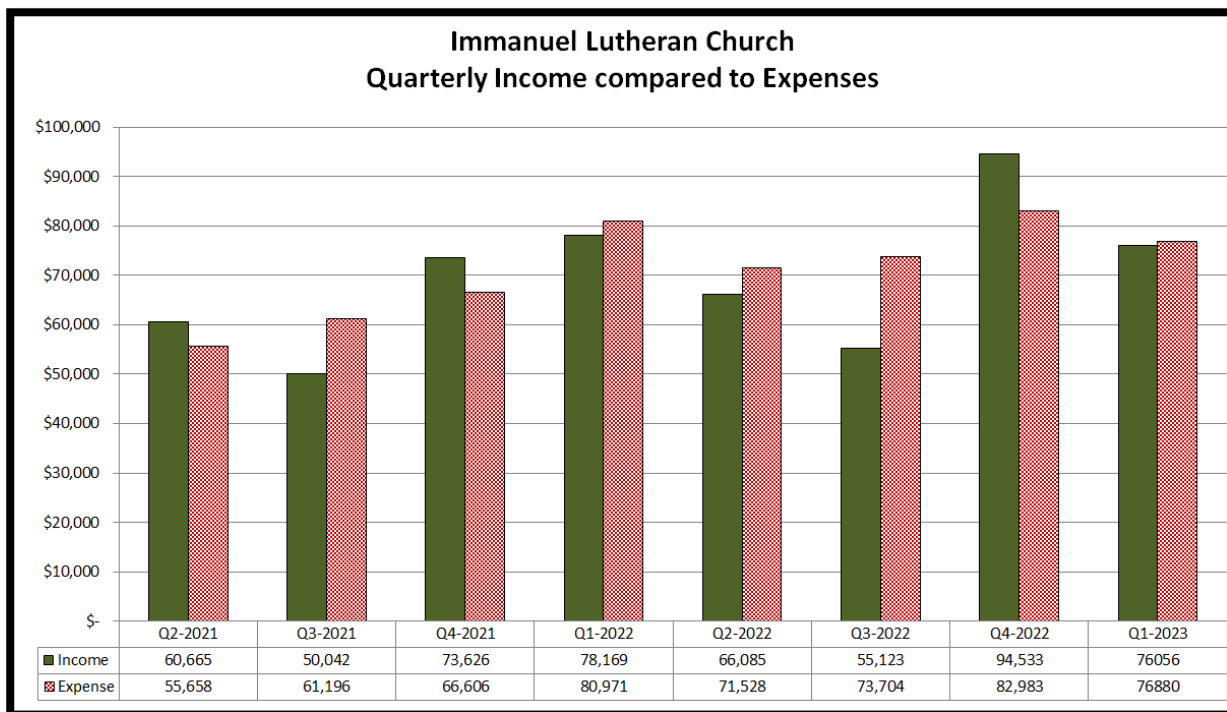
**Pastor's Report:** We welcome new members, Troy and Ramsey Melsha and their daughter, Finley. Pastor asked if it was alright to give the small children that are brought up with their parents/grandparents for communion a blessing. After discussion, Pastor will begin next month.

**Trustee's Report:** A "Clean-up" day will be scheduled to work outside trimming trees and other miscellaneous grounds work. Please watch for date/time.

**Cemetery's Report:** Nothing to report.

**The School Board Report:** The VFW in Hutchinson recognized the children of Immanuel with the GOOD DEED AWARD for making frozen meals for shut-ins over Christian Education Week. The School play was a huge success and the church was full supporting the children. Thank you to all those who attended. The children also raised \$500 from the bake sale for the "Theatre Fund." Summer Care to start June 5 with approximately 22 children enrolled. Also, the first week of June will be a Sports Camp.

The calls extended to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Redfield to teach 5-8 and 2-4 respectively have been declined. The next step is to go to the Assignment Committee. Call Assignments will be announced on May 13. We pray the God blesses us with two new teachers.



# Ladies Aid

## 2023 Officers:

**President:** Barbara DeVries  
**VP/Secretary:** Donna Telecky  
**Treasurer:** Karen Kohls

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday, March 7 at 7p**  
**Tuesday, April 4 at 7p**

223 lbs were collected for the McLeod County Food Shelf, which was during the March Match Campaign. Thank you for all your donations! We served approximately 75 people for Easter breakfast. Thank you for coming!

At our May meeting, we enjoyed our annual salad potluck and favorite hymn sing with Marion Rick as pianist. Flowers/plants will be brought by the members for the shut ins.

For our June meeting, a tour and presentation is scheduled at Equal Access. We will eat out after. *Everyone is welcome to join us!*

# Ladies Executive Board

## 2023 Officers:

**President:** Deb Boelter  
**VP:** Dori Duesterhoeft  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Wanda Gauer  
**Directors:** Sharon Smith, Kim Schmeling, Cindy Wendorff

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

# Choir



**Choir Coordinator**  
Chrissy Forcier

**Choir will take the month of May off for practice.**

**When we do start up again, 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. Watch for dates when starting up again.

# 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.



Our next WELS Youth Night will take place Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center.

## Kindergarten



**Harper Clark**  
From Immanuel Lutheran School



**Asher Krasja**  
From Hutchinson West Elementary



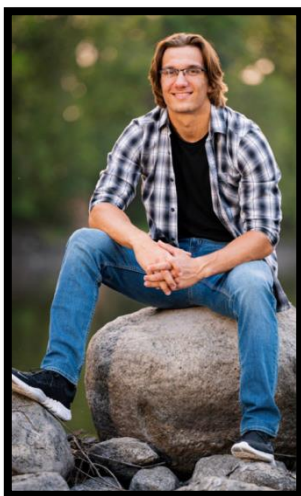
**Easton Podratz**  
From Immanuel Lutheran School

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from Immanuel Lutheran School



**Avery Kohls**  
Will be attending Hutchinson High School

## High School



**Andy Prieve**  
From Hutchinson High School and will be attending Ridgewater College in Willmar for Business and playing Baseball.  
Go Warriors!!



**Mark DeVries**  
From DeVries Academy and Ridgewater College PSEO Program.  
Mark will continue studying computers at Ridgewater College.

## College



**Natasha Tews**  
Natasha graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato with her Bachelor's of Science in Finance with a minor in Accounting. She has accepted the position as Lease Accountant at Compeer Financial in Mankato, MN.

**Graduation Sunday  
June 4**

## 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:**

LWMS

Easter Breakfast

VIP day at school

## LWMS



45 Women/Men from the Crow River Circuit attended the Spring Rally on April 29<sup>th</sup> here at Immanuel. Members from St. Paul's, Alexandria; St. Paul's, Morris; Calvary, Glenwood; Trinity Mt. Olive, Graceville; Immanuel, Willmar; Grace, Hutchinson, St. Paul's, Litchfield and Immanuel, Hutchinson.

Thank you to **Pastor Mark Kahrs** for leading Devotion and Bible Study.



Also, Thank you to **Pastor Tim Otto** who was our guest speaker and talked about Home Missions.

Thank you to all the women who helped with food and serving in the kitchen. It was greatly appreciated.



## Fellowship Committee

### Next Meeting:

Pending  
at 2p  
Everyone Welcome!

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

### Activities:

July 16 - Outdoor Service at the McLeod County Fairgrounds at 10:30.  
With Grace Lutheran, St. Peters, Zion and Immanuel - Bring a lawn chair

Pot-luck served afterwards.

*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.*

## Ground Breaking – Sunday, April 30, 2023

### School Board Officers:

- Ryan Bushman
- Tim Utsch
- Jon Hoff
- Andy Weber
- Jay Mackedanz

### School Building Committee:

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





**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

Ian Mackedan



**Amanda Lokensgard** has accepted her call to teach Preschool. Mrs. Eckstrand will be moving up to K-1 as enrollment grows.

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

[hutchinsonlutheralschool.com](http://hutchinsonlutheralschool.com)

**April:**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our students on our play night, Sunday, April 23rd. All the students did an amazing job!

VFW awarded Immanuel Lutheran School with a “Good Deed Award” for making freezer meals that we gave away to the community. We are proud to serve our neighbor and our Hutchinson community.

Friday, April 28th, we visited MLC for the children’s play, “Stone Soup.” Sunday, April 30th at 6pm was the Ground Breaking Ceremony for our new building. A short service and prayer down by the new sign was conducted.

**May:**

May 5th: VIP Day. We invited our Very Important People to come spend the morning with their student and check out the school.

May 12th: 4-8th Track Meet

May 18th: 6-8th Softball Tournament

May 25th: Awards Night/Closing Service

May 26th: ½ day, Last Day of School

We want to thank our students teachers and clinical teachers for a job well done. We appreciate your efforts and work in our classrooms this semester; Ms. Wolf, Ms. Gehring, Mr. Zander, and Ms. Abel.

We will again have our Summer Stangs, summer care program, starting June 5. We are very excited to be able to serve our working families year round and to provide them a safe, Christian, fun environment for their children.

Look for fliers and sign-ups for Mustangs Sports Camp. It will be available for students entering kindergarten through grade 6. If you are entering grades 7-12, you are more than welcome to volunteer and assist as coaches and helpers!

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*



**Vacation Bible School**

**Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14**

From 9 a.m.to 11:30

Grace Lutheran Church

Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Anyone entering 7th grade or higher may sign up to be a helper.

The Children will be singing on Sunday, July 16 at the Outdoor Service.

## *Examination*

Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel



## *Confirmation Sunday*

May 14 for  
*Avery Kohls*

*Congratulations!*



**Ascension Service**  
**Thursday,**  
**May 18 at 7p**  
**at Zion**

## Buy a Brick Program

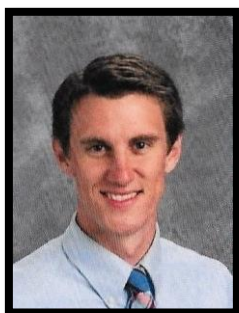


This program will help beautify our school and helps us raise money for our school. The bricks will be placed at the new school. Whether you are a student, graduate, or a supporter of Immanuel Lutheran and Children of Grace, add your name to the history books. Buy a 4 x 8 brick for \$40 or an 8 x 8 brick for \$60.

**Please return any orders by May 31<sup>th</sup> to Julie Thompson.**

Order forms can be found in church entry on the school table by the front door.

# Thank you for your service!



**Brian Gephart** came to Immanuel Lutheran School in 2016.

Brian accepted a call to teach high school math and coach at Michigan Lutheran High School in St. Joseph, Michigan. He will be the school year 2023/2024.

**Kristi Utsch** came to Immanuel Lutheran School in 2008.

Kristi accepted a call to teach grades 1 & 2 at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She will begin the school year 2023/2024.



# God's Blessings to you.



**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).



**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 (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.

*Thank You for helping support our school!*

## PTF

### 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.

Summer Care – June 5th to Aug 18th

Craft Supplies are needed. Some things on the wish list are: Air-dry clay, canvas, foam sheets, stickers, glue, craft kits, scrapbooking.

If you would like to donate, please bring to church and place on the school table by the front entry.

Builders for Christ will be building the school. Because this a volunteered organization some expectations are, we provide snacks and a warm lunch Tuesday through Saturday while they build. Sign-up Genius will be used to coordinate this.



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
20882 Walden Ave.

Find us on the Web: [www.immanuelhutch.com](http://www.immanuelhutch.com)

*Monthly Calendar (under Church/calendar)*  
*Weekly Bulletins (under Church/service)*



<https://www.facebook.com/immanuelhutch>

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

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Church Secretary: Julie Thompson  
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Nuvera

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:

May: Wendy Hellwig and Sharon Smith

June: Marilyn Rusch

July: Kari Paredes **WILL NEED HELP FOR AUGUST**

## Ushers:

May: Bruce Trick, Jon Hoff, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer,  
Nolan Hoff, Justin Black

June: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedan, 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

## 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 those celebrating!

- Don & Jill Dettman - 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 21
- Dylan & Ashley Weber – 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 2
- Dale & Mary-Anne Kohls – 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 11
- Michael & Julie Thompson - 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 25
- Don & Barb Rasmussen – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 6

## Welcome our New Members!

Troy and Ramsay Melsha and their daughter, Finley



## 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)

