



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 3, 2017

10 a.m. Sunday Services



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



Bible Study:

8p Mondays
starting September 11
Note: no class Sept 25
10a Thursdays
thru September 28
11:15a Sundays
Starting September 10

Confirmation:

Begins September 10, 2017
at 1p on Sundays

Choir:

Starts: September 11
at 7 p.m. on Mondays
Everyone Welcome!
Director: Kim Schmeling

Prayin' fer rain
by Hal Swift

There was one summer a few years back-when the rain jist didn't come down. Alfalfa was burnin' right out in the fields the bushes and trees was brown.

Some of the folks got the pastor to call a meetin' to pray fer rain. They met on a Sunday, right after church, in the orchard, next to the lane.

There was people come from all around, concerned fer the lack of water. Just plain folks like Jimmy McKay, and Louella, his little daughter.

When they arrived, some laughed at the girl, what she carried caused others t'stare. But she was a smart little 5-year-old, an' pretended that she didn't care.

Folks was millin' around a tryin' to find-some shade 'neath the old apple trees. Everyone sung hymns, then the pastor said, "Let's all git down on our knees."

For some of 'em there who'd got dressed up his idea just didn't appeal. Oh, there was some chairs fer the older folks, but everyone else had t'kneel.

The pastor spoke his word, an' asked others to, includin' Louella McKay. But an elder objected, an' said real loud, "Why you askin' this child t'pray?"

The pastor said, "Well, we're prayin' for rain, but only Jimmy's Louella, of alla the folks that're gathered here, had the faith t'bring her umbrella.

Little Luella shows us what Jesus meant when he said, "whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:24) With the faith of a child she understood that if you go to pray for rain, you'd better be prepared for God to say "yes."

How many times do we ask God for things but only prepare for him to say "no"? How many times do we express surprise when God says "yes" to our prayers? Would we even bother to pray for rain if the weather report gave a less than 50-50 chance? So often, we adults think that we have this faith thing all figured out. We go to church. We hear the Word. We live for Jesus. But for all our effort we sometimes forget that faith is not so much about what we do for God. It's all about what God does for us.

In Christ, God has done everything for us. Jesus died for our sins. Jesus fulfilled God's commands. Jesus has made us everything God commanded us to be. We receive all this as a full and complete gift of God. It is by grace, through faith. By this same faith we ask God to fill all our needs; including prayers for rain.

Pastor DeVries

Sunday School

Teachers:

Eileen Prieve
Deb Plamann
Mackenzie Boeckers
Cindy Wendorff

Helpers:

Patrick Schlueter
Natasha Tews

Opening Devotion:

Chrissy Forcier

Sunday School starts on
Sunday, September 10, 2017
at 9 a.m.

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



Council Highlights

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 July 18, 2017. Current membership is 252 members and 214 communicant members.

The **Trustees** reported the east bell tower wall will be foam sprayed to prevent further crumbling. Also, continue to investigate the tiling on the north side of the church due to the water problems.

The **School Board** reported the study hall room in the school has been completed. A work day is planned for August 19 to help with prepping the school for the first day of August 28.

Quarterly Voter’s/Congregational

Meeting

is scheduled for

October 17, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!

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. Watch for information in the bulletins.

A trip to the MN Zoo is being planned for October.



Ladies Aid

2017 Officers

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

Next Meeting:
September 6 at 7 p.m.

The Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid had a singing along time at the June meeting. We shared our favorite hymn for a hymn sing accompanied by Marion Rick, many thanks to Marion for accompanying us. This was topped off with a salad luncheon, with a variety of wonderful salads and beverages.

We also brought plants for our congrega-

tional members that are not always able to attend services. These were delivered within the next few days with a visit from one of our Ladies Aid members.

Our group will not be meeting again until September 6th. Enjoy the summer activities of our church and school.

Long Range Planning Committee

Members:

Chrissy Forcier
 Beth Podratz
 Jon Hoff
 Mike Heine
 Karen Kohls
 Marilyn Rusch
 Betty Henke
 Barb DeVries
 Pastor DeVries

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.

The WELS Self-Analysis & Adjustment Program (SAA) was discussed and will be tabled for the time being. More discussion around SWOT (Strengths and Weaknesses (Characteristics) and Opportunities and Threats (Conditions)) will be discussed at the next meeting **on September 27, 2017 at 7 p.m.**

Members:

- Barb DeVries
- Wanda Gauer
- Betty Henke
- Donna Telecky
- Julie Thompson
- Julie Trick
- Jane Vacek

Next meeting is scheduled for **September 10, 2017** at 6 p.m. If you would like to join us, please feel free to attend the meeting.



Scavenger Hunt was a success with 5 teams. Team "Wrong Direction" (Steve & Cindy Wendorff, Deb Plamann and Mike Thompson) took first place. With Team "Clueless" (Beth Podratz, Chrissy Forcier and Heidi Radunz) and Team "The Wise Crackers" (Mady Heller, Dustin, Kenzie and Aubrey Boeckers) tied for 2nd place. Others teams joining in the fun were "The Clues Brothers" (Kyle Podratz, Matt Forcier, Ted Grof, Mike Heine and Brian Gephart) and "Seek and Ye Shall Find" (Pastor, Barb, Mark, Lily, Sam, Joseph and Alex DeVries).

Mark your calendars: An **Ice Cream Social will be on Sunday, September 17** 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".

Q4 Birthday celebrations will be on Sunday, November 12. Cake and Coffee Served after church in the meeting room.

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



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:
January 17, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Fall cleaning is scheduled for October 28, 2017 starting at 9 a.m. We will be working on the basement. If you wish to help out during the week prior, please feel free as the check lists will be on the counter in the kitchen.

Thank you!

Bingo at Belle Plaine is scheduled for August 24. Collections of items will be gathered for Christmas gifts for the residents.

Elections will be held in January. If you would be willing to serve as Vice-

President or Director, to please contact Julie Thompson. Thank you for your consideration.

The next LWMS meeting is June 21-24, 2018 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Mark your calendar if you are interested in attending.

Building Committee for the School

Members:

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

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,
November 8**

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 Building Committee decided that an existing building on a new location option wasn't feasible. To keep the current

building we'd have to at least make the upstairs bathrooms handicap accessible, put in a stair lift and get handicap access from outside for the current building. We'd like to look into building on the South side of the parsonage on land the Church already owns – Chrissy has talked with the Assessor's office of McLeod County and as long as the correct permits, etc. are filed and approved there is a good chance of getting approval from the county to build there. We'd also like to get professional opinions on whether the South site or the current site would be a better fit to build.

Outdoor Service

The **Outdoor Service** was held on **Sunday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m.** under the Pavilion at the McLeod County Fairgrounds. A pot-luck followed in the Commercial Building meeting room. The children from Vacation Bible School sang their songs and approximately 250 members were in attendance from Zion Lutheran, Grace Lutheran and St. Peters, Darwin and Immanuel.



Ardis' (Tobison) Hot German Potato Salad

- 8 red (new) potatoes, unpeeled
- 8-10 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, diced
- 1 medium onion, diced
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon (or a little less) Kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- ½ cup apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup cold water

Cook potatoes until almost tender. Cool, peel and slice into crock pot. Fry the bacon until translucent. Add the celery and onions and fry until bacon is crisp and brown. Mix the vinegar, water, mustard, salt, pepper, sugar and cornstarch thoroughly. Pour mixture into bacon pan. Cook over low heat, stirring until thickened. Pour over potatoes and toss lightly. Cook on low for 2-3 hours. Serves 6. May be easily doubled or tripled.

Vacation Bible School was a huge success with 58 children attending throughout the week.

Thank you to all who helped!



PTF

Officers:

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

Meetings:

Second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

September 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Fundraising Report

A. The NEW Schwan's campaign code is 33216.

B. Cash Wise brat stand was August 10, 11, and 12.

C. Orange Spectacular had 40 volunteers. We served 532 meals plus 177 sandwiches and 24 pizzas. Our profit was about \$5200. Some discussion about

signs and banners, new money lock box, an extra grill and grill person, and buying pop on sale at Shopko to store in Mr. G's basement for next year.

D. School Mall - Mr. Gephart will be sending home booklets about ordering online through the school's account, so that Immanuel will receive a

rebate for every purchase made.

Latchkey - Parents should inform Barbara DeVries of their intent to use latchkey this school year, so caregivers can be prepared.

Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool



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

Opening Service

For

Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool

Sunday, August 27th at 4pm

outdoor service at school

bring lawn chairs (Immanuel Church if it rains).

Our school theme this year is "All to the Glory of God."

After the service, we'll have a back to school night too.

School will provide main meal but parents/family/friends can bring a side dish or dessert.

Kids can also bring school supplies and move into their desks. First day of school is Monday, August 28! School supply lists should be faxed to Hutchinson stores soon!

ILS and Children of Grace Preschool

starts

Monday, August 28th

A student teacher from MLC will be at Immanuel starting at the beginning of the school year.

Monica Rehberger from Appleton, Wisconsin will be with us for 10 weeks. She is majoring in Elementary Education with minor in music and science at MLC.

We welcome her!



Principal: Brian Gephart

Grades 4 to 7
16 students

Teacher: Kristi Utsch

Grades K-3
12 students

Teacher: Mallory Eckstrand

Pre-School
12 students

School Board Officers:

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



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Mondays at 10 a.m. and Sundays at 9 p.m.
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- Altar Guild:** August: Elaine Prieve
September: Sandy Dahl
October: Barb Rasmussen and Jan Stibal
- Ushers:** August: Jeremy Prieve, Mike Heine, Dawn Nass, Joshua Prieve, Del Prieve, Julie Thompson, Michael Thompson, Eric Thompson, Kyle Podratz, Alex Prieve
September: Bruce Trick, Kyler Adams, Tessa Adams, Dawn Nass, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Brad Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Jon Hoff
October: Kori and Joyce Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Dawn Nass, Steve and Cindy Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann

Parade pics from the Water Carnival Parade



Befriend a Student



Ladies Aid is sponsoring a “Befriend a MLC Student”. **Emily Ash**. The congregation is invited to be part of the effort.

We invite everyone to remember Emily throughout the year as she continues her stud-

ies at MLC. Her address: 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, MN 56073 or her email: ashem@mlc-wels.edu

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Kohls.

We Welcome

Mason Steven Wersal, the son of Chris and Sara Wersal.

Brayden Allen Joseph Mathern the son of Danielle Olson and Dustin Mathern.

May the Lord bless Mason and Brayden as they begin their lives of faith.

Also, our former teachers, Alex and Stephanie Vandenberg were blessed with their second son, Gideon Joel. He was born August 20, 2017. He was welcomed home by his big brother, Silas.