



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 3, 2021

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



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



Confirmation:

4:15p on Wednesday
Starting September 8

Choir:

Looking for assistance with directing the choir for the upcoming year, please contact Pastor with questions.

Bible Study:

7:30p Mondays -
starting September 13

10:00a Thursdays—
through November 18

Church Fellowship

The teaching about Church Fellowship raises many questions for members in our synod. For one thing, it makes us stand out from other church bodies and other believers. In the past, every church body observed differences of fellowship. That has changed dramatically in the last few decades. Today most Christians look at doctrinal differences as not being very important. For another thing, we ourselves have a fuzzy understanding of what this teaching asks of us. We have lots of questions about what is "allowed" when it comes to interacting with other Christians.

We must realize that the word "fellowship" has three different aspects. First, all believers have a spiritual fellowship with God and with each other through faith in Jesus. Some writers have called this "Christian Fellowship." Second, there is a doctrinal fellowship between believers who have the same confession of faith. In this sense, members of other WELS churches are in fellowship with us because they believe the same as us. Third, we have fellowship that is expressed by joint activities. Our annual outdoor worship service expresses the unity of the four churches who put it on every year.

We believe in the unit concept of church fellowship. That means all expressions of church fellowship require the same level of doctrinal agreement, namely agreement in all the doctrines taught in the Bible. In other words, we can't give anyone permission to ignore something the Bible says. Where God has spoken in his Word all people are bound

to obey. And if someone has a different opinion, fine. But then we can't pretend to have unity with them. We only have true unity when we agree based on the true teachings of God's Word.

Notice what we are NOT saying! We are NOT saying that only WELS Christians will go to heaven. All those who trust in Jesus as their Savior from sin will inherit eternal life. But errors in doctrine always put that faith in danger. So we can't just wallpaper over differences. We must always testify to the truth and urge people to believe it.

When non-WELS Christians visit our church, we don't make them sit in the hallway. We welcome them to come and hear what the Bible says. But we ask them not to receive communion, because that meal is a special expression of unity and one-ness in Christ. When non-WELS Christians attend our school, we don't give them equal time to express alternate views on baptism or Lord's Supper or Church Fellowship. We teach them the truth as we understand it. Parents understand this when they enroll their children. The same concept applies to offerings and financial support. Anyone may give an offering or a gift. But they must understand they are supporting what we teach and preach.

Church fellowship means "working together for the truth." (3 John 8) And it means "we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth." (2 Corinthians 13:8) May God help us to apply this teaching faithfully and lovingly.

Sunday School

Pastor DeVries

Teachers:

Pre-School & Kindergarten:

Amanda Weber

Grades 1-3:

Deb Plamann

Grades 4-8:

Barb DeVries

Sunday School is at

9 a.m. Sunday mornings.

**Starting Sunday,
September 12th**

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



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, October 17th After Church Everyone Welcome!

The **Quarterly Voter's/Congregational meeting** was held on Sunday, July 25, 2021. The Sunday meeting time will be trialed again in October and then up for discussion to continue on Sundays.

The **Trustees** reported: The new cleaner is doing an excellent job. It is noted she cleans on Tuesdays.

The **Elders**: Pastor reported that Harmony River has opened up again to visitors. We have served homebound members with private communion.

The **Cemetery Board**: There was on burial, Donna Kruger.

New Business: The chalice and

flagon will be replated and memorial money will be used to cover the expenses. The New Hymnal is scheduled to be released around Advent. At this time we don't have a lot of information yet.

The **Joint Council** meeting with Zion will be held on September 7 at 7 p.m. at Zion.

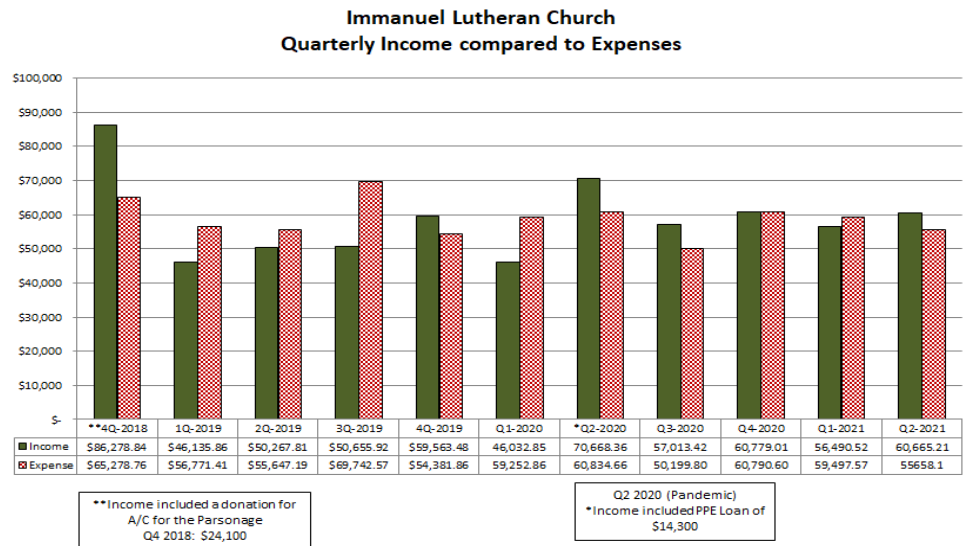
The church services are now **live streamed** Sunday mornings on Facebook.

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:

October 17 at 2p

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

Upcoming Activities:

- Sunday, September 12 after church "Show Off Your Wheels/Ice Cream Social"
- Sunday, October 17 after church—coffee/treats will be served for the Congregational/Voter's meeting.

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.

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:

Vacation Bible School

Outdoor Service

LWMS



For our Home Missions, we will now be supporting the WELS Campus Ministry. The World Missions is (PAL) Partners in Apache Learning. The Crow River Circuit conference is normally scheduled for September. However, we are awaiting information concerning this.

Join with other women in our area to learn how you too can support the “**Great Commission**” the Lord has given us. Simply search for “LWMS Crow River Circuit” and ask to join our private Facebook group.

Ladies Aid

2021 Officers:

President:

Marilyn Rusch

VP/Secretary:

Wendy Hellwig

Treasurer:

MaryAnn Dettman

Next Meetings :

September 1 at 7p

October 6 at 7p

Good hot summer to all.

Our last meeting was held on May 5th, this was our annual Hymn sing and salad luncheon. We were so pleased to have Marion Rick as our accompanist, this is one of our favorite events. Needless to say, we had a good selection of delicious salads. After eating we sang some favorite familiar hymns and some new ones.

Included into our May meeting we asked each of our members to bring a potted plant for our congregations shut-in members. These were delivered as best as possible since we were still in the covid seclusion time period, we were not allowed to personally give them to each individual.

In June the Ladies Aid toured the Hutchinson Community Video Channel 10. This is the location that our recorded Sunday service is played on Monday evenings on Hutchinson channel 10. Most of us were amazed what all happens at this small location. After the tour we enjoyed supper as a group at Squeak’s.

The months of July and August we are not meeting. We will start back up on September 1st with a guest speaker, Chris Schlueter. She will present to us “putting your garden to bed”. If this is of interest to you, please join us.

Enjoy the remainder of summer, stay safe.

Ladies Executive Board

2021 Officers:

President: MaryAnn Dettman

VP: Janel Radunz

Secretary/Treasurer:

Wanda Gauer

Directors: JoAnn Kallemeyn, Brittany Clark, Sharon Smith

These officers will continue another year thru 2021 due to the pandemic. Thank you!

Elections will be held in January for a Vice-President and Director.

Fall cleaning is scheduled for Saturday,

October 23 at 9 a.m.—Basement

Semi-Annual Meeting: January 19, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Belle Plain Christmas Gifts

Thank you! We want to “thank” Sharon Smith for her 8 years of volunteering as our Belle Plaine Congregational Representative. At the end of the year she will be stepping down. If you would be interested in being the representative, please contact Sharon. It would involve coordinating the collection boxes for the Bingo prizes (July) and Christmas gifts (December) for the residents along with delivery and assisting with gifts as needed.

Belle Plaine Lutheran Home Christmas Gifts

Note this year we will not be collecting for BINGO, but instead we will be collecting Christmas gifts for the Belle Plaine Hope Center Residents. These gifts assure that every resident will receive a Christmas gift. You can get ideas for gifts from the “Needs Gift List”. A collection box will be available throughout August. It is unsure if we will be able to assist decorating and/or wrapping gifts this year, but we would still like to deliver the gifts for the residents. Please contact Sharon Smith, Belle Plaine Coordinator, with any questions. **Thank you.**

“Needs Gift List”

- Craft paints, water-soluble
- Construction paper -- Sketch pads
- Easy craft kits -- Snap-on care models
- Markers -- Scissors
- Puzzles, 300 piece -- Word search puzzles
- Leather making kits -- Manicure sets
- Hand lotion - Hand-held game videos
- CD players, CD’s easy-listening music
- Small snack items for bingo prizes
- Large print books -- Necklaces
- Washable slippers – Men’s aftershave
- Scarves - Baseball caps
- Open-front sweatshirts or cardigans
- Bottled “ice” water any flavor
- Puddings -- Word search books
- Small Hershey bars
- Body and Bath Lotion
- Dollar Store Adult Coloring Books

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

Greetings from Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool

We are gearing up for the 2021-2022 school year. This year our theme is “**Eyes on Christ**” based on Hebrews 12: 1,2. We welcome 59 students this year. We are very excited to have a full house. We welcome a new school secretary Brittany Clark and a new classroom aid Stephanie Ross. Back to school night is Sunday, August 29th starting at 3pm. Our students can drop off their supplies, watch magician Perpetual Pete, and grab a hamburger or hot dog. Our first day of school is Monday, August 30th.

Our Summer Stangs summer care is in full swing. We have 17 kids signed up. They enjoy going to the pool and library in town.

Thank you for your time and encouragement during our **Building ~ Faith ~ Foundation** campaign. It’s a very exciting time to think about the blessings God has in store for us and the impact we will have on our families and congregations.

Thanks for your support!

In Christ,

Brian Gephart, Principal

School Board Officers:

Ryan Bushman
Tim Utsch
Jon Hoff
Jeremiah Clark
Jay Mackedanz



Association Meeting

Sunday

October 10

7 p.m.

At Immanuel Lutheran
School & Children of
Grace Preschool

We started out the school fundraising project with the same idea as Jonathan in 1 Samuel 14. *"Let's take action and see what the Lord will provide."* Over the course of the campaign, God's people have committed over \$800,000 to this project. This is strong response! And each believer who made a commitment did so trusting the Lord to provide for our needs and enable us to give the generous offering we promised. We give thanks for the faith and love of each of you. Please continue to pray for this project and the school ministry in general.

So what's happening now? First, a few donor conversations are still going on. We have been talking with a some individual donors who support the school but didn't get the chance to participate in the main campaign. So we expect our pledged total to increase a little bit.

Second, we are waiting for money to come in. We cannot begin any conversations about financing until we have at least some money in hand. The promised gifts will be coming over the course of three years. And every donor gets to decide their own schedule for giving. This is best for the donors but makes it hard to know when the money will be available to us.

Third, we need to decide what we can do with the blessings we have. We may need to reduce the size of the project or run it in phases or both. But before we have that conversation with the builder, we need to do one more thing. We need to make sure we aren't missing some other opportunity. Is there some other property (with or without buildings) that might meet our needs? We won't know if we don't look. Additionally, Grace, our sister church and partner in this project, has asked the school board to consider if the building owned by Vineyard UMC might be used in some way. So a search committee has been appointed to see what may be available. This committee consists of Steve Wendorff, Chrissy Forcier, Ryan Bushman, and Brian Lokensgard. Contact them if you have a lead!

Thank you for all your prayers and support of Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool.

Once again it is time for the **McLeod County Fair!** This year the McLeod County WELS Churches and our school will be sponsoring a booth at the Fair.

Volunteers are needed and if you are willing to help, please contact Teresa Ross at 320-305-9262. Fair passes will be available for those working the booth the day of your shift.



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)

Vacation Bible School

We had approximately 43 children attend VBS with about approximately 20 of the children sharing their songs that they learned during the Outdoor Service. Thank you to the 20 volunteers that assisted during this week.

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 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 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 320-444-0170 or Teresa Ross (Grace) taross316@gmail.com 320-305-9262

Thank You for helping support our school!

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.

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.

Various activities/functions:

- The school musical was a success for the children.
- The 2020/2021 School Year Book has arrived.
- The Cash Wise Brat Stand was raised \$1,041 and \$331 in tips!
- The Spring Flower pots was a success as it raised \$2,333.50. *Thank you to all you supported this fundraiser!*
- We received a grant from Kwik Trip and new basketball hoops were installed.
- A second grant from the state was received to help upgrade some technology in the classroom.
- Family Night: Will be August 4th from 6:00-7:00pm. This event is focused to welcome new parents and give an overview of the school year.



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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

Altar Guild:	August:	Deb Boelter and Julie Thompson
	September:	Wanda Gauer and Wendy Hellwig
	October:	Barb Rasmussen
Ushers:	August:	Bruce Trick, Jon Hoff, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff, Justin Black
	September:	Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann
	October:	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 or Church Box #75.

Congratulations!



Eric and Jenna Thompson on the birth of their daughter, Nora Kay.

Congratulations to:



Congratulations to Tessa Adams and Cody Heimerl
Who were married on May 22, 2021!

Congratulations to the following on celebrating their **Wedding Anniversary!**

Ted and Elizabeth Grof—**5 years** - August 19
Bruce and Julie Trick—**45 years** - August 28
Gary and Peggy Brekke—**50 years** - September 17
Steve and Wendy Hellwig—**30 years** - September 20