

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 3, 2022

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



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



Confirmation: 4:15p on Wednesdays Starting: September 7

Bible Study:

7:00p Mondays
Starting: September 12

10:00a Thursdays

Last Thursday: November 17

Monday Night Services

7:00p in the Mtg Room

Last Monday: August 29

In July, the school board approved a motion to secure a loan from LACE (Lutheran Association for Church Extension) for up to \$2.5 million in order to build a new school building. Immanuel's voters gave their approval on July 19. Grace's voters gave their approval on July 31. This decision will allow us to build a timeline for ground breaking in the spring and move-in around December of 2023.

It has taken a great deal of effort to reach this point. Volunteers have put in tremendous amounts of time. Donors have given generously. We have tried to create the perfect plan and anticipate every obstacle. We could not have reached this point without the Lord's help. As we move forward, we will still need the Lord's help and blessing. Psalm 127 says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." All our work and effort and time would be for nothing if we did not have God's blessing.

God promises to bless those who teach his word in its truth and purity and lead holy lives according to his word. However, his blessing does not guarantee an easy road. In the months ahead we will no doubt face delays, mistakes and problems of many kinds. The proper reaction will be first of all to pray for God's mercy. We are building a school for future generations to learn God's word and will. At the same time, God is building us up in faith. When we seek his face, and entrust ourselves to him, he will accomplish wonderful things in us and through us. To God be the glory!

Pastor DeVries

Sunday School—9 a.m. Sunday Mornings

Teachers:

Pre-School & Kindergarten: Amanda Weber

Grades 1-3:

Deb Plamann

Grades 4-8:

Barb DeVries



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



First Day of Sunday School

September 18

We will all begin in the meeting room at **9:00 a.m.**Children in preschool through eighth grade are welcome.

Council Highlights

2022 Church Board Officers:

Chairman: David Rusch

Vice-Chair: Brad Duesterhoeft

Secretary: Mike Brekke

Treasurer: Mike Heine

Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer

Delegate: Harold Plath

Trustees: Bruce Trick

Matt Forcier Steve Wendorff

Elders: Jason Horrmann

Justin Black

Steve Plamann

Finance Committee:

Andy Weber Michael Thompson

Ron Kohls

Cemetery Board: Dale Kohls

Willard Wendorff

Jeff Hoff

School Board: Jay Mackedanz

Jeremiah Clark

Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is Tuesday, October 18 at 7 p.m. Everyone Welcome! The **Quarterly Voter's/ Congregational Meeting** was Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

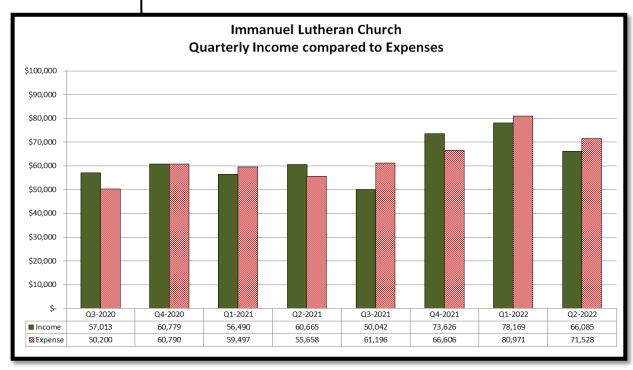
Treasurer's Report: The water was retested and passed according to State regulations. The A/C in the basement is not working at this time.

The Cemetery Report: The tree that blew down from the storm has been removed. The stump will be removed soon. One stone was damaged from the storm.

The School Board Report: Brian reported that the beginning of the school year is coming soon. August 29th is the first day of the new school year; we will be having a back to school night on the 28th to welcome students back. Our enrollment for the new school year is 69 students which puts us at about capacity. August 3rd will be new family night for families that are new to our school. The summer care program has been a success and the sports camp was also a well attended program.

The floor was opened up for discussion on our proposed new school building. The school board took questions from the floor. With no further questions a paper vote was taken whether to move forward with our building plans at this point. 21 yes votes and 5 no votes were cast. The motion to move forward with the building of a new school goes forward.

A Building Committee for the new school consisting of 6 members from Immanuel and Grace was formed to oversee the building process of the planned new school. They are Jay Mackedanz, Bruce Trick, Steve Wendorff, Brian Lokensgard, Jon Hoff and Lance Hartkopf.



Ladies Aid Page 3

2022 Officers:

President: Marilyn Rusch

VP/Secretary: Wendy Hellwig
Treasurer: MaryAnn Dettman

Next Meeting

September 7, 2022

Watch for information regarding the Food Drive for

MLC



In June we toured the Ahlgren Family Dairy and learned about their robotic dairy system and went to Troubles in Darwin for supper, after the tour. We had about 20 people attend. We didn't have meetings in July or August.

September 7th is our next meeting, with Deb Boelter speaking to us on "Angel Bears" that she makes in memory of loved ones. Everyone is welcome to come hear her speak and join us for lunch and our meeting.

At our October 5th meeting we will have Farm Fresh Girls from the Litchfield area speak to us on cooking healthy meals from all our garden produce. Again everyone is welcome to listen to our speakers. In October, the Program committee will be working on setting up speakers and/or tours for the upcoming year. If anyone has some ideas or suggestion, let us know! It is always interesting to learn more about things that are going on in our own backyards.

Ladies Executive Board

2022 Officers:

President: Janel Radunz

VP: Deb Boelter

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Gauer

Directors: Brittany Clark, Sharon

Smith, Kim Schmeling

The next meeting is scheduled for **January 18, 2023.**Election for Officers will take place
~~Vice-President, Director and Secretary/Treasurer~~

Church Cleaning Tentative Dates: October 13 and October 15 Watch for more information to come.

If you have any questions prior to the January meeting, please contact one of the Officers.

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

ship activities.

GILL closed out last school year with a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings. \$151.66 was raised for future activities. Prior to that, we had a bonfire together with St. John's, Glencoe. Pastor Pilarski organized a scavenger hunt based on Bible verses. Students had to look up the verse and then find something in the surrounding area that was mentioned in the verse. We also enjoyed giant Jenga and a hymn sing.

Looking ahead, we plan to kick off the 2022-23 year with a bonfire at Mr. Gephart's house in September. Stay tuned for the date and time.

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.

Applied for and approved:

n/a

LWMS



For our Home Missions, we will be supporting Cross of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church. 8131 Soule Road in Liverpool, NY 13090-1578—Rev. Benjamin Birner.

World Missions, we will be support WELS Latin America Mission Team, 6055 NW 104th Ave in Doral, FL 33178. - Missionary Michael Harman.

Please keep these congregations in your prayers and if you are so inclined, please send a card offering your support.

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.

Vacation Bible School

We had approximately 56 children attend VBS with about approximately 20 of the children sharing their songs that they learned during the Outdoor Service. Thank you to the volunteers that assisted during this week.

Choir



Choir will be starting up again. First practice is Monday, September 19 at 6:30 Everyone Welcome to join!



Fellowship Committee

Next Meeting:

August 21 at 2p Everyone Welcome!

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

Watch for upcoming activities.

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.



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

hutchinsonlutheranschool.com

Greetings from Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool. We are gearing up for the 2022-2023 school year. This year our theme is "Courageous in Christ" based on 1 Corinthians 16:13. With our faith built on the rock, our redeemer, we can be courageous and stand firm in that faith as we face trials and temptations. We can be a light to our community, to our family, and to our friends as we courageously stand up for Jesus.

We welcome and all time high 69 students this year; 25 students in Mrs. Eckstrand's room, 19 in Mrs. Utsch's room, and 25 in Mr. Gephart's room. We are very excited to have an extra full house and we look forward to seeing the blessings God has in store for us this year.

August:

Family Night/New Family Orientation - Wednesday, Aug. 3rd Back to school night - Sunday, Aug. 28th First day of school - Monday, Aug. 29th

September:

Soccer and Volleyball start - Sept 6th

October:

Soccer and Volleyball continue (See website for specific dates) Oct. 2nd - Children sing at Immanuel

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! We have raised commitments of about \$1 million so far. Our fundraising efforts continue as we get closer to our building date of early Spring 2023. Please see our website or send a check to school if you are interested in donating.

With approval from both Grace and Immanuel, we will start construction as soon as the ground is ready in Spring of 2023 with our 7 classroom building. It should be move-in ready by late November if everything goes according to plan. Be sure to check out the plans at church or on our website!

In Christ,

Brian Gephart, Principal

School Building Update

School Board Officers:

Ryan Bushman Tim Utsch Jon Hoff Jeremiah Clark Jay Mackedanz

School Building Committee:

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

The School has qualified to receive financing through LACE (Lutheran Association for Church Extension). What is not covered through fundraising will be financed through this organization. The proposed school budget covers all loan payments without requiring extra financial commitments from our congregations.

- The loan rate is 4.75% (15 year fixed/5 year balloon for 30 year mortgage)
- No added LACE mortgage fees.

LACE provides an opportunity for WELS members to purchase investments and receive interest payments. These investments help lower the interest rate on the building's loan payments through LACE.

- Annual returns up to 3.5% for 5 years
- Start with as little as \$25

Visit <u>laceinc.org</u> to learn more.





Preschool

Addison Albrecht
Hunter Forstner
Delilah Gutormson
Brynlee Henrichs
Connor Johnson
Britta Koehnen
Bryker Koehnen
Isabella Krajsa
Lexy Kurth
Cassie Lueck
Delilah Palmer
Memphis Plamann
Breah Smith
Vanessa Smith
Mason Wersal

Kindergarten

Harper Clark
Axel Forstner
Berkley Heinrichs
Matthew Kiecker
Rayna Markworth
Easton Podratz
Brecken Suess
Elayna Uecker
Calix Vanoverbeke

2022-2023 School Children

1st Grade

Lacey Chance
Hazel Erickson
David Lyle
Lily Mackedanz
Callum Rosenow
Wyatt Schaefer
Aria Suess

2nd Grade

Angelyn Chance Audie Plocher Amelia Utsch Gavin Wersal

3rd Grade

Kolton Bohn Logan Bourdeaux Broden Koehnen Caitlyn Kruse Briecyn Kurth Aubree Mackedanz Brynlie Podratz Grace Schaefer

4th Grade

Carson Dragt Everett Erickson Lilly Henschke Charlotte Lyle Olivia Utsch Edwin VonBerge

5th Grade

Estelle Clark Brynlee Koehnen Bennett Kohls Lily Plocher Ellie Podratz

6th Grade

Logan Dragt Emma Hoff Evan Kruse Wyatt Kruse Dylan Smith

7th Grade

Samantha Eckstrand Kylee Henschke Livia Kurth Alexandra Lyle Braeden Trapp Morgan Washburn

8th Grade

Andrew Eckstrand Avery Kohls Gabriella VonBerge

Fundraisers



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 <u>www.schoolmall.com</u> 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) <u>kohls@hutchtel.net</u> 320-444-0170 or Teresa Ross (Grace) <u>taross316@gmail.com</u> 320-305-9262.

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. **Family Night:** August 3 – This event is focused to welcome new parents and give an overview of the school year.

Spaghetti Supper raised approximately \$1700.

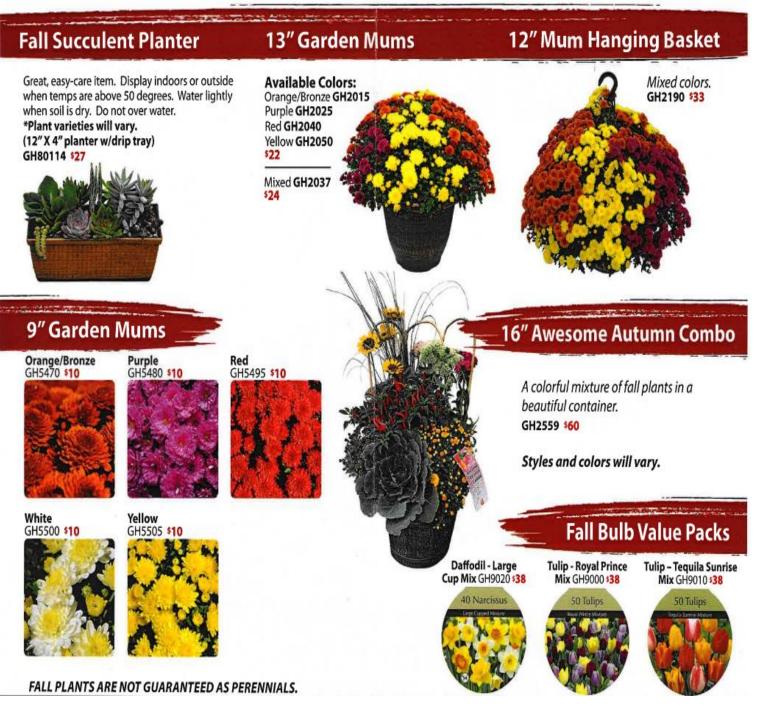
Cash Wise Brat Stand - ILS Fundraiser: Raised \$1,100.62. Thank you to all you volunteered and those that came out to support us!

Upcoming Fundraiser: **Fall Flowers Gertens Fundraiser** with proceeds going towards the new school

To order: Starting August 8 go online to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter the Store ID code of **591** into the field and click 'Enter ID to Continue'. This Fundraiser will close on September 1 and orders will be delivered on September 16. *Thank you for your support!*

Fundraiser conducted by PTF If you have any questions, please contact Beth Podratz at epodratz@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!



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Find us on the Web: 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.

Pastor Eugene DeVries Phone: 320-587-4857

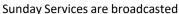
Cell: 320-405-6490 Email: eugene.mark.devries@gmail.com

Church Secretary: Julie Thompson

Phone: 320-583-6007

Email: juliethompson@mchsi.com







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

NuTelecom—Channel 10 or Mediacom—Channel 107.3

Altar Guild: August: Sharon Smith and Deb Boelter

September: Marilyn Rusch

October: Betty Rusch and Karen Plath

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.

Welcome!

Ryan and Rebecca Palmer and their children Delilah and Peter.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to the following celebrating their Wedding Anniversary:

Celebrating in August:

Harold and Karen Plath celebrating their 20th

Celebrating in September:

- Tom and Sue Schlueter celebrating their 25th
- Steve and Cindy Wendorff celebrating their 45th
- Brad and Dori Duesterhoeft celebrating their 40th
- Jon and Anna Hoff celebrating their 20th
- Chrissy and Matt Forcier celebrating their 10th

Celebrating in October:

David and Donna Telecky celebrating their 45th

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

