



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 4, 2017

10 a.m. Sunday Services



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



There is no greater desperation than that of a student sitting in front of a half finished paper at two in the morning before the due date. Staring at the computer screen and unable to keep writing, the student goes on the internet and looks for other papers on a similar topic. Using his computer's cut and paste function, he copies paragraphs from the other papers into his own document. In half an hour the paper is finished and he goes to bed.

In the academic world, taking credit for someone else's work is the ultimate sin. But in the Christian faith, taking credit for someone else's work is the heart and core of our salvation. The Bible explains how we get credit for what Jesus did. Jesus never cheated on a paper. He never had an affair with someone else's spouse. He never wished something bad would happen to people who didn't like him. In short, he had none of the sins that make us worthy of death. But more than just a lack of sin, Jesus had true righteousness. He loved and served other people. He obeyed his parents with his whole heart. He always spoke the truth in love. The Bible books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell in great detail how Jesus kept the law of God.

But that information by itself doesn't do me any good. I need righteousness for me. Because no one can get into heaven with a cloud of sins hanging over their head. That's where faith comes into the picture. God makes the promise in the Bible that Jesus did all those things *for you and for me*. In fact, that was the reason why he was born. He came to live under God's law, obey it perfectly, and give us the credit for his obedience. You don't have to do anything to get the credit. It's already yours as a gift.

So in the desperation that comes from sin, in the sadness and sorrow that comes from guilt, you have a place to turn. It's better than any web site that tells you how to overcome procrastination or create good habits. It's better than any life coach who will come and tell you how to improve your holiness and stop falling into sin. You have a Savior who gives you the credit for what he has done. You have Jesus who gives you his perfect righteousness in exchange for your sin. And in God's eyes that's the only way to get a passing grade into eternal life.

"When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons."

Galatians 4:4,5

Pastor DeVries

Bible Study:

8p Mondays
 10a Thursdays - Will start again Summer 2018
 11:15a Sundays

Confirmation:

1p on Sunday
 4:15p on Wednesday

Choir:

7 p.m. on Mondays
 Everyone Welcome!
 Director: Kim Schmeling

Sunday School

Teachers:

Eileen Prieve
 Deb Plamann
 Mackenzie Boeckers
 Cindy Wendorff

Helpers:

Patrick Schlueter
 Natasha Tews

Opening Devotion:

Chrissy Forcier

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."



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 October 17, 2017. Current membership is 251 members and 213 communicant members.

The **Trustees** reported temporary touch up work was completed on the basement walls along with a dehumidifier was purchased for the kitchen basement.

The **School Board** reported that there are 43 students enrolled, Angie Glieden is serving as preschool aid on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The school play is coming up November 10th. And basketball will be starting in December with Sue Schlueter coaching.

New Business: A proposal was received from the Ladies group to upgrade the furniture in the entryway. Two tables would be purchased to display materials for the church and school.

Randall Mohr with Elite Audio Video will be here on **Sunday, November 19**

after church to answer any questions around a proposed PA System Upgrade, (Including: Audience Microphones, Camera Audio Upgrade and Equipment). This is a significant upgrade/investment (estimated \$22,140) that if you have any questions you would like answered before it is decided by the Voters to pursue this invest-

G.I.L.L.

Leaders: Pastor DeVries, Pastor Tobison, Teresa Ross, Jean Horrmann

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:30 at Grace with Supper Served.

Upcoming activities:

December: Lock-in at Immanuel with a Scavenger Hunt.

January: Stillwater Ice Castles

February: Sledding or bowling.

Thank you to all the families who helped sell the pies and also thank everyone who ordered from our G.I.L.L. fundraiser. We are lucky to have such great support from our church.

Ladies Aid

2017 Officers

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

Next Meeting:
January 10, 2018



In September, we hosted an event at the Paint Factory. A fun time by all and showing the talent of many of our church members.

The Ladies Aid donated a gift of money to the Wells Relief for the victims of the hurricanes in Florida and Texas. This is our small way of helping those in need through our gifts.

Thank you to all who donated to the MLC food drive held in October, it assists the married couples that attend MLC. Again this school year

we are participating in the MLC adopt-a-student program. We will keep Emily, the same student as we had last year. Karen Kohls is our contact person for this program, she delivered a "good will" package to Emily in October.

This year as in past years, we will be delivering Thanksgiving gifts to our home bound congregation members, to remind them they are not forgotten and warmly thought of. On December 3rd, we will celebrate with our annual Christmas party.

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.

Several strength/opportunities, weakness/threats were discussed from hosting a

soccer camp this summer, participating in area parades promoting either VBS or the school in general, help to serve a Christmas meal and to see if the Library would allow us to have a small flyer/bookmark put out for people to take for advertising the church/school.

It was then discussed again what our purpose and direction should be. We'd like to get a clearer statement from the council to tell us what we as a Long Range Planning Committee should be accomplishing and whether or not we should disband.

Events Committee

Members:

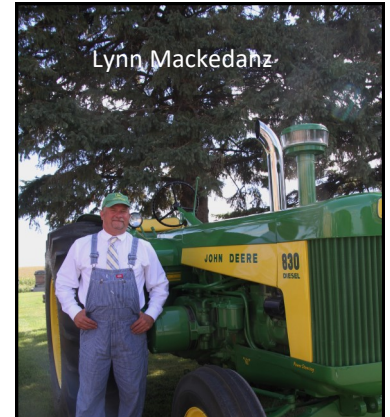
Barb DeVries
Wanda Gauer
Betty Henke
Donna Telecky
Julie Thompson
Julie Trick
Jane Vacek

Ice Cream Social was held in September followed by “Show off your wheels”.

Advent by Candlelight will be on Sunday, November 26 at 5 p.m. Please RSVP by November 19.

Q1 Birthday celebrations will be on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Cake and Coffee Served after church in the meeting room.

New Member Luncheon will be after the first of the year. Watch for date/time.



Lynn Mackedahz



Jim Radunz



Larry & Karen
Koepf



Kyle Rasmussen



Milan and Norma Plath



Kate Black

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.

The Holy Scriptures have defined God pleasing ways in which women may serve their Lord. The Immanuel Ladies' Auxiliary is made up of all women in our congregation. The Ladies Executive Board is asking for volunteers to be on the ballot at the January 17th meeting for the Vice President and Director (3 year term). Please contact Julie Thompson if you have questions or would like to volunteer to serve as Vice President or Director.

The Vice President serves as vice president in assisting the President for one year and then moves into the office of President for one year. The President directs 2 meetings per year and consults with the Executive Committee to ensure that the condition and cleanliness of the kitchen and basement are adequate for use.

The 3 Directors oversee church improvements when contacted by the church council. They also rotate duties communicating with members hosting a catered event and initiate the annual cleaning of the church kitchen and basement.

Thank you.

Members:

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

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.

Items that need addressing

- Misc. Lights to be replaced
- Loose ceiling tile in Kristi's room
- Update Fire alarms

- Repaint ceiling misc. tiles
- Handicap Accessibility (includes bathroom remodel and access to basement)
- Wax floor in Brian's room – possible new flooring – epoxy
- Kristi's Closet needs to be re-organized and remodeled – use door for storage and put in other shelving.
- New School sign by road – and to freshen up sign in front of building.
- Slide in playground
- Gutters down spouts on back side of building
- Clean gutters
- Basement bathroom, ceiling at least

Also, we will be looking into meeting with a synod consultant to show if there is a need demographically to build a new school.

Holiday Preparations



Church Decorating

On Saturday, **December 2 at 9:00 a.m.** we will be decorating the church for Christmas. If you have an hour or so to assist, it would be greatly appreciated.

On **Sunday, December 3**, at the end of the service we will finish decorating the tree. Each person in church will be given an ornament to place on the tree. During this time we will be singing Christmas Hymns.



A Door Offering will be held on Sunday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 10th for the children's candy bags that will be handed out on Christmas Eve.
Thank you.

Christmas Cards

The Ladies' Aid has Christmas cards available for sale. They are sold by the box and are in the church library. They also have an assortment of birthday and many other general greeting cards.



Poinsettias

If you would like to help beautify our church with poinsettias in celebration of Jesus' birth, please sign up on the sheet in the entry way by December 3, 2017. Colors are red, pink and white at a cost of \$10 each. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Henke.

Christmas Gift Bags – After the holidays, if you have extra Christmas Gift Bags (new and/or used) that you don't know what to do with...please save for Belle Plaine. This make gift wrapping so much easier for all of the gifts that are given to the residents. Thank you! Please connect with Sharon Smith regarding this.



Belle Plaine Lutheran Home Christmas Party

Once again we will be collecting Christmas gifts for the residents at Belle Plaine Hope Center. These gifts assure that every resident will receive a Christmas gift. A collection box will be available throughout November with a deadline of **December 5th**. Contact Sharon Smith, Belle Plaine Coordinator, with any questions.

- 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

Use **SCRIP** as Christmas gifts. Place orders by December 10 and the gift cards will be delivered before Christmas. As always, local cards are on hand after that date for last minute gifts. Contact Karen Kohls.

SCRIP: Are gift cards available and you pay the face value of the card and the school receives a percentage. The money earned provides ILS field trips throughout the year. Remember the cards are available all year long. Thank you for your support of our School and Pre School. A listing is found at school and church. Please see Karen Kohls to purchase.

Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 23

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve—Sunday December 24

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel

Christmas Eve Children's Program

Sunday, December 24 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel.

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel



PTF

Officers:

President: Jeremy Prieve

VP: Jon Hoff

Secretary: Barb DeVries

Treasurer: Eileen Prieve

Meetings:

Second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

November 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Fundraising Report

A. The Schwan's campaign code is 33216 and is good until the end of October. Eileen will wait until January to get a new campaign code.

B. The Kwik Trip credit cards brought in \$52.93 this quarter to be used toward field trips.

C. The scrip account will pay for admission to Emma Krumbiegs. The children will go on a hay ride and pick out a pumpkin to take home. The bus will be supplied free of charge.

D. The Cash Wise brat stand brought in \$1136.00.

New reversible uniforms will be purchased for the basketball team.

A second, matching school banner was purchased from Crow River Signs for \$206. Both are stored in the water treatment room in the parsonage.

Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool



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

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

Immanuel Lutheran School will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2018. Events will be scheduled for the weekend of August 25th and 26th, 2018. Watch for details in the coming new year.

The children present their play—*Superheroes United!* A fun time had by all.

Thank you & best wishes to Monica Rehberger, our student teacher who was in Mrs. Utsch's classroom for 9 weeks.





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Mondays at 10 a.m. and Sundays at 9 p.m.
NuTelecom—Channel 10 or Mediacom—Channel 107.3

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- Altar Guild:** November: Betty Rusch and Karen Plath
December: Betty Henke and Donna Telecky
January: Jorunn Kastens and Julie Thompson
- Ushers:** November: Brad Duesterhoeft, Justin Black, Katlin Davis, Danielle Olson, Tyler Olson, Dawn Nass, Becca Jopp, Lucas Plamann, Tom Schlueter, John Schlueter, Patrick Schlueter, and Chuck Nisse
December: Bruce Trick, Kyler Adams, Tessa Adams, Dawn Nass, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Brad Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Jon Hoff

Choir

Front Row: Kim Schmeling, Chrissy Forcier, Karen Kohls, Barb DeVries, Deb Plamann, Student Teacher, Monica Rehberger. **Back Row:** Gina Buske, Brian Gephart, Rodney Schmeling, Dori Duesterhoeft, Mike Heine, Heidi Radunz, Del Prieve, Janel Radunz, Jane Vacek



Weather Closings



Winter weather will soon be with us again. On Sundays with questionable weather, worship cancellations will be announced on KDUZ -1260 AM radio. During the week, Pastor's policy is this: if Hutchinson Public Schools are closed for the day, evening events at both Immanuel and Zion will also be postponed on that day.

Address Changes

And if anyone has an update to their address and/or phone, please let Julie Thompson know at juliethompson@mchsi.com or Church Box #75.

We Welcome

Jaxon Lloyd Schmeling, the son of Tyler and Courtney Schmeling.

Maryn Lydia Otto, the daughter of Steve and Kim Otto, great-granddaughter to June Fisher.

Grant DeRon Brehmer, the son of Matthew and Ashley Brehmer.

May the Lord bless Jaxon, Maryn and Grant as they begin their life of faith.

Our Thoughts and Prayers to the families of

Vernon Roemhildt, 86 of Pemberton, died peacefully October 15, 2017. Vernon was Immanuel Lutheran School's teacher from 1957 to 1965. He is survived by his wife, Marlys. We extend our thoughts and prayers to his family.

Leona Karg, age 92, of Hutchinson, passed away Monday, October 23, 2017, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson. She is survived by her son, Larry and wife, Joan.