

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 4, 2018

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Services



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



Bible Study: 8p Mondays 10a Thursdays thru November 15, 2018

Confirmation:

Wednesday at 4:15p

Choir:

Mondays at 7p

Director: Kim Schmeling

At the October Congregational meeting, the voters approved bylaws to govern the Fellowship Committee. The second paragraph of those bylaws explain the purpose of this committee. "The Fellowship Committee exists to promote Christian fellowship among the members of Immanuel, to promote Christian fellowship with members of other area WELS congregations, and to reach out to the community for the purpose of sharing God's love and advancing God's kingdom."

The dictionary says that fellowship is "friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests." Which boils down to "we like spending time together and genuinely enjoy each others' company." In our case, the fellowship is specifically Christian. Which is to say that love for Jesus binds our friendly association together, rather than some generic shared interest. But someone may legitimately ask, "How does Christian fellowship relate to the core purpose of the church?"

The Church exists to carry out Jesus' instructions to make disciples of all nations. We celebrate the sacraments and preach the word so that *we* may receive God's grace; but also to invite others in, so they too may share in the joy of God's salvation. Strictly speaking, we *could* carry out that mission without Christian fellowship. But only if we were unthinking, unfeeling robots concerned only with efficiency.

In actual fact, we are people with hearts alternately weighed down by troubles or filled with joy. And we have a human need to share those joys and sorrows with other humans. That sharing cannot happen in robotic, unfeeling fashion. It requires a safe place, with caring relationships and people we know will support us. For that reason, Christian fellowship is an essential part of our mission as a church. We celebrate birthdays and show off our wheels and host a talent show. Not because these things are necessary for salvation. We do them because we want to have fun together and get to know one another and be better able to carry each others burdens.

One difficult aspect of this ministry is welcoming new people into the group. Any time you join a group, it takes some time to really feel like you belong. You need the people in the group to listen to your ideas, even if they are new and strange. You need them to accept your help, even if you do things differently. At the same time, you need to respect the traditions of the group, even if you think they are dumb. And you need to take time to listen and understand, even if you want to bring in a hundred new ideas. These things take time and patience. But most importantly, they take love. And that brings us back to why we have a church in the first place.

We gather together as members of the church because Jesus loved us. He loved us despite the ugliness of our sin and what it did to him. He loved us despite the fact that we still fail to love him and keep his commandments. The love of Jesus at work in our hearts teaches us how to love each other. It teaches how to welcome newcomers and treat them like part of the family. It teaches us to support and encourage each other as we follow Jesus.

May the Lord bless the work of the Fellowship Committee!

Pastor DeVries

C18

One-million souls. That is the goal. To share the gospel with one-million souls prior to and on Christmas Eve. That goal is part of WELS Congregational Services' C18 program. The only way to achieve that goal is for all WELS members, young and old, to embrace the privilege and responsibility of sharing Christ with unchurched friends, relatives, and neighbors. A simple way to do that—invite them to come with your family to your congregation's Christmas Eve worship service. A recent survey found that 80% of unchurched adults would seriously consider accepting an invitation, extended by a friend, to attend a Christmas Eve service. C18 walks you through this process step-by-step. For more information and to sign up to receive free weekly materials and encouragement, go to welscongregational-services.net/c18.

Council Highlights

2018 Church Board Officers:

Chairman: Rodney Schmeling

Vice-Chair: Harold Plath Secretary: Mike Brekke

Treasurer: Bruce Trick

Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer

Delegate: Carl Nass

Trustees: Brad Duesterhoeft

Chris Wersal

Matt Forcier

Elders: Justin Black

Kori Leske Kurt Leske

Nui C Lesike

Finance Committee: Ron Kohls

David Rusch

Matt Dahl

Cemetery Board:

Willard Wendorff Steve Wendorff Chuck Nisse The Quarterly Voter's meeting/ Congregational meeting met on October 16, 2018. Current membership is 246 members and 211 communicant members.

The **Trustees report:** ProHome Improvement/Larry Murphy will be contracted to remove the snow. General maintenance of the church/grounds will include: several trees removed, the septic tank pumped along with the water filters replaced, insulation and A/C in the parsonage looked into. The company that provided repairs to the bell tower will be contact to provide additional maintenance. A light between the parsonage and teacherage will be replaced. A bid from E2 Electric was received to work on the Steeple lights.

It was voted on to use monies from the Thrivent account to pay off the line of credit due to the number of maintenance repairs.

Job opening for Church Bookkeeping

Approximately 2-4 hours a week.

Job duties include, but not limited to, writing checks, mailing bills, payroll, recording deposits, creating monthly, quarterly, and annual reports for Council and Voters' meetings, and filing quarterly State and Federal payroll tax reporting.

Church provides laptop, mouse, and printer.

Position is paid.

Please contact Bruce Trick or Rod Schmeling, if interested.

Thank you to Chrissy Forcier for her time and talents with this position.

Next Voter's/Congregational meeting is

January 22, 2019 at 7 p.m.

With Elections

Ladies Aid

2018 Officers

President: Wendy Hellwig

VP/Secretary: Karen Kohls

Treasurer: Betty Henke

Next Meetings:

November 7 –Shut-in gifts

December 2

Christmas Party

Our group returned in September after having the summer off.

We collected food for MLC, and had a good selection to take to the college. We thank everyone who donated to this drive, the recipients of our donations are very appreciative.

We are sponsoring adopt-a-student again this year and will be keeping Emily whom we had previously.

During our October meeting, the committee for next years program presented the activities. It looks to be an interesting year, please join us on some of our outings, they look to be entertaining and interesting.

Happy Thanksgiving, a time to recall the blessing and gifts from God.



The Ladies Aid continues to sponsor **Emily Ash** through the "Befriend a MLC Student" program. The congregation

is invited to be part of the effort.

We invite everyone to remember Emily throughout the year as she continues her studies as a Junior 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.

Fellowship Committee

Next Meeting:

November 11 at 2 p.m.

Everyone welcome to attend.

Chair: Pastor DeVries Secretary: Barb DeVries Treasurer: Julie Thompson Fourth Quarter birthdays will be celebrated on Sunday, November 11 with a cake reception in the basement after worship. The Fellowship Committee will serve cake, treats and beverages.

The Fellowship Committee is planning a special song service in Advent on Sunday, December 9 at 10:00 AM. This special worship service will be

followed by a potluck meal. The members of Immanuel are asked to bring a main course or side dish to share. The dessert and beverages will be provided. It is our prayer that your hearts will be warmed in preparation for our Savior's coming.

Thrivent Policy Members

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. In 2017, \$2,348 were designated by Thrivent

members to the church and school. Can we meet or exceed that number for 2018?

"Action Teams" when approved, provides \$250 of seed money to be use towards an event, again at no cost to you.

Ladies Executive Board

2018 Officers:

President: Deb Plamann

VP: Janel Radunz

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda

Gauer

Directors: LuAnn Yerks, Donna Telecky, JoAnn Kallemeyn

Semi-Annual Meeting: January 16, 2019 at 7 p.m. Fall Cleaning was scheduled for Saturday, October 27 at 9 a.m. for the basement. Thank you to all that help!

Elections for officers will be held. Please consider giving of your time and talents when you are contacted. *Thank you*.

Grace & Immanuel Luther League (G.I.L.L.)

Leaders:

Pastor DeVries

Pastor Tobison

Teresa Ross

Brian Gephart

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

G.I.L.L is sad to say goodbye to Jean Horrmann as she retires from being a leader. We thank her for her years of service. If you are interested in helping the youth of our congregation, we could use another adult leader. G.I.L.L leaders plan and lead youth events, make meals for regular meetings, and generally help make G.I.L.L happen. We have regular meetings on the second Sunday of each month at Grace at 5:30p. And then each month we host an activity or an outing. This year we continue to have the old favorites (Skate-N-Place, lock-in) as well as try out some new ideas (Scavenger Hunt). G.I.L.L invites youth from 4th through 12th grade to come and join the fun.

Holiday Preparations



Church Decorating

On Saturday, **December 1 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 2**, 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 2rd and Sunday, December 9th 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.



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 2, 2018. Colors are red, pink and white at a cost of \$10.50 each. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Henke or Donna Telecky.

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 makes 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.



Weather Closings: Winter weather will soon be with us again. On Sundays with questionable weather, worship cancellations will be an-

nounced on KDUZ -1260 AM radio.

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 2nd.** 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

<u>Use Scrip as Christmas gifts.</u> Place orders by December 16 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.



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

Our Teachers: Cindy Wendorff, Eileen Prieve, Deb Plamann and Chrissy Forcier Our Substitute Teachers: Ali Plamann and Anna Hoff

This Year in Sunday School...

-We started lessons about the Old Testament stories.
-We are learning a "Books of the Bible" song.
-Our mission offerings are going toward the LWMS "Kids C.A.R.E." program for Kids Summer Bible Camps.

Advent Service

This year the Sunday School children will be participating in the special Advent service on December 9th by singing a song with the choir. The children and choir will also be singing the same song in the Christmas program. Their part is the first verse of Angels We Have Heard on High.

December 8

This year, we will be having our annual Sunday School Christmas Party after practice on December 8th in the meeting room. We will all meet together after practice to hear the story of Jesus birth, do some crafts and games, sing, and have lunch. Please be able to pick up your kids by 1:00 that afternoon.

Christmas Program

Copies of the service and songs will be sent home with the children. Please take note of the lines your children have to memorize, and help them learn and review these passages. The narration parts do not need to be memorized and will be read by the children. They just need to be comfortable with the words and be able to read them fluently.

During the month of December the children that attend Immanuel Lutheran School are encouraged to join us for Sunday School classes for some extra practice for the program.

Practice Schedule

Saturday, December 8, 15 & 22 9:00-11:00 AM Choir to join at 10:00 12/15 & 12/22

Christmas Eve

The service itself starts at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 24^{th} We would like to have the children meet in the meeting room at 6:30 PM .

There will be NO Sunday Classes on December 30. The regular schedule will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

Holiday Services



Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 22 8:45 a.m. at Zion 10 a.m. at Immanuel

New Year's Eve Service

Monday, December 31 7 p.m. with Holy Communion

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Children's Program

Monday, December 24 3:00 p.m. at Zion 7 p.m. at Immanuel



Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25 8:45 a.m. at Zion 10 a.m. at Immanuel

Immanuel Lutheran School's 100th Anniversary



Committee Members:

Pastor DeVries
Barb DeVries
Chrissy Forcier
Jon Hoff
Brian Gephart
Deb Plamann
Eileen Prieve
Teresa Ross from Grace
Julie Thompson

Thank you to all you attended ILS's Anniversary. We had over 200 people in attendance on Saturday as well as Sunday. Thank you to all you made a donation, helped with a fundraiser and/or participated in supporting the fundraiser and helped over the weekend. Without your help this wouldn't have been possible. We hope you enjoyed yourself, caught up with old friends and reminisced of yesterdays. We are truly blessed and thankful.





















A book has been put together of all of the composites of the ILS School Days pictures starting in 1970. Along with all of the teachers and the buildings.

If you are interested in purchasing, please contact Julie Thompson (juliethompson@mchsi.com) with your email address and she will send you a "link" from Shutterfly.com so that you can place your own order.

PTF

Officers:

President: Jeremy Prieve

VP: Jon Hoff

Secretary: Barb DeVries Treasurer: Eileen Prieve

Next Meeting:

November 12 at 6:30p

PTF stands for Parents/ Teachers/Friends. If you are a friend of Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool, please plan to join us for the next meeting on Monday, November 12 at 6:30 PM at the school. Children are invited to come along and watch a movie in Mrs. Eckstrand's classroom.

If you are not able to attend the meetings, you can still support the school by giving monetary donations, helping with fundraisers, or saving General Mills box tops, Nature's Touch milk caps, and Village Hearth bread UPCs. Empty printer cartridges are also accepted. A basket for these items is located under the table dedicated to school news in the church entryway.

<u>Patio bricks</u> may be purchased for the area in front of the school steps. These bricks will be engraved with family and student names as a memorial to beautify our



school property. The proceeds will go into our new building

fund. A 4x4 brick costs \$40. A 4x8 brick costs \$60.

Will continue to take orders and order forms are available on the table in church. The statewide health improvement program (SHIP) Community McLeod of Health Services helps provide grants for local schools to enhance opportunities for students to access healthy foods and be physically active during the school day. In order to participate in these grants, we need a Wellness Committee to create goals for school in der to improve healthy eating and being physically active.

The committee would meet 4 times a year (quickly after a PTF meeting) and access our wellness goals. Let Brian Gephart know if you would like to be on this committee.

Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool



Principal: Brian Gephart Grades 4 to 7

Teacher: Kristi Utsch Grades 1-3

Teacher: Mallory Eckstrand

Pre-School & Kindergarten

School Board Officers:

Jack Draper, Kyle Podratz Jeremiah Clark, Jeremy Prieve

Outreach: Ryan Bushman

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

We welcome the following students to a new school year at Immanuel!

1st Grade Preschool Kolton Bohn Lvlee Horst Lily Plocher Aubree Mackedanz Megan Plamann

Audi Plocher Brynlie Podratz Amelia Utsch Gavin Wersal

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

Estelle Clark Bennett Kohls Ellie Podratz

2nd Grade Logan Dragt Emma Hoff

3rd Grade Samantha Eckstrand Kylee Henschke Ally Lyle Braeden Trapp Morgan Washburn

4th Grade Andrew Eckstrand Avery Kohls Gabbi VonBerge

5th Grade Scarlet Heldt MaKayla Henschke Natalie Hoff Hunter Nemitz Gavin Washburn

6th Grade Lillian DeVries Karlee Prahl Paisley VonBerge Gabe Yanish

7th Grade Lillian Heldt Shelby Swanson



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB has been started for Grades 6th-8th. A grant was awarded to the school from Shopko Foundation for \$1,500 to purchase a new camera for our photography club and updating some of our technology needs.



SCHOOL PLAY The students will be performing "Silver's Secret" Friday,

Nov. 9th at 6:30pm in the Immanuel's Church basement. Who will find Long John's treasure first? - Red Beard, Black Beard, or No Beard?

School fundraisers

Discount cards for \$20 to help pay for our new refrigerator and raise some money for classroom needs. The multi-use discount card has 20 vendors that are good for Hutchinson and some Litchfield locations and is good for one year.

There is a new Schwans Fundraiser starting 10/22/2018. If you have ordered from Schwans in the past, please be sure to update your Campaign code to the new number - 42827. Immanuel Lutheran School will earn 20% on product purchased, and 40% on Gift Cards (\$25) purchased through Schwans Cares from 10/22 though 12/6/18. After that the fundraiser will continue until 03/6/2019 at a rate of 5% return to the school.

Milk Moola bag tops & milk tops, from Kwik Trip, BoxTops, Loaves4Learning UPC symbols and empty ink cartridges from printers.

School Mall Fundraiser: SchoolMall.com is an online shopping mall where over 350 nationally known merchants have agreed to give a percentage of sales to K-12 schools. Companies like WalMart.com, Sears, Target, Disney Store, Family Book Store, and Oriental Trading Company participate.

Customers help your school by making every day purchases from the nation's top online merchants...with NO COST and NO RISK for your School.

- Go to schoolmall.com Search for Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson, MN
- Click on Merchants or look for magazines
- Click on your favorite store and shop away

Amazon Fundraiser - Go to www.smile.amazon.com Make Immanuel Lutheran School your choice for donations

Association of Immanuel Lutheran School

2018 School Board Officers

President: Ryan Bushman

Vice-President: Tim Utsch

Secretary: Kyle Podratz

Treasurer: Jon Hoff

Outreach: Jeremiah Clark

Next Meeting:

April 7, 2018 at 7 p.m.

The School Association was established in 2006 with Grace Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Association is the overall governing body for the school. Any voting member of either Grace Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran Church can vote at the Association meet-

The responsibilities of the Association include:

- Acts as the calling body for the teachers
- Approves the annual school budgets before they are brought to the individual congregational voter's meetings
- Responsible for the school, including what is going on in the classrooms and the extra-curricular activities

The school board are the officers for the Association as they conduct the meetings twice a year, in the same way the church council runs the voter's meetings. At the meetings, in addition to the noted responsibilities listed above, the financial reports are also presented which includes the dayto-day reports and the investments. These investment funds are what is left from the Duesterhoeft donation that we received years ago. We have been trying to stretch these funds (Thrivent Mutual fund of \$42,705 and an Edward Jones Mutual Fund of \$49,752) as long as possible to ensure that the school can remain viable. Approximately \$10,000 per year is used from these funds for general expenses. These are NOT designated at this time for a building fund.

The building fund was started last spring when we received an additional donation from the Duesterhoeft Estate of \$14,685. It was a gift we were not expecting and seemed like good seed money for a building fund. In addition, another \$7,000 from the School's 100th Anniversary fund will be transferred to the Building fund.

The **Building Committee** members include:

Chair: Brian Lokensgard Vice-Chair: Ryan Bushman Secretary: Matt/Chrissy Forcier

Steve Wendorff — Brian Gephart — Bruce Trick

The Building Committee for a new school has decided to recess meetings until School Board approves any action on building or remodeling.

Another extension of the Association is PTF. PTF (Parent, Teachers, Friends) is the PTO for Immanuel Lutheran School and Children of Grace Preschool. Members of Grace and Immanuel that are interested in what is going on at the school are encouraged to attend a PTF meeting as well as parents of the children not affiliated with Immanuel or Grace. Those that are in attendance may vote on activities conducted at PTF as well as help with fundraising, play props, class parties, Orange Spectacular, or what ever activity is planned.

PTF helps with fundraising efforts to provide additional monies for the sports programs (court rental, refs, tournament fees, uniforms, etc.) as well as paying for half of the cleaning expenses for the school, and other extras as they come up.

Recently, a survey was conducted asking several questions of Immanuel and Grace regarding the school to get a feel for the knowledge of the congregations and to start conversations about the future. The results (see right) show us that we need to help the congregations become more knowledgeable about the day to day, the building, and our possible plans for the future. We are working on getting some drawings made of a potential new school building and would like to gather some more facts and figures about the process of building. Then, we'd like to have a joint meeting with Grace and Immanuel to discuss our future as a school. There will be an informational meeting regarding a new school building project the first part of January 2019. Everyone welcome!!

Is the school currently the main focus of our ministry?

ILC: Y = 16; N = 25Grace: Y = 6; N = 22

Should the school be our main focus going forward?

ILC: Y = 25; N = 16Grace: Y = 10; N = 18

Did you know that the church contributes \$5000 to the school every month?

ILC: Y=23; N=20 Grace: Y = 20; N = 9

Do you ever give offerings designated for the school?

ILC: Y = 21; N = 23Grace: Y = 8; N = 21

Do you feel that the current school building is adequate for the school's needs?

> ILC: Y = 22; N = 22Grace: Y = 8; N = 12

Would you attend a meeting to talk about a school building project?

ILC: Y = 25; N = 17Grace: Y = 18; N = 11

Would you consider pledging an offering over and above current giving to support a school building project? ILC: Y 24; N = 18Grace: Y = 17; N = 10

Should we move forward with building a new school?

ILC: Y = 19; N = 21Grace: Y = 14; N = 8

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

NuTelecom—Channel 10 or Mediacom—Channel 107.3

Altar Guild: November: Betty Rusch and Karen Plath

December: Betty Henke and Donna Telecky

January 2019: Jorunn Kastens and Julie Thompson

Ushers: November: Brad Duesterhoeft, Justin Black, Katlin Davis, Danielle Olson, Tyler Olson, Lucas Plamann,

Tom, John and Patrick Schlueter, Chuck Nisse

December: Bruce Trick, Kyler Adams, Tessa Adams, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Brad Weber,

Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Jon Hoff and Nolan Hoff

January 2019: Jeremy Prieve, Joshua Prieve, Del Prieve, Julie & Michael Thomson, Eric Thompson,

Kyle Podratz, Alex Prieve, Andy Prieve

Our thoughts and Prayers to the families of

Sam Davis, who passed away on October 2 Roy Strasmann, who passed away on September 15

Congratulations!



Dustin and Mackenzie Boeckers on the birth of their baby boy, Bryce. Ben and Megan Yerks on the birth of their baby boy, Simon.

Brad Weber and Kelsie Farenbaugh who were married on September 8, 2018. Joshua Telecky and Felcia Forgaty who were married on October 26, 2018.



Congratulations to the following celebrating their Wedding Anniversary!

Glen and MaryAnn Dettman —45th Larry and Joan Karg—50th Hugo and Lois Rusch—60th

