



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 4, 2020

9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Sunday Service



## Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



### Sunday School:

9:00a Sundays

### Bible Study:

7:30p Monday night

10:00a Thursday—last

Thursday is November 19th

### Confirmation:

Wednesdays at 4:15p

### Choir:

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!

Director: Chrissy Forcier

To mask or not to mask?

Because of the virus, our society has become locked in a fierce debate. Should individuals be required to wear masks in public? This debate has scientific, political, legal, constitutional, and religious dimensions. But in the midst of all the claims and counter-claims, we still have to decide what to do; both as individuals and as a church.

It's worth pointing out that science will not settle the question. At the beginning of the pandemic, scientists and public officials told us not to wear masks. Then they changed their minds and said we should. Some studies show that wearing a mask limits the flow of airborne particles. Other studies also show that wearing a mask may actually *\*increase\** your risk of contracting the virus. Regardless of which scientific report you favor, you still have to manage the risk of getting sick versus all the other risks of life.

Believers care most about what God says regarding daily life. The 5th commandment says, "You shall not murder." With these words, God forbids us from harming our neighbor in his body. Instead, we should help them in every bodily need. This very same commandment forbids us from harming ourselves. We do not throw away God's gift of life by committing suicide. We do not misuse or abuse alcohol or drugs. God forbids us to hurt or harm ourselves in our bodies. What's the difference between these statements?

"For *my* health, *you* must wear a mask."

"For *my* health, *you* must give blood."

"For *my* health, *you* must donate a kidney."

All of them dictate the actions of another person based on my self interest. Certainly wearing a mask is less of a burden than donating a kidney. But not everyone can stand wearing a mask. Some activities make it impossible. Some people physically can't do it.

Christians want to seek the good of their neighbor. They will "consider others better than themselves" and "look out for the interest of others and not just for their own interests." (Philippians 2:3,4) But this behavior cannot be mandated. Would the church really say, "Unless you start looking out for your neighbor, you may not come to communion"? Should individual believers admonish others by saying, "You had better start looking out for my interests!"?

As soon as the church mandates acts of Christian love, we have destroyed their nature as acts of love. Now those same actions become grudging obedience, unwillingly given. Christian love cannot be demanded. But it can be urged and encouraged. Even more important, it can be given. And that's what Christ calls each of us to do. Love one another, even if you don't see eye to eye on masks. Give each other some space. Try to assume the best of others, not the worst.

All of us are trying to do our best in a trying circumstance. Please show kindness and patience to your fellow believers.

*Pastor DeVries*

**2020 Church Board Officers:**

- Chairman: Rodney Schmeling
- Vice-Chair: Lynn Mackedanz
- Secretary: Mike Brekke
- Treasurer: Mike Heine
- Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer
- Delegate: Jeff Hoff
- Trustees: Matt Forcier  
Chris Plamann  
Bruce Trick
- Elders: Kurt Leske  
Steven Plamann  
Jason Horrmann
- Finance Committee: Steve Hellwig  
Jim Radunz  
Andy Weber
- Cemetery Board: Chuck Nisse  
Dale Kohls  
*vacant*
- School Board: Jon Hoff  
Jay Mackedanz  
Jeremiah Clark

The Next

**Congregational/Voter's**  
meeting is scheduled for  
**January 19 at 7 p.m.**

**Pastor's/Elder's report:** Pastor has been conducting Shut-in visits for those that have requested.

Setting up the Christmas Tree and decorating the church will be on Saturday, November 28 at 9 a.m. *(Everyone welcome to help)*

The main tree will be set up in the entry way this year with two new "pencil" trees to be placed on either side of the altar. The expenses will be covered by the Fellowship Committee.

The Children's Christmas Eve Program will be on December 24 at 5:30 p.m. for the children's parents and grandparents only due to the limited seating capacity. A second worship service will be held at 7 p.m. that evening. If need be, seating will be set up in the church basement.

Communion will be held at the

foot of the altar steps on November 15 and distributed in the same fashion as it is currently being done.

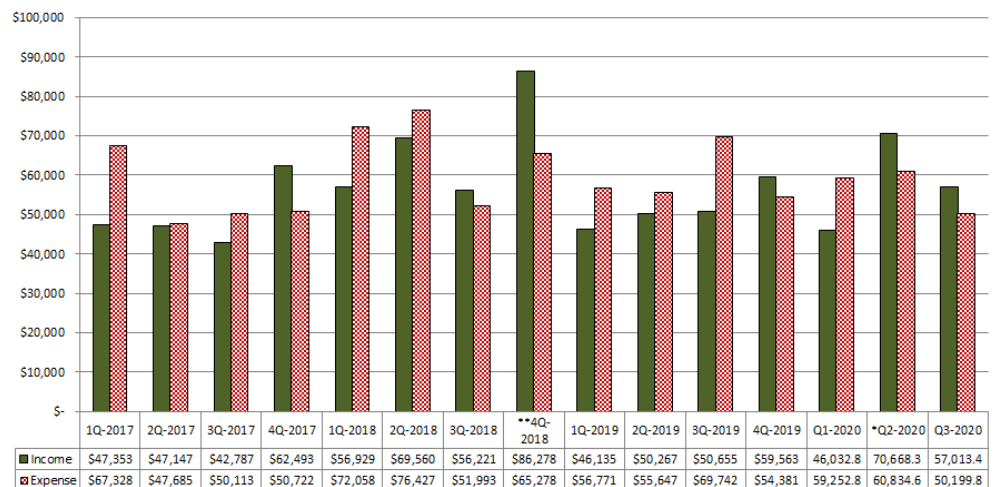
The New Year's Eve Service will be on December 31 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel. There will be NO New Year Day's Service.

**Trustee's report:** Larry Murphy will be contracted for snow removal once again. The deck on the Parsonage will be addressed next spring.

Sarah Forbes will be contracted for cleaning the church. Tidy Tightwads was scheduled, however, due to unforeseen staffing changes, they retracted their agreement.

**Other Business:** Concerns regarding masking have been brought to the attention of the Council. As this is a difficult subject with individual's comfort levels varying, we pray that God will watch over all of us and keep us safe during this difficult time.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Quarterly Income compared to Expenses**



\*\*Income included a donation for A/C for the Parsonage Q4 2018: \$24,100

Q2 2020 (Pandemic)  
\*Income included PPE Loan of \$14,300

## Ladies Executive Board

### 2020 Officers:

President: MaryAnn Dettman

VP: Janel Radunz

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Gauer

Directors: JoAnn Kallemeyn, Brittany Clark, Sharon Smith

### Annual Meeting:

January 13, 2021 at 7 p.m.

The Semi-Annual meeting in July was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2021.

***However, if you have something that should be addressed prior to the January 2021 Annual Meeting, please talk with one of the Executive Board members and we will address the question at hand.***

***Thank you.***

## Ladies Aid

### 2020 Officers:

President: Marilyn Rusch

VP/Secretary: Wendy Hellwig

Treasurer: MaryAnn Dettman

### Next Meeting:

December 4 at 7 p.m.

Our group is back to gathering for our monthly meetings and it feels right. We decorated the church for fall and if I must say so, I think it looks good. This time of year reminds us of the harvest and all the blessing God has bestowed on us.

For our October meeting, we were pleased to have Kate Tohal, a representative from MLC. Her presentation was informative and interesting about the applied structures at MLC in dealing with the Covid virus. She was appreciative of the food our congregation collected for the college food shelf and stated, the students depend on this service. Also, there was a Thrivent Action Team approved for this food shelf drive and the Ladies Aid was able to purchase \$250 worth of food and other items for the college food shelf.

For the month of November, we will decide on officers for next year and will be looking into the program for the upcoming year.

In December we generally sponsor the staff appreciation dinner, but we regretfully need to postpone due to Covid.

As a faith based group we welcome interest to our group, come and visit us. As a group we try to promote activities within our church family to get to know each other a little better.

God's blessing to each of you through the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

**We encourage  
anyone  
interested in  
what we do,  
to please join  
us.**



Say *Merry Christmas* with a small gift... Our MLC Adopt a Student, Emily Ash, is practice teaching at Divine Savior Academy in Doral, Florida until December 18th. After the Christmas break, in 2021, she will be practice teaching again at a different location. We would like to send Emily a Christmas gift to help with her travels and living expenses. Anyone wishing to contribute can place their donation into the Christmas box in the entry designated for Emily. We will send the gift after December 13.

## Sunday Video Worship Services are available to view in multiple ways:

### Broadcasted on:

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

### Church's Website: [www.immanuelhutch.com](http://www.immanuelhutch.com)

- Under the tab: "Video"

### Facebook:

- Immanuel Lutheran, Hutchinson's Facebook page.

### DVD:

- If you would like to receive a DVD of the services
  - Please contact Pastor at **587-6138**.
  - He will make a copy of the service on a DVD.
  - Please schedule a time with him on when you are able to pick up the DVD at church.

### Offerings/Our Gifts to the Lord:

- You may drop off at church during open hours. Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Mail your offerings to 20882 Walden Ave, Hutchinson MN 55350.
- An e-check option is now available. Go to our [offerings page](#) on the website for more information.

## LWMS—2021 Convention



58th Annual LWMS Convention will be in Sharonville, Ohio.

The convention will be held at the Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, Sharonville, OH 42546, **June 24 - 27, 2021**

Check out the website for information.

[https://www.lwms.org/site/default.asp?sec\\_id=180014747](https://www.lwms.org/site/default.asp?sec_id=180014747)



## Choir Update

### **Choir:**

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!

Director: Chrissy Forcier



Choir has started up again for the season with Chrissy as “director” – We’re extending an invitation to anyone who would like to join. We are meeting Monday nights at 6:30 for a quick 30 minute practice.

Our focus is singing (songs within our level of expertise) to bring praise to God’s name, while keeping the safety of our congregation in mind. Let’s not let Covid-19 stop us from gathering and praising God together. Where there is a will, there is a way!

We look forward to contributing some variety to our special services. Any questions, let Chrissy know.

# Fellowship Committee

**Next Meeting:** Pending

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

Meetings have been placed on hold during the pandemic.

In September there was “Show off your wheels” with multiple vehicles on display for all to enjoy along with ice cream treats.

Also, in September we took the time to say “Thank you” to Pastor as it was Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Treats were handed out after the service.

Qtr 2, 3, and 4 birthdays were celebrated in November with treats after church.



**For Daily Devotions, please use the link to our synod's website for information.**

<https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/daily-devotions/>

# Sunday School

**2020/2021 Teachers:**

Eileen Prieve—Kindergarten  
Deb Plamann—Grades 1 to 3  
Barb DeVries—Grades 4 to 8

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.”*



# Thrivent Policy Members

**Thrivent Coordinator:**

Julie Thompson

Register on line:

[www.Thrivent.com](http://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.



# 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

#### PTF Officers:

President: Patti Schaefer  
VP: Rebecca Plocher  
Secretary: Sarah Henschke  
Treasurer: Eileen Prieve

#### PTF Meetings:

Second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.



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

320-587-4858

email: [ilschool@hutchtel.net](mailto:ilschool@hutchtel.net)

**NEW Website:** <https://www.hutchinsonlutheralschool.com/>

Like us on Facebook: @immanuellutheralschoolhutchinson



Things are pretty quiet at **PTF** right now. We are currently selling Cash Wise Coupon books. There are \$100 worth coupons in the books. They cost \$20 a piece. If anyone is interested in purchasing one they can contact a school family or the school. We are also trying to remind people about our SCRIPT fundraiser. With the holidays coming up, it is a great time to stock up on Gift Cards.

## BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

This program will help beautify our campus and help us raise money for our school. The bricks will be placed in front of the steps at school. Whether you are a student, graduate, or a supporter of Immanuel Lutheran and Children of Grace, add your name to the history books. Buy a 4 x 8 brick for \$40 or an 8 x 8 brick for \$60. **FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY December 18, 2020**. If you have any questions, please call Brian Gephart at (269) 932-5117.

**School Apparel is also available.** Order forms must be received by November 30th.

**Order forms can be found in the entryway of church.**

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

#### Preschool

Hazel Erickson  
Berkley Heinrichs  
David Lyle  
Lily Mackedanz  
Hendrix Melberg  
Easton Nemitz  
Carolyn Petterson  
Audie Plocher  
Wyatt Schaefer  
Aira Suess  
Mason Wersal

#### Kindergarten

Angelyn Chance  
Paisley Rannow  
Amelia Utsch  
Gavin Wersal

#### 1st Grade

Kolton Bohn  
Logan Boudeaux  
Aubree Mackedanz  
Grace Schaefer

#### 2nd Grade

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

#### 3rd Grade

Bennett Kohls  
Lily Plocher  
Ellie Podratz

#### 4th Grade

Logan Dragt  
Emma Hoff  
Lillian Petterson

#### 5th Grade

Samantha Eckstrand  
Kylee Henschke  
Ally Lyle  
Kaylee Rannow  
Braeden Trapp  
Morgan Washburn

#### 6th Grade

Andrew Eckstrand  
Avery Kohls  
Gabbie VonBerge

#### 7th Grade

Scarlet Heldt  
MaKayla Henschke  
Natalie Hoff  
Brodie Trapp  
Gavin Washburn

#### 8th Grade

Paisley VonBerge  
Gabe Yanish



## Church Decorating

On Saturday, **November 28 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.



**Door Offering** will be held on Sunday, December 6th and Sunday, December 13th 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 November 29th. Colors are red, pink and white at a cost of \$10.50 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 6th.** 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

## Holiday Services

### Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 26

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel



### Christmas Services

#### Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

3:00 p.m. at Zion

5:30 p.m.—Children's Service for Parents and Grandparents at ILC

7 p.m. at Immanuel

#### Christmas Day—Friday, December 25

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel



\*This one is new! **Casey's Rewards**. – Go to [www.caseys.com](http://www.caseys.com) create an account or download the mobile app, and designate our school to get donations.

**BoxTops** – This is all 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). There is a minimum submission to send in and also we're responsible for shipping and handling costs.



**School Mall** – Like to online shop? Shop through [www.schoolmall.com](http://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](http://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 be used for School trips and transportation during the school year.) To order scrip gift cards, contact Karen Kohls (Immanuel) [kohls@hutchtel.net](mailto:kohls@hutchtel.net) 320-444-0170 or Teresa Ross (Grace) [taross316@gmail.com](mailto:taross316@gmail.com) 320-305-9262. *If you plan on purchasing gift cards for Christmas, please place your order by December 13th.*

**What is SCRIP?** *Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that allows families to raise money for our school. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, or credit cards. You purchase gift cards from our school at face value and our Scrip Coordinator orders those cards at a reduced price, which is an instant rebate for our school!*

**Thank You for helping support our school!**



**Martin Luther College** depends on the gifts of God's people to help fulfill our mission: "To train a corps of Christian witnesses who are qualified to meet the ministry needs of WELS."

Gifts to the MLC Fund are foundational in meeting our financial needs. Our goal is to fund 10-15% of our annual budget through MLC Fund gifts. Will you help? Especially as we celebrate MLC's 25th Anniversary, might you consider a recurring gift of \$25 per month? Or \$25 per quarter?

Would you consider becoming an MLC Fund supporter?

Online: [mlc-wels.edu/donate](http://mlc-wels.edu/donate)

**Text:** Text the word FUND to 507-223-4344

**Phone:** 507-354-8221 ext. 295

**Mail:** MLC Fund  
Martin Luther College  
1995 Luther Ct  
New Ulm MN 56073



# General Information



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
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**Hutchinson, MN 55350**

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Church Secretary: Julie Thompson  
 Phone: 320-583-6007  
 Email: [juliethompson@mchsi.com](mailto:juliethompson@mchsi.com)

**Altar Guild:** November: Karen Plath and Betty Rusch  
 December: Betty Henke and Donna Telecky  
 January: Jorunn Kastens and Julie Thompson

**Ushers:** November: Bruce Trick, Jon Hoff, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff, Justin Black  
 December: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann  
 January: Jeremy Prieve, Mike Thompson, Joshua Prieve, Alex Prieve, Kyle Podratz, Chuck Nisse, Brad Duesterhoeft

## 2021 Altar Guild

If you are interested in helping with the Altar Guild, the following months are open: February, June, August and September. Please contact Julie Thompson if you are interested in helping.

## God's Creation 2021 Calendars

We have a couple of calendars left for sale through November 29th. **Cost: \$7.00 each.** They are available on the table in the entry way. A collection box for payment will be next to the calendars. Please connect with Julie Thompson with any questions and make checks payable to "Immanuel Fellowship Committee". *Thank you.*

## Address Changes

If anyone has an update to their address and/or phone, please let Julie Thompson know at [juliethompson@mchsi.com](mailto:juliethompson@mchsi.com) or Church Box #75.

## Please don't forget to 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](mailto:juliethompson@mchsi.com)

## Congratulations to:



Janice Schmeling and Ken Sietsema on their marriage on August 30, 2020

Traci Radunz and Ian Chisholm on their marriage on September 19, 2020. Traci and Ian reside in Prior Lake.

## Happy Anniversary to:

December

Kim and Andy Rasmussen—10 years

## Offering Envelopes



**2021 Offering Envelopes are available.** Please pick your box up on the table in the entry way. *Thank you.*



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ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)

**ALL TEXT WILL BE CENTERED AND CAPITALIZED**

**4 x 8 Brick**


**8 x 8 Brick**


**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

Immanuel Lutheran School  
20917 Walden Ave  
Hutchinson, MN 55350

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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