



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 4, 2023

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



## Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



### Confirmation:

Wednesdays at 4:15

### Monday Night

services: 7:00p

### Bible Study:

10:00a Mondays – *last day*  
*November 13 until next year*

7:00p Mondays



### Shameless Audacity

“I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.” -Luke 11:8.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray with “shameless audacity.” They had asked him for instruction on how to pray. In response, Jesus gave them the words of the Lord’s Prayer. Then he told them a mini parable about knocking on your friend’s door at midnight to ask for a loaf of bread. Most of us have learned to limit our requests. We don’t want our friends to get annoyed with us because we ask too much or too frequently. Plus we have the understanding that anything others do for us comes with a social obligation to do something for them. We have a finely tuned awareness of who is getting more or giving more in our relationships.

Things are different with God. Our relationship to him will always be one-sided. He is always giving more and getting less. This is one of the reasons God wants us to call him “Father.” Little children don’t worry about a social obligation to their parents. They don’t feel embarrassed to ask for the moon or to ask every few minutes. Children are shameless in holding their hands out for more. God wants us to act the same way in our prayer lives. Bring him your needs, wants, and requests. Ask more of God than you would ever ask of any person. Hold out your hand again and again for God to fill it up with blessings. When he sent Jesus to take away our sin, God already gave up more than we could ask or imagine. (Who would ever think that God would take our guilt and make it his own?) So come before the Lord in prayer. Ask him to fill all your needs.

*Pastor Eugene DeVries*

## Sunday School—9 a.m. Sunday Mornings

### Teachers:

Pre-School & Kindergarten:

Amanda Weber

Grades 1-3:

Deb Plamann

Grades 4-8:

Barb DeVries



Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. in the meeting room. The children are currently learning about the life and ministry of Jesus. Thirty-one students have attended so far this year.

Our mission offering is the LWMS Kids C.A.R.E. project: Missionary Kids' Retreats. Children of missionaries often grow up in foreign countries, so when they return to the U.S. it can be a culture shock for them. These retreats help them repatriate to the U.S. and spend time with other missionaries' children who are going through similar circumstances.

Christmas Eve program rehearsals will take place on Saturdays in December, 9:30-11:00 a.m. The Christmas party will take place after rehearsal on December 16, 11:00-12:15. Lunch will be served.

**2023 Church Board Officers:**

Chairman: Brad Duesterhoeft

Vice-Chair: Bruce Trick

Secretary: Mike Brekke

Treasurer: Mike Heine

Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer

Delegate: Harold Plath

Trustees: Matt Forcier  
Steve Wendorff  
Tyler Schmeling

Elders: Justin Black  
Steve Plamann  
Jason Horrmann

Finance Committee:  
Michael Thompson  
Ron Kohls  
David Rusch

Cemetery Board: Willard Wendorff  
Jeff Hoff  
Craig Kohls

School Board: Jay Mackedanz  
Jon Hoff  
Andy Weber

The **Quarterly Voter's/ Congregational Meeting** was Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

**Pastor's Report:** Andrew Birkmaier requested a transfer to Mankato. Josh Paulson was released and we welcome Cody and Dani Sues and their children Aria and Brecken.

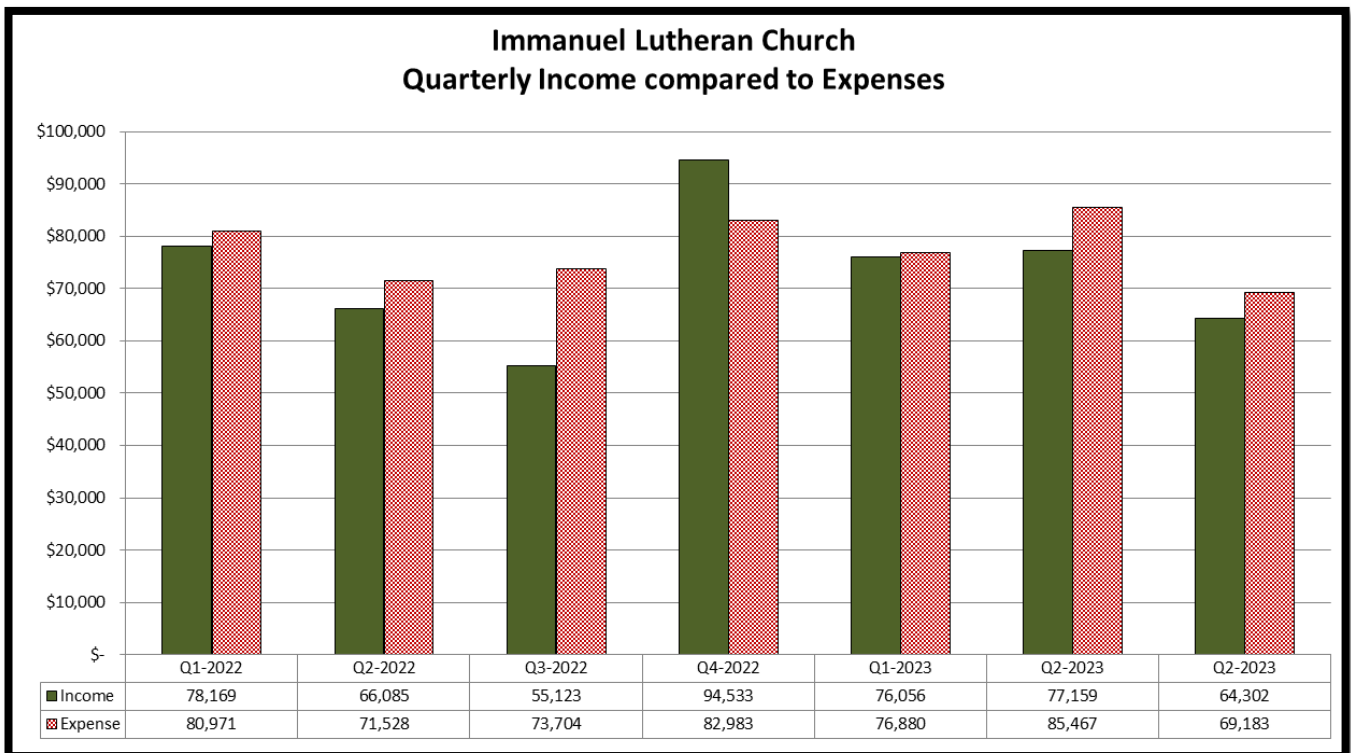
**Trustee's Report:** A HUGE Thank You to Carl Nass for his assistance with cleaning up all the wood behind the teacherage along with refinishing the pew in the entry way. We will also be contracting with Larry Murphy again for snow removal.

**Cemetery's Report:** Discussions started on planting trees on the perimeter of the East Cemetery. Trying to determine how many, where to plant and when.

**The School Board Report:** There is an Association Meeting scheduled for October 29 at Grace Lutheran. And a Call Meeting on November 12 at 6pm at Immanuel to request a Principal and 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher. We pray God guides us through this process. There is a second wave of fundraising underway for the new school due to the unexpected expenses.

**New Business:** A recommendation from the Joint Council to increase Pastor's salary was approved. The question was asked if the Council could meet every other month or quarterly. After discussing the pros and cons, at this time it was decided to table the idea and continue as we are.

**Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is  
Tuesday, January 16 at 7 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!**



## 2023 Officers:

**President:** Barbara DeVries

**VP/Secretary:** Donna Telecky

**Treasurer:** Karen Kohls

## Next Meetings

No Meeting in  
December

January 10, 2024

The Ladies Aid has been busy!

**July:** we visited Marv Seller's beautiful garden and ate after at MSSB.

**August:** we enjoyed the BASICS (Brothers and Sisters In Christ Singing) performing at the Peace Lutheran Summer concert luncheon.

**September:** Jon Hoff of the school board attended our meeting and gave us an update of the new school building.

**October:** we toured the Anderson Gardens in Litchfield with Laurie Dahlberg, a Meeker County Master Gardener, as our tour guide. After the tour, we ate at the American Legion. Also, collected for the MLC food shelf – thank you all for your donations!

As we look forward to the students moving into their new school building, we have postponed our Staff Appreciation Dinner for the spring when we may have full use of the kitchen and dining area. In **November** we will deliver an advent gift to our church members who are shut-ins.

**December:** we will attend the Looney Lutherans Christmas play at the Ames Center.

*Thanksgiving and Christmas blessings to all!*

## Ladies Executive Board

### 2023 Officers:

**President:** Deb Boelter

**VP:** Dori Duesterhoeft

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Wanda Gauer

**Directors:** Sharon Smith, Kim Schmeling, Cindy Wendorff

Election for Officers will take place

~~Vice-President and Director~~

The next meeting is scheduled for **January 17, 2024 at 7 p.m.**

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

## Choir



**Choir Coordinator**  
Chrissy Forcier

Choir has been hard at work practicing our songs. We plan to sing in church on Thanksgiving, one Advent Sunday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We still welcome anyone who wants to come and sing God's praises with us.

### *Practice schedule is as follows:*

November 6 (Monday) - 6:30 PM

November 14 (Tuesday) - 6:30 PM

November 20 (Monday) - 6:30 PM

November 27 (Monday) - 6:30 PM

We'll be taking a break after Christmas so stay tuned to post-Christmas practices.



## Weather Closings

Winter weather will soon be with us again. On days with questionable weather, meetings and/or worship cancellations will be announced on KDUZ-1260 am radio and on

[www.immanuelhutch.com](http://www.immanuelhutch.com)



## Church Decorating

On Saturday, **November 25 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. *Thank you.*



**Door Offerings** will be held on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 19th. Colors are red, pink and white at a cost of \$12 each. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Telecky.

Use **Scrip** as Christmas gifts. Place orders by December 10th 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.*

## Please check your church mailbox

Some of the items that are placed in Your mailbox monthly are the Church Council minutes and Church Calendar.



Also, emailed out on a monthly basis: calendar, Birthday/Anniversary listings along with other misc. announcements, if you would like to receive these items via email too, please let me know. [juliethompson@mchsi.com](mailto:juliethompson@mchsi.com)

## Holiday Services

### Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 23

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel



### Christmas Services

#### Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Immanuel

3:00 p.m. at Zion

6:00 p.m.—Children's Service at Immanuel

#### Christmas Day—Monday, December 25

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel





## Next Meeting:

January 21, 2024  
at 2p  
Everyone Welcome!

Chair: Pastor DeVries

Secretary: Barb DeVries

Treasurer: Julie Thompson

**Pizza – Puzzles -- Pies** was fun had by all. With Beth, Eileen, Chrissy, Ellie and Brynlie completing their puzzle within 30 minutes!

*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.*



## Church's 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024

In December 2024, we will be celebrating our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In conjunction with this, we would like to create a pictorial of our members. The last pictorial was done in 2013. Life Touch no longer provides services for church pictorials, so we will be creating a booklet through Shutterfly. In order to accomplish this, we will be asking for you to submit a photo - **Watch for more information to come.** But as you are gathering for the holidays, keep this in mind and perhaps you could take a photo that could be used.

## G.I.L.L. - Grace and Immanuel Luther League

**Leaders:** Pastor DeVries, Pastor Tobison, Amy Smith

**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.

Grace & Immanuel Luther League had a bonfire welcome on October 1. We had 14 young people representing 7 families. Hotdogs were served and a devotion from Philippians 2. We plan to have more fun events in the months ahead.



## Offering Envelopes

**2024 Offering Envelopes are available.** Please pick your box up on the table in the entry way. *Thank you.*

## 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 used towards an event, again at no cost to you.

**Applied for and approved:**

*MLC Food Shelf Drive  
Staff Appreciation Dinner  
Pizza – Puzzles – Pies  
Children's Christmas Bags*





**Mrs. Ungemach – Grades 2 to 4**



**Miss Lokensgard - Preschool**



**Mr. Holz – Grades 5 to 8**



**Mrs. Eckstrand – K and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**



**School Building Fund Notes as of September 30, 2023**

Building Faith Foundations Pledges – Phase 1	\$783,057.80
Building Faith Foundations Pledges – Phase 2	\$600.00
Pledged Donations Received – Phase 1	\$662,737.74
Pledged Donations Received – Phase 2	\$200.00
Potential Pledge donations still to be received – Phase 1	\$120,320.60
Potential Pledge donations still to be received – Phase 2	\$400.00
Non-Pledged Donations Received – Phase 1 and 2	\$318,605.20



*Thank You!*





**School Board Officers:**

- Ryan Bushman
- Tim Utsch
- Jon Hoff
- Andy Weber
- Jay Mackedanz

**School Building Committee:**

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

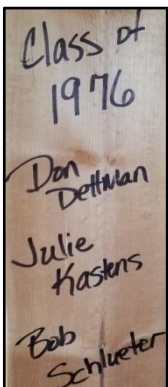
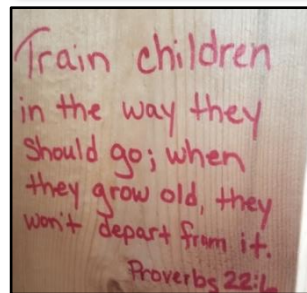
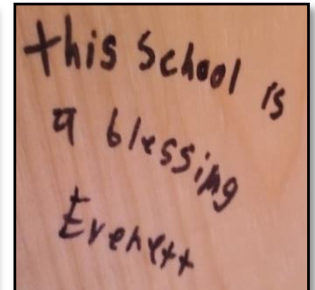


**By Elwood Heldt 10-8-2023 BFC Newsletter:**

Hi Volunteers, As promised, Jeff Pinske and I were back for a bit this week to hang the 7 exterior classroom doors and install temporary locks on them. We were assisted by faithful Allan Duesterhoeft and Abigail Polzin, a member of the Kingdom Workers board. The doors were mostly needed to contain the warmth within the building, as temperatures here have cooled off considerably this week. The week started at 90 degrees and I don't think we reached 50 yesterday plus we had a strong cold northwest wind. The large "storefront doors" are to be installed on Monday, October 9th and then the building should finally be secure. For warranty reasons, the heating system can't be turned on until all of the drywall sanding and painting is done so the heat within the building needs to be contained. The drywall hangers are probably half done and left for a few days for another project. Both the hangers and tapers are scheduled to be there on Monday to proceed with finishing up the drywall. For the 12 or so of you who have indicated interest in returning in November to finish it up, our new super, Phil, thinks we'll be able to hang the interior doors early November and that accessories like handicap grab bars and toilet partitions will probably be late November after all the ceramic tile is in place.

**Signing of the wall studs**

**10-8-2023 by Pastor:** This past week things have been pretty quiet on the outside of our new building. Immanuel member, Larry Karg, ran his Bobcat soil conditioner over the grounds to smooth out the soil. Four propane tanks were placed on their pad overlooking my garden. We don't miss the backup beepers of the heavy equipment, but do miss the sound of the children calling out to the workers on their way to lunch! The last BfC trailer left our parking lot on its way to another project in Neenah, Wisconsin. The electric hookups will get taken down. Our teacherage is still set up for BfC volunteers.





 **kingdom workers.**

*Thank you to the men and women who have given their time and talents assisting with building our school.  
We are truly blessed to have them with us.*



**Elwood + Connie Heldt**  
- Project Manager  
Butterfield, MN  
7/11 - 10/14



**Dan Oetzman**  
Assistant Project Manager  
Hillsboro, WI  
7/11 - 10/14



**Brian Saatkamp**  
Assistant Project Manager  
Rockford, MI  
7/11 - 9/30



**Dave Matthiak**  
Retonda West, FL  
7/11 - 8/5



**Dan Brocklehurst**  
Lansing, MI  
7/11 - 7/21



**Jim Bollnow**  
South Haven, MI  
7/11 - 7/22



**Pastor DeVries**  
Immanuel, Hutchinson, MN  
7/11 - 7/29



**Lillian DeVries**  
Hutchinson, MN  
7/11 - 7/29



**Jeff Beilke**  
New Ulm, MN  
7/11 - 10/14



**Mona Kaiser**  
Owatonna, MN  
7/11 - 9/30



**Jeff Pinski**  
Arlington, MN  
7/12 - 7/13



**Tom Hegler**  
Uxbridge, MA  
7/18 - 8/19



**Larry Verlinden**  
Manitowoc, WI  
7/18 - 7/22



**Al + Marlene Kleuss**  
Manitowoc, WI  
7/18 - 8/10



**Steve Sodeman**  
St. James, MN  
7/19



**Koelyn Barta**  
Lonsdale, MN  
7/12 - 9/2



**Jim Bublitz**  
Reeseville, WI  
7/27 - 7/29



**Leah and Bill Rittmeyer**  
Greenville, TN  
8/1 - 8/30



**Jason Spurgeon**  
Watertown, SD  
8/4 - 9/11



**Rob Thompson**  
Fredonia, WI  
8/8 - 8/26



**Richmond Scharf**  
New Ulm, MN  
8/12 - 10/14



**Tim Bentz**  
Appleton, WI  
8/11 - 8/19



**Mark + Deb Parry**  
Chaska, MN  
8/15 - 8/26 8/15 - 8/2



**Mike + Pam Krueger**  
Midland, MI  
8/15 - 10/7



**Jim + Christie**  
Ajura, MN  
8/22 - 9/9



**Ken Dierks**  
Watertown, SD  
8/22 - 8/26



**Alan Duesterhoef**  
Hutchinson, MN  
7/11 - 10/14



*Thank you to who have given to provide snacks, water, meals and monetarily.  
But most of all for your continued prayers.*



**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).



**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 (now Raising Right)** – 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](mailto:kohls@hutchtel.net) 320-444-0170 or Teresa Ross (Grace) [taross316@gmail.com](mailto:taross316@gmail.com) 320-305-9262.

**Kwik Trip** has a new promotion going on for in store purchases. There is a new “GROCERY” card and by using this card, 15% is donated to the school. (*excludes: fuel, tobacco, alcohol, lottery or stamps*) The regular Kwik Trip cards are still available for fuel and instore purchases, and will donate 5% to the school.

**PTF**

*Thank You for helping support our school!*

**Officers:**  
 President: Brittany Clark  
 VP: Amy Smith  
 Secretary: Rebecca Plocher  
 Treasurer: Eileen Prieve  
 Teacher Appreciation:  
 Sarah Henschke  
 Fundraising Chair:  
 Beth Podratz  
 Social Chair: April VonBerge

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

Building of the new school building is underway!! It is very fun to see the progress being made. If you are not aware, we have created a fundraising committee for the new school building to try and raise more funds. There have been some unexpected costs that have surfaced since we started building this summer and it has increased the urgency for us to try and secure more donations.

Our next step for the fundraising committee is to begin reaching out to businesses and/or people in our surrounding communities to inquire about donating to our school building.

**I am asking for your help with creating a list of businesses/people that we can reach out too, who may be interested in donating to our new school building.** Please click the link below and send us all your suggestions. I greatly appreciate your help!  
<https://forms.gle/BJw4YzeaB3vSc2p17>

If you would like to serve on the fundraising committee, please reach out to me (Patti Schaefer). The more help we have, the more successful we can be!

Warm Regards, Patti Schaefer  
 320-221-0381 Rusch\_33@hotmail.com



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Services are streamed live on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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Nuvera

Sunday Services are broadcasted

**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: Donna Telecky

January: Deb Boelter 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, 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](mailto:juliethompson@mchsi.com) or Church Box #75.

## Congratulations to!

Carl and Alexis Horrmann who were married on September 23, 2023!

Grant and Katie Benjamin who were married on October 7, 2023!



Mikkayla and Nick Pagel on their new baby girl, Addilynn Jeanne!

## Welcome our New Members!



Troy and Ramsey Melsha  
and their daughter, Finley

Welcome

Cody and Dani Sues  
and their children,  
Aria and Brecken

