

# Builders for Christ

Update from

Immanuel Grace Lutheran School, Hutchinson, MN

January 15, 2024

2023 was an exciting year for Immanuel Grace Lutheran School located in rural Hutchinson, Minnesota. After several years of fun-raising and careful planning, we were able to break ground on a new Christian Day School in the spring of the year. Our old building served us well for many years. But since our Lord has blessed us with several consecutive years of increasing enrollment, we finally outgrew our existing facility.

Construction on our new school began late in the spring. God blessed us with good weather and only minimal delays, so construction remained on schedule through the summer and fall. We were especially thankful that Builders For Christ selected our school as one of the building projects they would work on this year. It was great to have brothers and sisters in Christ from Minnesota and around the country come and help us. Their efforts helped keep our project on schedule and saved us a considerable amount of money on labor costs. We also enjoyed have BFC volunteers join us for worship and Bible study while they were working among us.

By the grace of our Lord, we were able to complete construction on the new building during the final days of 2023. A large group of volunteers from our school families and members of Grace and Immanuel congregations moved everything from the old school to the new building in a single day. The first week of 2024 was spent setting up our classrooms and getting everything ready for the first day of school. On Sunday, January 7 we held a dedication of our new school and an open house so everyone could come together and see our new facility. The first day of classes was Monday, January 8. All 75 of our students were on hand the first day. In addition to daily classes, we offer before and after school care in our new facility. We are hoping to begin a daycare program in the near future. The capacity of our new building is about 140 students, so we have plenty of room to grow in the future. Thanks be to God for his many blessings to us.

All of us at Immanuel Grace Lutheran School would like to thank all the volunteers from Builders For Christ who helped us in so many ways to make our plans for a new school into reality. May our Lord continue to bless and keep all of you as you continue to use your talents to serve our Lord.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Pastor Greg Tobison  
Grace Lutheran Church

Thank you to Pastor Tobison for his contribution to this issue of the BFC newsletter!



Hutchinson Pastors DeVries and Tobison preparing to speak at school's dedication.



Excited students, families and church members!



School secretary, Brittany, proudly shows us her new office.



Some BFC volunteers attended the Dedication Service as well.