



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter I, 2024

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



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



Confirmation:

Wednesdays at 4:15

Bible Study:

7:00p Mondays

Led by the Spirit

The Psalms make a similar request over and over. "Lead me, Lord." "Teach me." "Guide me." "Show me the right path." These are all good and proper prayers for Christians to use every day. But we wonder what kind of guidance to expect. Psalm 143:10 gives a good example. It says, "May your good Spirit lead me on level ground." Should we expect God to guide us in our choice between Arby's or Culver's for lunch? What about something more serious like, "Should I go to college or start an apprenticeship to become a plumber?" "Should I get married or go on a mission trip?" These are important questions. Will God help us answer them?

If we look more closely at the Bible passages, we will notice they all have something in common. They are all asking for moral guidance to live in a way that pleases God. The first part of Psalm 143:10 says, "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God." Psalm 25:5 says, "Guide me in your truth and teach me." The Holy Spirit lives in God's people. He influences our hearts to know what is right and love what is good. Believers have new desires, new affections, and new understanding of God's will. All these things have been promised by God. And if we lack in any area we should ask him to lead us, guide us, and teach us. We should seek wisdom in the Word of God because that is where God promised to speak to us.

With regard to the other questions of life, we should not get ourselves twisted up looking for God to make decisions for us. God has not decided if you should get married first or go on a mission trip. He has not predestined you to be a plumber or a college grad. Rather, God rejoices to see what you will decide to do. How will your renewed heart rejoice to serve him? How will your renewed mind bring glory to his name? Yes, God knows the answer already. He knows all things, even the things to come. And he rejoices to see how you will respond to his goodness and grace.

So be led by the Spirit. Love what is good. Desire what is pure and holy. Know what God teaches in his Word. And feel safe in the knowledge that whatever you choose to do will please God.

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

The fall of 2023 brought 31 children to Sunday School to learn about Jesus' ministry, miracles, and parables. On Christmas Eve, 34 children led our worship with The Songs of Christmas.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."



2024 Church Board Officers:

- Chairman: Bruce Trick
- Vice-Chair: Lynn Mackedanz
- Secretary: Mike Brekke
- Treasurer: Matthew Forcier
- Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer
- Delegate: Mike Yerks
- Trustees: Steve Wendorff
Mike Heine
Chris Wersal
- Elders: Steve Plamann
Jason Horrmann
Open
- Finance Committee:
Ron Kohls
David Rusch
Steve Hellwig
- Cemetery Board: Jeff Hoff
Craig Kohls
Jeremy Hoff
- School Board: Jay Mackedanz
Jon Hoff
Andy Weber

The **Quarterly Voter's/ Congregational Meeting** was Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

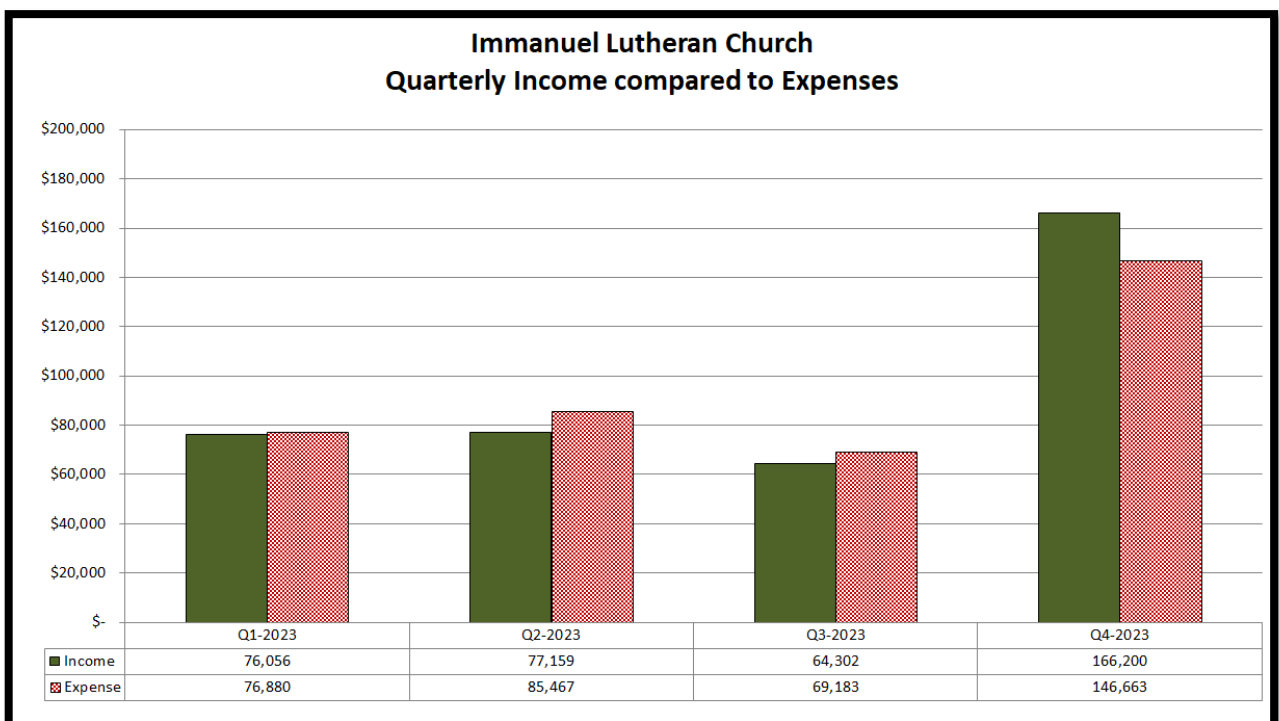
Pastor's Report: Rachel Markgraf's transfer from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fairfax as accepted. A New Member Welcome is scheduled for March 3, 2024.

Trustee's Report: We are looking at having the parking lot restriped this summer possibly at the same time the new school lot is done.

Cemetery's Report: There were no funerals in 2023, a first in 159 years of our church. Dave and Donna Telecky will be again mowing the cemeteries this summer. They again would like their \$1500 we would pay them, put in the west cemetery fund. We thank them again for the wonderful job they do for us.

The School Board Report: The students are happy in their brand new school. A few small things are left to be finished but everyone is enjoying their new surroundings. Daily hot lunch is still being served in the church basement as we are waiting on the state to do their required inspection on the new school facilities.

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



2024 Officers:

President: Barbara DeVries

VP/Secretary: Donna Telecky

Treasurer: Karen Kohls

Next Meetings

Tuesday, March 5

Wednesday, April 3

Wednesday, May 1

Our officers for 2024 are the same, but group committees have changed. Thank you to all those that are and have served!

We will be serving supper before the Ash Wednesday service starting at 6 p.m. and Easter breakfast again this year starting at 6:30 a.m.

At our February 7 meeting, a representative from Hantge Funeral Home was our speaker and talked about "Grant your family peace of mind". Also, in February we will deliver Valentine Day gifts to the shut ins.

In March, donations will be collected for the McLeod County Food Shelf which is matched by Minnesota Foodshare. Watch for collection boxes in the entryway.

March 21, we will attend the Gardener's Gala in Litchfield. Please sign up by March 3rd. If any questions, please contact Donna Telecky.

Ladies Executive Board

2024 Officers:

President: Dori Duesterhoeft

VP: Wendy Hellwig

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Gauer

Directors: Kim Schmeling, Cindy Wendorff, Marilyn Rusch

The next meeting is scheduled for **July 10, 2024 at 7p.**

Each Ladies Serving Group will serve before the Lenten Services.

Serving Group 1 will serve February 21

Serving Group 2 will serve February 28

Serving Group 3 will service March 6

Spring Cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at 9 a.m.

We will be cleaning upstairs. Check lists will be out the week prior if you are able to come during the week and help. **Thank you!**



Weather Closings

Winter weather may 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

Next Meeting:

Pending
at 2p
Everyone Welcome!

Chair: Pastor DeVries

Secretary: Barb DeVries

Treasurer: Julie Thompson

New Member Welcome Sunday is set for March 3rd. We welcome Rachel Markgraf and Joel Holz (our upper grades teacher). And Willow Markgraf who was baptized in February.

Mark your calendar for the **Joint Outdoor Service – Sunday July 14** at 10:30. **VBS** will be the week of July 8th through the 12th.

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.

**Annual Report and Church Directories
available on the table in the church entry. Help yourself.**

Church's 160th Anniversary in 2024

In December 2024, we will be celebrating our 160th 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.*

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.

On January 5, 2024 GILL had its annual lock-in for the 2023-2024 school year. 35 young people came to the event. 25 stayed overnight. About half stayed up all night long! Teresa and Stephanie Ross were the adult supervisors for the children. Participants played board games and group games like "ghost in the graveyard." A few sang karaoke. Supper was pizza with ice cream Sundays for dessert. Mrs. Ross led a group devotion. In the morning fruit and muffins and juice were available for breakfast. Kids helped cleanup and everyone left by 9:15.



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.

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

Applied for and approved:

Christian Education Week

Mustang Classic Basketball
Tournament

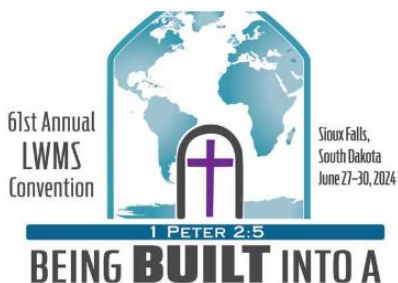
Lenten Suppers

Ash Wednesday Lenten Service	February 14 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(Ladies Aid serving a meal prior—6 p.m.)</i> February 21 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(Group 1 serving supper starting at 6p)</i> February 28 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(Group 2 serving – 6p)</i> March 6 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(Group 3 serving - 6p)</i> March 13 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(Ladies Aid serving – 6p)</i> March 20 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(Ladies Aid Serving- 6p)</i>
Palm Sunday	March 24 at 8:45 a.m. at Zion and 10 a.m. at Immanuel
Mandy Thursday	March 28 at 7 p.m. Joint Service at Immanuel with Communion
Good Friday	March 29 at 9 a.m. at Zion with Communion March 29 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel
Easter Sunrise Service	March 31 at 6:30 a.m. at Immanuel
Easter Morning Breakfast	March 31 starting at 7:30 at Immanuel
Easter Sunday Morning Service	March 31 at 8:45 a.m. at Zion March 31 at 10 a.m. at Immanuel



Easter Lilies: Anyone interested in purchasing an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the sheet in the entry way **by February 25, 2024**. The cost is \$13. Please pay Donna Telecky.

LWMS



The **61th Annual LWMS Convention** will be held June 27th to 30th in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Registration Forms are located on the table in the entryway.

The **Spring Rally** is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Mount Olive Trinity in Graceville, MN

Agenda:

- 9:30 to 10:30 – Fellowship
- 10:30 to 11a – Registration
- 11:00 to noon – Worship
- 12 to 1p – Lunch
- 1 to 2p – Mission Speaker
- 2 to 3p – Business Meeting

School Board Officers:

Ryan Bushman
Jon Hoff
Andy Weber
Jay Mackedanz

School Building Committee:

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



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

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.

The above was written by Pastor Tobison for the January 15, 2024 issue of the BFC newsletter.



www.hutchinsonlutheralschool.com/donate-online

School Building Fund



Building Faith Foundations Pledges – Phase 1	\$783,057.80
Building Faith Foundations Pledges – Phase 2	\$ 2,700.00
Pledged Donations Received – Phase 1	\$693,741.54
Pledged Donations Received – Phase 2	\$ 375.00
Potential Pledge donations still to be received – Phase 1	\$ 88,716.26
Potential Pledge donations still to be received – Phase 2	\$ 2,325.00
Non-Pledged Donations Received – Phase 1	\$464,363.70
Non-Pledged Donations Received – Phase 2	\$142,559.03



Thank You!

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 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 320-444-0170 or Teresa Ross (Grace) taross316@gmail.com 320-305-9262.

Thank You for helping support our school!

PTF

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.

KWIK TRIP

Next PTF fundraiser will be Kwik Trip Car wash cards again this year. We will start presales which is open through February 29th. This will be the same as last year with the 5 car washes for \$36, a savings of \$14 good at any Kwik Trip location. See Beth Podratz with any questions.



We will also be hosting the basketball tournament on Feb 17th at the Rec center in Hutch for anyone that wants to come out and support Mustangs Basketball.

Christian Education Week is March 18 to March 22 with a variety of activities for the children.

The spring play is scheduled for April 21st and we will be doing a Silent Auction along side the play this time around! Everyone Welcome to attend!





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Find us on the Web: www.immanuelhutch.com

Monthly Calendar (under Church/calendar)
Weekly Bulletins (under Church/service)



<https://www.facebook.com/immanuelhutch>

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

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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:

February: Betty Rusch and Karen Plath

March: Donna Telecky

April: Sharon Smith and Wendy Hellwig

Ushers:

February: Bruce Trick, Jon Hoff, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff, Justin Black

March: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann

April: 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 or Church Box #75.

Our Sympathies to:

The family of Betty Eggert who passed away on January 12, 2024

The family of Jean Nisse who passed away on January 23, 2024



Congratulations to:

Rachel and Zach Markgraf who had a baby girl, Willow, on December 16 and was baptized on February 11th.



A Special Birthday Wish goes out to **Irma Wendorff** who celebrated her 99th birthday on January 28th.

Welcome to our New Members!



Rachael Markgraf

Rachael transferred her membership from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fairfax.

Joel Holz

Joel is our upper grades teacher

