



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter I, 2025

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



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



Bible Study:

Mondays at 7p

Confirmation:

Wednesdays at 4:15p



At the annual meeting, Immanuel decided to establish a fund to help member's children attend summer camp. It is open to any child under the age of 18. Funds must be used for WELS affiliated summer camps such as Camp Croix, Camp Chetek, Lutheran Girl Pioneer camp, or others. The amount will be \$50 per child.

When the children return from summer camp, the congregation would like to hear about their experiences. So we ask each child to write a short paragraph describing what they did. We especially want to hear how their faith was strengthened by attending camp. We'll ask them to read their paragraph after church. On that same Sunday, we'll have a free will door offering to support this program.

If your child is interested, please see me for an application.

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 Sunday School children are continuing to learn about the ministry and parables of Jesus Christ. We will study the accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection toward the end of March. What joy and comfort we have because our Savior is risen!

Our current mission offering is the kids c.a.r.e. project for Antigua.

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

2025 Church Board Officers:

Chairman: Lynn Mackedanz

Vice-Chair: Kori Leske

Secretary: Mike Brekke

Treasurer: Matthew Forcier

Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer

Delegate: Jeff Hoff

Trustees: Mike Heine

Chris Wersal

Dylan Weber

Elders: Jason Horrmann

Ryan Palmer

Steven Plamann

Finance Committee:

David Rusch

Steve Hellwig

Michael Thompson

Cemetery Board: Craig Kohls

Jeremy Hoff

Mike Yerks

School Board: Jay Mackedanz

Jon Hoff

Andy Weber

The **Quarterly Voter's/ Congregational Meeting** was Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

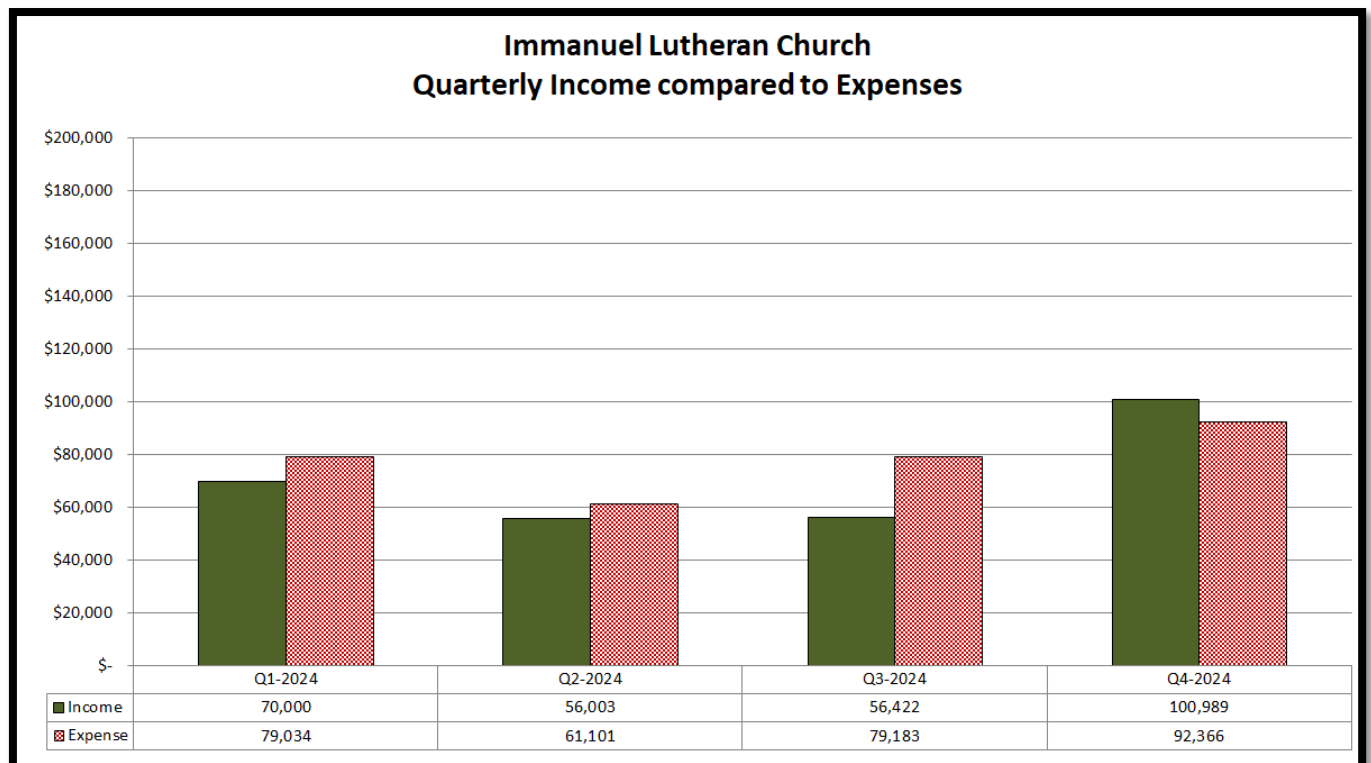
Pastor's Report: Looking ahead Ash Wednesday is March 5; Easter is April 20. The local Pastors will again be rotating services for lent, although Pastor Engel is serving an extra congregation as vacancy Pastor and may not be able to join the normal rotation.

Trustee's Report: The Trustees reported on some of their recently completed projects: bell tower leaks have been repaired, lights are back on the steeple, and the pressure tank for the furnace was replaced along with the churches circa 1970's hot water heater.

Cemetery's Report: The Cemetery Board reported that 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.

School Board Report: Mr. Holz is in his first of three year principal training. Our current 2nd -4th grade teacher, Mr. Loersch who was on a one year call may have the opportunity to make his call permanent if his graduation requirements are met with this call, we will wait for confirmation from MLC and the Synod. Our accreditation program that we are working towards has been put on hold as we have learned we have a lot more work to do before we go forward.

**Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is
Tuesday, April 24, 2025 at 7 p.m.
Everyone Welcome!**



Ladies Aid

2025 Officers:

President: Barbara DeVries

VP/Secretary: Cindy Rusch

Treasurer: Karen Kohls

Next Meetings

March 4

April 1

*New start time for meetings in
2025 will be 6:30 p.m. versus
7:00 p.m.*

The Ladies Aid would like to thank everyone for enjoying the cake that we served in honor of our church's 160th anniversary.

The Immanuel Ladies Aid is preparing for another year of tours, speakers, service, and mission work. The speaker at the April meeting will be massage therapist Sherronda Moore. All members of Immanuel are welcome to attend any meetings as our guest. If you are a woman interested in becoming a Ladies Aid member, please speak to any current or honorary member of the Ladies Aid.

In February, we will purchase gifts for our shut ins and visit them. Also, February 16, we will serve treats after church for All Member Appreciation. We are thankful for what all our members do for our church and school.

In March we will host a tour of the Crow River Winery. Please watch for details on the date and time, as well as a sign up sheet in the church entryway.

Ladies Executive Board

2025 Officers:

President: Wendy Hellwig

VP: Donna Telecky

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Gauer

Directors: Cindy Wendorff,
Marilyn Rusch, Ashley Weber

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2025 at 7p.

Each Ladies Serving Group will serve before the Lenten Services.

March 12, 2025 - Serving Group 3

March 19, 2025 - Serving Group 1

March 26, 2025 - Serving Group 2

Spring Cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 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!***

Choir

Choir Coordinator

Chrissy Forcier



Practice at 6:30p: March 17 & 24
April 7 & 14

Will Sing in church: April 6 & 13

We were able to make our services extra special with new music funded by a Thrivent Action Team card. (thanks to Heine's for requesting)

We were also able to have a guest performer help us out during Christmas. Andy Prieve was home for Christmas Break and was happy to help lend his voice.

If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Chrissy.

PTF

Officers:

President: Amy Smith

VP: Patti Schaeffer

Secretary: Rebecca Plocher

Treasurer: Eileen Prieve

Teacher Appreciation:

Rebecca Palmer

Fundraising Chair:

Jessi Boike

Social Chair: April VonBerge

The School board is requesting PTF to fund a walk behind floor washer/scrubber. Priced at \$4,825. It was determined to use the proceeds from pay the day fundraiser towards both the blinds and floor cleaner.

With the play coming up, concerns regarding the sound system that is used. Research will be completed for newer/improved microphones and speakers.

Fundraising: The school is still collecting Box Tops, Ink Cartridges, Loaves4Learning UPC's. Also, There is Amazon Smile to purchase items and CocaCola Gives to enter in the codes. And Raising Right (Script) is available to purchase gift cards.



Meetings:

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

Holiday Services

Ash Wednesday
Lenten Service

March 5 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel
(Ladies Aid serving a meal prior—6 p.m.)

March 12 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel
(Group 3 serving supper starting at 6p)

March 19 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(Group 1 serving – 6p)*

March 26 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(Group 2 serving - 6p)*

April 2 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(Choir – 6p)*

April 9 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel *(IGLS School Families - 6p)*

Palm Sunday

April 13 at 8:45 a.m. at Zion and 10 a.m. at Immanuel

Mandy Thursday

April 17 at 7 p.m. Joint Service at Immanuel with Communion

Good Friday

April 18 at 9 a.m. at Zion with Communion

Easter Sunrise Service

April 18 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel

Easter Morning Breakfast

April 20 at 6:30 a.m. at Immanuel

Easter Sunday Morning Service April 20 at 8:45 a.m. at Zion

April 20 at 10 a.m. at Immanuel



Easter Lilies: Anyone interested in purchasing an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please watch for the sign up on the sheet in the entryway towards the end of March and the cost will be determined at that time also.

LWMS



The **62nd Annual LWMS Convention** will be held June 26th to 29, 2025 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Scan for details!



62ND.LWMS.ORG

The **Spring Rally** is scheduled at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Willmar.

Watch for information to come.

Fellowship Committee

Next Meeting:

Pending
Everyone Welcome!

Chair: Pastor DeVries

Secretary: Julie Thompson

Treasurer: Julie Thompson

Pizza – Puzzles – Pies An evening of fun was held on January 26 with approximately 30 people in attendance. All had fun and their fill of pizza and dessert. Congrats to Beth Podratz, Chrissy Forcier and Miranda Heine on completing their puzzle within 25 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.



Preschool – 3 year olds

Amanda Lokensgard

Preschool – 4 year olds

Nikki Dragt

Kindergarten, 1st Grade

Mallory Eckstrand

2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades

Isaiah Loersh

5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Joel Holz

Principals

Pastor Greg Tobison

Pastor Eugene DeVries

School Board Officers:

Ryan Bushman

Andy Weber

Jon Hoff

Jay Mackedanz

Jason Kiecker

School Building Committee:

Jay Mackedanz

Bruce Trick

Steve Wendorff

Brian Lokensgard

Jon Hoff

Lance Hartkopf

A new funding effort for Immanuel Grace Lutheran School was introduced in January. The planning has begun by organizing a team for implementing tasks. We are off to a great beginning! ***Building Hearts for Jesus***, the theme for our fund appeal, reflects our collective goal of offering a solid Christian education. The new school building has been a great blessing for our church ministries and also a valuable tool to connect with our surrounding communities. God has blessed us with an amazing growth in our school.

The goal of ***Building Hearts for Jesus*** is to receive gifts of \$700,000 over the next three years in new commitments. We will connect with every family asking for a special 3-year gift. Gifts to the school will be directly applied to our loan thereby reducing the overall debt allowing the operating budget to better align with mortgage payments.

Information and invitations are being sent out to all to learn more about this fund appeal and how it impacts our church ministry. Please consider attending one of the various information sessions scheduled either at Grace Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Hosted at Immanuel:

- Thursday, February 13 at 7p
- Sunday, February 16 after church

Hosted at Grace:

- Wednesday, February 12 at 7p
- Sunday, February 16 after church
- Monday, February 17 at 7p

Listed are the leaders from both congregations leading ***Building Hearts for Jesus*** effort:

Chair Marilyn Rusch

Chair Ryan Bushman

Paula Fox

Julie Thompson

Brittany Clark

Amy Smith

Steve Wendorff

Karen Kohls

Beth Podratz

Chrissy Forcier

Donna Telecky

Wendy Hellwig

Eileen Prieve

Jason Kiecker

Lance Hartkopf

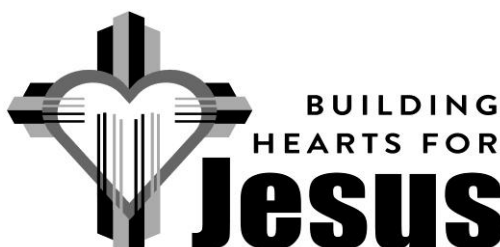
Teresa Ross

Jay Mackedanz

Joel Holz

Jon Hoff

Advisors: Pastor DeVries and Pastor Tobison





Immanuel Lutheran Church
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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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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:

February: Karen Plath and Betty Rusch
March: Wendy Hellwig and Sharon Smith

April: Donna Telecky

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, Brad Duesterhoeft

Congratulations to those celebrating:



Steve and Deb Plamann celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary on March 15
Andrea Davis-Gosse and Jon Gosse celebrating their 5th Wedding Anniversary on March 20

Congratulations to:



Amanda and Andy Weber on the birth of their son, Elisha.

Heidi Radunz and Kyle O'Donnell on their engagement!



The Church Basement ladies are back home at the Plymouth Playhouse!! July 10 thru August. Call 612-735-0443 for phone orders or gift cards.



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

Applied for and approved:

Pizza – Puzzles – Pies

160th Anniversary Celebration

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