



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 2, 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



How many pushups could you do, before you couldn't do any more? What about bicep curls, or deadlifts? These questions don't come up terribly often for most people. But if you start strength training, you'll ask those questions every day. Muscles get bigger and stronger by being pushed to their limits. However, if you push your muscles to their limit every day, it will take longer for them to recover. So instead of maximum work, all the time, you should aim for the right mix of maximum work and maximum rest. Because the goal of strength training is to get more strength. Expand the upper limits of what your muscles are able to do when you push them to the max.

The Bible often speaks about giving our maximum effort in service to God. Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward." Balance this with what the Bible says about rest. Jesus issued the invitation, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." We need both hard work and rest to have a healthy Christian life. Focus only on rest and we become stagnant and weak. Focus only on work and we become exhausted and burned out. We must take note of the huge difference between our work and the rest Jesus gives. His rest is perfect and restorative. Our work is halting and damaged. But by doing both work and rest, we expand the limits of what we can do. We grow in our ability to serve God.

The Apostle Paul wrote about this in his letter to the Corinthians. Chapter 9, verse 24 says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." Because of Jesus, there's more than one place in heaven. All who rest in him find grace and forgiveness and life everlasting. At the same time, God calls us to act as if there's only one spot left. Use all our strength. Expend all our energy. Focus all our attention on claiming that prize. At the same time, believe with perfect confidence that because of Jesus, the prize is ours.

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 will continue to meet each week April 27-May 18, 2025 to learn in God's Word about His great love for us. May God bless you with a wonderful summer break. We will reconvene September 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM. All children 3 years old through 8th grade are welcome to join us.

Thank you
to our
dedicated
teachers!



"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 Thursday, April 24, 2025.

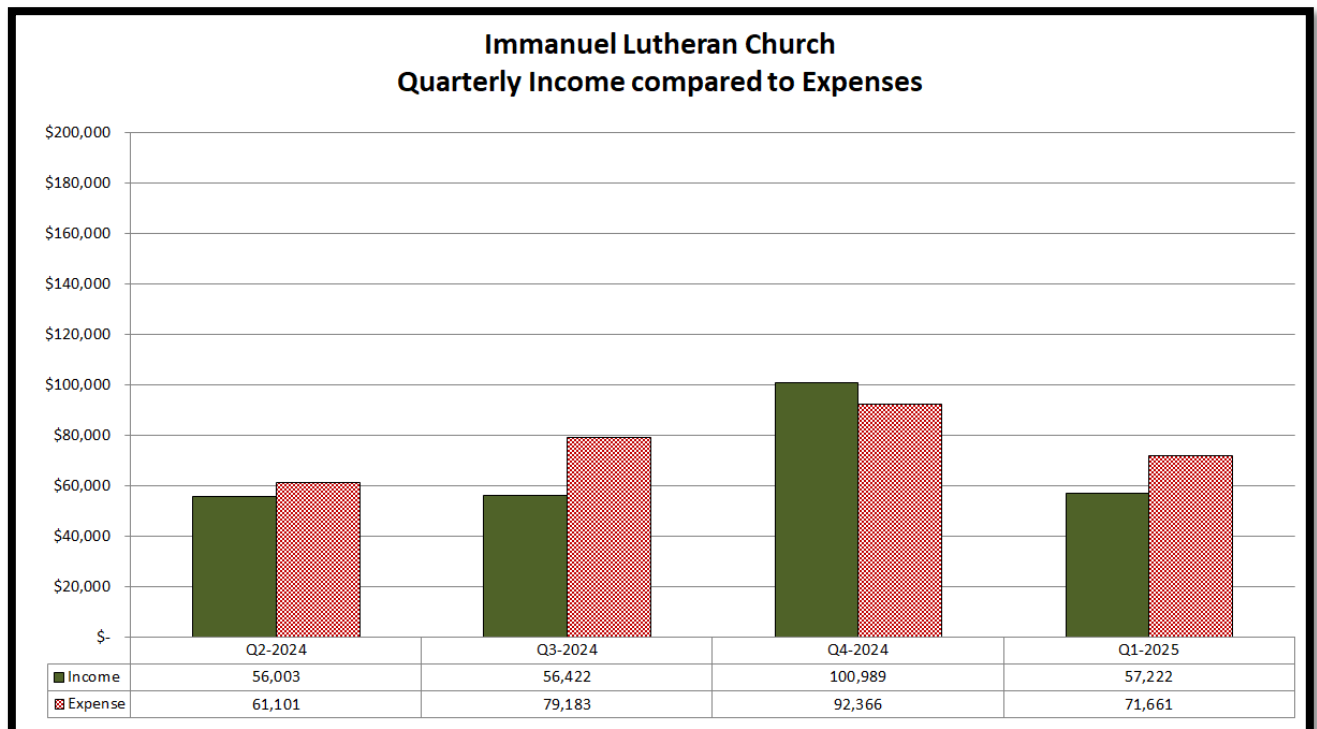
Pastor's Report: Membership changes reported: the release of Jacob Jahner at his request; accepted by profession of faith Jack and Sarah Zeidler; and accepted by profession of faith Ted Grof. Pastor had 15 shut-in visits in the first quarter. The Delegate meeting is scheduled for June 17 at St. Paul's, Alexandria.

Trustee's Report: Work continues on the sewer drain. The parsonage's basement shower was worked on as well.

Cemetery's Report: Pastor Richard Winters passed away on April 4, 2025, in Escanaba, Michigan. Pastor Winters served here at Immanuel and Zion from 1976 to 1987. A request from the family is to bury him here at Immanuel. This was discussed and approved by Council. Arrangements are pending.

School Board Report: The State Inspection of the school's kitchen is scheduled for April 29 and 30. The playground equipment will be installed this summer. Current enrollment for 2025-2026 is at 94 students. We will welcome Mrs. Rachel Markgraf as our new teacher for grades 1 and 2. And await the Assignment Committee for a teacher for grades 3 through 5.

Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is
Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 7 p.m.
Everyone Welcome!



Ladies Aid

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2025 Officers:

President: Barbara DeVries

VP/Secretary: Cindy Rusch

Treasurer: Karen Kohls

Next Meetings

May 7

June 4

No meeting in July & August

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

We collected 392 pounds of food for the McLeod County Food Shelf in March – Thank you!

A wonderful tour of the Crow River Winery was taken in by approximately 20 people. And we enjoyed a sampling of wines and cider that were produced with Wayne and Cindy Rusch's honey. (*One of the wines: Chickadee*)

Sherronda Moore spoke about the benefits of massage in April.

Shirley Wurdell will share with us information on the Bloodmobile in May.

June will bring a tour of Stamp and Storage, followed by eating out. Date to be determined.

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.

*Thank you to those
that helped with spring cleaning.*



Vacation Bible School



3 years old through entering 6th grade -- Registration forms available on the school in the entryway. Older students are welcome to volunteer as group leaders and helpers.

Grace Lutheran Church
430 5th Ave. SW
Hutchinson, MN 55350

July 7-11, 2025
9:00 - 11:30 AM

*Children will sing their
songs at the outdoor
service on July 13*

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

Thank you to those that supported the Kwik Trip Car Wash cards, we were able to raise \$5,611.

We will not be doing the Cash Wise Brat Stand this year.

PTF assisted in paying for the following expenses: Pizza for preschoolers, student tickets to the Science Museum, Cabinets for the girl's bathroom, and a portion of the Year Book cost for each family.

Fundraising: The school is still collecting Box Tops, Ink Cartridges, Loaves4Learning UPC's. Also, There is Amazon Smile to purchase items and Coca-Cola 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.



Confirmation



Examination

Joint Service with Grace
Sunday, May 11 at 3p at ILC

Confirmation Sunday
May 18 for

Tyson Fox
Emma Hoff

Ascension Service
Thursday,
May 29 at 7p
at Zion



LWMS

Congratulations!



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



Scan for details!



62ND.LWMS.ORG

Fellowship Committee

Next Meeting:

Pending
Everyone Welcome!

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

July 13 - Outdoor Service at the McLeod County Fairgrounds at 10:30.
With Grace Lutheran, St. Peters, Zion and Immanuel - **Bring a lawn chair**
Pot-luck served afterwards. **Please bring a dish to share.**

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.

Calls

Mrs. Rachel Markgraf has accepted her call to teach grades 1 and 2 at Immanuel Grace Lutheran School.

We Welcome Mrs. Markgraf and
We are very excited to have her join the
IGLS staff!

Pastor DeVries returned the call to St. Peter's.

St. Peter's is a parish about 9 miles southeast of LaCrosse Wisconsin. There are two churches are both named St. Peter's. The larger church is in Chaseburg. The smaller is in Hamburg. Together they help support St. Matthew's Lutheran school which is located in Stoddard.

A call was extended to **Mr. Nathan Hablewitz**. He is currently serving at New Hope Lutheran Academy, in West Melbourne, Florida.
Mr. Hablewitz has returned this call. We will now work with the Call Committee at MLC.

Congratulations to ILC 2025 Graduates

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Kindergarten



Isabella Krajsa
From Hutchinson
West Elementary



Breckyn Telecky
From Hutchinson
West Elementary



Teagyn Telecky
From Hutchinson
West Elementary

**Graduation Sunday
June 1**



Immanuel Grace Lutheran School



Tyson Fox
Will be attending
Hutchinson High School



Emma Hoff
Will be attending
Hutchinson High School

High School



Amanda Tews

is graduating
from Hutchinson
High School and
will be attending
Ridgewater
College for a
Business Degree.

High School and College

Lillian DeVries

Lillian DeVries is graduating from DeVries Academy (homeschool) with a high school diploma. She is also receiving an A.D. in Liberal Arts and Sciences from Ridgewater College. Lily will seek employment and discover which path she wants to take next, using her God-given artistic talents.



College

Mark DeVries

Mark DeVries is receiving an A.D. in Applied Science - Web Developer from Ridgewater College. Mark plans to continue working at HCVN while developing his computer skills.





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

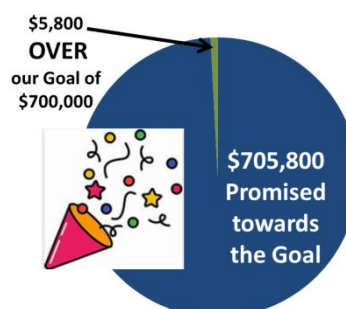
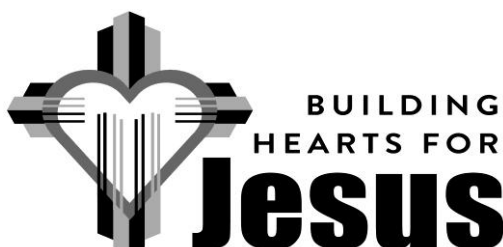


Book fair. Card sales only. The School will get credit for the teachers to pick out books. If you are unable to attend, here is a link to shop and support is: paperpie.com/brandpartner/Y13941/event/4043414

The link will be open until May 13, 2025. *Thank you for your support.*

Immanuel Grace Lutheran School Calendar

Thursday, May 1 – Children's Theatre
Friday, May 9 – Track Meet in Sleepy Eye
Tuesday, May 13– Softball Tournament for grades 6-8
Tuesday, May 13 – Science Museum for grades K-5
Thursday, May 22 – 6:30p.m. Closing Service
Friday, May 23 – Last Day of School
School Dance from 6-8





Immanuel Lutheran Church
20882 Walden Ave.

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:

May: Sharon Smith and Wendy Hellwig

June: Marilyn Rusch and Paula Fox

July: OPEN

Ushers:

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

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

July: Jeremy Prieve, Mike Thompson, Alex Prieve, Andy Prieve, Kyle Podratz, Brad Duesterhoeft

Congratulations to those celebrating:



Jeremiah and Brittany Clark celebrating their 10th Wedding Anniversary on April 6

Rod and Kim Schmeling celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary on June 20

Welcome to our New Members!

Jack and Sarah Zeidler



Ted Grof



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:

6 Lenten Suppers

Food Shelf Drive

Building Hearts for Jesus

Easter Breakfast