



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 3, 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
Starting September 3

Choir:

Nothing scheduled for
2025/2026



"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"' Isaiah 6:8

Eduardo Rodriguez owns an animal rescue clinic in Spain. One day, someone brought in a dog. And this dog was so skinny and so weak that Eduardo named her Barilla; which is a brand of spaghetti noodle. When Eduardo first got her, she couldn't even stand up by herself. She even had marks on her legs from dragging her body around on the ground.

When human beings are born into this world, we are just like Barilla. I don't mean physically. We were born spiritually weak. We didn't have the strength to serve God. And even if we wanted to do something good and holy, we didn't have the actual strength to do it. God says "honor your parents, tell the truth, help other people." And we just don't have the strength in our bodies or minds or hearts to do what God says.

That's what Isaiah 6 is about. When Isaiah first saw his vision of the Lord God, it was overwhelming. He saw God sitting on a great big throne, high up and exalted. He saw angels with six wings. And as they flew around the temple they sang a song about God. "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. The whole earth is full of his glory." The sound of their voices made the whole temple shake. And Isaiah turned into a bowl of jelly. He was so afraid and so overwhelmed that just about fell over. But God strengthened Isaiah. God purified Isaiah's lips. And then God said these words, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" In other words, God was asking, "Who will go and speak to my people?" "Who will be a witness to my people Israel?" And Isaiah said, "Here am I. Send me."

God does the very same thing for us. God transforms our hearts. God gives us strength to serve him and do what is right. And that strength comes from Jesus. Because in Jesus you are not a quivering mass of jelly. In Jesus, you are not weak and broken. You are a new person. You have been washed and cleansed and purified by your Savior.

If you saw at Barilla today, you would see that she is a normal looking dog. She was transformed not only by having food to eat. But also by having love and care and attention. That is exactly how God has transformed us. So now when God says, "Who will speak my word? Who will be a witness of my love?" We answer with the words of Isaiah, "Here am I. Send me!"

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 starts

Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

All children 3 years old through 8th grade are welcome to join us.

"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, July 24, 2025.

Pastor's Report: There were no membership changes. Pastor had 7 shut-in visits between Zion and Immanuel. Pastor is working with the Synod's materials for a "Welcome Home Sunday" tentatively scheduled for October 26th. Installation for Mrs. Hope Horn will be August 3 at Immanuel and Mr. Joel Holz as Principal will be at Grace Lutheran.

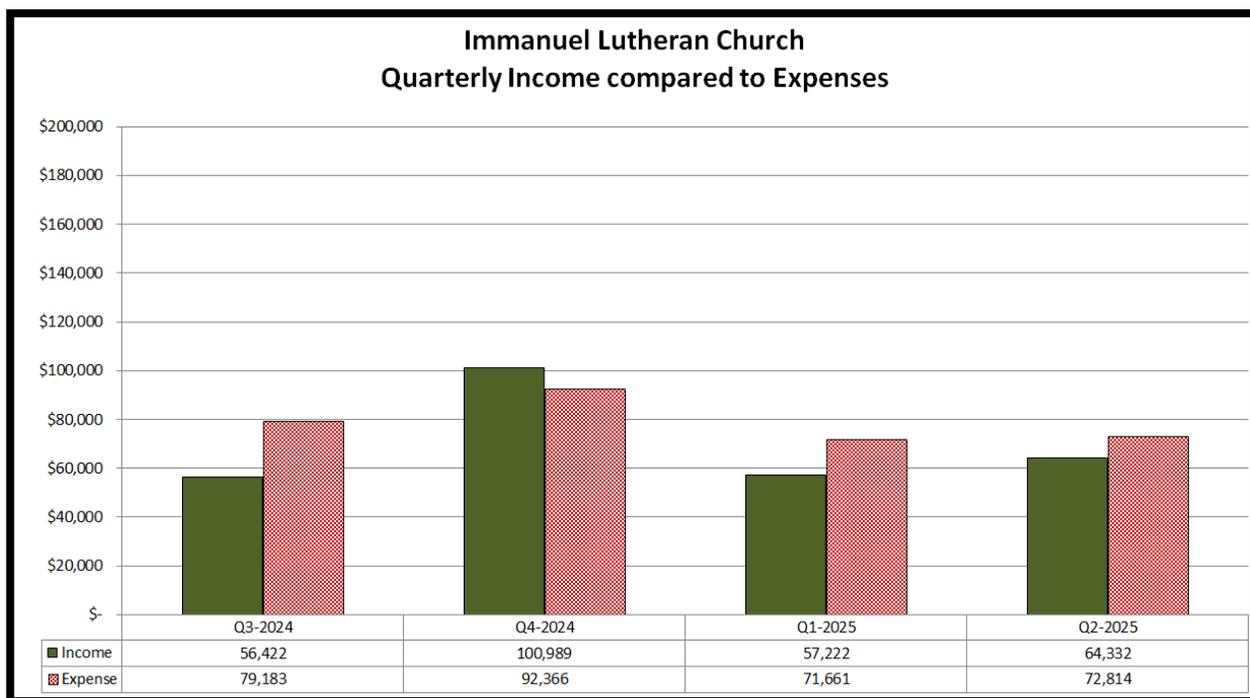
Cemetery's Report: Pastor Richard Winters passed away on April 4, 2025, in Escanaba, Michigan. Pastor Winters served here at Immanuel and Zion from 1976 to 1987. A request from the family is to bury him here at Immanuel on August 16 at 4 p.m. with visitation starting at 1:30 at Immanuel. All welcome to attend.

Discussion around amending the constitution to include urns to be buried with a vault. This topic will be again discussed at the next Congregational/Voter's meeting.

School Board Report: The playground equipment is being installed and there is fencing purchased for the pre-school equipment. The windows are an ongoing issue but getting closer to being resolved.

New Business: Regarding pre-buy fuel for the winter. Last year we went over our allotment as we added the old school, and now this year the teacherage. It was decided to pre-buy 6000 gallons @ 1.699 totaling \$10,194. We will be having to borrow that money at this time and ask that our members to consider this extra expense as they make their offerings.

**Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7 p.m.
Everyone Welcome!**



2025 Officers:

President: Barbara DeVries

VP/Secretary: Cindy Rusch

Treasurer: Karen Kohls

Next Meetings

September 3

October 1

6:30 p.m.

The Ladies Aid took the summer months off and will resume meeting in September.

A food shelf drive for Martin Luther College will be held during the month of September. Bins will be located in the church entry way. Thank you for your donations!

October, the ladies will decorate the church for fall. The MLC Auxiliary Day is scheduled for October 4th in New Ulm. Everyone Welcome!



Ladies Executive Board

2025 Officers:

President: Wendy Hellwig

VP: Donna Telecky

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Gauer

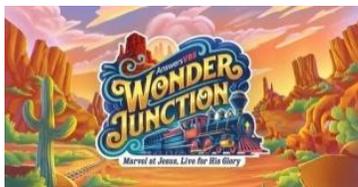
Directors: Cindy Wendorff,
Marilyn Rusch, Ashley Weber

The next meeting is scheduled for
January 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Fall cleaning is tentatively scheduled for the week of
September 15 thru September 20.
The basement is schedule to be cleaned.

Vacation Bible School

There were 72 children registered for VBS with about 24 volunteers. That is the highest enrollment in ten years. *Thank you to all who helped!!*



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 book sales. \$500 was raised.

Different types of fundraisers were discussed as these assist with non-budgetary items such as purchasing the Pre-School Playground set costing \$11,274.

The PTF also donated \$200 to each teacher to purchase new items for their classrooms.

Please watch for information of the upcoming fundraisers and THANK YOU to all who have supported the various fundraisers to make these non-budgetary items possible.

A special thank you goes out to Jon Hoff and Jay Mackedanz for their time and talents on installing the playground equipment.

Meetings:

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



This Home Missionary has been assigned to the Crow River Circuit for 2025-2026 which Immanuel is part of.

If you would like to send cards of encouragement and/or gifts to support your love to the missionary and family, please send to the address listed above.

Lucas Bitter

Intown Lutheran, Atlanta, GA
 423 Florida Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30316-1541
 770-508-4561 pastorlucas@intownlutheran.com
 Wife: Meredith Bitter
 Children: Elijah & Gabrielle



Lucas's seminary training included a 1-year internship at Hope Lutheran Church in inner-city Toronto, which filled him with a strong passion for urban ministry. Upon returning to the Seminary, he wrote his senior thesis paper on the topic of "Planting Churches in Global Cities."

After graduating from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 2013, Lucas served as a pastor for 4 years at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Marietta, GA. In 2017 he accepted a call from the South Atlantic District Mission Board to move into Atlanta and start a brand-new mission church.

Fellowship Committee

Next Meeting:

Pending
 Everyone Welcome!

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

Thank you to all who attended the Outdoor service!
 And congratulations to Mrs. Rachel Markgraf, as she was installed as our teacher for grades 1 and 2.

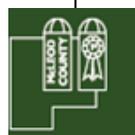
Anyone is welcome to join the Fellowship Committee to help plan various activities for our congregation.

If any questions, please feel free to contact one of the officers.



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 583-6007 or juliethompson@mchsi.com or Church Box #75.



**McLeod County Fair
 August 14 to 17**

If you are able to help cover a shift, please contact Teresa Ross at 320-305-9662



Preschool – 3 year olds
Miss Amanda Lokensgard

Preschool – 4 year olds
Mrs. Nikki Dragt

Kindergarten
Mrs. Mallory Eckstrand

1st and 2nd
Mrs. Rachel Markgraf

3rd, 4th and 5th
Mrs. Hope Horn

6th, 7th, and 8th grades
Mr. Joel Holz

Principal
Mr. Joel Holz

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

My name is **Hope Horn**. I am a recent graduate of Martin Luther College and will be teaching grades 3-5 at Immanuel Grace Lutheran School for this next school year.

I come from a family of 8 and have lived in a few different homes. My parents, Peter and Paula Sulzle, and younger siblings currently live in Cottonwood, Arizona. My family moved there about a year ago when my dad accepted the call to serve as pastor at Peace Lutheran Church. Previously, we lived in Rapid City, South Dakota for 10 years, followed by Redwood Falls, Minnesota for 10 years. I am the second oldest of 5 siblings (4 brothers and 1 sister). My oldest brother, Camden, is beginning his second year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. His wife, Kaitlin, is also a recent graduate of MLC and beginning her first year of teaching. Alana and Noah are beginning their senior and sophomore years at MLC. My youngest two brothers, Gabriel and Josiah, are at Luther Preparatory School, as a junior and sophomore. My mom has taught and served in grade schools in past years, but now volunteers at church and enjoys her time at home.

On July 11, I married Jason Horn. We were blessed with a beautiful day filled with God's goodness and love, and surrounded by our closest family and friends. We now live in New Ulm. My husband will finish his senior year at MLC and graduate in May. He is in the pre-seminary program studying to be a pastor. Next year, he will continue his studies at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI.

My favorite hobbies include playing piano, running, going on hikes or walks, reading, playing games, and spending time with my family and friends.

Thank you for all your prayers, support, and encouragement over these last couple of months. I look forward to meeting everyone and beginning my ministry at IGLS.

In Christ's service,
Mrs. Hope Horn



My name is **Rachel Markgraf**, and I am excited to be the new first and second grade teacher at Immanuel Grace Lutheran School.

I have been blessed to attend Lutheran schools throughout my life. I grew up in the Stillwater area with my parents and younger brother. After graduating from St. Croix Lutheran High School in West St. Paul, I went on to earn my degree from Martin Luther College in December 2013.

Following graduation, I received a divine call to teach third and fourth grade at Prairie Lutheran School in Gibbon, where I served for nine years. I then took some time off to care for our daughter, Willow, who is now one and a half years old.

My husband, Zach, works at 3M, and our family lives in Hutchinson. We are members at Immanuel and are grateful to be part of this church and school community.

In my free time, I enjoy cooking, reading, and traveling—I've been blessed to visit 13 countries so far! I'm truly looking forward to partnering with you this year as we grow together in faith and knowledge. It is a joy and a privilege to share the love of Jesus with His little lambs.

God's blessings,
Mrs. Rachel Markgraf



Pre-School – 3 year olds
Miss Amanda Lokensgard

Taylon Anfinson
Adalynn Arries
Burke Buxcel
Clayton Cole
Kamdyn DeMars
Immanuel Duesterhoeft
Anna Forcier
Liam Grof
Cora Heine
Westyn Peterson
Ellorie Plaisance
Emmett Reading
Brayden Whalen

Pre-K
Mrs. Nikki Dragt

Thomas Barfknecht
Nash Boike
Estelle Dressen
Hannah Duesterhoeft
Liliana Haley
Evelyn Lyle
Maxwell Moore
Amelia Rau
Hadley Schwecke
Sophie Schwecke
Emmett Smith
Harper Smith
Brynlee Whitcomb
Bryer Wichman

Kindergarten
Mrs. Mallory Eckstrand

Wilhelmina Dolezal
Margo Duehn
Jason Forcier
William Heine
Aaron Kiecker
Jase Koglin
Hazel Mackedanz
Noah Moore
Maverick Nowak
Peter Palmer
Grace Pederson
Noah Plotz
Lillian Ulrich
Rand Wilke

1st & 2nd Grade
Mrs. Rachel Markgraf

1st
Emmirsyn Boike
Alivia Cox
Delilah Gutormson
Brynlee Heinrichs
Bryker Koehnen
Cassie Lueck
Kinsley Peik
Roland Wilke

2nd
Paul Gatz
Britta Koehnen
Delilah Palmer
Breah Smith
Vanessa Smith
Oliver Ulrich
Mason Wersal
Adler Witte

3rd, 4th, 5th Grade
Mrs. Hope Horn

3rd
Harper Clark
Berkley Heinrichs
Matthew Kiecker
Rayna Markworth
Easton Podratz
Brecken Sues
Calix Vanoverbeke

4th
Lacey Chance
Hazel Erickson
Emery Fox
Sydney-Kay Fundingsland
David Lyle
Lily Mackedanz
Callum Rosenow
Wyatt Schaefer
Aria Sues

5th
Angelyn Chance
Audie Plocher
Eliza Ulrich
Gaven Wersal



6th, 7th, 8th Grade
Mr. Joel Holz

6th
Hannah Fox
Boden Koehnen
Caitlyn Kruse
Aubree Mackedanz
Brynlie Podratz
Grace Schaefer

7th
Carson Dragt
Everett Erickson
Lilly Henschke
Charlotte Lyle
Evelyn Ulrich
Edwin VonBerge

8th
Norah Chellin
Estelle Clark
Brynlee Koehnen
Bennett Kohls
Lily Plocher
Ellie Podratz

Sunday, August 24
6 pm
Opening Service
Followed by
Back to School Night

School Starts
Wednesday
August 27



The fundraiser runs from August 1st to August 31st.

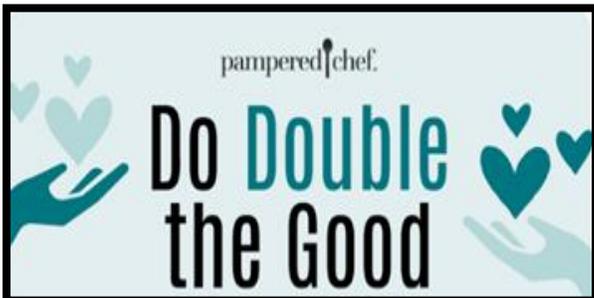
Fundraiser for IGLS

The fundraiser runs from August 1st to August 31st

Place your orders via either:

1. QR code (noted to the right)
2. <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/iglsfundraiser25>
3. Fill out the order form from a catalog located on the table in the church entry way and give to Julie Thompson with payment.

If any questions, contact Julie Thompson (583-6007) or Joyce Leske (320-469-2223) as she is our Pampered Chef Consultant.



Fundraiser Party Sales:
between \$200 and \$649.99 - 20% donation to the school

\$650 or more - 30% donation to the school



Immanuel Grace Lutheran School Fundraiser

Watch for additional fundraisers that will be held through out the year. This will assist in purchasing non-budgetary items.

- Calendar Sale
- Kwik Trip Car Wash
- Spring Flowers



Thank you for your generous support with the “Helping Hands”.

It was determined at the last Congregational/Voter’s meeting to purchase the fuel for the Old School, Church and Teacherage on a “Pre-Buy” contract. It is estimated to cost approximately \$10,000.

Please consider an extra donation to help with this purchase. If any questions, please reach out to Lynn Mackedanz, Chairman and/or Kori Leske, Vice-Chairman. **Thank you!**





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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.

Pastor Eugene DeVries

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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:

August: Kari Paredes
September: Marilyn Rusch and Paula Fox

October: Karen Plath and Betty Rusch

Ushers:

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

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

October: Jeremy Prieve, Mike Thompson, Alex Prieve, Andy Prieve, Kyle Podratz, Brad Duesterhoft

Congratulations to those celebrating their Wedding Anniversary



Del and Elaine Prieve celebrating their 65th on July 10th

Pastor and Barbara DeVries celebrating their 25th on July 16th

Eric and Jenna Thompson celebrating their 10th on July 17th

Jim and Janel Radunz celebrating their 40th on August 17th

Kyle and Beth Podratz celebrating their 15th on August 21st

Janice Schmeling-Sietsema and Ken Sietsema celebrating their 5th on August 30th

Jenna and Michael Ivey celebrating their 5th on September 12th

Congratulations to:

Brad and Kellsie Weber on the birth of their son, Brady Allen

Carl and Alexis Horrmann on the birth of their twin daughters, Lilah Jade & Norah Nicholle

Cody and Tessa Heimerl on the birth of their son, Bridger James



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:

VBS

Outdoor Service

Summer Care