



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 4, 2025

9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Sunday Service



## Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



**Bible Study:**  
Mondays at 7p

**Confirmation:**  
Wednesdays at 4:15p

**Choir:**  
Nothing scheduled for  
2025/2026



### Sola Fide

The Lutheran Reformation began with Martin Luther nailing 95 theses to the church door in Wittenburg. However, at that moment, Martin Luther was still a committed Roman Catholic. Nailing theses on the church door was an invitation to debate, not a bold act of rebellion. Luther never set out to establish a new church. He always saw himself as an instrument of God to bring back the teaching of the gospel.

The phrase "Sola Fide" summarizes the most important teaching of the Reformation. When translated, those Latin words mean "by faith alone." The Bible teaches that our human good works cannot save us. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast." God's grace comes to us through faith in Jesus. His works were good and perfect and holy. His good works were enough to satisfy God's demands for righteousness. His work of suffering and dying on the cross was enough to take away our sin. We receive the benefit of Jesus' work by trusting that he did it all for us. We call that trust "faith."

Faith alone saves us from sin, death, and hell. Faith alone makes us children of God and heirs of salvation. But this saving faith is never alone. Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Believers respond to God's goodness with good works. In fact, Luther once wrote that you don't even need to tell a believer to do good. The heart that trusts Jesus and rejoices in salvation gets to work right away serving both God and its neighbor.

However, we still need some instruction for doing good works. Our sinful nature still clings to us. Right next to the new desires worked in us by the Holy Spirit, we have our old sinful desires trying to take control. So we need the admonition of God's Word and our fellow believers. We need to hear God's call to repentance and his encouragement to trust in Jesus. And we benefit from hearing God's commandments with fresh ears. In this way, God inspires and empowers our Christian life. We serve God not because we have to but because we want to.

So this simple phrase from the Lutheran Reformation gives us the entire plan for how to follow Jesus. We are saved by faith alone, but saving faith is never alone. It eagerly works and serves to glorify our Savior.

*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 is studying Old Testament accounts from 1 and 2 Kings. Israel and Judah had many evil kings who abused the power and authority given to them by God.

**Christmas service practices** will be held at church on Saturday, December 6, 13, and 20, at 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. There are only three practices, so if your child cannot make it to all three, please make sure they are attending Sunday School at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings to learn the songs and hymns. Programs will be delivered to church mailboxes by the end of October with your child's readings and recitations highlighted. If you have not already been contacted by Mrs. DeVries about your child's participation, please call or text her 715-220-8211.

**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, October 21, 2025.

**Pastor's Report:** No membership changes, however, we had three Baptisms: Brady Weber, Bridger Heimerl and Hucksen Melsha. One funeral at Zion and a second at St. Paul's in Litchfield. Mission Sunday scheduled for October 26 with Pastor Gerald Geiger as our Guest Speaker.

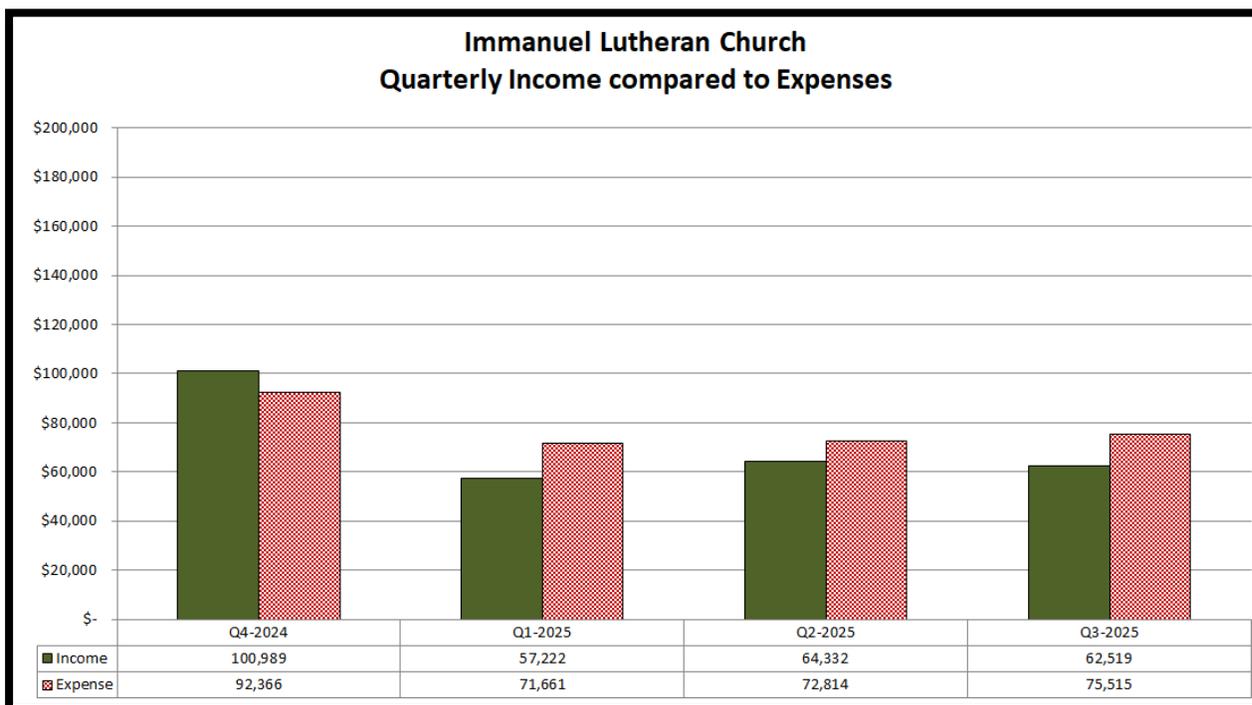
**Cemetery's Report:** It was voted on to change the Bylaws to read "all burials" require a vault. A Columbarium is currently being researched to see if this is a viable option for our cemetery.

**Trustees:** The Teacherage Garage has been repaired. Thank you goes out to the men that assisted with this project.

**School Board Report:** Soccer and Volleyball are now over for the season. The children are working on their Fall Play. Mr. Holz is currently taking on more responsibilities as Principal, which then relieves Pastor Tobison and Pastor DeVries of various duties. Enrollment is at 96 as we did lose a couple of children as they were wanting more services. A Rummage Sale is scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> to help raise funds for the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade children to attend the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky.

**New Business:** A free will offering is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for the Children's Christmas Candy Bags. A request was made to have all the Christmas decorations be removed from the bell tower to the basement back storage room. This will be done after the holidays.

**Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!**



# Ladies Aid

## 2025 Officers:

**President:** Barbara DeVries

**VP/Secretary:** Cindy Rusch

**Treasurer:** Karen Kohls

## Next Meetings

**November 5**

**No December meeting**

*6:30 p.m.*

Pam Byral with Allina Health Hospice and Palliative Care was our guest speaker in October. She provided information as to the types of services provided. Also noting that anyone could refer someone to hospice as it doesn't require an order from the individual's primary care provider. An assessment is then coordinated with the Allina Hospice team of providers to determine. For more information please call the Hutchinson Regional Team at 320-234-5031. [www.allinahealth.org/hospice](http://www.allinahealth.org/hospice)

The ladies decorated the church with fall decorations prior to the October meeting.

# Ladies Executive Board

## 2025 Officers:

**President:** Wendy Hellwig

**VP:** Donna Telecky

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Wanda Gauer

**Directors:** Cindy Wendorff,  
Marilyn Rusch, Ashley Weber

Election for Officers will take place for  
~~Vice-President, Director and Secretary/Treasurer~~  
*Please consider volunteering to serve.*

*If you have any questions prior to the January meeting, please contact one of the Officers.*

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

# Fellowship Committee

## Next Meeting:

Pending

Everyone Welcome!

Chair: Pastor DeVries

Secretary: Julie Thompson

Treasurer: Julie Thompson

*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.*

# 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

## Events for the Children:

October 8 – Nelson Farm for the Preschool

October 14 – Apple Jack's for K-8th

October 31 – Fall Festival

November 14 – Fall Play – (K-8 Music and K-5 Play - "Are we there yet?")

November 11 – Veterans day





## Church Decorating

On Saturday, **November 29 at 9:00 a.m.** we will be decorating the church for Christmas. If you have an hour or so to assist, it would be greatly appreciated. *Thank you.*



**Door Offerings** will be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for the children's candy bags that will be handed out on Christmas Eve. *Thank you.*



## Christmas Cards

The Ladies' Aid will have Christmas cards available for sale. They are sold by the box and are in the church library. They also have an assortment of birthday and many other general greeting cards.



## Poinsettias

If you would like to help beautify our church with poinsettias in celebration of Jesus' birth, please sign up on the sheet in the entryway by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Colors are red, pink, white, Red glitter, marble and Prince at a cost of \$13 each. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Telecky.

**Use Scrip as Christmas gifts.** Place orders by December 14<sup>th</sup> and the gift cards will be delivered before Christmas. As always, local cards are on hand after that date for last minute gifts. Contact Karen Kohls or reach out to her via email [kohls@hutchtel.net](mailto:kohls@hutchtel.net) or text 320-444-0170.

*SCRIP: Are gift cards available and you pay the face value of the card and the school receives a percentage. The money earned provides IGLS field trips throughout the year. Remember the cards are available all year long. Thank you for your support of our School and Pre-School. A listing is found at school and church. Please see Karen Kohls to purchase.*

## Please check your church mailbox

Some of the items that are placed in Your mailbox monthly are the Church Council minutes and Church Calendar.



Also, emailed out on a monthly basis: calendar, Birthday/Anniversary listings along with other misc. announcements, if you would like to receive these items via email too, please let me know. [juliethompson@mchsi.com](mailto:juliethompson@mchsi.com)

## 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](mailto:juliethompson@mchsi.com) or Church Box #75.

## Holiday Services

### Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 27

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel



### Christmas Services

#### Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

3:00 p.m. – Worship at Zion

6:00 p.m.—Children's Service at Immanuel

**Christmas Day**—Thursday, December 25

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel



## Follow up:

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At the annual meeting in January 2025, 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.

The following children attended and they shared their experiences with the congregation in late summer.

### Lutheran Girl Pioneer Camp

Emery Fox  
Aubrey Mackedanz  
Lily Mackedanz  
Ellie Podratz  
Brynlie Podratz



### Camp Croix:

Tyson Fox  
Hannah Fox



### Camp Chetek:

Joseph DeVries  
Alexander DeVries



## Invitation:

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Author – Public Speaker – Coach

***Benjamin Hylden***

Will be presenting on November 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.  
At the Peace Center at Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

No admission charge. Free will offerings accepted.

Refreshments will be available

About Benjamin: Due to the severity of Ben's care accident he was only given a 5% chance of survival and endured many hardships and setbacks during his recovery that were supposed to hold him back in life. But with faith and determination, he has defied the odds and is now living a life that he was told would be impossible.

[www.benhylden.com](http://www.benhylden.com)



**Preschool – 3 year olds**  
Miss Amanda Lokensgard

**Preschool – 4 year olds**  
Mrs. Nikki Dragt

**Kindergarten**  
Mrs. Mallory Eckstrand

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Mrs. Rachel Markgraf

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Mrs. Hope Horn

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> 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

A Call was extended to **Ms. Kiernan Handy** who currently teaches 2nd grade at Peace Lutheran school in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Please keep Ms. Handy in your prayers as she deliberates where to best serve.



*Pampered Chef: Thank you --- raised: \$337.83*

The IGLS children are doing **“Pick A Date Calendar”** Fundraiser

Funds earned from this fundraiser will go towards improvements or non-budgetary items, i.e. field trips, playground equipment, landscaping, picnic benches, dish washer, etc.

**How It Works?**

Pick a date on the calendar and then they pay that amount.  
For example: if you select the 13th, then you would donate \$13.



**Last year, the school families raised \$10,128.**

We are hoping to meet or beat this number this year!

If an IGLS student hasn't approached you and you are interested in donating, please see the poster board in the church entry and return to Julie Thompson by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you.*

## It's treasure-hunting time!

Come shop the Immanuel Grace Lutheran School Rummage Sale and help our 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on their journey to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky!

There'll be something for everyone — clothes, books, toys, home décor, and more. Every little bit helps make this faith-filled adventure possible!

Two Weekends of Deals!  
Friday Nov. 7 & 14 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday Nov. 8 & 15 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
20917 Walden Avenue Hutchinson  
(Old School Building)



Bring your friends, shop with purpose, and help us make this trip unforgettable!

*All rummage sale items are free will offering*

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

- Kwik Trip Car Wash
- Spring Flowers



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
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Find us on the Web: [www.immanuelhutch.com](http://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:

November: Wanda Gauer  
December: Donna Telecky

### Ushers:

January 2026: Deb Boelter and Julie Thompson  
November: Bruce Trick, Jon Hoff, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff, Justin Black  
December: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann  
January 2026: Jeremy Prieve, Mike Thompson, Alex Prieve, Andy Prieve, Kyle Podratz, Brad Duesterhoeft

## Congratulations to:



Kori and Joyce Leske celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 5  
Andy and Kim Rasmussen celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on December 4



Jack and Sarah Zeidler on the birth of their daughter, Adeline Jean  
Troy and Ramsey Melsha on the birth of their son, Hucksen Alan

### Weather Closings



Winter weather will soon 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](http://www.immanuelhutch.com)



### Offering Envelopes

**2026 Offering Envelopes are available.** Please pick your box up on the table in the entryway. *Thank you.*

## Thrivent Policy Members

### Thrivent Coordinator:

Julie Thompson

Register on line:

[www.Thrivent.com](http://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:**

*MCL Food Shelf Drive  
Belle Plaine Bingo/Christmas gifts  
Christmas Cards/Postage  
Children’s Christmas Bags*