



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter I, 2026

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
2026



Better Every Day

“Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.” 1 Peter 2:2-3

Many individuals have had the experience of being forced to take piano lessons as a child. For every person who says, “I was glad to quit” there are two more who say, “I wish I had kept going.” People quit piano because it feels extremely frustrating to try doing something well and then fail at it. So it takes a careful teacher to only give their students material that lies just outside their level of ability. If it’s too easy the student will get bored. If it’s too difficult, the student will get overwhelmed. The key to success is to make slow but steady progress.

In practice, our Christian lives work much the same way. Many people get discouraged when they try to live a holy life. Putting to death the sinful nature seems like an impossible dream. Every Christian finds it incredibly frustrating to know what pleases God and then fail at actually accomplishing it. We find it very tempting to say, “I just can’t do it” and give up trying.

God gives us exactly what we need to make slow but steady progress. The pure spiritual milk mentioned in 1 Peter is the gospel. Through the gospel you have been born again. The Holy Spirit worked faith in your heart that made you pure. You have tasted that the Lord is good. The process of growing up as a Christian is a lifelong journey of getting better every day.

We understand that we cannot earn our way to heaven. We cannot make ourselves holy enough to merit eternal life. And even if we could, how would we remove the lifetime of mistakes we made trying to get there? We couldn’t do it. Getting better every day is a confirmation that God has begun a good work in our hearts. Just like with piano, the only thing that matters is that we keep going.

It's embarrassing to admit that things like malice, envy, slander, and deceit still live inside of us. Only by the power of the gospel working inside of us can we get rid of those things. The love of Jesus teaches us to speak truthfully to our neighbor. It strengthens us to be satisfied with what God has given us. It drives us on to get rid of everything that offends God and submit our entire selves to serve Jesus. We're not perfect yet, but we're getting better every day.

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 children in Sunday School are learning about Jesus' ministry and miracles. He proved by his words and his power that he is the Son of God.

The children have voted that their next mission offering will be sent to support Kids' Summer Bible Camps.

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

2026 Church Board Officers:

Chairman: Kori Leske
 Vice-Chair: Bruce Trick
 Secretary: Mike Brekke
 Treasurer: Matthew Forcier
 Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer
 Delegate: Lynn Mackedanz
 Trustees: Chris Wersal
 Dylan Weber
 Mike Heine

Elders: Ryan Palmer
 Steven Plamann
 Jason Horrmann

Finance Committee:
 Steve Hellwig
 Michael Thompson
 Andy Weber

Cemetery Board: Jeremy Hoff
 Mike Yerks
 Harold Plath

School Board: Jay Mackedanz
 Jon Hoff
 Ted Grof

The **Quarterly Voter's/ Congregational Meeting** was Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Pastor's Report: For the year, Pastor made 5 hospital visits and held 44 private communions. Madeline Chemnitz requested a release and Nick Pagel was received into membership by profession of faith.

Cemetery's Report: Dave and Donna Telecky will again be 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. They completed 25 mowings this busy summer and the Cemetery always looked perfect. Dave would like to maybe have some help in leveling some sunken graves this spring when the weather is good again.

Trustees: The Trustees reported on only one recent issue, our furnace needed repairs right before Christmas; all seems well as of now.

School Board Report: Lots of work is being done on our journey toward accreditation of our school. We have a date of October 2026 to be prepared to meet the programs goals. The upper grade students are planning and fundraising to pay for their upcoming trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky this spring. They will be doing more rummage sales this spring as they raised nearly \$8000 from the fall sales.

**Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is
 Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7 p.m.
 Everyone Welcome!**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
 Quarterly Income compared to Expenses**



**Annual
 Report and
 Church
 Directory
 available on
 the table in
 the church
 entry.**

**Help
 yourself.**

Ladies Aid

2026 Officers:

President: Barbara DeVries
VP/Secretary: Cindy Rusch
Treasurer: Marilyn Rusch



The Ladies' Aid is assisting with a Food Shelf Drive for McLeod County. A box will be in the entry way the month of March. Won't you please help!! Thank you.

Next Meeting: March 3 at 6:30 p.m.

All Ladies Welcome!

Ladies Executive Board

2026 Officers:

President: Donna Telecky
VP: LuAnn Yerks
Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Gauer
Directors: Marilyn Rusch, Ashley Weber, Sharon Smith

Next Meeting
Wednesday,
July 15, 2026 at 6:30p

Each Ladies Serving Group will serve before the Lenten Services starting at 6p.
February 25 - Serving Group 1
March 2 - Serving Group 2
March 11 - Serving Group 3
The "free will offering" will also be designated for the project of fixing, painting, and purchasing shelving to organize a storage room which holds our Christmas Decorations.

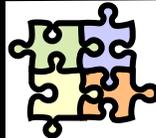
Spring Cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 9 a.m.
We will be cleaning upstairs. Check lists will be out the week prior if you are able to come during the week and help. *Thank you!*

Fellowship Committee

Next Meeting:

Pending
Everyone Welcome!

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



Sunday, February 15 at 4:30 -- Pizza – Puzzles and Pies
In the Church Basement

Family fun evening – Everyone Welcome!

Pizza will be served, we will have some fun with a little challenge of putting together puzzles. (Puzzles provided)
Bring a Pie (or dessert) to share.



PTF

Officers for 2025/2026:

President: Amy Smith
VP: Patti Schaeffer
Secretary: Kristin Koehnen
Treasurer: Eileen Prieve
Teacher Appreciation:
Elizabeth Grof
Fundraising Chair: Jessi Boike

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

Mark your calendar: Outdoor Service – July 19

Christian Education Week – March 2nd through the 6th

Tentative Plans

Monday – K-5: 4H

6th-8th 3M afternoon

Tuesday – Wheel and Cog for PreK

Wednesday – is NOT an early release. Rocket Hill for PreK

Thursday – Nursing Homes and Bowling for the older kids
Rec Center for PreK

Friday – is VIP day – PreK to 2nd morning; 3rd to 8th in the afternoon

Spring Fundraiser – Car Wash Cards

Watch for information to come out in mid-February!

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| Ash Wednesday | February 18 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(Ladies Aid serving a meal prior—6 p.m.)</i> |
| Lenten Services | February 25 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(Group 1 serving supper starting at 6p)</i> March 4 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(Group 2 serving – 6p)</i> March 11 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(Group 3 serving - 6p)</i> March 18 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(IGLS School Families – 6p)</i> March 25 at 2 p.m. Zion and 7 p.m. Immanuel <i>(Fellowship Committee - 6p)</i> |
| Palm Sunday | March 29 at 8:45 a.m. at Zion and 10 a.m. at Immanuel |
| Mandy Thursday | April 2 at 7 p.m. Joint Service at Immanuel with Communion |
| Good Friday | April 3 at 9 a.m. at Zion with Communion April 3 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel with Communion |
| Easter Sunrise Service | April 5 at 6:30 a.m. at Immanuel |
| Easter Morning Breakfast | April 5 starting at 7:30 at Immanuel |
| Easter Sunday Morning Service | April 5 at 8:45 a.m. at Zion April 5 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 **63rd Annual LWMS Convention** will be held June 25-28, 2026 in Madison, Wisconsin. Register on-line **starts March 1**. Otherwise, paper forms are available on the table in the entry way.



The **Spring Rally** is scheduled for Calvary in Glenwood, MN
Watch for information to come.

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:

*Sunday School Craft Material
Pizza – Puzzles – Pies
Lenten Meals x6*



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

Ted Grof

Jon Hoff

Jay Mackedanz

Jason Kiecker

School Building Committee:

Jay Mackedanz

Bruce Trick

Steve Wendorff

Brian Lokensgard

Jon Hoff

Lance Hartkopf

Immanuel Grace Lutheran School

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

2026

OPEN HOUSE

Our Programs

- ★ **Preschool age 3-4**
(turning 3 before Sept. 1)
- ★ **Prekindergarten age 4-5**
(turning 4 before Sept. 1)
- ★ **Kindergarten age 5**
(turning 5 before Sept. 1)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

From 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

20849 Walden Ave, Hutchinson MN 55350

www.hutchinsonlutherschool.com 320-587-4858 immanuellutherschool@hotmail.com

Buy a Brick Program

This program will help beautify our school and helps us raise money for our school. The bricks will be placed at the school. Whether you are a student, graduate, or a supporter of Immanuel Grace Lutheran School, add your name to the history books. Buy a 4 x 8 brick for \$40 or an 8 x 8 brick for \$60.

Please return any orders by March 2nd to Julie Thompson. Order forms can be found in church entry on the school table by the front door.

A call was extended to Brittany Trimmer from St. Stephen's Lutheran School in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates her current call and the call sent to her from Immanuel Grace Lutheran Church.





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.

Pastor Eugene DeVries

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Church Secretary: Julie Thompson

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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, Brad Weber, Zach Markgraf, Samuel DeVries
March: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann, Brian Fox, Tyson Fox
April: Jeremy Prieve, Mike Thompson, Alex Prieve, Andy Prieve, Kyle Podratz, Brad Duesterhoeft, Ted Grof, Troy Melsha, Cody Suess, Jack Zeidler

Congratulations to:



Ron and Karen Kohls celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary on February 6
Wayne and Cindy Rusch celebrating their 15th Wedding Anniversary on March 4
Amanda and Andy Weber celebrating their 5th Wedding Anniversary on March 27
Chris and Sara Wersal celebrating their 15th Wedding Anniversary on April 9



Michael and Jenna (Duesterhoeft) Ivey on the birth of their son, Hudson



Alex Prieve and Jennah Brygger on their Engagement
Kyler Adams and Anecia Schweiss who were married on November 14, 2025

Our Sympathies to:

The Family of Vince Jahner who passed away on December 6, 2025

New Member:



Nick Pagel



Weather Closings – PROCESS UPDATE ❄️

Winter weather is here. On Sundays with questionable weather, worship cancellations will be determined by Pastor and the Elders by 9 p.m. Saturday night before church. Announcements will be made via: Email, Facebook and the Church's Website. If the weather is questionable, and not cancelled by 9 p.m. on Saturday night, each member can make their own determination if they are comfortable to drive to church or not. During the week, Pastor's policy is this: if Hutchinson Public Schools are closed for the day, evening events at both Immanuel and Zion will also be postponed on that day.