



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 2, 2026

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



## Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



### Bible Study:

Mondays at 7p

### Monday Night Service:

Starting June 1 at 7p

### Choir:

Nothing scheduled for  
2026



From 2010 to 2015, many school districts stopped teaching students how to write in cursive. Educational standards had shifted away from writing and towards keyboard skills. Since 2016, this trend has reversed. Today, 27 states have laws which require that students learn to write in cursive. On the other hand, memorization still continues its downward slide. Educational standards have turned towards critical thinking, communication, and "real-world" skills to take the place of memorizing.

Everyone knows that memorizing is hard. At the same time, it has incredible value, especially for Christians. We expect our confirmation students to memorize the catechism. In this way, the words shape their identity. The same thing is true for every Christian. Even pastors need to memorize, study, and meditate on the catechism! I know who I am when I say: "[Christ] has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and the power of the devil."

Besides shaping our identity, memorizing Scripture lets the Holy Spirit speak to our hearts. Jesus promised this in John 14:26. "The Holy Spirit...will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." When we feel alone and afraid, the Spirit will remind us that Jesus said, "I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) When we feel overwhelmed by life, the Spirit reminds us, "God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." (Psalm 73:26) When we feel confused or uncertain, the Spirit teaches us to pray, "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." (Psalm 25:4-5)

We still expect students to memorize. Why shouldn't adults do the same thing? The same reasons for memorizing Scripture apply to us as they do to students. In fact, we have many more reasons to commit God's Word to memory. And the method for memorizing can fit right in to our devotional life. Pick one verse, and write it on a note card. Put it someplace you will see it every day. When you see it, say it out loud twice in a row. Before long, your brain will just remember it. And blessings will follow.

*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's last day is Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Sunday School on May 17<sup>th</sup> or the 24<sup>th</sup> as it is Memorial Day Weekend.

We will reconvene in September at 9 a.m. All Children 3 years old through 8<sup>th</sup> 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."*



**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, April 28, 2026.

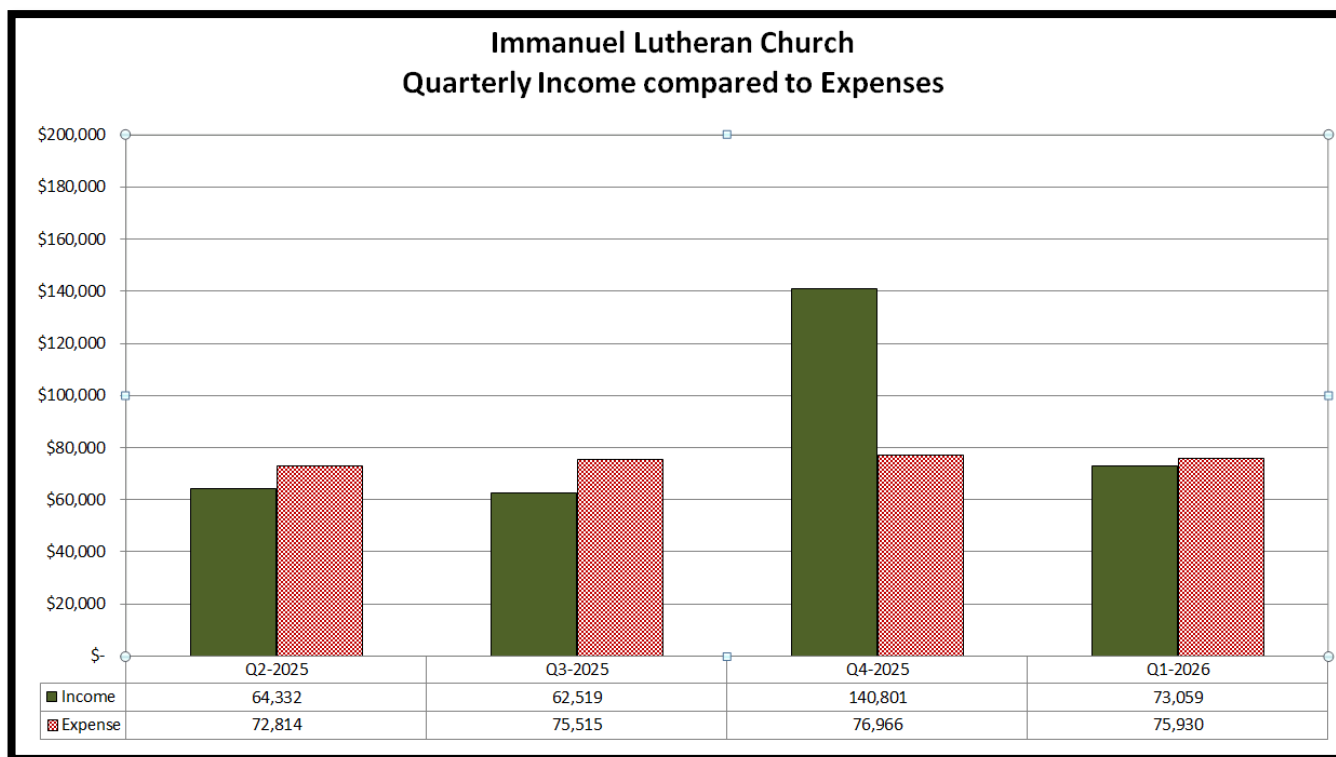
**Pastor's/Elder's Report:** Pastor reported that there were no membership changes as of now. He continues monthly with shut in visits including 7 from Immanuel and 4 from Zion. Sunday school attendance ranges weekly from 8-12 children.

**Cemetery's Report:** With the warmer weather, the Cemetery Board is hoping to work on raising a few of the sunken grave stones.

**Trustees:** The Trustees reported that they have contacted Foster Mechanical to try and diagnose our furnace problems we have been having. They will be cleaning the furnace this off season in the hopes that that will cure our ongoing issues. According to the manufacture recommendations, it should be cleaned every other year; it has never yet been cleaned since we installed it. Our new cleaning service has been working out great and so far, we are very satisfied with her services.

**School Board Report:** Some trees and a hedgerow of bushes will be planted along the fence in the upcoming days. The new batch of pavers that were ordered this winter will be installed this summer in front of school. The School Board also noted if there are any specific items people wish to donate money to on the school to talk to one of the board members beforehand.

**Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is  
 Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7 p.m.  
 Everyone Welcome!**



# Ladies Aid

## 2026 Officers:

**President:** Barbara DeVries

**VP/Secretary:** Cindy Rusch

**Treasurer:** Marilyn Rusch

*No meetings in*

*June, July or August*

The Ladies Aid prepared the meal for Ash Wednesday, but blizzard conditions prevented us from serving. Our meal was postponed until the last Lenten Wednesday on March 25. We gave Valentines gifts and Easter cards to the members of our church who are shut-ins. 95 pounds of food were donated to McLeod County Food Shelf during the MN donation match. French toast, yogurt parfaits, and baked goodies were served for Easter breakfast. All women who are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church are welcome to join Ladies Aid.

# Ladies Executive Board

## 2026 Officers:

**President:** Donna Telecky

**VP:** LuAnn Yerks

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Wanda Gauer

**Directors:** Marilyn Rusch, Ashley Weber, Sharon Smith

The Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15

**At 6:30 p.m.**

*Please note the time change*

*Thank you to those that helped with the Spring Cleaning!*

# Fellowship Committee

## Next Meeting:

Pending

Everyone Welcome!

Chair: Pastor DeVries

Secretary: Julie Thompson

Treasurer: Julie Thompson

**July 19 – Joint Outdoor Service at the McLeod County Fairgrounds**

**at 10:30 a.m. with**

Grace Lutheran, St. Peters, Zion and Immanuel

Bring a lawn chair

Pot-luck served afterwards. Please bring a dish 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

*Thank you* to all who supported the school's fundraisers.

*We are very thankful for your support.*

From the following fundraisers, we raised:

- Qdoba – \$1,400
- Gertens Flowers – *pending*
- Kwik Trip Car Wash – \$5,300
- 5 Below – *pending*
- Culvers – \$1,267.79
- Garage Sale on April 11 - \$933



## Meetings:

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



## Confirmation Sunday

May 17  
for

*Cody Black  
Stella Clark  
Joseph DeVries  
Bennett Kohls  
Ellie Podratz*

**Ascension Service**  
**Thursday,**  
**May 14 at 7p**  
**at Zion**



## 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 13 – 17, 2026**  
**9:00 - 11:30 AM**

*Children will sing their songs at the outdoor service on July 19*

## LWMS



The **63<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## 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:**

*Ladies Aid Easter Breakfast  
McLeod County Food Shelf  
IGLS Teacher Appreciation Week*

## Kindergarten



**Jason Forcier**  
From IGLS



**William Heine**  
From IGLS



**Hazel Mackedanz**  
From IGLS



**Mariah Mathern**  
From NDMA  
Plans: to be a police officer to catch the bad guys in her cop car

## Kindergarten



**Peter Palmer**  
From Hutchinson West Elementary  
Plans: "Tractor Fixer"



**Lennon Schmeling**  
From Hutchinson West Elementary



**Payton Weber**  
From Hutchinson West Elementary  
Plans: to be a dancer and an artist.



**Raelynn Weber**  
From Dassel Elementary

**Graduation Sunday  
June 7**



## Immanuel Grace Lutheran School



**Estelle Clark**  
Will be attending  
Hutchinson High  
School



**Bennett Kohls**  
Will be attending  
Hutchinson High School



**Ellie Podratz**  
Will be attending  
Hutchinson High  
School

## High School



**Natalie Hoff**  
Is graduating from  
Hutchinson High  
School  
And will be attending  
NDSU for a degree in  
Radiologic Sciences



**Scarlet Heldt**  
Is graduating from  
Minnesota Valley  
Lutheran High School  
and will be attending  
North Dakota State  
University for Human  
Development &  
Family Science with  
Elementary Education  
degree



**Madison Plamann**  
Is graduating from  
Hutchinson High  
School and will be  
attending UND for  
Nursing

**Graduation Sunday  
June 7**





**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

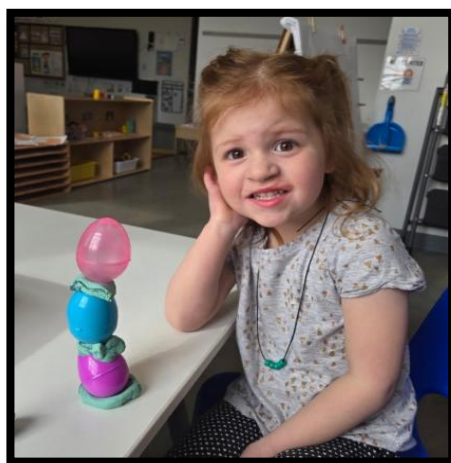
**Principal**  
Mr. Joel Holz

**School Board Officers:**

Ryan Bushman  
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 Calendar

Monday-Friday, May 4-May 8 – Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday-Friday, May 4-May 8 – Card Shower (Baby) for Mrs. Horn, Our 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

Friday, May 8 – Track Meet

Saturday, May 9 from 9 to noon – Pre-K Open House

May 11 – PTF at 6:30p

May 13 – Softball Tournament

May 15 – Pre-School Graduation at 5:30p

May 15 – Como Zoo Field Trip

May 21 – IGLS Graduation Service at 6:30

May 22 – IGLS Last Day of School

May 26 to May 29 – The Ark Trip



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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:

May: Wendy Hellwig and Sharon Smith  
June: Marilyn Rusch and Paula Fox

July: Kari Paredes

## Ushers:

May: Bruce Trick, Jon Hoff, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff, Justin Black, Brad Weber, Zach Markgraf, Samuel DeVries  
June: Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann, Brian Fox, Tyson Fox  
July: Jeremy Prieve, Mike Thompson, Alex Prieve, Andy Prieve, Kyle Podratz, Brad Duesterhoeft, Ted Grof, Troy Melsha, Cody Suess, Jack Zeidler

## Congratulations to:



Mike and LuAnn Yerks celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 8  
Brian and Wanda Gauer celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 17  
Tess and Cody Heimerl celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 22

## Our Sympathies to:



The Family of Wayne Rusch who passed away on April 30, 2026.

## Congratulations to:



Michael and Miranda Heine on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor.

## IGLS - The Ark Encounter Trip to Kentucky:

We have a group of 37 total people, 20 students and 17 chaperones planning a 4-day educational trip to Kentucky to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. This experience will provide valuable opportunities for learning, growth, and hands-on exploration.

The 6-8th grade class continues to work hard raising funds for their class trip. So far, to date, we have raised nearly 75% of the expenses. We will be hosting one more Rummage Sale on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30am to 3:00pm.

The students will also be hosting a bake sale in conjunction with the rummage sale. We do hope to bring some cookies/bars and snacks down with us on the trip, and we will create a sign-up sheet if there is anyone that is interested in donating some baked goods.

*Thank you for your support!*

