

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

Quarter 4, 2026



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



Bible Study:
Mondays at 7p

Choir:
TUESDAYS from 7 to 8p
Thru December 22

Changing Culture

In ancient Greece and Rome, unwanted children were often abandoned. Infants would be left outdoors on hillsides or dung heaps to die of exposure. Some ancient writers condemned this practice; but it was socially accepted and widely practiced.

The early Christian church saw this behavior and called it murder. More than that, Christians often took these children in and raised them. As years went by, the church established institutions just for abandoned children. Ultimately, it was the Christian emperor Constantine who helped end this practice. Christians changed the culture.

Today, Christians often bemoan our lack of influence on the culture around us. We can see so many cultural changes moving in the wrong direction. But we do have influence! We have the influence of living according to God's commands, loving what is good and right and holy, and helping the people around us, especially the weak and lowly.

This is what Jesus meant when he said that believers are "salt" and "light" in this world. Philippians 2:14-15 says, "Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, 'children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.' Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky." Change may not happen as quickly as we would like. That makes it all the more important that we don't give up. Continue to live and serve in the name of Jesus. Trust that God notices the things you do in his name. Trust that he will bring about blessings to others and even change the culture.

Pastor Eugene DeVries

Sunday School—9 a.m. Sunday Mornings

Teachers:
Pre-School & Kindergarten:
Amanda Weber
Grades 1-3:
Deb Plamann
Grades 4-8:
Barbara DeVries

Christmas service practices will be held at church on Saturday, December 5, 12, and 19, at 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. There are only three practices, so if your children 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. Please look for your child's copy of the program in your church mailbox with his recitations or readings highlighted. If you have not already been contacted by Mrs. DeVries about your child's participation, please call or text her 715-220-8211.

Twenty Immanuel member children have attended Sunday School this fall, plus four guests. We were learning about the early Christian church, but we will be returning to the Old Testament, starting with Creation. We assemble in the meeting room on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. Our current mission project is Christian Summer Camps.

Council Highlights

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

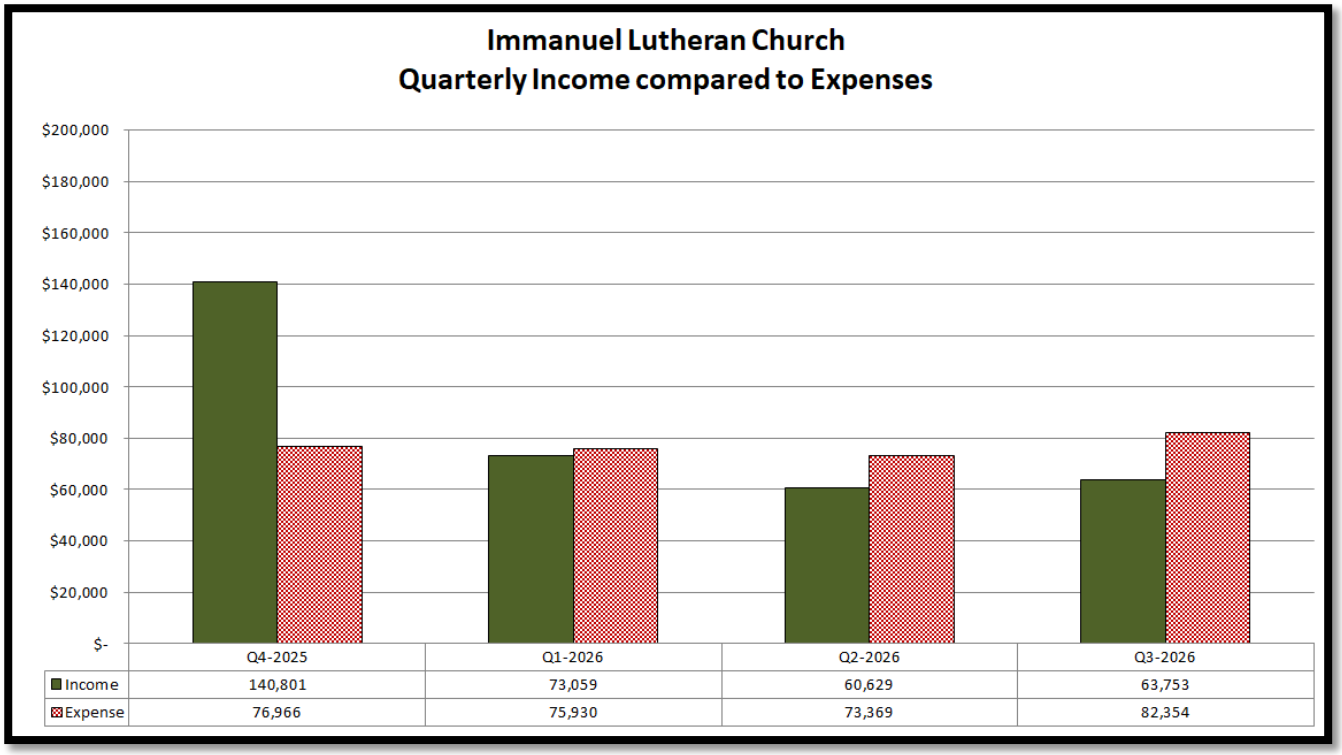
The **Quarterly Voter's/ Congregational Meeting** was Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

Pastor's/Elder's Report: Pastor reported that there were no membership changes for the 3rd quarter. Pastor currently visits our 11 shut-in members; 7 from Immanuel, 4 from Zion. Sunday school has started and confirmation class is comprised of 5 students.

Cemetery's Report: The first reading of the proposed changes to the cemetery constitution and by-laws was read. These changes mainly consist of by-law changes in placement of decorations on both cemeteries. These changes are the result of trying to keep the cemeteries looking their best and avoiding having to pick up decorations after any weather event.

Trustees: The Trustees reported that as of late the organ and sound system have not experienced any problems, they have some options they will try if they were to act up again. Mueller and Sons will be fixing the 8 low spots/holes in our church parking lot. This work will most likely be completed in the spring with the total bid for the work coming in at approximately $3500.

School Board Report: The School Board reported that current enrollment stands at 99. The accreditation visit will be on December 7-9. The 1st quarter budget was read and approved. Also handed out and reviewed was the Vision/Traction Organizer that was prepared for the school. This is basically the goals and plans that are established for the school for 1, 3 and 10 years in the future.



Ladies Aid

2026 Officers:

President: Barbara DeVries

VP/Secretary: Cindy Rusch

Treasurer: Marilyn Rusch

Meetings at 6:30

No meeting in December

Collecting items in November for **Belle Plaine**

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Ladies Aid meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. except during the summer. Every woman is welcome to join. Periodically we schedule events and open them to the congregation to attend with us. We are a service organization.

We started meeting in September after our summer break. Fall projects included a food shelf drive for the married students at MLC. We collected food and money leading up to the MLC Auxiliary Meeting that was held October 24. September meeting we finalized plans for the MLC Ladies Auxiliary donation as well as the plans for the cookie decorating which was scheduled for November 4. We also invited the congregation to Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Coat play which took place November 8 at MLC college.



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
Tuesday, January 12, 2027, at 6:30 p.m.

Elections will be held for Vice-President and Director.
Please consider volunteering for a position.

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.

Show Off Your Wheels took place on September 20th. Thank you to Steve and Wendy Hellwig, Larry and Karen Koepp, Eugene and Jeremy Hoff and Jason and Matt Forcier for sharing their "Wheels". Barrel Train rides for the children and Root beer Floats for all were enjoyed!













Holiday Preparations



Church Decorating
On Saturday, **November 28 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 6th and Sunday, December 13th 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 29th. Colors are red, pink, white, Red Glitter, marble, Prince, and a new one: Princess/Ice Punch. at a cost of $14 each. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Telecky.

Use RaiseRight (SCRIP) as Christmas gifts. Place orders by December 13th 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 or text 320-444-0170.

If anyone wants to order direct from Raise Right, **IGLS code is 213LF9CA223L --** There would be fees for Credit or Debit card processing.

RaiseRight: *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.

Email vs. USPS

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

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.

Holiday Services

Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 26

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24
3:00 p.m. – Worship at Zion
6:00 p.m.—Children's Service at Immanuel

Christmas Day—Friday, December 25
8:45 a.m. at Zion
10 a.m. at Immanuel



PTF

Officers for 2025/2026:
President: Amy Smith
VP: Beth Podratz
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.

Immanuel Grace Lutheran School is incredibly grateful to the Hutchinson Jaycees for their generous $300 donation to help improve our playground!

The next fundraiser is **with Fieldgate Cheese/Pizza**. Watch for students selling in the month of November and items will be delivered on December 14.

The school has a variety of ongoing fundraising options to help the school with various activities like it helps pay for transportation to all school outings…..won't you help?

- **RaiseRight (SCRIP)** A current list of the gift cards available thru the school is posted on the bulletin board. You pay the face value of the card and the school receives the % listed. We also carry Cash Wise/Coborns ($25, $50, $100) which does not show on this list. The money earned provides your children with their field trips throughout the year.
- **Caseys Rewards**. – Go to www.caseys.com
- **Country Hearth – Loaves4Learning**
- **Ink Cartridges** – There is a collection box in the entryway.
- **School Store Fundraiser** - www.schoolstore.com
- **Cash Wise Rewards– enroll at www.morerewards.com**
- **BoxTops** – This is all digital. For us to get credit, you will need to download the Boxtops for Education App on your smart phone, search Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson and scan your entire receipt.

A complete listing with details is on the table in the entry way by the school display. Thank you for your help.
Remember the cards are available all year long. *Karen Kohls*

LWMS

The 64th LWMS rally will be held June 24-27, 2027 in Lancing, Michigan.

In Spring of 2027, we will host the Spring Crow River Circuit Rally.

Thrivent Policy Members

Thrivent Liaison:

Julie Thompson

Register on line:

www.Thrivent.com

Do you have a Thrivent Policy?

With your policy, you have available two **"Thrivent Action Teams"** yearly to assist financially with a fundraiser, educational event or service activity.

"**Action Teams**" when approved, provides up to $250 of seed money to be use towards an event, again at no cost to you.

Also, "**Choice Dollars**". You have a voice in where Thrivent distributes millions of dollars in grant funding each year. By directing Choice Dollars®, you can support the causes and organizations you care about most.

"Action Teams"

Applied for and approved:
Christmas Candy Bags
Christmas Cards
Belle Plaine gifts

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
Ms. Julia Ewart

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

A call was extended to **Miss Hannah J. Rundgren** to teach grades 3-5. Miss Rundgren is currently teaching at Divine Savior Academy in Doral, FL. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she deliberates her two calls.



Students shared their singing talents on October 4 at Immanuel



Soccer Team

Fall Festival







Accreditation

We are being accredited by WELSSA, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation. The main benefit is building a culture of improvement by implementing a series of standards to give us guidelines on where we should be. It helps to show us where we are excelling and where we could use additional resources to help to improve our school. It can also help protect us from liability and it can allow us to qualify for certain grants.

Earlier in the year, a group of volunteers came together to assist the School Board and Faculty with reviewing the 15 Standards for the upcoming Accreditation Survey. The Standards include information ranging from: The Foundation, The School's relationship with the: Congregations, the Home, the Students, the Community, and the WELS. The School's plans for enrolling students, School's Climate, School's Governance and Administration, Professional Personnel, Curriculum, Instruction, Student Services, Physical Facilities and Information Management.

In the final preparation stages, on October 30th this group of volunteers gathered for the day to critique the Evidence of the 15 Standards.

On December 7, 8, and 9th there will be four (4) outside team members on site at school during the day to review the evidence of the standards by speaking with staff, students and parents (Interviews) along with reviewing policies and handbooks i.e. School Board, Faculty and Students (Documentation) and Observation.

Many hours of time have been put into this process and we thank everyone for their time and talents. God willing, we will obtain the approval and status of being Accredited. This survey process will then be repeated every 5 years.

Veteran's Day



The Mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war in comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

One Nation. One Mission.





Quilts of Valor were presented to the following men of Immanuel Lutheran Church who served in the Armed Forces:

Joel Holz, Army/National Guard
Bill Stibal, National Guard
Don Rasmussen, Marines

The Quilts have all been made by ***Julie Trick****.*
We thank her for her time and talents for these beautiful Quilts.



If you are a Veteran and have not received a Quilt of Valor, please inform Julie Thompson.
We would like to honor those that have served. Thank you.

Willard Schultz, Army, was unable to attend the Veterans Day Program.

Willard's Quilt



General Information

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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Church Secretary: Julie Thompson
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Nuvera
XTREAM Mediacom
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
	January 2027	Deb Boelter and Julie Thompson
Ushers:	November:	Bruce Trick, Jon Hoff, Don Dettman, Andy Weber, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff, Justin Black, Brad Weber, Zach Markgraf, Samuel DeVries
	December:	Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann, Brian Fox, Tyson Fox
	January 2027:	Jeremy Prieve, Mike Thompson, Alex Prieve, Andy Prieve, Kyle Podratz, Brad Duesterhoeft, Ted Grof, Troy Melsha, Cody Suess, Jack Zeidler

Congratulations to:

Bill and Jan Stibal celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 8th
Lynn and Patty Mackedanz celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 30th.
Carl and Elva Nass celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on November 11th

New Member:

Welcome

Jennah Prieve



Our Sympathies to:

The Family of Beverly Schlueter who passed away on October 21, 2026.

The Family of Willard Schultz who passed away on November 12, 2026.

Weather Closings: 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., 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.