



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 3, 2024

9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Sunday Services



Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



Bible Study:

10:00a Mondays
through October 28th

Monday Services:

7:00p through August 26th

Confirmation:

Wednesdays at 4:15
Starting September 4th



They say the very best CEOs have something in common with the very best Generals. They have the ability to make good decisions with very little information. The business environment, like the battlefield, changes quickly. The CEO has to decide if the company will expand a new product line. Will that product continue to show growth or will it fizzle out? The General has to decide where to commit his troops. Will the enemy continue pressing forward at this location, or will the main offensive appear somewhere else?

Both men would feel tempted to wait for more information. Don't expand the product line, don't commit the troops; until we know for sure what is happening. However, by the time a clear picture emerges, the time for deciding has already passed by. It's too late to expand the product line when your competitor has soaked up all the market share. It's too late to move the troops when your enemy has started to attack. In order to make decisions quickly, leaders rely on their gut. Their past experiences have taught them how to feel in similar situations. So even without knowing all the information, they have a sense for what will happen. They trust their gut.

Christians deal with a similar problem of imperfect information. We don't understand everything about God. We don't remember all the details of what the Bible says. And sometimes the Bible says things that don't seem to make sense to us. How will we decide what to do? Like those CEOs and Generals, we have to go with our gut. We have to trust that God's way will turn out better than our way. We let our love for God guide our decisions. This is why the Bible says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Your heart knows that Jesus loves you more than you can possibly know. Your heart knows that God has the power to transform even disaster into blessing.

So you don't have to know the reasoning behind every commandment. You just trust that when you honor God's name and treat his word as holy, God will bless you. Make no mistake, more knowledge is always better. You will be better off knowing that God's name means everything that he is and does and that he revealed his name in order to save those who call on him. You will be better off knowing that the Holy Spirit works through the word to transform the human heart and Jesus himself is described as "the word made flesh." But you don't have to know all those details. Just follow the commandment and God will bless you.

As we go through life we will face many situations where our understanding fails us. We don't know all the details. We can't tell what's going on. We don't understand how something works. But we survive by trusting our gut. Trust that God's way is the best way. Our Savior will lead us on the right path.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

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 will start September 8.

Starting at 9 a.m. - Please have your children there by 8:45.

Children Preschool through eighth grade are welcome.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

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

2024 Church Board Officers:

- Chairman: Bruce Trick
- Vice-Chair: Lynn Mackedanz
- Secretary: Mike Brekke
- Treasurer: Matthew Forcier
- Financial Secretary: Brian Gauer
- Delegate: Mike Yerks
- Trustees: Steve Wendorff
Mike Heine
Chris Wersal
- Elders: Steve Plamann
Jason Horrmann
Ryan Palmer
- Finance Committee:
Ron Kohls
David Rusch
Steve Hellwig
- Cemetery Board: Jeff Hoff
Craig Kohls
Jeremy Hoff
- School Board: Jay Mackedanz
Jon Hoff
Andy Weber

The **Quarterly Voter's/ Congregational Meeting** was Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported on some membership changes for the quarter. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to transfer in Kellsie Weber. Pastor is currently counselling a potential new member.

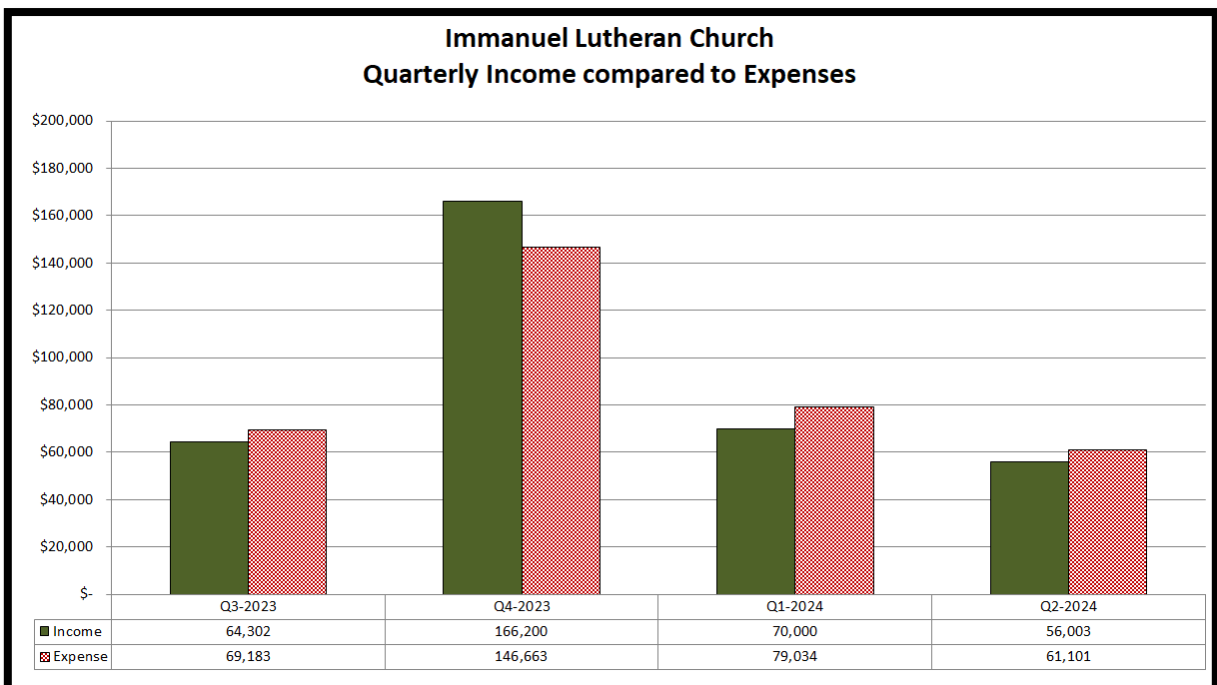
Trustee's Report: There was a small leak in the basement bathroom which has been addressed. Also, work continues on the steeple lighting and the leak from the roof.

Cemetery's Report: There was one burial, Violet Rosenau. The trees have been planted and a thank you out to Dave and Marilyn Rusch for their assistance along with Lynn and Patty Mackedanz for their donation of the trees.

The School Board Report: There will be an Open House on August 24, 2024 from 4 to 8. Please watch for information concerning this event. Currently there are 92 students enrolled in the 2024/2025 school year.

Nikki Dragt was installed at the Joint Outdoor Service as our new Preschool Teacher for our 4 year olds. Amanda Lokensgard will be teaching our 3 year old preschoolers.

**Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is
Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.
Everyone Welcome!**



2024 Officers:

President: Barbara DeVries

VP/Secretary: Donna Telecky

Treasurer: Karen Kohls

Next Meetings

August – no meeting

September 4

October 2

Approximately 50 people attended and enjoyed the RuBe Dairy Farm Tour in June. We learned all about the 1000 dairy cow operation and how they are milked 3 times daily on the carousel. Lots of technology and automation.

In September, a Historic Hutchinson Bus Tour is scheduled and we will eat out after. Look for details in the church bulletin and please join us for a fun time!

Also, we will be collecting again this year for the MLC Food Bank. Your generous donations are so appreciated!

God's Blessings to all.

Ladies Executive Board

2024 Officers:

President: Dori Dueterhoeft

VP: Wendy Hellwig

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Gauer

Directors: Kim Schmeling, Cindy Wendorff, Marilyn Rusch



MCL Auxiliary Day is
October 12

During the Semi-Annual Ladies meeting, it was voted on to have the basement floor professionally refinish. MINNCLEAN Services out of Dassel was selected at the cost of \$3,596.26. Council has agreed to split the cost with the Ladies Basement Fund. MINNCLEAN is scheduled to do the floor September 16 to September 20th. They would like to break it down to do the kitchen separately from the main part.

However, before they will come in, the basement needs to be completely cleaned out. Fall cleaning will be the week of September 9 to the 14th.

We could use as many people as possible for this project. Please come at any point during the week and/or starting Saturday morning (September 14) at 9 a.m. Check lists will be on the counter.

Collections for Bingo and Christmas gifts for Belle Plaine will be in October. Elections will be in January for VP and a Director.

The next meeting is scheduled for **January 15, 2025 at 7 p.m.**

LWMS



2024 Fall Rally in
September
is at
St. Paul's, Alexandria
September 28



The 61st Annual LWMS Convention brought together over 1,000 women and men in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in celebration of missions! Our worship all weekend centered around Jesus as our sure foundation in this world of uncertainty. The ladies of the Minnekota Circuit created a warm atmosphere at the Sioux Falls Convention Center, even though the weather outside was cooler than most conventions! The 60 LWMS circuits together gathered \$50,182.62 for the *Home Missions: Equipment Fund* and the same amount for *World Missions: Native American Projects*. The offerings gathered on Thursday and Sunday at convention were split between *Home Missions: 100 Missions in 10 Years* and *World Missions: Europe Projects*. In the kickoff to the 20th anniversary of kids c.a.r.e., we celebrated that over \$43,000 was gathered last year for *World Missions: Missionary Kids Retreats* and looked forward to supporting our Home Mission in Antigua this year! Other presentations taught us how to make hay here at home while the sun shines, how our team in Africa has adapted to an ever-changing mission scene, and so much more. Friendships were created and renewed, and lots of hugs were given. We pray that everyone left the convention looking forward to telling their congregations how amazing it was!

VBS had 61 children registered. There were about 20 leaders and helpers. Our theme was Jungle Journey which taught the seven C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. The stories included all of the main points of history from Genesis to Revelation.



VBS was held at Grace Lutheran Church July 10-14, 2023. A picnic lunch was served on Friday to the children and some of their family members. Thank you to all the leaders, helpers, and volunteers who came and made VBS a week to remember.



Fellowship Committee

Next Meeting:

Pending
Everyone Welcome!

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

We had approximately 175 people in attendance at the Joint Outdoor Service. And during the service **Nikki Dragt** was installed as our new Pre-School Teacher for our 4 year olds. Followed by a great pot-luck lunch!

The committee is beginning to work on the 160th Church Anniversary coming in December of 2024.

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.



G.I.L.L. - Grace and Immanuel Luther League

Leaders: Pastor DeVries, Pastor Tobison, Jennifer and Chad Koenen

G.I.L.L. stand for "**Grace and Immanuel Luther League**". We serve the youth (4th to 12th grade) of our two congregations through Bible Study and fellowship activities.

It is our ministry to the young people of our congregation together with Grace. We are looking for adults to help with planning and running events. If you would like to work with GILL, please contact pastor.



McLeod County Fair
August 15 to 18

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

New desk for the church office (3 suggested this, one said "wood" desk)- COMPLETED

1. Special Services Book for the church altar
2. Gifts for newborns (examples: books, church t-shirts, quilts, etc.) – COMPLETED
 - *The Fellowship Committee gifts a small lamb/blanket to member's newborn; a personalized Baptismal Medallion when the newborn is baptized at Immanuel ; and the Confirmands a small cross*
3. Enclosed whiteboard for the Sunday School Class at the bottom of the stairs.
4. Motion Lights by the Church entries – COMPLETED
5. New door for southeast church entrance
6. Enhanced steeple light so it can be seen from a distance – COMPLETED
7. Wooden Plant/Flower stands of various heights (3 suggested)
8. Bulletin cupboard for indent by Confirmation photos
9. White glass for the sanctuary lights
10. Move sound and video controls to balcony
11. New chairs for the meeting room
12. Cemetery Software - full-service software platform
13. Kitchen remodel of cabinets

This information was gathered over 10 years ago. A couple of new items have been recently added. If you have something that you would like added or if there is something you would be willing to finance, please contact Julie Thompson.

Immanuel Grace Lutheran School 2024-2025 Students



<p>Preschool – 3 year olds Amanda Lokensgard</p>	<p>Preschool - 3 Odin Berg Nash Boike Estelle Dressen Aaron Kiecker Evelyn Lyler Emmett Reading Hadley Schwecke Sophie Schwecke Emmett Smith</p>	<p>Kindergarten Emmirsyn Boike Lielle Cheney Alivia Fox Delilah Gutormson Brynlee Heinrichs Bryken Koehnen Cassie Lueck Kinsley Peik Roland Wilke</p>	<p>4th Grade Logan Bourdeaux Angelyn Chance Audie Plocher Eliza Ulrich Gavin Wersal</p>
<p>Preschool – 4 year olds Nikki Dragt</p>	<p>Harper Smith Bryer Wichman Brayden Whalen</p>	<p>1st Grade Paul Gatz Britta Koehnen Delilah Palmer Breah Smith Vanessa Smith Oliver Ulrich Mason Wersal Adler Witte</p>	<p>5th Grade Hannah Fox Broden Koehnen Caitlyn Kruse Aubree Mackedanz Brynlie Podratz Grace Schaefer</p>
<p>Kindergarten, 1st Grade Mallory Eckstrand</p>	<p>Preschool - 4 Wihelmina Dolezal Hannah Duesterhoeft Jason Forcier William Heine</p>	<p>2nd Grade Harper Clark Berkley Heinrichs Alyana Jones Matthew Kiecker Rayna Markworth Easton Podratz Brecken Suess Calix Vanoverbeke</p>	<p>6th Grade Noah Chellin Carson Dragt Everett Erickson Lilly Henschke Charlotte Lyle Evelyn Ulrich Edwin VonBerge</p>
<p>2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades Isaiah Loersh</p>	<p>Jase Koglin Hazel Mackedanz Treydon Mackedanz Noah Moore Lincoln Nelson Maverick Nowak Peter Palmer Grace Pederson Olivia Plotz Josie Popp Lillian Ulrich Angel Yates</p>	<p>3rd Grade Lacey Chance Hazel Erickson Emery Fox Sydney-Kay Fundingsland David Lyle Lily Mackedanz Callum Rosenow Wyatt Schaefer Aria Suess</p>	<p>7th Grade Estelle Clark Brynlee Koehnen Bennett Kohls Lily Plocher Ellie Podratz</p>
<p>5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades Joel Holz</p>			<p>8th Grade Logan Dragt Tyson Fox Emma Hoff Evan Kruse Wyatt Kruse Dylan Smith Kailyn Wester</p>
<p>Principals Pastor Greg Tobison Pastor Eugene DeVries</p>			

School Board Officers:

Ryan Bushman
Tim Utsch
Jon Hoff
Jeremiah Clark
Jay Mackedanz

School Building Committee:

Jay Mackedanz
Bruce Trick
Steve Wendorff
Brian Lokensgard
Jon Hoff
Lance Hartkopf



Hello, my name is Nicole (Nikki) Dragt and I have been working at Immanuel Grace Lutheran School for 6 years as a teachers aide and this spring I was very blessed to get a call to teach preschool/ kindergarten. I am excited to be getting my own classroom and watching my students grow!

I grew up in Kimball MN, where I graduated from Kimball Area High school in 2005. In 2009 I married my husband Mitchell Dragt and in 2010 we had our first child, Logan(13) and our second child, Carson (11) in 2012. They both attend Immanuel Grace Lutheran School, which is how I got started as an aide. I loved working with children that in 2023 I decided to go back to school doing online classes at MLC for my CDA (Child Development Associates). Outside of school I love to go camping, especially in the BWCA (Boundary Waters Canoe Area) and hiking with family and friends.



Thursday, August 8
6 pm
Orientation Night

Sunday, August 25
4 pm
Back to School Night

School Starts

Wednesday
August 28

My name is Isaiah Loersch, and I received an emergency call to teach grades 2-4 at Immanuel Lutheran School for the 2024-2025 school year. I am excited to serve the school in this role and grow with my students this year. What a tremendous blessing!

I grew up as the youngest of three siblings in Onalaska, WI. My dad teaches life science and is the college guidance counselor at Luther High School in Onalaska, while my mom works for a dental care company. Our family attends St. Paul's in Onalaska. After grade school at St. Paul's, I attended Luther High School. I received encouragement from family and friends to consider a career in education, which I pursued by attending Martin Luther College. I have a major in elementary education and a minor in coaching. I received this call during the summer before my senior year, so I will return to MLC for the 2025-2026 school year to complete my studies.



Outside school, I enjoy playing tennis with my friends, shooting baskets, reading books, and watching sports. I am incredibly excited to start this school year and begin my teaching career!





The fundraiser runs from August 1st to August 28th

Fundraiser for the new school

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Place your orders via either:

1. <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/iglsfundraiser2024>
2. QR code (noted to the right)
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



PTF

Officers:

- President: Brittany Clark
- VP: Amy Smith
- Secretary: Rebecca Plocher
- Treasurer: Eileen Prieve
- Teacher Appreciation: Sarah Henschke
- Fundraising Chair: Beth Podratz
- Social Chair: April VonBerge

Meetings:

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

Open House

August 24, 2024 from 4 to 8

Ribbon Cutting and Opening Remarks at 4 p.m.

Free games

Pulled Pork - Pork Chops – Sweet Corn – Pretty Great Cheese Cake

Food and Beverages available for purchase

This is a family friendly, come and go event for all community members!



We will be looking for a variety of **potted plants** that could be “borrowed” Saturday, August 24 for the School’s Open House. If you have potted plants that you would be willing to share for the day, please let Julie Thompson know. *Thank you!*

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:

Open House for School (x3)

MLC Food Shelf



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

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 and Julie Thompson
September: Marilyn Rusch

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 Duesterhoef

Congratulations to those celebrating:



Sammy and Kent Croatt celebrating their 10th Wedding Anniversary on August 16
Kris and Tammie Adams will be celebrating their 30th Wedding Anniversary on October 1
David and Marilyn Rusch will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 5

Congratulations to:



Ted and Elizabeth Grof on the birth of their daughter, Lettie

Welcome to our New Member!

Welcome



Kelsie Weber

Our Sympathies



To the family of Violet Rosenau who passed away on June 26

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.

Church Pictorial



Thank you to all you took the time to stop in to be photographed and/or submitted your photo.

Almost there and as soon as the pictorial is finalized, information will be shared as to how you can order a book through Shutterfly.