



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarter 4, 2024

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



## Message by Pastor Eugene DeVries



### Bible Study:

Mondays at 7p

### Confirmation:

Wednesdays at 4:15p



Have you ever wanted to throw a mountain into the sea? Could ever imagine a reason for doing so? People ask these questions when they read Mark 11:23. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them."

God has never told me to throw a mountain into the sea. But if he did, I'm certain I could do so. Why? Because God commands us to do impossible things all the time. God commands us to believe his promises. We can't do that by ourselves. But through the power of God's Word in the gospel, the Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts. Again, God commands us to resist temptation and walk in the way of his commands. That's not possible for us. Yet, through his Word Jesus gives us strength and victory.

In the sacraments, God commands more impossible things. That in baptism God works forgiveness and faith even in little children. And in Holy Communion, that Jesus gives us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. I can't do any of those things. But since God commanded it we say God's name and apply water. We say the words of institution before we take and eat. Since we have God's command along with his promise, we are not afraid to do impossible things.

Jesus is not concerned with moving mountains into the ocean. He is concerned with our hearts loving and trusting in him above all things. And the essence of faith is believing that with God all things are possible. So when God commands us to believe, obey, and follow him, we can know that it will be done through the power of his word.

*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 will be practicing for the Christmas Eve program on Saturdays, December 7, 14, and 21, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. If your children do not usually attend Sunday School, please consider having them come a few Sundays in November and December to practice the songs. Programs will be distributed at Sunday School or in the church mailboxes. Your children's recitations will be highlighted in their copy of the program.

*"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, October 15, 2024.

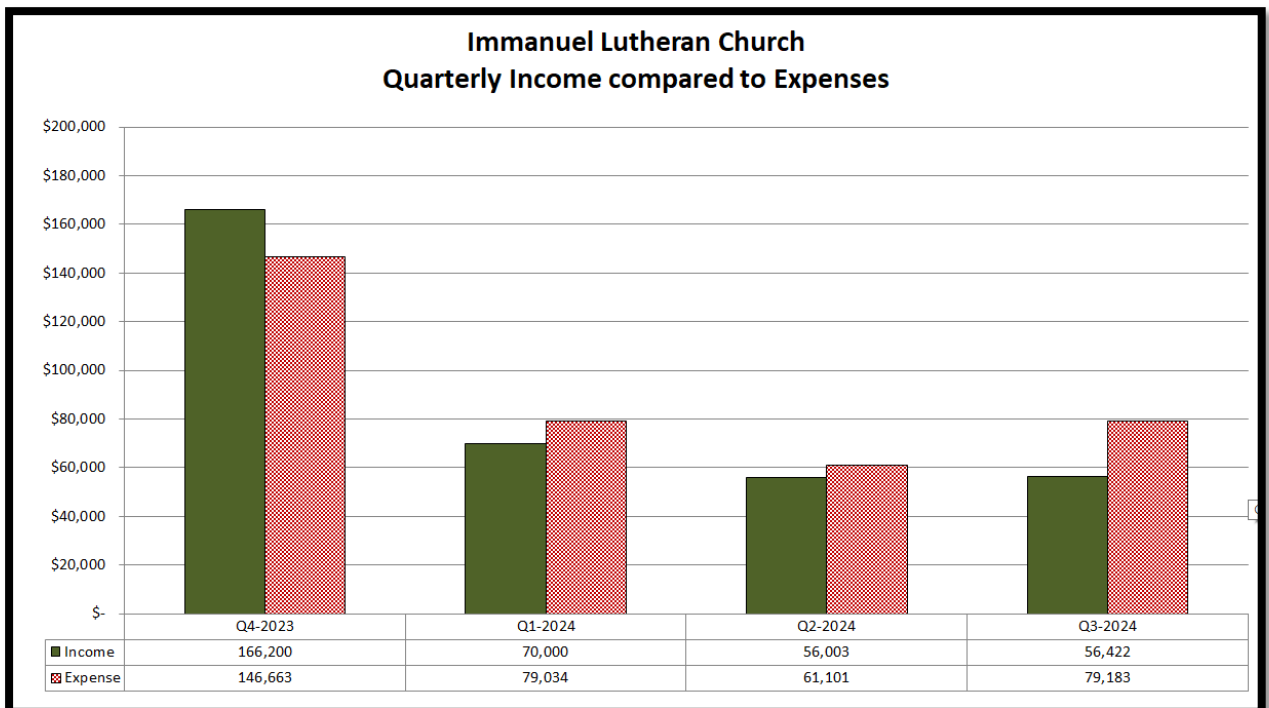
**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reported on some membership changes for the quarter. A motion was made, seconded, to receive: Zach Markgraf by adult confirmation; Kellsie Weber and Peyton by faith; Brian, Paula Fox and their children Tyson, Hannah and Emery by transfer. Don Halloff Sr. and Dale Berkness were released.

**Trustee's Report:** Steve Wendorff will work with a contractor to fix the steeple lighting and the leak from the roof.

**Cemetery's Report:** The burials of Jean and Charles Nisse along with Irma Wendorff occurred in September. Headstones of Nisse's and Eugene and LuAnne Hoff's were also placed.

**School Board Report:** We currently have 97 students. Fall field trips are planned. For sports, soccer and volleyball are done, but basketball is now starting up. The playground equipment fell through.

**Next Voter's/Congregational Meeting is  
Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 7 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!**



**2024 Officers:**

**President:** Barbara DeVries

**VP/Secretary:** Donna Telecky

**Treasurer:** Karen Kohls

**Next Meetings**

**November 6**

**No meeting in December**

*New start time for meetings in 2025 will be 6:30 p.m. versus 7:00 p.m.*

The Ladies Aid hosted a Historic Hutchinson bus tour and a food drive for Martin Luther College in September. They decorated the church for fall at the October meeting. A plan for our 2025 program is in progress with some interesting speakers and tours. In November they will host a treat table after church out of Thankfulness for all the members who give of their time, talents, and money to the church and to God for all the blessings he showers on Immanuel. All women who are communicant members of Immanuel are welcome to join Ladies Aid.

Immanuel Ladies Aid is sending a mission offering of \$200.00 to a school in Haiti that was featured at the fall LWMS rally. The members of Immanuel are welcome to join us in this gift with their own offerings. If you have questions please speak to Mary Ann Dettman who attended the rally. If you have a gift to add, please give it to Karen Kohls.

If you'd like more info about the mission – [branchlutheranschoolshaiti.org](http://branchlutheranschoolshaiti.org)

## Ladies Executive Board



**2024 Officers:**

**President:** Dori Dueterhoeft

**VP:** Wendy Hellwig

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Wanda Gauer

**Directors:** Kim Schmeling, Cindy Wendorff, Marilyn Rusch

Election for Officers will take place

~~Vice-President and Director~~

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

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

## Choir



**Choir Coordinator**  
Chrissy Forcier

Choir is planning to sing for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas Eve.

Practices: November 18, 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
December 2, 16, 23 at 6:30 p.m.

We'll take a break after Christmas and then resume practices in the new year in preparation of the Lent and Easter Season.

More info to come on when we'll begin meeting again in 2025.

## Church Pictorial



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

If you have any questions about ordering a pictorial, please contact Julie Thompson at 583-6007.



## Offering Envelopes

**2025 Offering Envelopes are available.** Please pick your box up on the table in the entry way. *Thank you.*



## 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)

**Mission Festival Sunday**, was Sunday, November 3. We had a Guest Preacher, Pastor Mark Kom from Lutheran Institutional Ministry Association (LIMA) deliver a message. Also, the children (approximately 60 children) from Immanuel Grace Lutheran School sang a medley of songs. In addition to Pastor Kom and the children from IGLS, a choir from Martin Luther College (55 Choir Students) provided us with beautiful songs, music and messages. After the service a pot-luck was held.



All this was tied together to honor our church's 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



On Sunday, December 22 after church in the basement, the Ladies Aid will be serving cake in honor of the church's 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

*Everyone is welcome!*

Please join us for fellowship.





**Preschool – 3 year olds**

Amanda Lokensgard

**Preschool – 4 year olds**

Nikki Dragt

**Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Mallory Eckstrand

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades**

Isaiah Loersh

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

Joel Holz

**Principals**

Pastor Greg Tobison

Pastor Eugene DeVries

**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

We have now started our first full school year in the new building. Currently we have 97 students enrolled. We needed to add a second preschool room this year, so we now have five classrooms. We are thankful for the teaching staff:

Miss Amanda Lokensgard – Preschool 3-year olds

Mrs. Nicole Dragt – Preschool 4-year olds

Mrs. Mallory Eckstrand – Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Mr. Isaiah Loersch – Grades 2-4

Mr. Joel Holz – Grades 5-8

Our school kitchen and lunch area finally passed all inspections and we are now able to serve and eat lunch at school and do not need to make use of the church basement. We also are very thankful for the volunteers who help with serving and cleaning up lunch every day.

Unfortunately our original plan for the playground fell through, so we will need to wait until next spring and summer to get the new playground completed. We do have a trail through Pastor DeVries' back yard to get to the playground area at the old school without having to walk on the road.



*The new signage*

**3M Current Employees and Retirees:** Each year, if you volunteer at least 25 hours in the current year at the school and/or for school functions, you can submit your hours to 3M Gives and 3M will gift the school \$500 once approved.

**This is due to be reported on the [www.3mgives.com/match](http://www.3mgives.com/match) site by December 31 for the respective year.**

*Please note that volunteer work for church does not qualify.*

*A call was extended to Miss Erika Rosenbaum to teach 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade.*

*Miss Rosenbaum currently teaches at St. Matthew Lutheran in Spokane, Washington.*

*Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates her call.*

Thank you to Julie Trick for the beautiful banner she made. The banner will be hung in front of church when there is a funeral.



Thank you to Pastor DeVries for the Christmas ornaments he made that will be used this year on the tree in the entryway to help celebrate our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



## Fellowship Committee

### Next Meeting:

Pending  
Everyone Welcome!

Chair: Pastor DeVries

Secretary: Julie Thompson

Treasurer: Julie Thompson

Watch for details around  
**Pizza – Puzzles – Pies**  
Evening of fun on January 26, 2025.

*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: 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.

**Thank you** to those that had supper at Buffalo Wild Wings, we raised \$464.

**Veterans Day** is Monday, November 11 and the Legion is coming out to do a program and flag folding demonstration. The children can invite a veteran they know to come to the program.

**Fall Play:** Performed by PreK & K-4 will be on Friday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. A bake sale will be conducted before and after the play.

**Fundraising:** The school is still collecting Box Tops, Ink Cartridges, Loaves4Learning UPC's. Also, There is Amazon Smile to purchase items and CocaCola Gives to enter in the codes. And Raising Right (Script) is available to purchase gift cards.



## 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:

*Children's Christmas Candy Bags*

*Mission Festival Sunday*

*Christmas Cards/Postage*

*Belle Plaine Nursing Home*



## Church Decorating

On Saturday, **November 30 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 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for the children's candy bags that will be handed out on Christmas Eve. *Thank you.*



## Christmas Cards

The Ladies' Aid has 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 entry way by November 24th. Colors are red, pink, white, Red glitter, marble and burgundy at a cost of \$13 each. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Telecky.

Use **Scrip** as Christmas gifts. Place orders by December 10th 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 ILS 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)

## Holiday Services

### Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 28

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel



### Christmas Services

#### Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

3:00 p.m. – Worship at Zion

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

**Christmas Day**—Wednesday, December 25

8:45 a.m. at Zion

10 a.m. at Immanuel





**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
20882 Walden Ave.

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: 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: Jeremy Prieve, Mike Thompson, Alex Prieve, Andy Prieve, Kyle Podratz, Brad Duesterhoeft

## Congratulations to those celebrating:



Del and Mary Benjamin celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on December 1  
Jason and Jean Horrmann celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on January 27

## Congratulations to:



Joshua Prieve and Misty Petersen on the birth of their son, Gideon

## Welcome to our New Members!

**Brian and Paula Fox**  
**Tyson, Hannah, Emery**



Welcome

## Our Sympathies



To the family of Irma Wendorff who passed away on August 12.

## 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.

**Zach Markgraf**

