

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

MAY 2023



Dear North Immanuel Families,

Grace and Peace from our Risen Lord Jesus be with you all! Amen.

It is about time for us to wrap up our Ten Commandments series.

What are the Ninth and the Tenth Commandments?

You shall not covet your neighbors' house.

You shall not covet your neighbors' wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What do they mean?

Answer: We should fear and love God that we may not craftily seek to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, and obtain it by a show of [justice and] right, etc., but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

We should fear and love God that we may not estrange, force, or entice away our neighbor's wife, servants, or cattle, but urge them to stay and [diligently] do their duty.

What is coveting?

Coveting is the sinful desire in our hearts to acquire for ourselves anything that belongs to our neighbor. It is also the desire to draw away from our neighbor for our own benefit anyone who is important to our neighbor (a spouse, friends, and so on).

How do we fear and love God in keeping the ninth and the ten commandments?

First, we fear and love God by not coveting the gifts that He has given to our neighbors.

Second, we fear and love God by being satisfied with what God has provided us and others.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, you open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living creature. Cause us to fear and love you above all things, that our hearts would not covet that which you have given to our neighbors. Rather, lead us to trust in your provision of daily bread, be content with what you provide, and reject every evil scheme or enticement that would secure for ourselves what which you have given to others. Enable us to serve our neighbors by helping them keep and guard all that you have given to them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen.

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MISSION STATEMENT

As members of North Immanuel Lutheran Church and in recognition of the gift of grace we have received through Jesus Christ, our Mission is:

- To develop a personal and Spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord,
- To provide an environment for the continuing Education and further teachings of all ages,
- To reach out to welcome all to grow with us in faith through worship and serving others in our community and throughout the world.

CEMETERY BOARD OFFICERS

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North Immanuel is Online:

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<http://www.nilchurch.org>

Do you prefer to get your Seed & Feed emailed to you? If so, please email the church (nilchurch@yahoo.com) and state your preference.



To save postage, the deadline for the newsletters each month will be changing. The date will be sometime between the 15th and 20th of each month. Please see each newsletter for the next month's deadline.

North Immanuel Church Council Meeting
April 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present Pastor Isaiah, Brad Knorr, Dave Dunham, Steve Strandlien, Wayne Hovland, Becky Lage, Donna Dunham, Tanner Nelson, Bonnie Harry, Robbie Shulstad, Brenda Haugrud and Julie Ann Holt.

Pastor Isaiah opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's report: Pastor continues doing visitation in Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids, Barnesville and Fargo. Two applications for membership were received. Dates were provided to prepare for coverage for residency commitment (5/14-5/27) and vacation (8/9-8/16), so a substitute will be needed on 5/21/23 and 8/13/23. Names were discussed of possible coverage. A meeting with Pastor, Donna, Lois and Robbie set for 4/19 to discuss Christian Education information.

Secretary's report read, accepted and placed on file.

Treasurer's report: First quarter numbers were submitted by Julie Ann, reviewed and placed on file.

Committee reports:

Evangelism: dates for outdoor services are set, musicians are in place for 6/11/23 and 6/25/23 and 8/27/23. The other outdoor service dates are 7/9/23, 7/23/23 and 8/13/23. These dates are being considered by a few different bands.

Stewardship: Seed and Feed roster reviewed. Labels for sponsored Bibles are done and will be placed in the cover of the Bibles on April 16.

Christian Education: Meeting with Pastor next week. A painting event for youth in 7-12th grades will take place April 30 from 2-4 p.m. at NILC.

Property and Management: a second estimate was reviewed for stained glass window repair. A Special Congregational Meeting was set for May 7th following church service to discuss options and costs.

Old business: none

New business: Robbie suggested each committee keep a folder during their term that can then be passed along to the new committee member when the term has been completed.

Motion made by Steve to adjourn, 2nd by Brenda. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting May 10th.

Submitted by Brenda Haugrud

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

March 31, 2023

Year to Date Income \$132,204.18

Year to Date Expenses \$ 24,846.88

Net \$107,357.30



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are a good time to reflect on the blessings that you have been given by God. Here are our members who have birthdays in May so we can help each other celebrate.

Jared Bungum	05/04	Jere Lynnes	05/20
Hannah Klovstad Cox	05/06	Connie Sillerud	05/20
Lennox Wisner	05/08	Connor Klovstad	05/21
Joseph Axness	05/10	Adam Shulstad	05/21
Joshua Klovstad	05/11	Hailey Dunham	05/21
Sandra Hovland	05/12	Matthew Nelson	05/24
Hallie Tollerud	05/13	Diane Blomster	05/25
Brett Anderson	05/16	Yvonne Wells	05/25
Jesse Axness	05/16	Addison Shulstad	05/29
Michael Lage	05/16	Odin Hoovey	05/29
Billy Aas	05/18	Mary Kay Haugrud	05/31
LaVonne Erickson	05/20		

This list is not yet complete. If you have a birthday in May and your name is not here, or if the date we have is incorrect, please call it to Kara so we can update our records. May your birthday be a blessed one!

The power of (God's) light

Do most people truly feel happier in spring? Is the light brighter, the sky bluer? Meteorologists say yes. The shorter, blue wavelengths of sunlight scatter more efficiently than long, red ones; as the sun rises higher in spring, the light passes through less atmosphere, making the sky appear bluer. Outdoor levels of light have proven as effective as Prozac to combat depression — and May is the sunniest month!

The Bible frequently uses light as a metaphor for God: “The Lord is my light and my salvation” (Psalm 27:1); “Let us walk in the light of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:5); “The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world” (John 1:9). Darkness isn’t bad; seeds sprout in dark soil, life begins in the dark womb, and darkness protected the Hebrews fleeing Pharaoh and the holy family fleeing Herod.

But light is one apt image for God because most of us know the joy, health and energy light brings. Both in spring and through faith in the God who enlightens all, may we “live as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8).

—Heidi Hyland Mann

There will be a special congregational meeting on May 7th following the church service to discuss stained glass window repair.

NORTH IMMANUEL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. following worship services

Youth Group

Wednesdays Sept-May

6:00 p.m. Youth Meal

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Holy Communion

First and Third Sunday of each month

Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Sept-May

Bible Study

Fridays 9:30 a.m.

Janice Ness's Pelican Rapids

If interested call Pastor Isaiah #541-968-4358

Serving Opportunities

- Serve Sunday Coffee Fellowship
10:00 a.m. following worship
- Serve Youth Group meal
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
- Be a Reader Sunday morning
Reading material is available ahead of time
- Offer special music for worship service
Contact Bonnie H, Conni A, or Pastor Isaiah

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Come Grow old with me, the Best is Yet to Be

The Following is a list of our members who are either in a Senior Living Facility, Nursing Home, or are homebound in some way.

We understand that at times like this, you may want to call ahead to see if a personal visit is encouraged or welcomed. If not, a phone call, a note or card in the mail goes a long way to warm a heart & brighten a day.

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The most important thing you can give the elderly is your TIME.
Time is the most precious gift of all, and it doesn't cost a thing.

We will no longer be mailing out Newsletter paper copies in bulk to congregation members to alleviate some of the financial strain that the church is experiencing.

Paper copies of the Newsletter will be available for pick up at the church during office hours or on Sunday mornings for those who would like them.

Newsletters will also be available electronically on our website, www.nilchurch.org or via e-mail. Please provide an email address to the church office nilchurch@yahoo.com if you would like to be added to the email list.

If you will NOT be able to get to the church to pick up a paper copy of the Newsletter, or be able to view it electronically, and would like to continue receiving a paper copy in the mail, please call the church office 218-863-5447 to be added to the mailing list. If no one answers, please leave a message with your name and stating you would like to be added to the list for a mailed copy of the Newsletter.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience during this transition.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
----- The congregation can still reach out to Pastor in case of emergency.	<i>1</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>4</i> NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	<i>5</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH FULL MOON	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 9:00 a.m. WS/HC & Congregational meeting 10:00 a.m. Last day of SS	<i>8</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH LAST QTR MOON	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 a.m. WS	<i>15</i> →Pr. Isaiah	<i>16</i> Continuing Education	<i>17</i> Deadline for June S&F and Calendar -----	<i>18</i> ASCENSION DAY -----	<i>19</i> NEW MOON -----	<i>20</i> ARMED FORCES DAY -----
<i>21</i> 9:00 a.m. WS/HC -----	<i>22</i> -----	<i>23</i> -----	<i>24</i> -----	<i>25</i> -----	<i>26</i> -----←	<i>27</i> 1 ST QTR MOON
<i>28</i> PENTECOST 9:00 a.m. WS	<i>29</i> MEMORIAL DAY	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH		Greeters: Brent & Erin Tollerud (7 & 14); Dave & Heidi Fouquette (21 & 28)	***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.***

KEY: PTS=Pastors' Text Study; PDO=Pastor's Day Off; LL=Luther League; POH=Pastor's Office Hours; SS=Sunday School; HC=Holy Communion; WS=Worship Service; Conf.=Confirmation; BS=Bible Study; LS=Lenten Service

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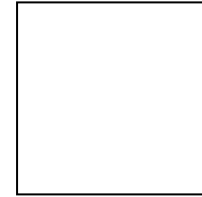


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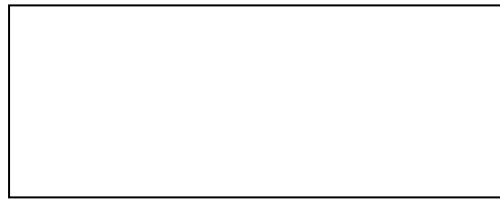


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