

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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FEBRUARY 2024



Dear families of North Immanuel,

February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day. It is also the Ash Wednesday this year which marks the beginning of the Lent.

No Old Testament saint attests to God's grace quite like King David. Raised from the sheepfold to the throne of the house of Israel; raised again (and again, and again) from sin: pride, murder, adultery, and despising of God; lifted clear of the snare of the wicked (Psalm 119:110), of the pit (Psalm 30:3), of the very gates of death (Psalm 9:13); with no merit or worthiness in himself, David was continually raised up by God's grace and favor.

God's grace wells up in Psalm 41, where David exults in divine mercy amid his own weakness, powerful enemies, and treacherous friends. In this psalm, David tracks the flow of divine grace back to its source at the cross and, with prophetic vision, finds it springing forth in the lives of all baptized believers—including you.

How has God's grace raised you? If you haven't been set on a royal throne or made ruler over a great people, maybe you've seen improvements in your finances or employment. Or perhaps family strife has been quieted. Or maybe a compassionate helper or valuable ally has entered the picture at just the right moment. Have you shaken off a bad illness, a bad habit, or a bad influence? If so, rejoice and thank God for His grace and favor!

But if you feel like you're sinking instead of rising, what then? Is there any comfort for the saint of God who looks around to find that "the waters have come up to my neck" (Psalm 69:1)? David knows that saint's fortunes because they are his as well: In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him; the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; You do not give him up to the will of his enemies. (Psalm 41:1-2) You have a sure hope!

Lent is the ideal time to meditate on David's ordeals and your secure position in Christ. Come and join our Soup and Bread dinner followed by Lenten services on Wednesdays.

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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**

Chairman—David Aas (218) 863-5455  
Treasurer—Judy Johnson (218) 863-2204  
Secretary—Bill Osborne (218) 863-7913

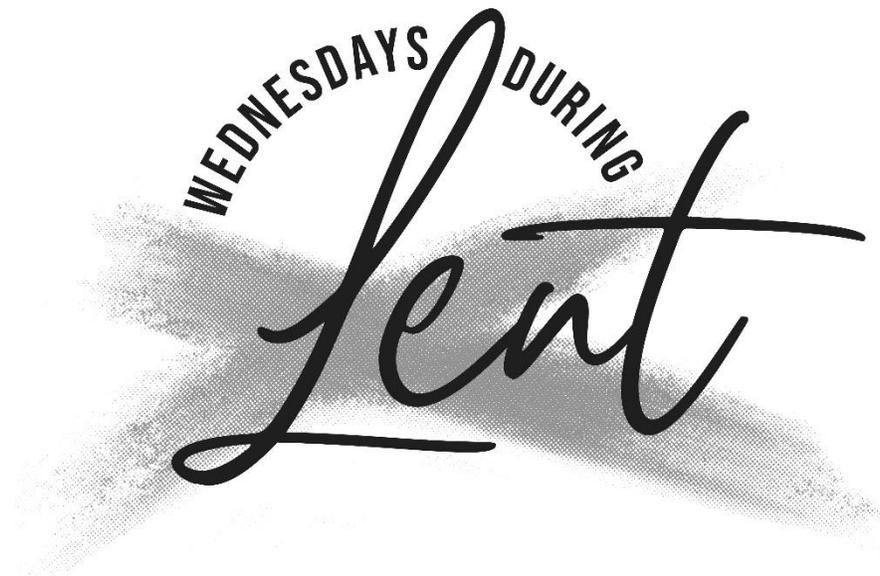
### **North Immanuel is Online:**

<http://www.facebook.com/NorthImmanuelLutheranChurch>  
<http://www.nilchurch.org>

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

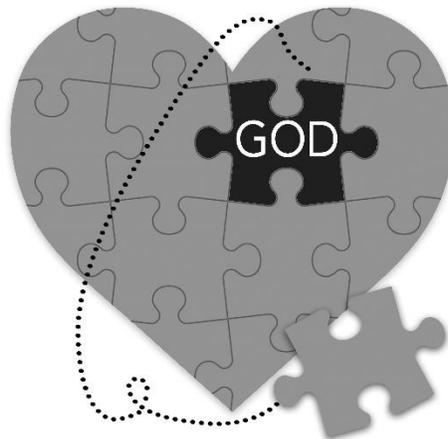


To save postage, the deadline for the newsletters each month will be changing. The date will be sometime between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please see each newsletter for the next month's deadline.



Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14th  
5:15-6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Meal  
6:00-6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

North Immanuel Lutheran Church	
Dec 31, 2023	
Year to Date Income	\$243,439.92
Year to Date Expenses	\$ <u>95,111.70</u>
Net	\$148,328.22



Let God have a place in your heart!

Everyone Welcome

# Quilting

for  
Common Hope Mission in Guatemala  
And Many Local Area Missions

Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a quilt handmade by someone. That's the feeling you can share with others by coming together to construct quilts. With a simple combination of fabric, thread, and time, you can reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of Love & Hope.

We would love to have you join us at

## NORTH IMMANUEL CHURCH

Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



Bring Potluck Item to Share

## Church Council Minutes

January 11, 2024

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

**Pastor's report:** Pastor Isaiah stated that Bible study will be on Friday mornings and he will still be at North Immanuel early on Wednesdays. Tyson will be confirmed on January 21, and confirmation will resume for current students starting on January 24. A sign-up sheet will be posted for the congregation to help provide soup during the Lenten season, which begins on February 14. Confirmands will assist with serving soup prior to the Lenten service.

Pastor also went over his training schedule for the guard, which will be typically the first weekend of the month, but did state that he feels he can still fulfill his duties here at the church on these Sundays. There is also a required two-week training period in August (8/11-8/25), and this should not be considered as vacation. Pastor also requested that we consider increasing his 2024 income to help offset health insurance costs.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Julie Ann reported that the books have been audited by Dar Hovland and Judy Johnson, and are ready for the annual report. Discussion over Visa cards previously issued to Kara and Pastor Isaiah resulted in funds being replenished into those cards to be used for various church related purchases.

Julie Ann brought to the council's attention that the price of stamps is increasing, and it would be wise to purchase them before they do so. Council agreed on the purchase of 15 rolls of stamps before January 21. Plans are in place to provide smooth coverage during Julie Ann's vacation.

### **Committee reports:**

**Evangelism Committee:** During Lent, soup will be served from 5:15-6:00 p.m., services will be from 6:00-6:30, and confirmation will be from 6:30 to 7:00. Bonnie requested the breakdown of topics for the Lenten services from Pastor Isaiah. Bonnie also suggested looking in to replacing some of the worn and outdated banners.

**Stewardship:** nothing new to report

**Christian Education:** nothing new to report

**Property and Management:** nothing new to report

Old Business: some discussion on review committee.

New Business: Steve made a motion that during the March food drive (in which funds are matched), benevolence money will be distributed to the Pelican Rapids and Barnesville food shelves. Becky 2nded, motion passed.

Jane will be filling in for Julie Ann during her vacation.

The annual meeting will follow the church service on January 28, 2024. Breakfast will be served from 8-8:45, and church service starts at 8:45.

Discussion regarding pastor Isaiah's request to help with health insurance costs resulted in an increase in the pastor's overall budgeted salary package, thus requiring adding a line item to the proposed budget during the annual meeting.

Motion made to adjourn by Steve, seconded by Brad, carried.

Next meeting to be determined following the annual meeting.

Submitted by Brenda Haugrud

## NORTH IMMANUEL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Sunday Worship**

9:00 a.m.

### **Coffee Fellowship**

10:00 a.m. following worship services

### **Bible Study**

Fridays 9:30 a.m.

Janice Ness's Pelican Rapids

Contact Pr. Isaiah for more info.

### **Holy Communion**

First and Third Sunday of each month

### **Sunday School**

10:00 a.m. Sept-May

### **Serving Opportunities**

- Serve Sunday Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. following worship
- 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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### Deloris Dunham

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If you know of someone who should or would like to be on this list please call or email the church office 218-863-5447 nilchurch@yahoo.com

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.



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 February so we can help each other celebrate.

John Hovland	02/01	Janice Ness	02/18
Alice Spiekermeier	02/03	Kathryn Lynnes	02/19
Jason Jegtvig	02/05	Rebecca Lage	02/21
Wesley Dunham	02/06	Dillon Nord	02/23
Clara Cline	02/07	Mark Axness	02/26
Arland Anderson	02/09	Shelly Dunham	02/26
Travis Tollerud	02/11	Joanne Dunham	02/27
Bradley Knorr	02/16	Katie Lynnes	02/29

This list is not yet complete. If you have a birthday in February 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!

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Cemetery dues for 2024 are now due. Dues are \$10.00 per member of North Immanuel Church.

Make checks out to North Immanuel Cemetery. Can mail them

Judy Johnson, Treasurer North Immanuel  
14067 State Highway 108  
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Or you leave at church in our mailbox. Thank you to those who have already paid their dues.

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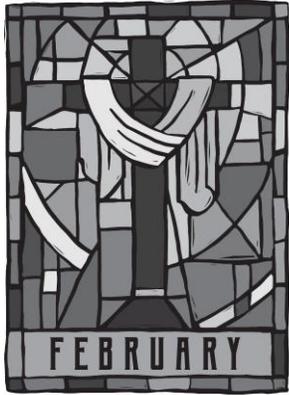
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY 9:30-10:30 a.m. BS 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. POH LAST QTR MOON	3
4 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. POH	5 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. POH (work from home)	6	7 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. POH	8	9 9:30-10:30 a.m. BS 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. POH  NEW MOON	10
11 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS 10:30-4:00 p.m. POH	12 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. POH (work from home)	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY; 9:00-5:30 POH ASH WEDNESDAY 5:15-6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread; 6:00-6:30 p.m. LS	15	16 9:30-10:30 a.m. BS 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. POH  1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR MOON	17
18 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	19 PRESIDENTS DAY 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. POH (work from home)	20 Deadline for March S&F and Calendar	21 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. POH 5:15-6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread; 6:00-6:30 p.m. LS	22	23 9:30-10:30 a.m. BS 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. POH	24  FULL MOON
25 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 SS	26 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. POH (work from home)	27	28 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. POH 5:15-6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread; 6:00-6:30 p.m. LS	29 LEAP DAY 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Common Hope Quilting	Greeters: Jacob Johnson, Jenna and family (4 & 11); David & Lois Aas (18 & 25)	***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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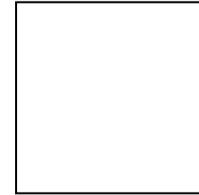


Following Worship service



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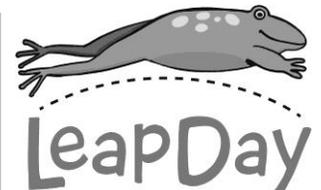
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