

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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FEBRUARY 2023



Dear North Immanuel Families,

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

Christmas and New Year celebrations come and go.  
Guess what? It is about time for us to pick up our Ten  
Commandments series.

## What is the Eighth Commandment?

You shall not give false testimony against your  
neighbor.

### *What does this mean?*

Answer: We should fear and love God that we may not  
tell lies about, betray, slander, or defame our neighbor,  
but defend him, think and speak well of him, and put  
the best construction on everything.

This commandment on its most literal level does not  
seem to require much. It says, "You shall not bear false  
witness." Perhaps a scene from the court occurs to your  
mind. One may proudly declare "I haven't testified  
under oath to speak falsely against my neighbor. I am  
good."

Does this command indicate that as long as I am not caught lying in the court, I am free from the warning of this charge?

No. This commandment still applies to all of the believers.

Like other commandments we have discussed before, the Seventh commandment also contains a "don't do it" aspect and a "go do it" aspect.

### **The "Don'ts" are clear:**

*Do not tell lies about your neighbors that are not true.*

*Do not "demonize" your neighbor by making things up.*

*Do not betray your neighbor by making their private faults or secrets public.*

*Do not broadcast to the whole world what your friend said to you in private.*

*Do not spread rumors.*

*Do not rush to judgment.*

### **The "Do's" are challenging:**

*Look after your neighbor's reputation.*

*Speak well of your neighbor.*

*Seek to understand your neighbor's actions and words in the most positive light.*

You might have heard people say: if you have nothing good to say, don't say it. Words can cut deeper than a knife. Always watch what you say and how you say it. St. James' saying "quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger" captures the meaning of this commandment well.

Let us pray,

Guard our lips, O Lord, and govern our unruly tongues so that our words about our neighbors are not tainted with falsehood, betrayal, or slander, which would damage their reputation. Instead, give us the wisdom to speak well of our neighbors, defend them, and explain their circumstances and actions in the kindest way, 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**

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>

Cemetery dues are now due for 2023. Dues are \$10.00 per member per year. Please either mail them to  
Judy Johnson, Cemetery Treasurer North Immanuel  
14067 State Highway 108  
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

Or drop off at the church in our mailbox. Brian & Judy Johnson. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Judy Johnson, Treasurer North Immanuel Cemetery.



**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

- Sunday, February 5, 2023
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Worship; Annual Meeting to follow



*Lenten*  
SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Lent  
Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread  
6:30-7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

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**

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m.~7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.~3:00 p.m.



Bring Potluck Item to Share

## Church Council Meeting minutes January 11th

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m.

Present; Pastor Isaiah, Brenda H, Steve S. Brian J, Brad K, Wayne H, Donna D, Robbie S, Conni A , Dave D

Pastor led with devotions from the Book of James

### Pastors Report:

Isaiah hoping to get more help with readings and getting more congregates involved in Sunday Service.

Visitation ongoing and Communion is Being done with portable Communion kit Isaiah purchased.

Pastor would like to visit with each council member one on one.

February 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Pastor will be attending a District meeting in Bloomington, and would need funds for this.

Motion made to approve funding (\$100 for conference and \$120 for lodging also mileage) by Conni , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave D

Also approved to get Visa card reloaded, will ask treasurer Julie Ann Holt to take care of this.

Discussion on purchasing new Bibles For pews. Motion made by Steve S 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad K to go ahead with purchase, will look at giving members a chance to “adopt” a bible as Memorials. We will also be getting a few larger print to place in back of church for those that need ..... cost is approximately \$11 each.

Discussion on News Resolution for our church? What we would like to achieve as a church in 2023! Most agreed growth would be a big one. Also carrying on with outdoor services.

Annual Review for Pastor: Need to get committee together. Also we will be distributing surveys to members to give thoughts, Good and bad, to help Isaiah learn and grow .

Discussion on different committees and boards, trying to discern the differences and perhaps restructure to meet our needs.

We received Thank You from the Mathew House for our gift.

Ministerium January 11<sup>th</sup> at North Immanuel

Next event will be youth gathering February 19<sup>th</sup>, will be going Tubing! ( PRAY )

Secretary report read, accepted and placed on file

### Treasurer Report:

There is one CD due, Motion made by Dave D, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve S, to give Julie Ann permission to put in checking then, back into CD after hopeful increase in rate.

Approved and placed on file

Evangelism: discussion on upcoming Lenten services, will have the Soup and Bread 5:30 – 6:30 followed by service 6:30 til 7:00

Stewardship: Committee will take care of Bible Memorials, there will be a deadline Feb.22<sup>nd</sup> (Ash Wednesday) if you would like to adopt a bible.

Christian Education: Nothing to report

Property and Management: Nothing to report

Old Business : Annual meeting, Emailing Seed and Feed Those who would like to receive electronically instead of paper copy need to EMAIL Kara and let her know!!!!

New Business:

Benevolence; There are three families in need and we will be Giving each family \$350 to help with expenses etc.

Motion Made to adjourn by Dave D 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad K

Submitted by Robbie Shulstad

## 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

Wednesdays 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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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.

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

December 31, 2022

Year to Date Income           \$108,873.80

Year to Date Expenses        \$103,554.85

Net                                 \$5,318.95

## 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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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](mailto: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.

# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH 6:00-7:30 p.m. Teens Group	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3 8:30 am.-5:00 p.m. POH	4
5 8:00 a.m. Breakfast 8:45 a.m. WS ANNUAL MEETING to follow No SS; FULL MOON	6 Pr, Isaiah at Augustana District	7 Theological Council	8 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	9	10 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	11
12 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS  LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH  LAST QUARTER MOON	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH Deadline for March S&F and Calendar	16	17 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	18
19 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	20 PRESIDENTS DAY 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH  NEW MOON	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY; 9:30 a.m. BS; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH; 5:30-6:30 pm. Soup & Bread; 6:30-7:00 p.m. LS	23	24 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	25
26 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	27 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH  1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER MOON	28				

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



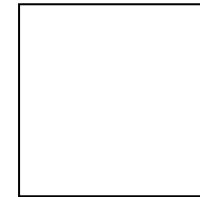
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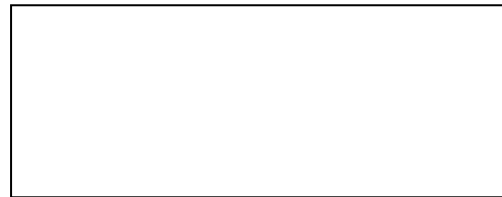
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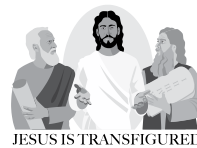


GROUNDHOG DAY

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JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED

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PRESIDENTS  
DAY

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Ash Wednesday

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First Sunday in Lent

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