

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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DECEMBER 2023

God's Calendar – November 14, 2023

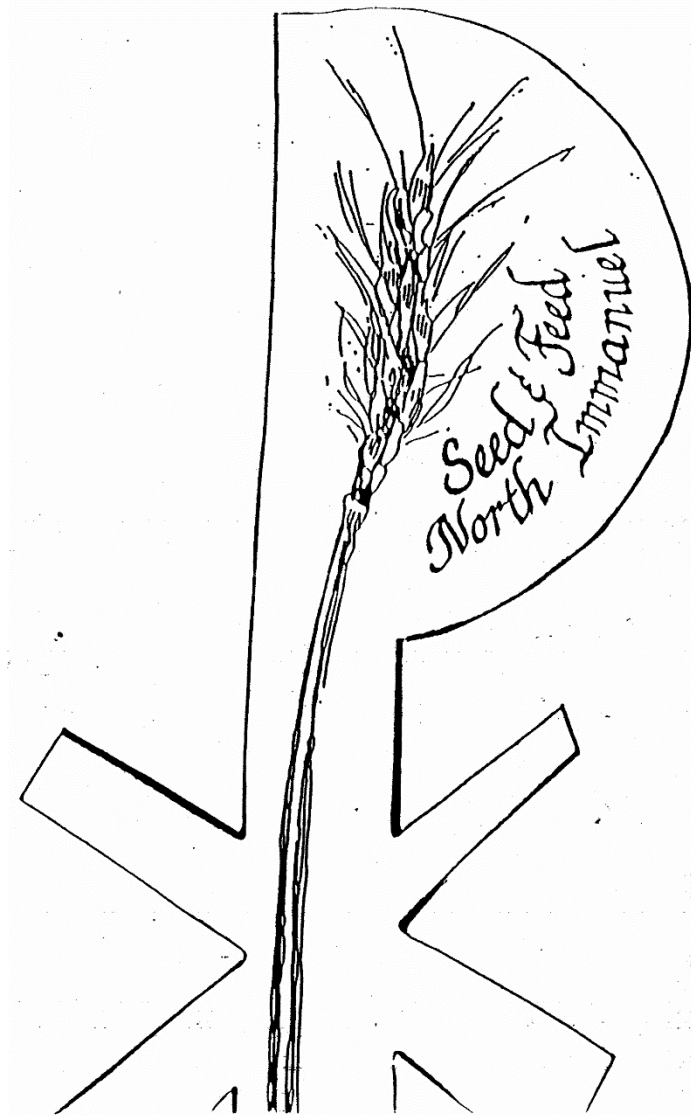
Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly . . . But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. . . For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5,9,10

God's Calendar

Even if you're not big on scheduling your life or using a calendar, you probably still use a calendar for the big things in life.

What if you knew the biggest event of your life was coming, but you didn't know exactly when it would be? You never received a "Save the Date" for your



child's wedding, or no one told you when to show up for a critical surgery that could save your life? It would be disconcerting at best.

In a way, that is our lives as we wait for the Last Day to come. God has told us that the biggest day of our life is coming, but we don't know when it will be. This has caused all kinds of people to become frustrated with God. Some have even tried to find hidden messages in the Bible to try and determine when that day will be.

But friends, let God's peace rest on your hearts because you know your sins are forgiven. Even though the Last Day will come like a thief in the night, the surprise will not upset you because you are children of the light! God has opened your eyes to see the truth that Jesus is your Savior, and you are safe and will live with him forever in heaven!

Prayer:

Lord, help me to give my "Amen" to your calendar, and patiently wait for your Son's appearing. 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:

<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) 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.



CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM

The Sunday School **PROGRAM** will be on Sunday, December 17th at 9:00 a.m. It will be followed by a Potluck meal to thank Pastor Roger Michaelson for his service at North Immanuel.



The  will be on Sunday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m.

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

Oct 31, 2023

Year to Date Income \$181,657.92

Year to Date Expenses \$ 83,373.20

Net \$ 98,284.72



- The 2024 Annual Meeting will be on January 28, 2024.
- All items for the Annual Report need to be submitted to Kara by January 10th.

Church Council Minutes
November 8, 2023

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

Pastor's report: NA

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

Treasurer's report: Council reviewed the treasurer's report and placed on file. Julie Ann gave a heads up that she will be leaving for 4-6 weeks in February 2024, thus plans can be made for the annual meeting accordingly.

Committee reports:

Evangelism Committee: Bonnie handed out posters for the Granders event scheduled for November 29, noting that the food has been taken care of for this year's concert. The new communion linens will be hanging in the sacristy. Information on how to use the linens was provided, which includes placing the chalice and wafer plate on one linen, covering the wafers with one linen, and topping the chalice with the pall (which is stiff). Christmas bags filled with activities for children have arrived for distribution on Christmas Eve.

Stewardship: nothing new to report

Christian Education: The Sunday school program will be held on December 17, a potluck will follow to show our appreciation to our fill-in pastor Roger. The council will serve.

Property and Management: The window project is on hold until after the first of January.

Old Business: Dave made a motion to schedule outdoor services for next year for June 9, 23, July 14, and August 11. Becky 2nd, motion carried.

New business: Dave made a motion that benevolence be distributed to a local family in need, Tanner 2nd, motion carried. Wayne made a motion to give funds to the shop with a hero program. Dave 2nd, motion carried. Dave made a motion to sponsor a horse buggy for rides the day after Thanksgiving in downtown Pelican Rapids. Bonnie 2nd, motion carried.

A suggestion was made to remind the upcoming month's communion-serving council member of their duty at each council meeting.

Jane Knorr will cover during Julie Ann's absence.

Donna requested a transfer of funds to the Sunday school checking account for the budgeted amount of \$500. Request approved.

The 2024 budget meeting will be held December 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

The 2024 annual meeting will be January 28, 2024.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

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

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.

Janice Ness's Pelican Rapids

Contact Lois Aas 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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In the absence of Pastor Isaiah, Pastor Roger Michaelson will be filling in for him. If you need to contact him, his phone number is 218-396-0302 and his email is pwjudy8@gmail.com.

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.



DECEMBER 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 December so we can help each other celebrate.

Nicholas Hovland	12/03	Dawn Shulstad	12/12
Lynnzee Johnson	12/04	Celeste Torgerson	12/14
Jay Roste	12/04	Bree Anderson	12/15
David Fouquette	12/04	Josh Lynnes	12/20
Krystle Meyer	12/05	Timothy Klovstad	12/21
David Ishaug	12/06	William Wells Jr.	12/22
Peyton Christianson	12/08	Barbara Le Claire	12/22
Graham Tollerud	12/08	Steven Strandlien	12/26
Isaiah Bai	12/10	Mary Thompson	12/26
David Dunham	12/12	Brylee Meyer	12/30
Nolan Dunham	12/12	Leo Hanville	12/31

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

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 1 ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	4	5 LAST QTR MOON	6	7	8	9
10 2 ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	11	12 NEW MOON	13	14	15	16
17 3 RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m. WS/HC & SS Program followed by Potluck meal	18 Deadline for January S&F and Calendar	19 1 ST QTR MOON	20	21 1 ST DAY OF WINTER	22	23
24 4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE WS	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27 FULL MOON	28	29	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 9:00 a.m. WS No SS					Greeters: Philip & Robbie Shulstad (3 & 10); Steve & Sandie Strandlien (17, 24, & 31)	***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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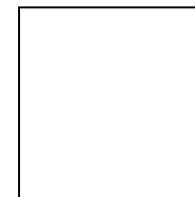


Following Worship service

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