

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

SEPTEMBER 2021



Dear brothers and sisters of North Immanuel,

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I cannot believe how fast the time has passed. Summer is never long enough for those of us who suffer from Minnesotan winter. We feel like we just started to get some sunshine and poof! We're already at the end of summer. I am sure that you have enjoyed the summertime with your families, in your houses, cabins, playgrounds, parks, and lakes. Praise God for what He has provided for us!

Now, we are looking forward to Fall.

Fall can be exciting as well. Sports will kick off again, same as school. We have kids and grandkids who are about to start their school journeys again. School is the primary place for us (as well as our kids and grandkids) to learn knowledge. We learn a lot of subjects: English, Spanish, Art, Math, Science, PE, etc. I am always amazed by the courses made available to our youth. They are much more diverse than the classes I have taken as a student.

However, there is one subject/knowledge that we often forget or neglect. The knowledge of our Savior, the LORD. The LORD God asked King Solomon what he would wish, so that God could grant him. Solomon asked for wisdom. Subsequently, God granted that Solomon would have the supreme knowledge that no one could even be on par with.

Solomon wrote about his utmost wisdom in this way, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7)

The beginning of knowing everything does not start with enrolling your kids in a prestigious school, rather, it starts with teaching them to fear the LORD. The word "fear" here is more than "being afraid", but a "fear" of "respect, piety" and "love and trust." Fear the LORD, so that we can count on no one, but this one true God. Fear the LORD, so that we can worship Him with all our soul, mind, and strength. That is where all wisdom and knowledge come from. God is the fount of every blessing.

Let us not only bring our children before teachers, but before the LORD as well. Not only do we educate them with the earthly knowledge that can benefit their future, but the knowledge that will benefit them with the reward of everlasting life.

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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>



- ✝ Rally Sunday is September 12, 2021.
- ✝ Sunday School begins on September 19, 2021 from 10:00-10:45 a.m.



### 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Before the sun was up on August 8, 2021, a bevy of volunteers showed up in the dark after rain showers at North Immanuel's front doors. Over coffee, rolls, and donuts, their set-up strategy was launched. Canopies, tables, and chairs were set up, anticipating hopefully that all would be filled.

Salads arrived along with many hands to help, including four women from Central Lutheran Church. Over the next few hours many hands and feet moved non-stop. The Granders kicked off the worship with their inspiring music. Worship was led by our own Pastor Bai.

Three golf carts transported many people from our worship area west of the church to our outdoor dining area in the east parking lot. Reminiscent of the "Feeding of the five thousand," everyone ate their fill, and there was plenty left over. Multitudes fed! Estimated approximately 200 in number.

The microphone passed to a good number of people who shared wonderful memories of time spent at North Immanuel.

The fellowship hall was filled with historic items and memorabilia for people to browse. A DVD with pictures of our past was playing continuously as well.

A sunny day, clear skies, no rain, much hand-shaking, truly a Blessed Day.

### ANNIVERSARY WELCOME BY KARA TOLLERUD

Welcome to North Immanuel Lutheran Church's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration! The theme for this event is Rock of Ages.

As the lyrics to the hymn say, "Thou must save, and Thou alone," we are reminded that Jesus alone can save us. Faith in Jesus is the cornerstone.

He built his church on a rock, so it can withstand the storms that try to shake its foundation. For 150 years, North Immanuel has periodically found itself among the storms, but with faith has held on and continues to pass along this faith to each generation.

The same God who brought water from a rock is the God whose faith we celebrate today.

Feel free to tour the church building. There are booklets, magnets, pins, and DVDs inside. There are also historical documents for you to browse.

### ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU BY DAWN SHULSTAD

Good morning. This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. We are so grateful that you have joined us to celebrate.

Thank you for being here! I would like to thank Heidi, Bonnie and Kara for their ideas, time and sharing the vision of today. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with setting up, taking down, advertising, providing food, and to Central Lutheran for serving. Thank you to Cary Haugrud for creating the DVD's with pictures of our past and to all who contributed pictures. Thank you to Karen Klovstad Field and Mark and Colleen Klovstad Engebretson for their detailed research that brought our beginning and past history to life. It has been so exciting to read it and hard to put it down and do something else.

Thank you to Sandie and Steve Strandlien for all of their "behind the scenes" work.

Thank you also to South Immanuel for the gift of a Japanese lilac and to Grove Lake and Central Lutheran for the flowers arrangements.

We have memory books, magnets, DVD's and historical items for you to see in the fellowship hall. We'd like to invite you to briefly share memories from spending time here at North Immanuel.

**Sponsor ID:** 1078129-m990  
**Sponsor Name:** North Immanuel Lutheran Church  
**Student Name:** Monica García

**Estimated to:** North Immanuel Lutheran Church

**Dear North Immanuel Lutheran Church,**

**I hope that this note finds your family healthy! I wanted to share a few things about me.**

**Last year we did distance learning at school. My favorite thing about distance learning was being able to spend more time with my family, consult books, and have more time to do chores at home . During the changes, I appreciated help from my friends and teachers because they helped me answer questions I had and offered me other strategies to understand what I needed to do and thus be able to learn through different means.**

**Vacation has ended and we are now back to school! My favorite subject in school is basic physics. This year I am most excited because in spite of what we are living through, I still have my family and can spend time with them. My favorite thing about myself is my attitude, the way I do my chores, my creativity, my way of thinking, and that I am saving money for my school needs.**

**Because of the pandemic, I have been spending a lot of time at home. My favorite family pastime is living with them and chatting and joking. I am grateful for God for giving life to me and my family and providing for me so I don't lack anything, I thank Him every day for my family.**

**This year is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Common Hope. This year I will be 18 years old. My favorite way to celebrate my birthday is with the whole family, with friends and acquaintances, having a good surrounding and spending the day with a good attitude . How do you celebrate your birthday?**

**Something else I would like to tell you is: I thank you for your support and for keeping in contact with me through your letters. They make us very happy to know about your lives and that you are doing well.**

**Two questions I want to ask you are: Tell me about a good experience that you have had in your life. Do you have children?**

**I hope to hear from you soon! From your student, Monica**

**Please consider writing to our North Immanuel sponsored students from Guatemala.**

Our church sponsors three students in Guatemala through Common Hope ([www.commonhope.org](http://www.commonhope.org)). Our sponsorship helps these students to be able to go to school and their families to have the resources to break the cycle of poverty.

Your letters don't have to be lengthy. They would love to hear from you and your family. Your words of encouragement can go a long way!

**How to send a letter:**

1. Mail to Common Hope at:  
1400 Energy Park Dr  
Suite 23  
St. Paul, MN 55108
2. Write the letter online at: [www.commonhope.org/hopenote](http://www.commonhope.org/hopenote)  
Sending online will allow the letter to arrive quicker to Common Hope and the student.

***With all letters, please include the students name and ID provided below.***

**Esly A Catavi**

**Student ID 1078129-f13667**

Birthday 12/10/2002

**Alexander R Chanta**

**Student ID 1078129-m1559**

Birthday 4/26/2004

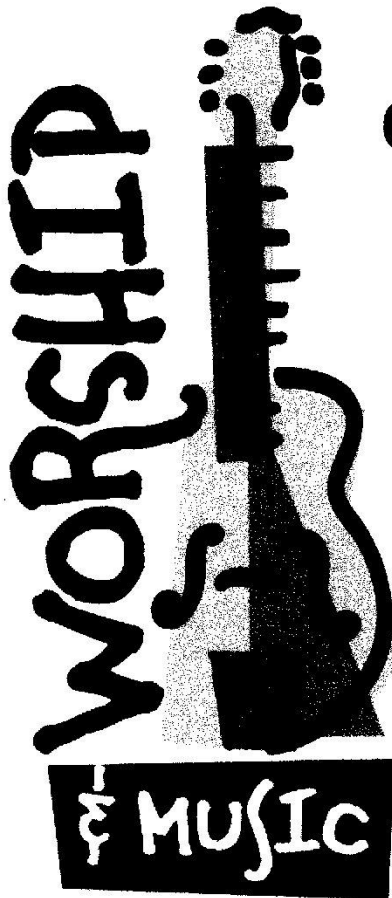
**Monica L Garcia**

**Student ID 1078129-m990**

Birthday 9/23/2003

# North Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Celebrating 150 years



### Join us for Rally Sunday Outdoor Worship Services

*with live music!*

**September 12**

The Fladland's -  
featuring Loy Larson

Outdoor Worship - 9:00 am  
Including children's sermon & songs  
Outdoor Fellowship Meal - 10:00 am

Bring your own  
lawn chair  
In the event of rain  
- worship service  
and fellowship will  
be indoors



Paul & Kara Fladland and Loy Larson

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# Church Council Minutes

- 1) 2021-08-10 Church Council meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sandie
    - a) Present: Sandie, Heidi, Conni, Brad, Wayne, David, and Pastor Isaiah, Julie Ann
    - b) Absent: Brian, Jacob,
  - 2) Pastors Report:
    - a) Devotions read by Pastor Isaiah.
    - b) Pastor likes the larger print Newsletter better.
    - c) Confirmation will start on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Would like to have Confirmation hosted by parents once a month with meal at their home. All other classes will be at church and will be looking for volunteers to serve meals. Pr. Isaiah planning outing with confirmation students to a Bison Game.
    - d) Bible Study will start up again this fall, reviewing some options.
      - i) Inquiring if families would be willing to host Bible Study at their residence on Sunday afternoon.
  - 3) Secretaries Report was read, approved, and placed on file.
  - 4) Julie Ann reports that the Saving account hasn't been utilized so far this year to offset expenses. Stamps going up end of August. Motion made to purchase enough stamps to last end of year 1<sup>st</sup> by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad. Motion Carried
  - 5) Worship Report:
    - a) September 12<sup>th</sup> is Rally Sunday with an Outdoor Service.
  - 6) Christian education-Sunday School starting September 12<sup>th</sup> during Outdoor Service.
  - 7) Property and Management:
    - a) Wayne stated the leak in the Men's Bathroom was repaired and new water Softener installed by Mr. Plumber. The 2 upper windows were painted before Anniversary and Wayne stated these windows need to be replaced he is getting quote.
    - b) Motion was made 1<sup>st</sup> by Dave and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad to spend up to \$2000 to repair/replace to resolve issue with sound systems for better streaming.
    - c) Steve will reach out to Cary for his advice
      - i) Steve will be getting quotes if new equipment is required.
      - ii) 1<sup>st</sup> by Dave
      - iii) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian
      - iv) Motion carried.
    - d) Sandie updated the Church Voice Mail message for next 2 outdoor services.
    - e) Benevolence was approved for 3 separate families in need. 1<sup>st</sup> by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Motion Carried.
  - 8) The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:45 p.m.
  - 9) The next meeting is set for September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Submitted by Heidi Fouquette, Secretary



## Church Finances

Minnesota National Bank

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance 7/01/2021 | \$ 12,502.98 |
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### Income:

|                       |              |              |
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| Member/Loose Offering | \$ 10,354.00 |              |
| Total Income          |              | \$ 10,354.00 |

### Expenses:

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| Budgeted | \$ 7,213.47 |
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Ending Balance 7/31/2021

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| Minnesota National Bank | \$ 15,643.51 |
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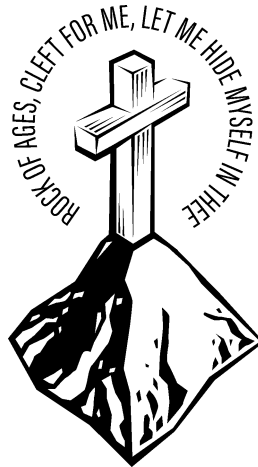
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| Mail | \$ 4,375.00 |
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| 7/4/2021 | \$ 1,000.00 |
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| 7/11/2021 | \$ 2,381.00 |
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| 7/18/2021 | \$ 965.00 |
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| 7/25/2021 | \$ 1,633.00 |
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### **Be still (and silent)**

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers, grass — grow in silence; see the stars, the moon, the sun, how they move in silence. ... The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. All our words will be useless unless they come from within — words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.

—Mother Teresa





Congregation members are invited to write to these young men who are serving. If you know of someone who is serving in the military and want to include their contact info, please submit their addresses to Kara.



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**APO, AE 09330**



**MAJ Mitchell Johnson**  
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**Andrews AFB, MD 20762**

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## SEPTEMBER



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 September so we can help each other celebrate.

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|--------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Judy Johnson       | 09/01 | Conni Axness        | 09/10 | Carlan Haugrud     | 09/17 |
| Tyson Wells        | 09/01 | Bryce Spiekermeier  | 09/10 | Jay Hovland        | 09/17 |
| Larry Hovland      | 09/02 | Cheryl Nelson       | 09/11 | Candi Dunham       | 09/18 |
| Casey Klovstad     | 09/02 | Craig Haugrud       | 09/12 | Callahan Wiser     | 09/18 |
| Mason Christianson | 09/02 | Christina Aas Jones | 09/13 | Arnold Ness        | 09/20 |
| Larry Pederson     | 09/06 | Carolyn Stoen       | 09/13 | Megan Spiekermeier | 09/22 |
| Jessica Thompson   | 09/06 | Jordan Fouquette    | 09/13 | Ila Ishaug         | 09/27 |
| Kara Tollerud      | 09/06 | Jane Hovland        | 09/16 | Mitchell Johnson   | 09/27 |
| Gunnar Shulstad    | 09/07 | Kyle Haugrud        | 09/16 | Everett Fearing    | 09/27 |
|                    |       |                     |       | Arvid Evenson      | 09/28 |

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



# SEPTEMBER 2021

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue                                    | Wed                                    | Thu | Fri | Sat   |
|---|--|--|--|-----|-----|---|
| Ushers: Gaylene Berg & Dawn Shulstad (5 & 12); Eric, Rhonda, Brooklyn, & Brock Nelson (19 & 26) | ***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.*** |  | 1                                      | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| 5<br>9:00 a.m. WS/HC  | 6<br>LABOR DAY<br><br>NEW MOON   | 7                                      | 8<br>6:00 p.m. Conf.                   | 9   | 10  | 11<br>PATRIOT DAY   |
| 12 RALLY SUNDAY GRANDPARENTS DAY; 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with Fladlands featuring Loy Larson      | 13<br><br>1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER MOON   | 14<br>6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting | 15<br>6:00 p.m. Conf.                  | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| 19<br>9:00 a.m. WS/HC<br>10:00-10:45 a.m. SS  | 20<br>Deadline for October S&F and Calendar<br><br>FULL MOON                       | 21                                     | 22<br>AUTUMN BEGINS<br>6:00 p.m. Conf. | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 26<br>9:00 a.m. WS<br>10:00-10:45 a.m. SS   | 27   | 28<br><br>LAST QUARTER MOON            | 29<br>6:00 p.m. Conf.                  | 30  |     | Council member in charge for September: Sandie Strandlien |

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

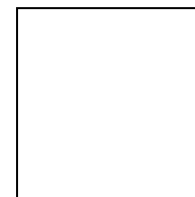
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