

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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JUNE 2023



Dear families of North Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
What is your favorite psalm in the Bible? Many would say it is Psalm 23. Psalm 23 is one of the most well-known psalms in the Scripture. This psalm is appropriate to read in all occasions: it is read on Sunday, it is read in weddings, it is read in the ordination liturgy, it is read when a believer is imminently dying, and it is even used to comfort the bereaved families and friends in the funeral service.

I asked my coworker at hospice about what her favorite psalm is. She said, "I love Psalm 73:25-26." In Psalm 73:25-26, Asaph the psalmist writes, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And besides you, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength and my portion forever." We should slow down and take a closer look at those two verses.

"Whom have I in heaven but you?" The psalmist points out that all other idols and things we worship such as power, money, sex, beauty, properties, etc. are temporal. These things which we chase and pursue after tirelessly do not last forever nor do they help us advance into heaven.

*Think: what are the things in your currently life that you find security and comfort? The truth is that there is no one in heaven looking after us but God. God alone creates. God alone cares. God alone comforts. God alone protects. God alone saves.*

"And besides you, I desire nothing on earth." The psalmist shows forth his faith that other than the saving Lord, nothing deserves and needs our loyalty and allegiance. When God alone saves us, God alone shall we desire and worship.

*Think: What is in your life currently that interrupts the relationship between you and God?*

"My flesh and my heart may fail." Our bodies do not last forever. As we age, we quickly find out that our bodies do not move as they should. When we look in the mirror, we wonder what happened to the person in the mirror that he/she looks so different now. When we get older, our bodies started to slow down and change. Some parts of your body need extra attention. Other parts of your body demand regular doctor's appointment. Still others require procedures and medications to cope. This verse sounds very depressing, doesn't it?

But here is the good news: **"God is the strength and my portion forever."** Although our bodies are failing, our relation with the Lord only gets stronger. St. Paul agrees that when our outer being is wasting away, our innermost being is renewed day by day. God is our stronghold, our refuge, our shelter, and our portion. For how long? Does God's promise expire like fresh fruits? No. It is forever. God's love for you does not have an

expiration date. So, we dear friends, have peace in God's love! Remember that God is always there to strengthen you and bless you! Cheers!

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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.



### JUNE 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 June so we can help each other celebrate.

Orin Berg	06/02	Robert Thompson	06/18
Gregory Brummer	06/05	Bennett Morey	06/18
Samuel Klovstad	06/06	Leslie Dunham	06/21
Taylor Johnson	06/07	Jay Axness	06/22
Jane Knorr	06/08	Maggie Knorr	06/22
Mitchell Hovland	06/10	George Door	06/23
Ole Axness	06/13	Shayla Jegtvig	06/25
Lee Follingstad	06/14	Jace Meyer	06/25
Duane Ishaug	06/14	Jason Lynnes	06/29
Donna Dunham	06/15		

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

#### North Immanuel Lutheran Church

April 30, 2023

Year to Date Income	\$140,358.18
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$ 34,092.41</u>
Net	\$106,265.77

### Special Congregational Meeting

May 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Brad Knorr at 10:05 regarding stained-glass window repair. Steve Strandlien handed out a sheet with estimates from 2 different companies comparing price-per-window estimates as well as mileage, trim, and reinforcement of windows expenses. An estimate for a round stained-glass window currently in storage was also provided.

Funding would come from the gift our church received. After discussion about mileage differences, phasing, and which windows are needing repair, a motion was made by David Foquette to vote to do all 7 windows (in up to 3 phases) with CLASSIC window repair. Dave Aas seconded, ballots were distributed.

Twenty-four congregants voted: 23 yes and 1 no, motioned passed. Dave Foquette motioned that the round window is included in this decision, Becky Lage seconded. Motion carried.

Becky Lage made a motion to destroy the ballots, Dave Dunham seconded.

David Aas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dave Dunham. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Haugrud

## North Immanuel Church Council Minutes

May 10, 2023

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

Pastor's Report: NILC will have a couple students from Norway join us on May 21, with a Norwegian-inspired potluck following the service. Pastor continues doing visitations, met with the Christian Education committee and also with the Ministerium. Pastor discussed which days in July he may need off but will know for certain soon. A date for Membership Sunday was discussed, with June 11<sup>th</sup> being an option if it works for those involved. Bible study concluded until fall.

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

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and placed on file.

### Committee Reports:

Evangelism: Still looking for a musician/special music for July 7<sup>th</sup>, all other outdoor service dates have been filled. Lunch will be served after each outdoor service, and will be organized by work group leaders.

Stewardship: After careful review, approximately 40 to 50 names were removed from Seed and Feed list to save on mailing expense. The Bible sponsor stickers are all in place.

Christian Education: Youth painting activity was cancelled due to low numbers. Bible School is set for August 1-3 from 5:30pm-8pm (dinner will be included). Other items to note from the meeting: First Communion (typically for 5<sup>th</sup> graders) will be on Maundy Thursday, with criteria of the child having been baptized and attending 2 classes with their parents/pastor. There was some discussion on confirmation classes perhaps being held at the student's home.

Property and Management: The work order from Classic Glass LTD for the stained-glass window project was presented by Steve to Brad for signature per the outcome of the special congregational meeting vote.

Old business: Robbie Shulstad will be the new signer for the Sunday School account at MN National Bank once she and Heidi Foquette go in to the bank together and take care of the formalities.

New business: Pastor's computer is not working adequately, motion was made by Dave to cap expense for new computer at \$1000, seconded by Steve, motion passed.

Benevolence was discussed and distribution was decided upon for 2 local families and one organization.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting June 14, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Haugrud

## 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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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.

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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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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.



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June 11th - West Cemetery - Lee Brenna

(All other outdoor services are at the church cemetery.)

June 25th - The Fladlands with Loy Larson

July 9th - to be determined

July 23rd - Off the Hook

August 13th - The Granders

August 27th - A-Chord

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# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Greeters: Brad &amp; Jane Knorr (4 &amp; 11); Leon &amp; Donna Dunham (18 &amp; 25)</p>	<p>***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.***</p>			1	2	3
<p>4 TRINITY SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. WS/HC</p> <p>FULL MOON</p>	<p>5 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p>	6	<p>7 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p>	8	<p>9 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>LAST QUARTER MOON</p>
<p>11 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS at the West Cemetery with Lee Brenna</p>	<p>12 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p>	13	<p>14 FLAG DAY 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p>	15	<p>16 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p>	17
<p>18 FATHER'S DAY 9:00 a.m. WS/HC</p> <p>NEW MOON</p>	<p>19 JUNETEENTH 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p>	<p>20 Deadline for July S&amp;F and Calendar</p>	<p>21 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SUMMER 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p>	22	<p>23 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p>	24
<p>25 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with The Fladlands and Loy Larson</p>	<p>26 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p> <p>1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER MOON</p>	27	<p>28 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p>	29	<p>30 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH</p>	

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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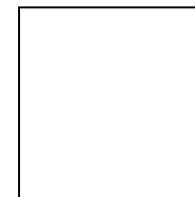


Following Worship service



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