

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14).

Each sermon in this series focuses on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people

involved in the event. Studying the events and people helps to connect the hearers with their own sinful nature, to emphasize how we have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

Ash Wednesday: "A Call to Return". Joel's prophecy is dark and terrifying, and the imagery is vivid. It sets the stage for God's invitation and promise: "You have turned away from me in your hearts and minds, and I have now shown you where that path will take you. But it is not too late. Turn back! Return to the Lord! I am gracious and merciful, and I will bless you." This sermon sets the stage for the Lenten path that we will follow together.

Wednesday of Lent 1: "Return to Prayer". This sermon focuses our attention on Peter, James, and John in the Garden of Gethsemane, and explores the topic of prayer. Our prayer life ebbs and flows; we have seasons of abundant prayer and seasons of drought. Throughout all of it, though, Jesus prays consistently. Indeed, "the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words" (Romans 8:26). When God calls us to pray, He provides the means to do so and even fulfills what we ourselves are unable to do. So also Jesus takes our sins upon Himself and dies on the cross, satisfying the wrath of God and fulfilling what we ourselves are unable to do.

Wednesday of Lent 2: "Return from Betrayal". Judas appears in the in the Garden of Gethsemane and betrays Jesus into the "hands of lawless men" (Acts 2:23). This sermon explores the theme of betrayal, specifically the ways that we betray one another and Jesus through our denials and rejection of the faith.

Wednesday of Lent 3: "Return from False Witness". Judas' betrayal brings Jesus before Caiphas and the Council. In this sermon we examine what God actually means in the Eighth Commandment when He said that you should "not bear false witness against your neighbor?" (Exodus 20:16) and what to do when our failure here leads us away from God. Thankfully, God calls us to turn from our sin, to look to Him, and to find our rest and identity in Him.

Wednesday of Lent 4: "Return from Denial". Peter stands in the courtyard, watching his Lord and master being wrongfully accused, having promised that he was ready to follow Jesus both to prison and to death. But when asked directly, Peter denies Jesus. But Jesus will have the last word. He calls us to return to Him . . . to return from denial.

Wednesday of Lent 5: "Return to the Kingdom of God". Pontius Pilate reigns at his Headquarters and is forced to wrestle with the question, "What is truth?" (John 18:38), but the real question is "Who is truth?" In this sermon, a King calls us to return to His rule and reign so that He can pour out blessings on us.

Holy (Maundy) Thursday: "Return to the Table". Jesus' invitation is such that He draws us into a place where we have fellowship with all believers. And yet, our fellowship is stained by sin. Our Lord's invitation to return is accompanied by His promise to make all things new, when once again we will share the fruit of the vine with Christ Himself.

Easter Sunday: "Return and See". Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! In this sermon we rejoice that our Lord's call to return was issued so that we might have life in abundance through the one who lived, died, and rose again to secure our salvation.

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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.

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

# Return

A SEASON OF RETURNING TO JESUS

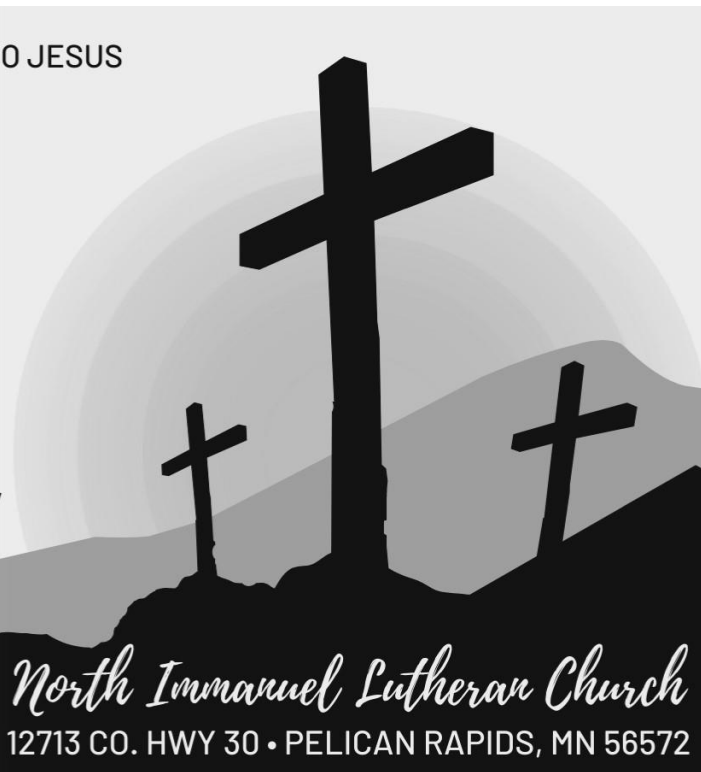
- Feb 22 "A Call to Return"
- March 1 "Return to Prayer"
- March 8 "Return from Betrayal"
- March 15 "Return from False Witness"
- March 22 "Return from Denial"
- March 29 "Return to the Kingdom of God"
- April 6 "Return to the Table" Maundy Thursday
- April 9 "Return and See" Easter Sunday

## Lenten Schedule

- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup Fellowship
- 6:30-7:00 p.m. Lenten Message

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## 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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## **North Immanuel Church**

### **Greeter List for 2023**

Our usher responsibilities are limited. Our most important mission is to open the front door and greet members and guests as they enter the church. If there are two greeters available, one person should be at the front door and one upstairs welcoming all people to church.

**You words of kindness could mean more than you know.**

\*If there are any additional services during your serving time of the month, such as Lenten, Thanksgiving, & Christmas, please be willing to serve.

If you are unable to be there, kindly find a replacement to take your place.

<b>Sunday, January 1-8</b>	<b>Wayne &amp; Dar Hovland</b>
<b>Sunday, January 15-22-29</b>	<b>Dillon &amp; Cody Nord</b>
<b>Sunday, February 5-12</b>	<b>Jacob Johnson, Jenna &amp; family</b>
<b>Sunday, February 19-26</b>	<b>David &amp; Lois Aas</b>
<b>Sunday, March 5-12</b>	<b>Nolan and Candi Dunham</b>
<b>Sunday, March 19-26</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Conni Axness</b>
<b>Sunday, April 2-9</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Becky Lage</b>
<b>Sunday, April 16-23-30</b>	<b>Janice Ness - Tessie Ness</b>
<b>Sunday, May 7-14</b>	<b>Brent &amp; Erin Tollerud</b>
<b>Sunday, May 21-28</b>	<b>Dave &amp; Heidi Fouquette</b>
<b>Sunday, June 4-11</b>	<b>Brad &amp; Jane Knorr</b>
<b>Sunday, June 18-25</b>	<b>Leon &amp; Donna Dunham</b>
<b>Sunday, July 2-9</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Judy Johnson</b>
<b>Sunday, July 16-23-30</b>	<b>Craig &amp; Brenda Haugrud</b>
<b>Sunday, August 6-13</b>	<b>Kevin &amp; Katy Holt</b>
<b>Sunday, August 20-27</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Shelia Osborne</b>
<b>Sunday, September 3-10</b>	<b>Mary Kay Haugrud - Dawn Shulstad</b>
<b>Sunday, September 17-24</b>	<b>Duane Ishaug – Tanner Nelson</b>
<b>Sunday, October 1-8</b>	<b>Greg &amp; Robyn Nelson</b>
<b>Sunday, October 15-22-29</b>	<b>Grant &amp; Krystle Meyer</b>
<b>Sunday, November 5-12</b>	<b>David &amp; Shelly Dunham</b>
<b>Sunday, November 19-26</b>	<b>Larry &amp; Jane Hovland</b>
<b>Sunday, December 3-10</b>	<b>Philip &amp; Robbie Shulstad</b>
<b>Sunday, December 17-24-31</b>	<b>Steve &amp; Sandie Strandlien</b>



North Immanuel Annual Meeting Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:38  
Pastor Isaiah led with prayer.

Last years Annual Meeting Minutes read , Motion made by Leon Dunham to accept and place on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandie Strandlien.

Pastors report read by Isaiah and placed on file

President Brian Johnson addressed attendees and Thanks to all for coming, and Pastor Isaiah for the good year.

Evangelism Report : Outdoor service success and Thanks to all who helped make it happen! By Conni Axness

Stewardship Report: Dave Dunham reported on New bibles & Info on sponsoring and Memorials.

Discussion on Seed and Feed by Email. Anyone wanting to get this by Email needs to contact Kara by Email (this will assure the correct address is on file) and she will then discontinue paper copy.

Christian Education: Thanking the teachers both SS and VBS! Donna thanked all the helpers , Jane Knorr, Kara Tollerud, Lois Aas and Mary Kay for feeding us!

Donna reported on the Prayer Painting class being a great success. Hoping to do other activities throughout the year involving Congregation .

Property and Management:

Report on New windows having been installed and sump pump in Elevator working well.

Treasurers Report:

Report shows our net is in the positive Thanks to donations. Discussion on Budget, with fuel prices up we spent more than budgeted amount. Utilities increase due to inflation, price of fuel Etc. There is a 6% increase in pastors housing.

Report reviewed and approved. Also Julie Ann reported of a large donation given to North Immanuel.

Ballots for election were handed out with the following nominees . Motion made by Dave Dunham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn Shulstad to cease nominations.

New Council members approved by unanimous vote:

Bonnie Harry  
Tanner Nelson  
Becky Lage

Christian Education:

Krystle Meyer  
Erin Tollerud

Outgoing President Brian J. Thanked all members, current and new.

Old Business:

Pastoral review: Committee formed including Dave Fouquette, Janice Ness and Council President, Vice President, and Secretary. Dave Fouquette volunteered to get forms ready and will also use Pastoral reviews that were sent home with members.

Bibles will be paid for with donations In Memory. Cost of the Bibles was \$440.00 and have already been paid for.

Discussion on what to do with old Bibles? Ideas welcome. Talk to Dave Dunham if you have any.

New Business:

Church cleninging; Sandie Strandlien proposed we do this Twice a year like we use to and said she will organize this.

Stainglass windows need to be looked at to see if any repairs need to be done.

Discussion on some things that need to be updated in Church, including Kitchen and other interior updates.

Sound system needs some updates also, to make it more user friendly for others.

Many good ideas discussed!

Motion made to destroy ballots by Leon Dunham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Tollerud

There will be a short meeting following Annual meeting with new council members.

Nominations for a new nominating committee for next year: Dawn Shulstad nominated Judy Johnson, Dar Hovland nominated herself and Dar H nominated Sandie Strandlien. Approved.

Motion made by Sandie Stranlien to adjourn meeting at 10:35, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Strandlien. Motion carried.

Submitted by Robbie Shulstad

Short council meeting following Annual meeting, February 5, 2023

Present: Brad Knorr, Robbie Shulstad, Donna Dunham, Becky Lage, Tanner Nelson, Dave Dunham, Wayne Hovland, Bonnie Harry, Brenda Haugrud, Steve Strandlien, Julie Ann Holt, and Brian Johnson (exiting president)

Officers were selected: Brad Knorr-president  
Tanner Nelson-vice president  
Brenda Haugrud-secretary

Julie Ann asked that we be prepared to discuss and decide what to do with money given in memorial/inheritance at next council meeting. Information will be distributed to council members about a “sweep account” as one possibility. Other possibilities include short term CDs.

Meeting adjourned, next meeting Wednesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Offering counters/communion helpers March 2023-February 2024**

March: Brenda

April: Tanner

May: Steve

June: Brad

July: Dave

August: Brenda

September: Wayne

October: Robbie

November: Becky

December: Dave

January: Donna

February: Bonnie



Church Council Minutes  
February 8, 2023

Meeting called to order by new president Brad Knorr at 6:03pm. Present: Pastor Isaiah, Brad Knorr, Dave Dunham, Steve Strandlien, Wayne Hovland, Becky Lage, Donna Dunham, Tanner Nelson, Bonnie Harry, Robbie Shulstad, Brenda Haugrud and Julie Ann Holt.

Pastor led with devotions from Psalms.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor welcomed new council members Becky, Tanner and Bonnie. Reminder that Lent services begin February 22, information will be in newspaper. Teen group is meeting 1x/month with good participation, meaningful questions discussed. Bible study continues to be Wednesdays, visitation is going well and he is still doing weekly sermonettes.

PRAY (Pelican Rapids Area Youth) will have a free event of basketball, karaoke and fellowship at Ohe's Barn on February 19 from 2-5 p.m.; details on bulletin board. Thank you notes were passed around as well as some solicitations and ideas about newsletter distribution that other churches are using.

**Secretary's report** read, discussion on previously approved funding for pastor's attendance of district meeting in Bloomington clarified, totaling \$206. Report accepted and placed on file.

**Treasurer's report:** Julie Ann reported that 12 rolls of stamps were purchased before the price increased and are locked up safely. Discussion of what to do with various CDs and moneys acquired recently resulted in the following:

- Motion made by Dave to take a penalty and re-invest 2 low interest (1.85%) earning CDs to the new (4.04%) higher rate 17-month CDs at Midwest Bank. Seconded by Steve, motion carried.

- Motion made by Dave to combine two lower interest CDs at Minnesota National Bank (penalty waived) to one 16-month CD @ 3.75%. Seconded by Becky, motion carried.

- Dave made a motion to move \$114,000 from checking account to a 16-month CD at 3.75% at Minnesota National Bank, seconded by Robbie, motion carried.

- Motion made by Robbie to acknowledge Jane Knorr as a designated signer for Minnesota National Bank deposits. Motion seconded by Dave, motion carried.

**Committee reports/teams:**

**Evangelism Committee:** Becky, Tanner and Bonnie. Sign-up sheet for serving soup at Lent services is posted.

**Stewardship:** Dave and Brenda will organize Bible sponsorship forms. Discussion of no longer mailing out Seed and Feed, but emailing them or having them available for pick-up at church. Brenda and Dave will look through the mailing list to see which members may need to still have the Seed and Feed mailed.

**Christian Education:** Robbie and Donna. Tentative date set for a couples dinner with games March 18, pending any conflicts with tournament time. Hoping teen group can assist/serve, pastor will ask.

**Property and Management:** Steve and Wayne noted we have 1 fill left on contract, should make it through the winter.

Old Business: nothing to report

New Business: Dave had suggested perhaps a good teen project would be to sand and paint the tank.

Offering counters and communion helpers were selected, list attached.

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

Next meeting March 8 following Lent service.

Submitted by Brenda Haugrud

## 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.

## 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.

# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Ushers: Nolan & Candi Dunham (5 & 12); Tom & Conni Axness (19 & 26)	***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.***	<i>1</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread; 6:30-7:00 p.m. LS	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Common Hope Quilting	<i>4</i> 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Common Hope Quilting
<i>5</i> 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	<i>6</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>7</i>  FULL MOON	<i>8</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread; 6:30-7:00 p.m. LS; Council mtg after LS	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS; 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT; 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	<i>13</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread; 6:30-7:00 p.m. LS; LAST QUARTER MOON	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> ST. PATRICK'S DAY 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	<i>20</i> FIRST DAY OF SPRING; Deadline for April S&F and Calendar; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>21</i>  NEW MOON	<i>22</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread; 6:30-7:00 p.m. LS	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	<i>27</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread; 6:30-7:00 p.m. LS; 1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER MOON	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	POH 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Wednesdays

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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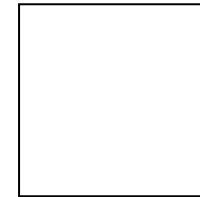
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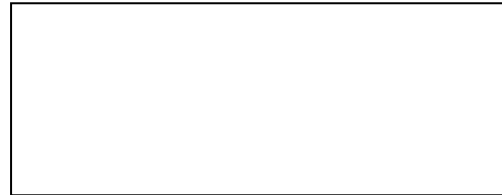
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SHARING  
THE NEWS  
WITH...



World  
Prayer

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Second Sunday in Lent

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Third Sunday in Lent

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Spring Forward

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Saint  
Patrick's  
Day

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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