

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

AUGUST 2025



It's the same every year, isn't it? We're just getting used to summer, the longer daylight hours, the warmer weather, everything being green, when all of a sudden it changes—the daylight becomes less and less, the nights get cooler, and everything isn't green anymore. Life is always in flux: life is a dance and the only time you get to sit down is when you die. So, enjoy the dance and, hopefully, as time goes on you will get better at it. Yes, as we age we should get better at living, shouldn't we? Sadly, we don't always do so. Some people don't learn life's lessons; they keep making the same mistakes over-and-over again. But who is to say what is right or wrong? We all have our opinions as to what constitutes the good life. We band together with people who are like-minded. As the saying goes, "Birds of a feather flock together." As Christians we see ourselves as sheep and our shepherd is Jesus. We believe that Jesus will guide us, teach us, and show us what is right and wrong. During the month of August our gospel texts from Luke do just that. There are life lessons to be learned and then followed. Let us be what we confess to be. Come and worship and receive God's Word and grow in wisdom

and truth.

The first week of August is going to be an exciting time for those who are going on the "Ark" trip. I am looking forward to those four days—to seeing the Creation Museum and the Ark in Kentucky. It will be a great time not just for the kids but also for the adults as well. What a great way to start the month. On the fourth Sunday in August we will receive new members as part of our family at North Immanuel Lutheran Church. On the second Sunday in August we will have another outdoor service with special music by Laura Hagen and Nita Velo. Thank you to the worship committee for lining up all these people for doing outdoor services this summer. Bonnie and Connie have done a great job as do the rest of the leadership at NILC. For being a small country church you have an abundance of talent and leadership. Yes, indeed, you have been blessed by God. Sometimes it takes an outsider looking in to see the beauty within. Those standing in the circle don't know they are in a circle. I saw this two falls ago and it has been reinforced throughout this past year. God is leading you, his sheep, for a purpose. I will have to keep watching as long as I can to see what happens at NILC. But, at the end of August, as the summer ends, so do I. I will step off the path you are traveling on and a new pastor will step in to help you with your journey. It has been my joy and honor to get to know so many of you and to serve you this past year. Thank you. Remember your calling in baptism and become what you already are in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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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—Brian Johnson (218) 863-2204
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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.

✝ The Ark Encounter trip is August 4th-7th, 2025.

✝ There will be no Vacation Bible School this year.



Kara Tollerud will be doing a book signing at the Otter Tail County Historical Museum on August 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. She first started her inspirational writing in the summer of 2009 while mowing her paternal grandmother's lawn. Since then, she has added children's books to the mix. Currently, she has seven titles, in both print and ebook, on Barnes and Noble's website.

Her latest book entitled *Brindle's & Falan's Museum Visit* is available in the museum Gift Shop. Proceeds from the sale of this book will benefit the Otter Tail County Historical Society.

Children are encouraged to bring a stuffed animal to the event. If they don't have one, they can purchase one in the Gift Shop.



North Immanuel Lutheran Church

June 30, 2025

Year to Date Income	\$49,008.64
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Year to Date Expenses	\$46,792.97
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Net	\$2,215.67
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*Not included in above income:

\$104,000 estate gift put into a CD

For those who'd like to give from afar or schedule recurring giving, online offering now available! Visit our website at NILChurch.org or scan the QR code:





North Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Sponsor ID: 1078129 - Student ID: m1559

Dear North Immanuel Lutheran Church,

I hope you have been doing well! I wanted to take a moment to connect and make you sure you received the exciting notice that **Alexander is on track to Graduate this November**. We are so proud of Alexander's remarkable accomplishment and there is much to celebrate. **We would be thrilled to have you join us in Guatemala to celebrate this milestone from November 12-17, 2025!**

To register for the 2025 Graduation Experience, please visit:
www.commonhope.org/graduation2025

Graduation is a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the incredible achievements of Alexander, whose education and personal growth you have generously supported over the years. Your sponsorship has played a pivotal role in their success, and we would be honored to have you celebrate this joyous occasion with us. Your presence will not only honor their accomplishments but also strengthen the bonds of our supportive community.

Please note that registration will close September 1st, with final payment due no later than October 1st.

¡Buen viaje! Let's meet in Guate!

With gratitude,

Belle Alvarez
Sponsorship Officer

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For any questions, please contact us. Our team will respond as soon as we are able during business hours. Saint Paul, MN office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am-5:00 pm CST.

North Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes
July 9, 2025

Present: Grant Meyer, Duane Ishaug, Jane Knorr, Bonnie Harry, Becky Lage, Nolan Dunham, Tanner Nelson, Leon Dunham, Tom Axness, Bryant Briard, and Pastor Roger Michaelson.

Absent: Shyla Strandlien, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order by Grant Meyer at 6:42 p.m.

Pastor Roger led us in devotions. 2nd Corinthians

Treasurers Report – Shared by Grant Meyer. Shyla not present. Placed on file.

Leon Dunham made a motion to accept Secretary report. Nolan Dunham 2nd. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report - New member Sunday will be August 17th or August 24th. Roger will be setting the date after talking to the new members. Visitations next week. On September 7th we will be baptizing 3 children that are from outside the church but have family that are members.

Committees –

Worship – On July 27th the council will serve the meal. Nolan Dunham will check into the cost of catering and will let the council members know the cost.

Stewardship – Return to passing the plate has gone well.

Education – The decision was made to not hold VBS this year. Most of our students will be attending the Ark Trip. Rally Sunday will be on September 14th.

Property and Management – Hanson's plumbing and heating was out to add freon to the new air conditioner. It is working well.

Old Business – The council met with Nate Bjorge before the meeting to discuss the call we offered him. A congregational informational meeting will be held on Sunday, July 20th after services to discuss the meeting and a Special Congregational meeting will be held on August 3rd immediately following services to vote on the new terms of the call. A sign will be posted on the front door of the church, and it will be printed in the bulletin.

New Business –

Jane Knorr made a motion using Ruby Linder funds to pay admission for all youth attending the Ark trip with the church. There are 15 youth attending. 11 will have to pay admission. The cost is \$70 per student. Duane Ishaug 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Benevolence was given to a family dealing with health issues. \$1000.00 was given to Flood victims in Texas. The funds were sent to LCMC Texas District. Nolan Dunham made the motion and it was seconded by Leon Dunham. Motion passed.

Kara's computer is not working. Windows is locked up. She will be instructed to take it to Affordable Solutions in Fergus Falls to have it repaired.

A church members family asked to use tables and chairs on Saturday for an event. It was approved by the council.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Knorr

NORTH IMMANUEL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

First and Third Sunday of each month

Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. following worship services

Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Sept-May

Bible Study

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 Roger

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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
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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.



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 August so we can help each other celebrate.

Jeffrey Holt	08/02	Jeremy Lynnes	08/18
Lori Strandlien	08/02	Christa Johnson	08/19
Cha'Von Kugler	08/05	Katlyn Johnson	08/19
Kaitlin Bai	08/05	Jason Ross Jr.	08/23
Kevin Holt	08/07	Keegan Jones	08/24
Joseph Anderson	08/09	Melissa Flerschinger	08/25
Janice Johnson	08/12	Hannah Bai	08/26
Laurie Jo Johnson	08/12	Erin Tollerud	08/27
Cody Nord	08/12	Lois Ishaug	08/28
Summer Anderson	08/12	Abby Ganyo	08/28
Tracy Ross	08/16	Alexa Briard	08/28

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

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1 ST QTR MOON	2
3 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	4 →Ark	5 Encounter	6 Trip	7 ←	8	9 FULL MOON
10 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with Laura Hagen & Nita Velo	11	12 Pr. Roger-visitations	13 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting	14	15	16 LAST QTR MOON
17 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	18 Deadline for September S&F and Calendar	19	20	21	22	23 NEW MOON
24 9:00 a.m. WS & New Member Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:00 a.m. WS 1 ST QTR MOON					Kevin & Katy Holt (3, 10, & 17) Bill & Shelia Osborne (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



Following Worship service

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