

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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JANUARY 2023

Dear families and friends of North Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Happy New Year!

Can you believe it is already Year 2023? I felt like I just got used to dating 2022 on my checkbook and paperwork, now I have to remember to pen down 2023! It might take another 6 months for me to get used to it.

In light of the New Year, let us talk about the word “New.” Do you like new things? We do. We love new cars, new houses, new phones, new earbuds, new headphones, new computers, new games, new TVs, new tools, new clothing, new shoes, new guns, new bags, new deer stands, new glasses, new furniture, new scents of hand soaps, new candles, new kitchenware, new bed sets... you name it. Getting them is so convenient that a few clicks will bring them right to your doorstep.



Why do we like new stuff?

First of all, we love spending money. That’s true. There is no need to deny it. It simply feels good when we order items on Amazon or swipe our credit cards in Walmart.

But more importantly, the items we acquire are **NEW**, meaning they are in their perfect condition with no need of repair. Aren’t tired of putting up with your old and slow phone? Get a new one. Aren’t you sick of your old beat-up car that needs three jump starts per month in winter and five trips to the mechanic’s in summer? Get a new car with auto start, heated seats, and new engine. There comes the summary: **when old things are broken, we want NEW ones.**

The Bible also speaks of “NEW”. “New” is one of the favorite word St. Paul uses in his epistles.

He writes: “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a **NEW** creature; the old things passed away; behold, **NEW** things have come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

You might wonder: alright, Paul, what are the old things? What are the new things?

He explains in Ephesians, “<sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, <sup>23</sup> and that you be RENEWED in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and put on the NEW self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.”

The answer could not be clearer: our old selves are broken and corrupted, filled with sin and death. We want NEW ones. How and from where do we get our new selves? Through knowing Jesus Christ as the Lord. If you know Christ, and you are in Him, you are the NEW creature. You are now in perfect condition that needs no repair.

Happy New Year and live in your NEW life in Christ!

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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:

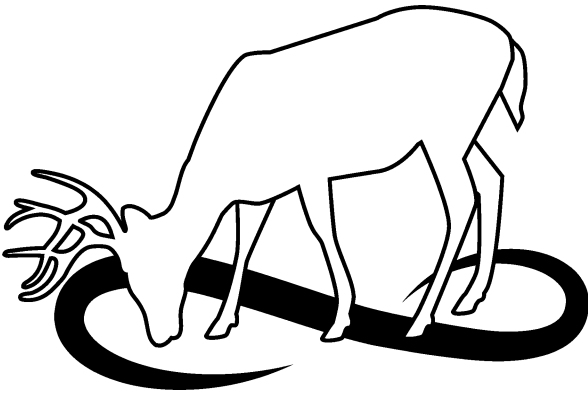
- To develop a personal and spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord,
- To provide an environment for the continuing Education and further teachings of all ages,
- To reach out to welcome all to grow with us in faith through worship and serving others in our community and throughout the world.

#### **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>



## WILD GAME FEED

- January 8, 2023
- 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Potluck



ANNUAL  
**MEETING**

February 5, 2023

The deadline to submit items to Kara for the Annual Report is January 23, 2023.

# North Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Annual Budget Comparison for General Fund

	2023	2022
<b>Revenues</b>		
<b>Offering Revenues</b>		
Ausherman	1,300.00	1,300.00
Loose	5,000.00	5,000.00
Member	75,000.00	70,000.00
Memorials	500.00	500.00
Thrivent	200.00	200.00
<b>Sub Total Offering Revenues</b>	<b>82,000.00</b>	<b>77,000.00</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>82,000.00</b>	<b>77,000.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
<b>Advertising</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Benevolence (paid qrtly)</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
Other Benevolence/LCMC	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Sub Total Benevolence (paid qrtly)</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>
<b>Education Expense</b>		
Adult	150.00	50.00
Sunday School/ Youth	500.00	250.00
<b>Sub Total Education Expense</b>	<b>650.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Godchild Program (3 students)</b>	<b>2,340.00</b>	<b>2,340.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>		
Building Insurance	3,500.00	3,000.00
<b>Sub Total Insurance</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Maintenance Expense</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Office/Church Supplies</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
<b>Pastor Benefits</b>		
Continuing Education	1,000.00	1,000.00
Housing Allowance	14,500.00	12,000.00
Mileage	1,500.00	1,500.00
Salary	40,800.00	40,800.00
<b>Sub Total Pastor Benefits</b>	<b>57,800.00</b>	<b>55,300.00</b>
<b>Special Worship Music</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Staff Salaries</b>		
Custodial Salaries	4,500.00	4,500.00
Organist/Sub	4,000.00	4,000.00
Payroll taxes	1,300.00	1,300.00
Secretary Salary	3,800.00	3,800.00
Treasurer Salary	3,800.00	3,800.00
<b>Sub Total Staff Salaries</b>	<b>17,400.00</b>	<b>17,400.00</b>
<b>Sub Pastor &amp; Mileage</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>
<b>Telephone/Internet Expense</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
<b>Utilities- Fuel &amp; Electricity/Garbage</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>
<b>Workers Comp</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>113,590.00</b>	<b>105,240.00</b>
<b>Other Financial Sources-Uses</b>		
<b>Transfers In</b>	<b>31,590.00</b>	<b>28,300.00</b>
<b>Total Other Financial Sources-Uses</b>	<b>31,590.00</b>	<b>28,300.00</b>

North Immanuel Church Council  
December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

Present: Donna Dunham Robbie Shulstad Wayne Hovland , Steve Strandlien , Brian Johnson , Pastor Isaiah,  
Treasurer Julie Ann Holt

Absent: Dave Dunham, Conni Axness, Brad Knorr, Brenda Haugrud

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m.  
Devotions by Isaiah leading with prayer.

Pastors Report:

Discussion on Sola, and the need to renew, It is used often, motion made by Steve S 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne H to pay for the year. \$160

Bible Study is going well . Will be resuming after the first of the year.

Youth gather once per month , going well.

Pastor commented on how nice it is to see new people in church!

Visitation: will continue. Pastor will commune all that are present at time of visiting.

Secretary's Report: Read, Motion made by Wayne to accept report and place on file, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve S

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion on putting Money taken out, back into Savings .

Report reviewed and accepted, Also the Budget for 2023 was reviewed.

Motion made by Robbie S 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne H to place on file.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism: The Christmas Concert with the Granders was again a great success!

Stewardship: Nothing reported

Christian ED : Paint Class was a great success with 19 participants! Thanks to Donna Dunham for arranging and setting this up.

Property and Management: No new business

Old Business:

Discussion on where to give, was decided to Give as follows:

\$300 to National Child Safety Council (officer Stadum PR)

\$450 to each Pelican Rapids and Barnesville Schools

\$500 to Mathew House in Fergus Falls

Motion made by Steve S 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna D to go ahead with these Gifts

Wild Game feed is set for January 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 p.m. with Speaker Gus Ziegler.

This will be a Potluck! Please bring your wild game dishes ready to eat!

Christmas Eve Service will be at 4:00 p.m.

Next years Budget approved to be brought to the Annual Meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> following service.

Auditors: Shelly Dunham and Jane Knorr

Motion to adjourn by Wayne H 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve S @ 7:15

Next Council Meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup>

Submitted by Robbie Shulstad

## 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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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.

North Immanuel Lutheran Church	
November 30, 2022	
Year to Date Income	\$102,501.80
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$93,723.79</u>
Net	\$8,778.01

## 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.

### **Mike Axness**

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### **Deloris Dunham**

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### **Lois Ishaug**

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### **Ron Morey**

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### **Dennis Stoen**

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### **Don & Ila Ishaug**

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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.

# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> NEW YEAR'S DAY 9:00 a.m. WS/HC No SS	<i>2</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH 6:00-7:30 p.m. Teens Group	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> EPIPHANY 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH  FULL MOON	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> BAPTISM OF THE LORD; 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wild Game Feed potluck	<i>9</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS  LAST QUARTER MOON	<i>16</i> MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH; Deadline for Feb. S&F & Calendar	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>21</i>  NEW MOON
<i>22</i> 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	<i>23</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH Annual Report deadline	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>28</i>  1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER MOON
<i>29</i> 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	<i>30</i> 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>31</i>				

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



# 2023

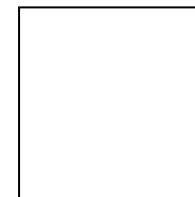
# January



Following Worship service

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