

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

JULY 2022



Dear Brothers and Sisters of North Immanuel,

Peace from the Risen Lord be with you always.

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

*What does this mean?*

—Answer: We should fear and love God that we may not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it. How are we Christians supposed to observe this commandment?

When we speak of Sabbath, it sounds very foreign to us. What is Sabbath? Is it just another word for Saturday in Hebrew—the language of the Jews?

In the Old Testament, God commanded the Israelites to set aside the seventh day (Saturday) as a day of rest for

his people to worship and to trust in God's providence (that there would still be enough food on the table while only working six days of the week). This is a sacred commandment.

As good as God's intention is, this commandment has been taken too far and too out-of-context. I once heard a missionary to Israel sharing a true but amusing illustration. "Say, you are playing with your dog on the lawn. Your dog wants you to throw the ball so he can catch it. So you pick the ball up, throw it in the air. Then you realize that today is Sabbath. What are you going to do? You are going to pray. Pray that the dog would not catch the ball so that you do not violate the Sabbath commandment." Funny but saddening joke it is.

When God gave this command to Moses, he did not worry about you playing with your dog on Sabbath. That was not the intention of God's commandment. Luther rightly asserts that the way to keep this day holy is not to observe meaningless and absurd laws, but to honor and respect God's Word where the true Rest is. Sabbath is not about resting on a couch watching sports and dramas, but resting on God's Word and being nurtured and refreshed by it.

Blessings,

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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.



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.

# NEW MEMBERS



Hello! We're the Meyer family. We are Grant and Krystle, along with our three children Brylee, Jace and Kasjen. We've been living in this lovely community since February of 2021 and we feel blessed to call this area home.

A favorite bible verse of ours is Isaiah 41:10

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Brent, Erin, Graham (10), Margot (7), and Hallie (5) Tollerud. They are a farming family residing west of Pelican Rapids. Brent farms largely corn and soybeans and has a dairy operation with his brother and Erin assists with office work. The kids attend school in Pelican Rapids.

**Matthew 6:34** “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”



Mike and Becky Lage have been married 42 years and are so thankful to be part of the North Immanuel family! Their favorite Bible verse is John 3:16.

# North Immanuel

2022



## *Outdoor Worship Service*

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in June, July, & Aug

Worship @ 9:00 a.m. with Fellowship meal to follow

<u>Date</u>	<u>Guest Musicians</u>	<u>Serving</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 10	Rollag Gospel Trio	Work Group	Church grounds
July 24	Band of Faith	Work Group	Church grounds
Aug 14	The Granders	Youth	Church grounds
Aug 28	A-Chord	Work Group	Church grounds

## 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**

c/o Pelican Valley Nursing Home  
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### **Ron Morey**

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### **Dennis Stoen**

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### **Laverne Colness**

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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.



## NORTH IMMANUEL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Sunday Worship**

9:00 a.m.

### **Coffee Fellowship**

10:00 a.m. following worship services

### **Confirmation**

Wednesdays Sept-May

6:00 p.m. Youth Meal

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

### **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 Confirmation 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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## Church Council Minutes

June 14, 2022

President Brian Johnson called meeting to order at 6:00

Present; Brian J, Wayne H, Pastor Isaiah, Donna D, Dave D, Steve S, Conni A, Robbie S, Brad K, Brenda H.

1) Pastor Isaiah led with Devotions and Prayer

Pastors Report; LCMC convention coming up Pastor will announce. Pastor will be attending Theology ministry July 15th-16th. Discussion on Building relationships with future New Members.

VBS discussion on joining with other Churches? Grace in Erhard will check into this. Tentative date for VBS August 14th-15th?

Date for community service at Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot. July 10th 1:00 service with food truck serving before service.

Discussion on getting PRAY group going again. There will be a Youth Trip to Valley Fair Aug. 24th for youth 7th - 12th grade. Registration by August 1st. Transportation provided as well as admission. Food would be extra.

Pastor would like to do part time (1 Sunday a month) at his old church in Fergus Falls after our service to do visitation etc. Also will be changing his time at church from 3 days to 2 days. He will be at NI Wed. and Thur. This will be a temporary change.

2) Secretaries Report Read a put on file

Motion made by Dave D second by Wayne

3) Treasures report reviewed and placed on file

Discussion on CDs and what we should do with them. We will leave them in savings for now until we see what the interest rates on CD might be in July. Motion made to leave till July made by Steve S 2nd by Wayne H

4) Evangelism Report All services are set for outdoor worship services

5) Stewardship nothing to report

6) Christian Education Discussion on VBS and when to begin and end Sunday School classes. Tentative date will be Sept. 18th for start for Rally Sunday. Also some discussion on time off the (To be determined)

7) Property & Management

There was some water damage to the elevator as there was water in the pit. It is dried out now and Steve got permission from State inspector to place a sump pump in the pit .

We will purchase this with help from the Squares.

Motion made for P&M to get a bid to purchase sump pump by Dave 2nd by Donna D

Reported that we will not need a Cummer fill of propane

A Cell phone booster has been installed and is working great! Thanks to Steve for getting this done.

### Old Business

Bible school, Youth trip, Sunday School ,

Project New Hope tabled till another time. Conni A

New Business No new business

Motion made to adjourn at 7:30 by Dave D, 2nd by Steve S

Next meeting will be August 9th 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Robbie Shulstad



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 July so we can help each other celebrate.

Thea Axness	07/04	Glen Swenson	07/24
Cameron Johnson	07/04	Ashton Dunham	07/25
Everett Hovland	07/05	Ava Osborne	07/25
Leon Dunham	07/06	Sommer Haugrud	07/27
Lee Thompson	07/07	Steven Klovstad	07/28
Madison Lynnes	07/08	Vanessa Johnson	07/28
Rebecca Anderson	07/10	Kloe Klovstad	07/28
Teresa Ness	07/10	Rachel Lynnes	07/29
Nicholas Haugrud	07/15	Lynna Follingstad Martin	07/30
Erica Osborne Christianson	07/17	Sara Smischny	07/31
Brocke Dunham	07/18	Shyla Strandlien	07/31
Kylie Lynnes	07/22	Saige Anderson	07/31

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



Following Worship service

#### North Immanuel Lutheran Church

May 31, 2022

Year to Date Income           \$32,531.00

Year to Date Expenses       \$41,436.37

Net                                   (\$8,905.37)





# JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1:00-4:00 p.m. POH→ work from home	2
3 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→work from home	6 9:30 a.m. BS 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→church office 1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER MOON	7 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→church office	8 1:00-4:00 p.m. POH→ work from home	9
10 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with Rollag Gospel Trio	11	12 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→work from home	13 9:30 a.m. BS 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→church office FULL MOON	14 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→church office	15 1:00-4:00 p.m. POH→ work from home	16
17 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	18 Deadline for August S&F and Calendar	19 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→work from home	20 9:30 a.m. BS 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→church office 3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER MOON	21 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→church office	22 1:00-4:00 p.m. POH→ work from home	23
24 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with Band of Faith	25	26 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→work from home	27 9:30 a.m. BS 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→church office	28 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH→church office NEW MOON	29 1:00-4:00 p.m. POH→ work from home	30
31 9:00 a.m. WS			Ushers: Brian & Judy Johnson (3 & 10); Kyle Haugrud & Nick Haugrud (17, 24, & 31)	***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.***		

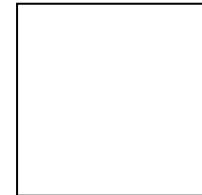
KEY: PTS=Pastors' Text Study; PDO=Pastor's Day Off; LL=Luther League; POH=Pastor's Office Hours; SS=Sunday School; HC=Holy Communion; WS=Worship Service; Conf.=Confirmation; BS=Bible Study; LS=Lenten Service

"Someone out there feels better because you exist."

seen on @secondsapart on Instagram  
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