

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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In John's Gospel we read, "The sheep hear His voice... and He calls them by name." (John 10:3) In the Old Testament God says, "I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

Names are important. Most parents will put a considerable amount of time and effort into choosing their child's name. Joseph and Mary did not have to choose a name for their first child. The angel, Gabriel, instructed them that they "shall call his name Jesus." Jesus (Yeshua) was a common Hebrew name at that time. Yet, like most Hebrew names, Jesus, has a literal meaning attached to it. It means – God delivers or saves.

Etymologists may study the origin and meaning of words and names, but it is the person who really gives meaning to his or her name and not visa-versa. We can take care in choosing a name for our child, but it will be up to our child to define what his or her name means to others. Do you ever think about how you are defining your name for others? Proverbs 22:1 claims that "a good name is more desirable than great riches."

We can think of any number of names that have been

made infamous by the way that a person lived. I remember as a child doing something I shouldn't have done and my Mom telling me you have made our name mud. (In case you're wondering, this expression is attributed to Dr. Samuel Mudd for offering medical help to John Wilkes Booth who broke his leg while escaping after shooting Abraham Lincoln in 1865.)

"Jesus" is not the name above all names because it means "God saves". It is the name above all names because Jesus does save. "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Jesus defines His name for us because of who He is and what He does for us. "He took on the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:7-11)

The good news of Easter is that we can have life in Jesus' name. As our lives are transformed in Jesus Christ our names will also be redefined. They will no longer be mud, but "more precious than silver or gold." Jesus knows us by name; He calls to us by name. And as we celebrate His resurrection we can "rejoice that our names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:20)

Together 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—Duane Ishaug (218) 280-0589  
Treasurer—Judy Johnson (218) 863-2204  
Secretary—Tom Axness (218) 329-6882

### 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.



Following Worship service



- ❖ Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. Worship & Confirmation
- ❖ Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6:30 p.m. Worship
- ❖ Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>: No Service
- ❖ Easter, April 5<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 a.m. Breakfast; 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion



North Immanuel has chosen Universal Church Directories for their assistance with this project.

Pictures are scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> at NILC.

If you are a member and have not been contacted about getting your photo taken at this event or would like to submit a photo, please contact Dar Hovland at 218-849-2067.

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

Feb 28, 2026

Year to Date Income           \$12,638.80

Year to Date Expenses       \$13,591.54

Net                                 \$-952.74

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



## 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

9:00 a.m. Wednesdays

### 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 Nate

### **Nate Bjorge, NILC Pastor**

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### NILC COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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.

## Dennis Stoen

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Dennis is living in the Pioneer Home in Deerwood.

## Ila Ishaug

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## Loretta 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

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 April so we can help each other celebrate.

Kaylie Ross	04/02	Peter Klovstad	04/13
Brody Ross	04/02	Amari Ibarra-Anderson	04/14
Odin Axness	04/03	Jacob Johnson	04/22
Aaron Fouquette	04/04	Jack Pray	04/23
Jeremy Osborne	04/05	Margot Tollerud	04/23
Donald Tollerud	04/05	Arlene Wick	04/24
Corey Sillerud	04/06	Gavin Haugrud	04/26
Jonah Follingstad	04/07	Isabella Jasso	04/26
Kristi Haugrud	04/07	Wade Zinnecker	04/27
Linda Tollerud	04/08	Wayne Hovland	04/28
Brenden Craik	04/08	Cyrus Bai	04/28

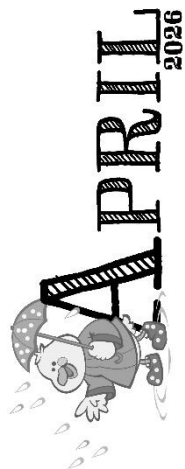
This list is not yet complete. If you have a birthday in April and your name is not here, or if the date we have is incorrect, please call it to Kara so we can update our records. May your birthday be a blessed one!

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mike & Becky Lage (5 & 12); Brent & Erin Tollerud (19 & 26)	***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.***		<i>1</i> APRIL FOOL'S DAY 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. POH	<i>2</i> MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 p.m. WS  FULL MOON	<i>3</i> GOOD FRIDAY 12:00-4:00 p.m. POH	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> EASTER 8:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Directory Pictures	<i>8</i> Directory Pictures 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. POH	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 12:00-4:00 p.m. POH  LAST QTR MOON	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. POH	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 12:00-4:00 p.m. POH  NEW MOON	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	<i>20</i> Deadline for May S&F and Calendar	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> EARTH DAY ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY; 9:00 a.m. BS; 10:00-6:00 POH	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> ARBOR DAY 12:00-4:00 p.m. POH  1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR MOON	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. POH	<i>30</i>		

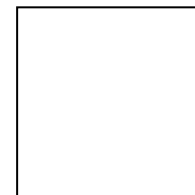
KEY: PTS=Pastors' Text Study; PDO=Pastor's Day Off; LL=Luther League; POH=Pastor's Office Hours; SS=Sunday School; HC=Holy Communion; WS=Worship Service; Conf.=Confirmation; BS=Bible Study; LS=Lenten Service

“Easter is the proof that evil men never have the last word about the things of God.”  
—C. Neil Strait



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