

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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FEBRUARY 2025



It has been a cold January but it is almost over. We can't control the weather, but we can have some control over what goes on at our church. Our Annual Meeting is January 26 following our worship service. I hope we will have a good turnout and a lot of enthusiasm as we map out the direction we will take for 2025. North Immanuel is a church that is growing—slowly but surely and that is good.

People throughout the years have asked me what they can do for their church. My answer is always the same. First, be as regular as you can in attending worship services. Nobody wants to attend a church where there are only a few people present.

Your best gift to your church is your bodily attendance, sitting in a pew and participating in the service. Nothing else compares to this. Nothing.

Second, Give generously of your time, talents, and money. Remember that we as individuals and collectively as the church exist for mission. We are to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

It takes time and money to do so. This is our stewardship of the gifts God has given us. Give out of love and joy. We cannot out give God—He will

always keep our buckets full.

Third, Pray for your church. Prayer changes us for it is the median through which the Holy Spirit works in us. We speak, God listens. God speaks, we listen. Through prayer we undergo a sort of metamorphosis: we are changed. We are always changing. God is changing us, day-by-day, into the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. God works in and upon us in worship and prayer.

The fruit of this work is shown forth in our stewardship of our time, talents, and money.

If we are faithful in these three areas we will be doing what God our Father wants from us and we will be blessed for it. During February we will continue in the Epiphany season in which our scripture lessons reveal to us that this Jesus born in Bethlehem, born of Mary, is the Son of God, the Messiah promised from long ago. So, throughout the month of February, please pray for the church universal, for North Immanuel Lutheran Church, and for one another. Come and worship. Stay warm. God's blessings to you.

Pastor Roger

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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.



To save postage, the deadline for the newsletters each month will be changing. The date will be sometime between the 15th and 20th of each month. Please see each newsletter for the next month's deadline.

North Immanuel Church Council Minutes
January 8, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Pastor Roger Michaelson, Tanner Nelson, Steve Strandlien, Donna Dunham, Bonnie Harry, Brenda Haugrud, Robbie Shulstad, Becky Lage, Grant Meyer, Tom Axness and Shyla Strandlien. Absent: Nolan Dunham.

Devotions: Pastor Roger opened with a devotion and prayer. He reminded us to be supportive of our friends and neighbors, listening carefully, as there are people hurting in our own neighborhood.

Pastor's report: Pastor Roger reported that he will be doing home visitations next Tuesday. The women's Bible study has resumed on Wednesdays.

Secretary's report: Report accepted placed on file.

Treasurer's report: Shyla reviewed the current budget and it was placed on file. She also reviewed the statement of financial position for all funds and noted that a CD will become due next month (February 21). She asked the council for direction regarding the CD, as well as how to distribute the funds from a memorial/gift that North Immanuel should receive within the next few weeks. Following discussion, Donna made a motion that \$20,000 from the gift should be put into the savings account at Midwest Bank, with the remainder being put into a CD at Bell Bank. Becky 2nd, motion passed.

A decision regarding the CD due in February will be determined following discussion during the upcoming annual meeting, with a possibility of starting a "special benevolence fund."

Shyla also presented the annual budget comparison for 2024-2025.

Committee reports:

Worship Committee: The urn pall has arrived. Some discussion on replacing the faded altar cloths was had, and the congregation can give input during the annual meeting. February is North Immanuel's month to help with Meals on Wheels. Summer Outdoor services are tentatively set for June 8 (West cemetery), June 22, July 13, and August 10. An additional "special music" indoor service may be added on July 27, depending on pulpit supply needs.

Lenten services will begin on March 5, with soup and bread served from 5:30-6:30. Service will begin at 6:30. Pastor Roger will get the theme and other pertinent information to Bonnie.

Stewardship: Nothing new to report.

Christian Education: Discussion on First Communion being on Maundy Thursday was had; Pastor Roger will look for resources and get back to Donna regarding this. Lois will be having a meeting on Wednesday, January 15, regarding the "ark" trip. Donna also reminded the council that if their term is coming to an end, please have a folder or informational sheet prepared instructing the new council members of their responsibilities so that the transition is smooth.

Property and Management: nothing to report.

Old Business: Becky gave a recap of the actions of the call committee, noting that Sunday, January 12, a prospect will be attending our church.

New Business: A media task force will be formed to keep the website updated and to assist with any livestream needs. Tanner will be talking to the members that have been helping already to see if they are willing.

Benevolence was discussed. Becky made a motion to give to a family in need, motion passed. Becky will give Tanner the information.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be January 26, 2025, the annual meeting, following church services.

Submitted by Brenda Haugrud

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

December 31, 2024

Year to Date Income
\$216,680.89

Year to Date Expenses
\$105,503.53

Net
\$111,177.36

Not included in YTD expenses

Stained Glass Repair project \$47,630.00

Money from Savings
\$34,000.00

“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s
cloud.”

—Maya Angelou

Cemetery Dues are now due for the 2025 New Year.

Please mail to Judy Johnson, Treasurer

Checks made out to North Immanuel Cemetery.

Can mail to Judy Johnson @

14067 State Highway 108

Pelican Rapids MN 56572

Or you may drop off at church and put in our mailbox at church.

Thank you if you have already made your contribution.

NORTH IMMANUEL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. following worship services

Bible Study

8:30 a.m. Wednesdays at NILC

Contact Pastor Roger for more info.

Holy Communion

First and Third Sunday of each month

Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Sept-May

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 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 February so we can help each other celebrate.

John Hovland	02/01	Janice Ness	02/18
Alice Spiekermeier	02/03	Kathryn Lynnes	02/19
Jason Jegtvig	02/05	Rebecca Lage	02/21
Wesley Dunham	02/06	Dillon Nord	02/23
Clara Cline	02/07	Mark Axness	02/26
Arland Anderson	02/09	Shelly Dunham	02/26
Travis Tollerud	02/11	Joanne Dunham	02/27
Bradley Knorr	02/16	Katie Lynnes	02/29

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

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters: Jacob Johnson & Jenna Smedshammer (2 & 9); David & Lois Aas (16 & 23)	***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.***					1
2 GROUNDHOG DAY 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS/Conf.	3	4	5 8:30 a.m. BS 1 st QTR MOON	6	7	8
9 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS/Conf.	10	11 Pr. Roger-visitations	12 8:30 a.m. BS 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting FULL MOON	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS/Conf.	17 PRESIDENTS' DAY Deadline for March S&F and Calendar	18	19 8:30 a.m. BS	20 LAST QTR MOON	21	22
23 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS/Conf.	24	25	26 8:30 a.m. BS	27 NEW MOON	28	

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

2025

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