

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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To all the members of North Immanuel Lutheran Church, grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who has redeemed us and made us inheritors of eternal life. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. This greeting is called a salutation and is found in the books of the New Testament written by the apostle Paul. These books are called epistles, meaning letters which Paul wrote to the churches in Asia Minor, Greece, and Rome. I always marvel at them for the wonderful theology they teach us in such few words.

Writing a letter each month for the church newsletter has a similarity to the NT epistles, especially the salutation: one cannot be long-winded, for there isn't room for a lengthy letter, yet the letter should be educational and informative sparking an interest from the readers. Alas, it is not easy to do this month-after-month.

Now we turn the page from June to July. June 8th was Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church where we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit. July 6th will be the Sunday where we share in the celebration of July 4th—the birthday of our nation.

July 4th awakens the spirit of patriotism in us. God has certainly blessed us in the USA. But the times they are a changing as the Bob Dylan song of the 1960's said. When I was a child I would walk to country school; it wasn't very far. Each day began with all the students standing and reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance. Then our teacher would play the piano and teach us to sing patriotic songs and some old Americana folk songs. Do any of you remember "Sweet Betsy from Pike?" The school and the church were just across the street from each other. Such was life in the 1950's. The church was full just about every Sunday, seating around 150 people. It was a member of the Norwegian Synod which became part of the ALC (American Lutheran Church) in 1960. The pastor preached the truth of the gospel and everyone believed what the church stood for. The Holy Spirit was at work in all of us to keep us united in the one true faith. Then, in the 1970's, small cracks began to appear. Secular society was already showing cracks, led by protesters of the Viet Nam war and colleges and universities spewing Socialism and Marxist ideology. People rose up and burned the US flag and denounced old-time religion. New-age theology sprung up and young people looked for a church that was "different" to attend.

Fast forward to 2025 and what does our country and church look like today? Many mainline churches have closed and many are just barely hanging on. Our society is polarized with so many people instilling fear and distrust into the masses. We have inept politicians and elected officials who don't serve the nation or the people but look after their own interests (their lust for power and money).

What are we to do? Let me go back to the beginning of this letter. Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember the birthday of the church, Pentecost. God poured out his Spirit upon the believers. God is among us. He has warned us to be aware of the wolves in sheep's clothing. Cling to the

word of God as it is taught in scripture. Be at peace. God has not and will not abandon us. Remember the birth of our nation: "One nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all." Be smart, watch, listen, observe and elect people to govern over us who believe in the constitution and its guiding principles. Stay rooted in your religious beliefs and in the dream of a free land with liberty and justice for all. Have a wonderful 4th of July and a summer of peace as you worship the One true God who makes us a new creation 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:

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Do you prefer to get your Seed & Feed emailed to you? If so, please email the church
(nilchurch@yahoo.com) and state your preference.



Come and join us for a Baby shower honoring mom-to-be Katie Houk. The shower will be at North Immanuel Lutheran Church on July 19th at 9:00 a.m. Katie Houk is the daughter of Dawn and Wayne Shulstad. She is registered at Target and Amazon.

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

May 31, 2025

Year to Date Income	\$36,910.87
Year to Date Expenses	\$37,731.87
Net	\$-821.00

*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:



Thank you to Bryant and Allie Briard for all their hard work. The corner bricks and flowers at the church entrance look great. We really appreciate all the hard work you put into the project.

The Council

North Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 11, 2025

Present: Grant Meyer, Duane Ishaug, Jane Knorr, Bonnie Harry, Becky Lage, Nolan Dunham, Tanner Nelson, Leon Dunham, Shyla Strandlien Treasurer, and Pastor Roger Michaelson.

Absent: Bryant Briard, Tom Axness

The meeting was called to order by Grant Meyer at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Roger led us in devotions. We are to Fear and Love God

Treasurers Report – Shared by Shyla Strandlien. Jane Knorr made a motion to take interest from CDs coming due in June and put the money in the savings account. Leon Dunham 2nd motion. Motion carried. Nolan Dunham made a motion to reinvest the CDs at the best interest rates available. Tanner Nelson 2nd motion. Motion carried. The property insurance renewal bill came. It is \$4562.00 for the upcoming year.

Becky Lage made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Bonnie Harry 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report – Shared a copy of the Lutheran Hymnal for Church and Home – Reclaim. It combines the green book and blue book into one. Nate Bjorge reached out to Roger and asked if the church would consider being a two-point parish. Commented that the people of the church are the foundation and they make the pastor. Should work more on stewardship.

Committees –

Worship – On July 27th the council will serve the meal for Off The Hook. Food to be served will be decided on soon.

Stewardship – Nothing to report.

Education – Have not set dates for VBS at this time.

Property and Management – The air conditioner has been replaced and is up and running. The estimate was \$6500.00.

Old Business –

A letter of Call was sent to Nathan Bjorge this past week. No response at this time. Discussed how to compensate if we shared with another church. NW Minnesota Guidelines are good to use for salary recommendations for a minister.

Baptismal Font – We could cut a hole in the one we have and put a bowl in it.

Paschel Candle – One has not been purchased yet.

Landscaping – Bryant and Allie Briard redid the bricks on the corner of the front of the church and planted flowers along the sides of the church. All their hard work is much appreciated.

The Sunday School checking account has been closed. The funds were deposited into the church account.

New Business –

Benevolence of \$500 was given to a local family that is dealing with the death of a family member. Bonnie Harry made a motion. Becky Lage 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 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

8:30 a.m. Wednesdays at NILC

Contact Pastor Roger for more info.

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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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 July so we can help each other celebrate.

Thea Axness	07/04	Finnley Klovstad	07/23
Cameron Johnson	07/04	Glen Swenson	07/24
Everett Hovland	07/05	Ashton Dunham	07/25
Leon Dunham	07/06	Ava Osborne	07/25
Lee Thompson	07/07	Sommer Haugrud	07/27
Madison Lynnes	07/08	Steven Klovstad	07/28
Rebecca Anderson	07/10	Vanessa Johnson	07/28
Teresa Ness	07/10	Kloe Klovstad	07/28
Alyssa Fearing	07/14	Rachel Lynnes	07/29
Nicholas Haugrud	07/15	Lynna Follingstad Martin	07/30
Erica Osborne	07/17	Shyla Strandlien	07/31
Brocke Dunham	07/18	Sara Smischny	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!

Memorial day address May 26, 2025 at the Ellendale ND city cemetery by Shayla (Bertsch) Jegtvig.

Thank you for being here today and thank you to all the individuals and organizations that continue to commit to gathering on Memorial day. Our presence here is hope, hope that there is still a sense of individual obligation to our continued freedom in this community, state, and nation. We are here today to remember and honor our fellow Americans that died in military uniform. We must never forget. Freedom comes at a great cost.

The modern proclamation U.S. Code 116 calls on the people of the United States to observe Memorial day by praying, according to their individual religious faith, for permanent peace. And we certainly are a nation that needs prayer and peace. Not only socially and globally but most definitely inner and personally. We must be the change we want to see in our nation. We must summon the courage to reach out and be of service above and beyond ourselves. We must take the time to pray and practice peace. Calm our mind, release our resentments, listen to understand someone else's journey, help those in need, engage in respectful dialogue, show our gratitude, build bridges, and seek solutions. We must hear and share about the lives of our military and veterans and if we don't know someone personally we can search and find. Ask the questions of the living about their service or someone they served with that may be heavy on their mind or heart. Learn about the sacrifices of the dead. Don't let the memory of them drift away.

Many current and former servicemen and women are searching for purpose and very much need our prayer and peace. Be the one to listen. Be the one to pray with them. Be an example of peace. Another thought as we stand here in this cemetery is maybe

you and your family find a soldier or veteran's grave and give it an extra clean-up and you provide the decoration, bringing the flowers and setting a flag, giving thanks for their service and saying a prayer for his or her continued rest in peace.

And today at 3 pm when the National Moment of Remembrance is officially observed - take that minute to reflect and honor the dead, yet commit to the living and being the type of American worth fighting for. You, too, can put on armour each day. From the Holy Bible - the book of Ephesians Chapter 6:12-13, 18 - "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything to stand...pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

May God bless and work through each one of us this day and everyday to continue to commit to our individual obligation for continued freedom in our communities, state, and nation. Thank you and God bless America.

Shayla and her husband Jason and son Maxwell are still members of North Immanuel but moved 3 years ago to Oakes, ND to be closer to Shayla's mother Janice and to accept her position at the Aberdeen VA clinic. She is a 37-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) - daughter of an Army veteran & lifetime American Legion Post 277 of Forbes, ND and is in her 23rd year with the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs. She has served in various nursing roles and currently is a primary care provider/nurse practitioner with Aberdeen VA clinic. Maxwell will be a senior this fall at Ellendale High School. Being they still own property on Lake Olaf they hope to camp more on summer weekends and enjoy ice fishing and spend some Sundays back at North Immanuel.

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1 ST QTR MOON	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
6 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	7	8	9	10 FULL MOON	11	12
13 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with the Granders	14	15 Pr. Roger-visitations	16 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting	17 LAST QTR MOON	18 Deadline for August S&F and Calendar	19 9:00 a.m. Baby shower for Katie Houk
20 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	21	22	23	24 NEW MOON	25	26
27 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with Off The Hook	28	29	30	31	Greeters: Brian & Judy Johnson (6 & 13); Craig & Brenda Haugrud (20 & 27)	***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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