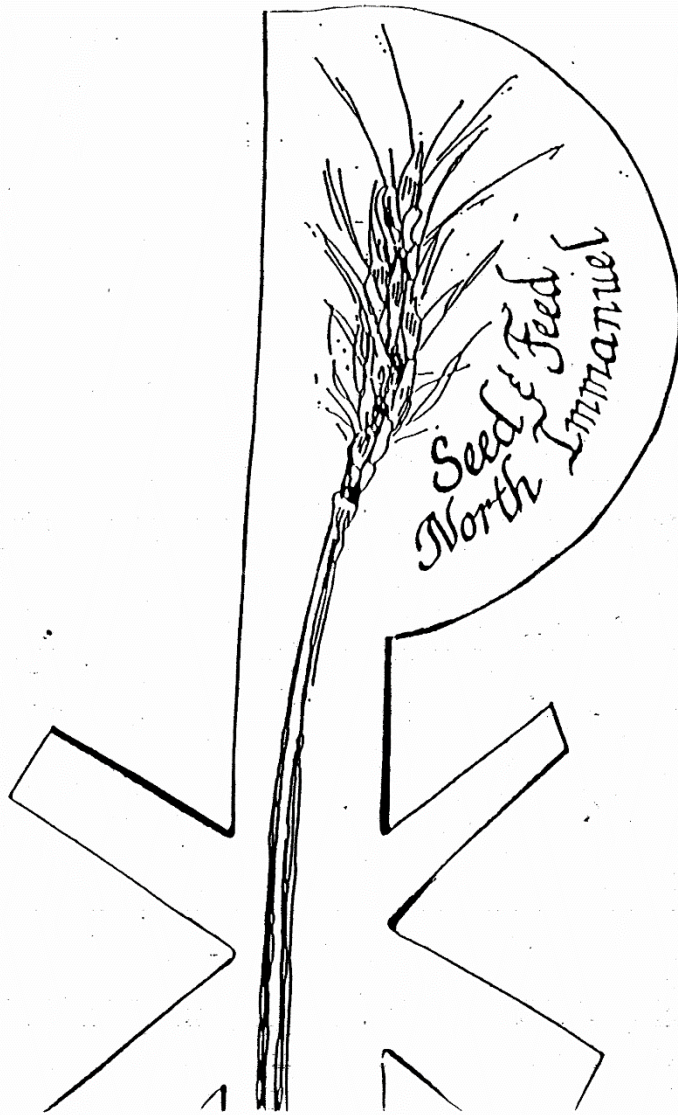


NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

APRIL 2023



What is your first reaction when you hear someone say “I got some news for you.”? Well, it depends. Our reaction to news depends upon the content and the nature of the news. Is it good or bad? Is neutral news a thing? Perhaps we can tell whether a piece of news is good or bad by the tone of the news-teller. If this person does not sound exciting, you probably guess it right, it is bad news.

What is your answer when your friend says, “I got a bad news and a good news for you, which one do you want to hear first?” I don’t know about you, but my wife always says, “bad news first!” She believes that hearing a piece of good news after some bad news will make life easier.

Now, first, we have to talk about bad news.

As adults, you will probably feel that we could use more good news than bad news. For whatever reason, bad news always looks for us where good news is usually MIA. Have you heard a lot of bad news in the past weeks, months, or years? Cheating while in a relationship, being fired after working for 10 years at the same place, partner deceiving and taking all the

money in the business, bad investment, denial of admission to school, no response after job interviews, flooded basement, excessive tax payments, house fire, car accidents, you name it.

Now I am going to tell you the worst news you will ever hear.

The worst news among all the bad news is this: death. Death is the ultimate bad news because no other bad news can compete with it. Just do a quick comparison. Do you want to take death or rejection by Harvard? I will take rejection by Harvard, I love Yale anyways! Do you want to take death or being laid off? Being laid off (I will even raise both of my hands!) Do you want to take death or a \$1000 plumbing bill? I will pay double to my plumber if I can avoid death.

Are you currently upset about this bad news—death? Maybe it is affecting you personally, or perhaps this bad news is overshadowing the ones you love and care. Cancers, tumors, heart failure, kidney failure, malfunctions, you name it.

But here comes the good news. Jesus died for you and me. Jesus has also risen from the grave, so you and me can live in eternity. Jesus has beaten death to death, so can we! Let’s hear from St. Paul’s own words in 2 Corinthians, “because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light

and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Hallelujah!

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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

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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.



Holy Week Schedule

- † *Palm Sunday*, April 2nd, 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion; 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- † *Maundy Thursday*, April 6th, 6:30 p.m. Worship
- † *Good Friday*, April 7th, No Worship
- † *Easter*, April 9th, 9:00 a.m. Worship; No Sunday School



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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	Deloris Dunham	04/21
Aaron Fouquette	04/04	Jacob Johnson	04/22
Jeremy Osborne	04/05	Jack Pray	04/23
Donald Tollerud	04/05	Margot Tollerud	04/23
Corey Sillerud	04/06	Gavin Haugrud	04/26
Jonah Follingstad	04/07	Isabella Jasso	04/26
Kristi Haugrud	04/07	Wayne Hovland	04/28
Linda Tollerud	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!

North Immanuel Church Council Meeting
March 8, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. Present: Pastor Isaiah, Brad Knorr, Dave Dunham, Steve Strandlien, Wayne Hovland, Becky Lage, Donna Dunham, Tanner Nelson, Bonnie Harry, Brenda Haugrud and Julie Ann Holt. Absent: Robbie Shulstad

Pastor's Report: Pastor is still doing visitations around the area. Mondays have been working well for these visits, which sometimes include communion. He is working on setting up a meeting with the Christian Education board soon to discuss goals/mission. A baptism request has been made and approved for Palm Sunday. Thank you notes from benevolence recipients were passed around.

Secretary's report read and accepted.

Treasurer's report by Julie Ann Holt reviewed and placed on file.

Committee reports:

Evangelism: Usher/greeter list updated. Up next is organizing the outdoor services schedule.

Stewardship: Seed and Feed mailing list was looked over, consolidating the list (some were on the list more than once) and paring it down a bit will save money. It was also suggested that the S&F should be left in the congregations' mailboxes an extra week before mailing out. Follow-up on Bible donations, to date 47 Bibles have been adopted.

Christian Education: nothing to report

Property and Management: One estimate was provided for stain glass repair, approximately \$5800 per window. Grant opportunities will be looked into.

Old Business: none

New Business: With March being Minnesota FoodShare month, Becky made a motion to donate \$500 each to Barnesville and Pelican Rapids food shelves, 2nd by Wayne, motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn by Wayne, 2nd by Tanner. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:05.

Next meeting April 12th, 2023

Submitted by Brenda Haugrud

North Immanuel Lutheran Church	
January 31, 2023	
Year to Date Income	\$121,035.00
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$ 8,994.00</u>
Net	\$112,041.00
February 28, 2023	
Year to Date Income	\$126,376.00
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$ 16,354.00</u>
Net	\$110,022.00

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

Fridays 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 15th and 20th of each month. Please see each newsletter for the next month's deadline.

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.

I would like to thank the North Immanuel Church Women for the kind gifts of a prayer shawl and bed quilt. They truly are a comfort to me. *Deloris Dunham*

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i>
2 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	3 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	4	5 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 p.m. WS	7 GOOD FRIDAY 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	8
9 EASTER 9:00 a.m. WS No SS	10 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	11	12 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH 6:00 p.m. Church Council mtg	13	14 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	15
16 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	17 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH Deadline for May S&F and Calendar	18	19 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	20	21 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	22
23 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	24 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	25	26 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	27	28 9:30 a.m. BS 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. POH	29
30 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS					Ushers: Mike & Becky Lage (2 & 9); Janice Ness & Tessie Ness (16, 23, & 30)	***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

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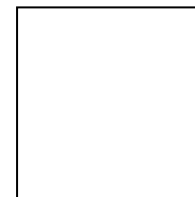
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Following Worship service

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