

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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MAY 2026



Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868 as a day to honor the soldiers who died during the American Civil War. Today we honor all War veterans, men and women who have given their lives for our country. Pastor Al Rogness reminds us that “it is important that we remember that those who died in battle did not die in order that we might live. Just to live is not enough. They died that we might be free. In all candor, and with utter shame, we must confess that for millions of Americans freedom means simply the opportunity to do what we please. That sort of freedom is not worth one life. Our heroic dead died in order that we might live and freely do what we ought to do.”

This summer we will recognize other holidays that celebrate our freedom, Flag Day on June 4th and the U.S. Semiquincentennial on the Fourth of July. July 4, 1776 marks the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress. We became a free and independent nation. We have our freedom because of people such as Patrick Henry who claimed, “I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.” And Nathan Hale who before his execution stated, “I only

regret that I have but one life to give for my country.” We can continue to celebrate these holidays because of the men and women who serve and defend our country.

Freedom does not come cheap and therefore should not be treated cheaply. In the Scriptures we read, “For freedom Christ has set us free.” (Galatians 5:1) Jesus did not offer his life so that we might live and do as we please. Jesus died to set us free from sin. As Christians our freedom has also come at a great price. Paul’s letter to the Galatians continues, “For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another.”

President J. F. Kennedy said, “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.” As Christians the message is a similar one, “Ask not what your neighbor, your spouse, your child, your God, your church, can do for you, but what you can do for them.” We are free to do what we ought to do. Our nation has set aside holidays to offer an opportunity to celebrate our nation’s freedom. Each new day God offers us an opportunity to celebrate our freedom in Christ. Hopefully we can all be encouraged not to take our freedoms for granted.

Together in Christ,

Pr. Nate Borge

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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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Secretary—Tom Axness (218) 329-6882

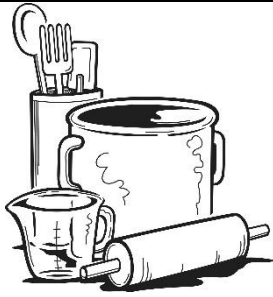
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<http://www.facebook.com/NorthImmanuelLutheranChurch>
<http://www.nilchurch.org>

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Following Worship service



A special congregational meeting will be held after services on May 31st in regards to the kitchen remodel and how we should proceed.



Maxwell Jordan Jegtvig
Brocke Ryan Dunham
Brock Davis Robby Nelson
Brooklyn DiAnn Nelson

Senior Recognition Sunday is May 10, 2026. There will be cake and coffee after church.



Thank you to the North Immanuel congregation for the gift (chicken pouch, post-it notes, gift card, and decorative box) in recognition of Administrative Professionals Day. —*Kara Tollerud*

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

March 31, 2026

Year to Date Income	\$25,476.70
Year to Date Expenses	\$24,059.79
Net	\$1,416.91

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North Immanuel Church Council Minutes

April 15, 2026

Present: Karen Bakken, Jane Knorr, Leon Dunham, Nolan Dunham, Duane Ishaug, Tom Axness, David Aas, Erin Tollerud, Bryant Briard, Pastor Nate Bjorge, and Shyla Strandlien

Absent: Grant Meyer

Called to order by Duane Ishaug at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions led by Pastor Nate. Memory

Treasurers Report – Things are going well. Treasurers report was placed on file

Secretary's minutes reviewed by council before meeting. Leon Dunham made a motion to approve. Nolan Dunham 2nd motion. Motion passed.

Pastors Report – Visits have been made. Confirmation, Baptisms, Easter Sunday.

Committee Reports –

Evangelism and Worship – Next Wednesday is Administrative Recognition Day. Karen will take care of getting a gift for Kara. Dave Aas 1st motion. Nolan 2nd motion.

The summer music has been lined up:

June 14 – Lee Brenna at West Cemetery - Squares will serve

June 28 – Nita Velo and Laura Hagen (Prairie Doves)

July 12 – Granders – Council will serve. Craig Bakken will fry donuts.

August 9 – Off The Hook

A sign-up sheet will be put out for people to sign up to serve for the two Sundays that still need food. Ad was put in the Street light that is part of the Barnesville Paper.

Talked about putting together a post card for outdoor worship and sending it to designated addresses in the area. Flyers will also be hung up around the area.

Stewardship – A note has been put in the weekly bulletin so attendees know that the offering plate is in the back of the church.

A sign-up list has been put out to sign up for church cleaning. The designated weekends are the 1st and 3rd weekend in May. Bryant will make an announcement at church on Sunday.

Christian Education – The last day of Sunday School will be on May 3rd. We will be recognizing seniors on May 10th during worship and cake will be served after worship. Jane will purchase the cake.

We will be meeting soon to plan VBS.

Property and Management – Got an estimate from Schritz Plumbing to fix the pipes in the kitchen. It will be approximately \$6500 if we cut out the cement in the floor. There is a cistern in the back corner of the kitchen that is a concern. The price could be much higher. We will not know until we start tearing things up. Discussion held about doing the project in sections. Beginning with the center island and plumbing. Then the West wall and finish with the North and East walls. A congregational meeting will be held on May 31st following services. A notice will be posted on the door and it will be published in the Seed and Feed and bulletin.

Nolan is still trying to get estimates on painting the side of the church that is peeling. The cupola could also use some repair.

Nolan ordered some caution signs.

New Business –

Four letters shared with the council. Thank you from the Barnesville Fire Department for the quilts donated.

A donation was given to the Institute of Luther Theology to support students attending seminary. Jane Knorr made a motion to give \$500.00 Bryant Briard amended motion to \$1000.00. Karen Bakken 2nd motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jane Knorr to increase the music copy right premium through CCL1 so that music can also be downloaded. Tom Axness 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is on May 13th at 6:00 pm..

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

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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David Aas, Worship

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Karen Bakken, Worship

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Erin Tollerud, Education

218-329-3393

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.

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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 May so we can help each other celebrate.

Jared Bungum	05/04	Jere Lynnes	05/20
Hannah Klovstad Cox	05/06	Connie Sillerud	05/20
Lennox Wisner	05/08	Adam Shulstad	05/21
Joseph Axness	05/10	Hailey Dunham	05/21
Joshua Klovstad	05/11	Matthew Nelson	05/24
Sandra Hovland	05/12	Diane Blomster	05/25
Hallie Tollerud	05/13	Yvonne Wells	05/25
Brett Anderson	05/16	Bryant Briard	05/28
Jesse Axness	05/16	Addison Shulstad	05/29
Michael Lage	05/16	Odin Hoovey	05/29
Billy Aas	05/18	Mary Kay Haugrud	05/31
LaVonne Erickson	05/20		

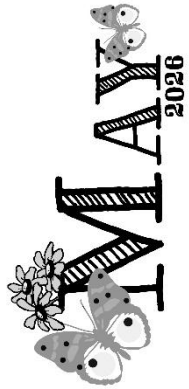
This list is not yet complete. If you have a birthday in May and your name is not here, or if the date we have is incorrect, please call it to Kara so we can update our records. May your birthday be a blessed one!

May 2026

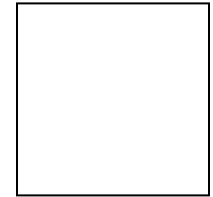
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12:00-4:00 p.m. POH FULL MOON	2
3 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. Last day of SS	4	5	6 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. POH	7 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	8 12:00-4:00 p.m. POH	9 LAST QTR MOON
10 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 a.m. WS & Sr. Recognition Sunday	11	12	13 9:00 a.m. BS; 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. POH 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting	14 ASCENSION OF THE LORD	15 12:00-4:00 p.m. POH	16 ARMED FORCES DAY NEW MOON
17 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	18 Deadline for June S&F and Calendar	19	20 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. POH	21	22 12:00-4:00 p.m. POH	23 1 ST QTR MOON
24 DAY OF PENTECOST 9:00 a.m. WS	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. POH	28	29 12:00-4:00 p.m. POH	30
31 TRINITY SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. WS & Congregational mtg FULL MOON					Greeters: Craig & Karen Bakken (3 & 10); Dave & Heidi Fouquette (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

“Doing the tough things today prepares us for the big things tomorrow.”
—Zig Ziglar



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