

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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MARCH 2025



Warm wishes to all of you in this cold weather. We know warm weather is on the way. The sun will warm us up; the Son of God will raise us up. This month's article will give you the history behind Lent so one can better understand and appreciate it. The resurrection is at the core of our Christian faith. The central event of the Christian faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the core of apostolic preaching and the central celebration of the church's liturgy. It is the focus of the entire church year.

Lent prepares us for it, and the fifty days of Lent are a celebration of it. We understand Lent, therefore, as the preparation for the celebration of the mystery of redemption. Central to this celebration are the cross and the resurrection—each incomplete without the other.

When did Lent begin? Lent had its beginnings in the preparation of candidates for Baptism. By the middle of the fourth century at Jerusalem, candidates for Baptism fasted 40 days, and during this period the catechetical lectures of Cyril of Jerusalem were read to them. The length of the fast—40 days—was chosen

according to Biblical events: Jesus' fast after his baptism. Moses' stay on Mount Sinai, the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, Elijah's fast on his way to the mountain of God.

After the legalization of Christianity in 313 CE, the period of preparation for Baptism became a general period of preparation of all Christians for Easter. The length of the fast was 36 days—six weeks—not counting Sundays, which are always a day of celebrating the resurrection. In sixth-century Rome four days were added to the beginning of Lent to bring it to the biblical number of 40 days, and by the end of the seventh century, the 40-day Lent had become accepted in the West. The Eastern church has an eight-week Lent, excluding Thursdays and Saturdays as well as Sundays.

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday which leads to the absolution and peace of the Maundy Thursday liturgy. The mood is penitence and reflection on the quality of our faith and life; its goal is participation in the Lenten discipline, which, by its focus on the mystery of redemption, should strengthen us by bringing us anew to the gift of our Baptism. The word "Lent" is from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning "springtime" and so is to be understood as the holy springtime of the soul, a time for preparation, planting, and growth. I think this is enough to think about for now. Have a fruitful March. God's peace be with you.

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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.

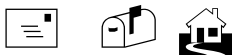
CEMETERY BOARD OFFICERS

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

Everyone Welcome

**Quilting
for
Common Hope Mission in Guatemala
And Many Local Area Missions**

Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a quilt handmade by someone. That's the feeling you can share with others by coming together to construct quilts. With a simple combination of fabric, thread, and time, you can reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of Love & Hope.

We would love to have you join us at

NORTH IMMANUEL CHURCH

Thursday, March 20th 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 21st 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Bring Potluck Item to Share

2025



5:30-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:30 Lenten Service

Temptation

Ash Wednesday 3/5: Eve's Temptation: Did God Say?

3/12: Cain's Temptation: Why Are You Angry?

3/19: Abraham's Temptation: Can a Child Be Born?

3/26: Jacob's Temptation: Tell Me Your Name

4/2: Saul's Temptation: Bring the Burnt Offering

4/9: David's Temptation: Set Uriah in the Forefront

Maundy Thursday 4/17: Peter's Temptation: One of You Will Betray Me

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

January 31, 2025

Year to Date Income

\$114,055.00

Year to Date Expenses

\$9,528.06

Net

\$104,526.94

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



Short council meeting following Annual meeting, January 26, 2025

Present: Tanner Nelson, Leon Dunham, Bryant Briard, Grant Meyer, Brenda Haugrud, Duane Ishaug, Jane Knorr, and Tom Axness

Officers were selected: Grant Meyer-president

Duane Ishaug-vice president

Jane Knorr-secretary

Meeting adjourned, next meeting Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m.

**NORTH IMMANUEL ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2025**

Council President Tanner Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

Interim Pastor Roger led with a devotion from Hebrews 10 and a prayer. He also said that when his first 6-month contract is up he will agree to sign for another term.

Treasurer's report: Shyla recapped the 2024 budget and went over the proposed 2025 budget, noting increases in advertising expenses, benevolence, adult education, Godchild project, and telephone/internet categories for 2025. She also presented information on all bank accounts and CDs. Ballots were passed out and collected, budget approved.

Secretary's report: Brenda read, Dave Fouquette made a motion to accept report as read, Dave Dunham 2nd, motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Worship committee: Bonnie reviewed the events that took place, including MN Teen Challenge, summer outdoor services and the Granders Christmas concert and thanked everyone who helped with these events. A new funeral pall and urn was purchased as well as a new "welcome" banner. She also thanked Pastor Roger.

Stewardship: nothing to report.

Christian Education: Robbie thanked everyone who helped with VBS, noting it went well. She also thanked Lois for helping out with confirmation.

Property and Management: Steve Strandlien reported that the windows project is complete.

New Business:

1. **Live Ark Trip:** planning is underway for a trip for the youth to go see the Ark Encounter in Williamsburg, KY and the Creation Museum (in Petersburg, KY). Shyla said that fundraising has been discussed, as the preliminary estimates would be around \$1000 per person. Luther League funds are also available for events like this, at the discretion of the Board of Education.
2. **Call committee update:** Bryant stated that there have been a few interviews but we are still in "searching status."
3. **Benevolence:** after much discussion Dave Fouquette made a motion to take \$20,000 from the CD that is maturing in February and put into a separate money market account to be controlled by the executive committee to distribute up to \$2000 for "emergency benevolence" situations; future interest would go to replenish this account. Dave Dunham 2nd, motion passed by majority.
4. **Kitchen updates:** Heidi Fouquette mentioned some updates that the kitchen needs, so a renovation committee was formed with Sandie Strandlien and Heidi to get ideas and estimates to council.
5. **Altar cloths:** Bonnie recommended replacing the faded and worn altar cloths. Brian Johnson made a motion that up to \$4000 be allocated towards this purchase. Brad Knorr 2nd, motion carried. Duane Ishaug made a motion to adjust budget for this, Brian 2nd, motion passed. Categorized as maintenance expense.
6. Ballots with church council, cemetery board and Christian education nominees were distributed. The floor was opened for additional nominations. After no other nominations were made, Jane Knorr made a motion to approve the ballot by a unanimous vote, Duane 2nd, motion carried. The results are as follows: New Council members: Bryant Briard, Leon Dunham, Duane Ishaug, and Jane Knorr. Cemetery Board: Don Tollerud and Tom Axness. Christian Education: Krystle Meyer and Erin Tollerud.

7. Nominating committee members for 2026 are Dawn Shulstad (nominated by Dave Dunham) and Steve Strandlien (volunteered).
8. Weather-related closures: Bryant B. made a motion that if the actual temperature is -20° F, church services will be canceled by 7:00 a.m. Sunday at the latest but preferably the evening before; other inclement weather-condition cancellations will be at the discretion of the executive committee. Steve 2nd, motion carried.
9. New livestream equipment is up and running, and the online payment and donation processing system which allows members and livestream/website visitors to give offering online is nearly integrated. A big “Thank You” to all involved in the live-streaming operations. The website has been updated, thank you Allie Briard.

Steve made a motion to adjourn, Duane 2nd; meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by Brenda Haugrud

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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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 March so we can help each other celebrate.

Paul Aarness	03/01	Charlene Klovstad	03/09
Daniel Lynnes	03/01	Darleen Hovland	03/14
Terry Sillerud	03/02	Tate Nelson	03/16
Erik Lynnes	03/03	Philip Shulstad	03/21
Mark Follingstad	03/05	Emiliano Jasso	03/21
Brent Tollerud	03/07	Bonnie Harry	03/22
Ryan Lindell	03/07	Brenda Haugrud	03/31
Colten Dunham	03/08		

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

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS/Conf.	3	4	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread 6:30 p.m. LS	6 1 ST QTR MOON	7 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	8
9 1 ST SUNDAY IN LENT; DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS; 9:00 a.m. WS; 10:00 a.m. SS	10	11	12 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread 6:30 p.m. LS	13	14 FULL MOON	15
16 2 ND SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS/Conf.	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY Deadline for April S&F and Calendar	18	19 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread 6:30 p.m. LS	20 1 ST DAY OF SPRING 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Quilting	21 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Quilting	22 LAST QTR MOON
23 3 RD SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 a.m. SS 10:00 a.m. SS/Conf.	24	25	26 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soup & Bread 6:30 p.m. LS	27	28	29 NEW MOON
30 4 TH SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS/Conf.	31				Greeters: Nolan & Candi Dunham (2, 9, & 16); Jerad Craik & Shyla Strandlien (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



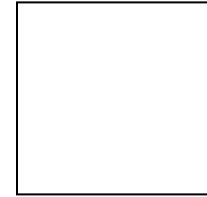
Following Worship service

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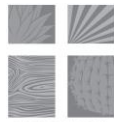
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FIRST SUNDAY
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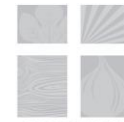
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Welcome
Spring

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THIRD SUNDAY
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FOURTH SUNDAY
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