

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

DECEMBER 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you.

What's your take on depression? The reactions to depression vary. Some people do not believe depression is real. Some may suppose that the "so-called" depression is a mere excuse that one utilizes to flee from reality. Some might say that people fake depression so that they can get attention. Some may think that depression is for the weak and meek, that one must be strong and tough to combat any battles in life.

But in reality, depression is not an illusion. It is very much real. Boston University unveils the true face of depression in a recent study that "the elevated rate of depression has persisted into 2021, and even worsened, climbing to 32.8 percent and affecting 1 in every 3 American adults." Granted, there are people pretending to have all sorts of issues to gain attention and care. But people do suffer from depression, even one in every three persons.

The Psalmist also attests to it. He writes in Psalm 42, "Why are you in despair, my soul? And why are you restless within me?" He also ponders on the question that why life could be miserable and hopeless. His soul can find no rest.

What is the treatment then? Given the prodigious advancement of modern medicine, medication could help to a certain extent. However, the therapists, doctors, or meditations are not always helpful at all times in all places for all peoples. Their wisdom and relief do have limitations.

The psalmist points us to the true light. He goes deeper to find the ultimate solution to depression. "Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God."

God never fails. God is always able to comfort His people, though His comfort may seem "delayed and inadequate" in our eyes.

Let me end the newsletter with this praise song titled "One Thing Remains" by Jesus Culture:
"Higher than the mountains that I face; Stronger than the power of the grave; Constant through the trial and the change; One thing remains, yes, one thing remains. Your love never fails. It never gives up. It never runs out on me."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

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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—David Aas (218) 863-5455
Treasurer—Judy Johnson (218) 863-2204
Secretary—Bill Osborne (218) 863-7913

North Immanuel is Online:

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



*Christmas
Program*

Sunday School Christmas Program
Sunday, December 12, 2021 during Worship
There will be a potluck meal following the service.

NORTH IMMANUEL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. following worship services

Confirmation

Wednesdays Sept-May

6:00 p.m. Youth Meal

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Holy Communion

First and Third Sunday of each month

Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Sept-May

Bible Study

Wednesdays 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 Confirmation 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

NILC Council Members

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Coffee Fellowship

Serving Schedule

Each month

1st Sunday

2nd Sunday

3rd Sunday

4th Sunday

5th Sunday

Work Group 1

Work Group 2

Men's Squares

Women's Group

Church Council



Following Worship service

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.

Council Minutes November 9, 2021

Present: Sandie, Wayne, Brad, Dave, Brian, Isaiah and Julie Ann

Absent: Conni, Heidi and Jacob

Called to Order by Sandie at 6:05 p.m.

Pastor Isaiah talked about the Pulpit Supply he has been doing at Solum and Hegland Churches. His wishes for Council to do more Ministry moving forward. Talked about Family Renewal Weekend coming in the Spring.

Discussion on the 2 CD's coming due in November. Motion made to Combine the 2 CD's to total \$35,000, put in 16 month CD at MN National and overage to put in Savings to show Activity.

Motion made by Wayne and 2nd by Brad-Motion carried

Discussion on Christmas Eve Service and Sunday service on the 26th.

“Motion made Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 p.m. and No Sunday Service on the 26th” Motion made by Brian and 2nd by Wayne-Motion carried.

Christian Education-Need Teachers-If you're Interested or know someone that would like to help with Sunday School, contact Brian Johnson or Dave Dunham

Sunday School Christmas Program-Sunday December 12th during Service with Potluck to follow. Bring a dish to share.

Wayne contacted Dillon's to Service Furnace before Winter

Annual Congregation Meeting set for February 6th Motion made by Brian & 2nd by Dave. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting December 14th 2021

Submitted by Sandie Strandlien

Church Finances		
Minnesota National Bank		
Beginning Balance 10/01/2021		\$ 5,499.32
Income:		
Member/Loose Offering	\$ 5,606.00	
Total Income		\$ 5,606.00
Expenses:		
Budgeted		\$ 6,903.85
Ending Balance 10/31/2021		
Minnesota National Bank		\$ 4,201.47
Mail	\$ 800.00	
10/3/2021	\$ 815.00	
10/10/2021	\$ 1,361.00	
10/17/2021	\$ 1,340.00	
10/24/2021	\$ 940.00	
10/31/2021	\$ 350.00	

Congregation members are invited to write to these young men who are serving. If you know of someone who is serving in the military and want to include their contact info, please submit their addresses to Kara.



MAJ Mitchell Johnson
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Andrews AFB, MD 20762

DECEMBER



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 December so we can help each other celebrate.

Nicholas Hovland	12/03	Peyton Christianson	12/08	Jerald Lynnes	12/19
Lynnzee Johnson	12/04	David Dunham	12/12	Josh Lynnes	12/20
Jay Roste	12/04	Nolan Dunham	12/12	Timothy Klovstad	12/21
David Fouquette	12/04	Dawn Shulstad	12/12	William Wells Jr.	12/22
David Ishaug	12/06	Celeste Torgerson	12/14	Barbara Le Claire	12/22
Tilda Haugan	12/08	Bree Anderson	12/15	Steven Strandlien	12/26
				Mary Thompson	12/26
				Leo Hanville	12/31

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

Merry
CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Worship
4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 24, 2021

Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child. A total of 34 boxes were collected at NILC.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ushers: Brad & Jane Knorr (5 & 12); Brian & Judy Johnson (19 & 26)	***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.***	Council member in charge for December: Brad Knorr	<i>1</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 5:15-6:45 p.m. Fellowship Supper 7:00 p.m. Granders Concert	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> NEW MOON
<i>5</i> 2 ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 6:00 p.m. Conf.	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 1 ST QUARTER MOON	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> 3 RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m. WS with SS Christmas Program and potluck to follow	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting	<i>15</i> 9:30 a.m. BS 6:00 p.m. Conf.	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> FULL MOON
<i>19</i> 4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m. WS/HC No SS	<i>20</i> Deadline for January S&F and Calendar	<i>21</i> WINTER BEGINS	<i>22</i> 9:30 a.m. BS	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 p.m. WS	<i>25</i> CHRISTMAS DAY
<i>26</i> No WS No SS LAST QUARTER MOON	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 9:30 a.m. BS	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> NEW YEAR'S EVE	

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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Christmas Concert
 Wednesday, December 1 • 7:00 p.m.
 North Immanuel Lutheran Church

Featuring
The Granders

A Beautiful Blend
 of
 Vocal & Acoustic
 Gospel & Classic
 Christmas Music

Fellowship Supper Served
 before the concert
 ~Homemade~
 Soups, Breads & Christmas Sweets
 Serving from
 5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
 Call In To Go Meals Available
 More Information To Come

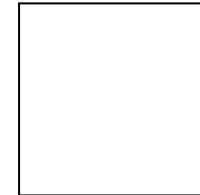
Free-will offering proceeds for
 Shop with a Hero.

Everyone Welcome!
 Invite your Friends, Family
 & Neighbors.

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 2713 County Highway 30
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



SHARING
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 WITH...



Second Sunday
 of Advent

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Third Sunday
 of Advent

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Fourth Sunday
 of Advent

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FIRST DAY OF
 Winter

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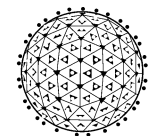
CHRISTMAS
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Christmas Day

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New Year's Eve

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