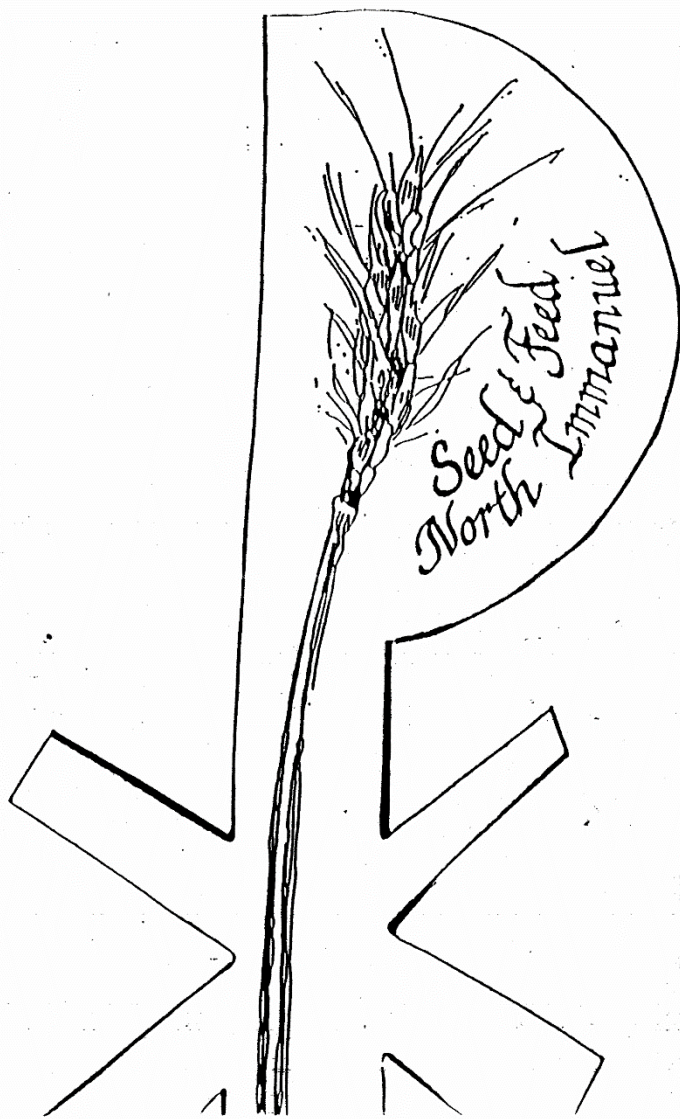


NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

AUGUST 2021



Dear Friends,

Are you worried? Are you afraid? Are you troubled?
Are you broken hearted?

Have you shed your tears? Have you felt that your life
is in despair, and nothing can alleviate your pain?

Have you woken at night and would not be able to
sleep?

Do you feel like God has ditched you?

If you do, you are not alone. The Psalmist David could
well resonate with you. He writes in Psalm 6, "...My
soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how
long?" David unashamedly asks God that how much
longer God would wait before He takes any actions.
The poet is asking the same question as we are, "Does
God care that we are suffering?" If so, why doesn't
God respond or rescue us?

David goes on describing his anguish, "I am weary
with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with
tears; I drench my couch with my weeping." Can you

relate? Are you in David's shoes? This is no trivial matter. Our suffering and pain are real, we do not make them up.

We wonder why bad things would happen to us, why there are so much evil in the world, why people are hating and dissenting each other, why a building would collapse and bury someone's beloved husbands, wives, children, and grandchildren. We wash our faces with our tears.

But there is hope. Although God may or may not immediately respond to us, the psalmist is confident that God will hear us. He writes with assurance, "The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer."

Dear friend, in the midst of our suffering and grieving, do not lost heart. Do not doubt if God has abandoned you. He has not. Rather He has abandoned His own Son, Jesus Christ to die for us, so that we can be His children as well. If you are the children of God, hear this promise "The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer." Wait for the good promise of the LORD.

Go in Peace.

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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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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>

North Immanuel Lutheran Church
150th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, August 8, 2021
9:00 a.m.
with music from the Granders
and a meal and time to share history & memories following Worship

Please share the date with family, friends, and former members.

Sponsor ID: 1078129-m1559
Sponsor Name: North Immanuel Lutheran Church
Student Name: Alexander Chanta

Dear North Immanuel Lutheran Church,

I hope that this note finds your family healthy! I wanted to share a few things about me.

Last year we did distance learning at school. My favorite thing about distance learning was its safer and more fun. During the changes, I appreciated help from Mrs. Jenifer because she always clears up my doubts and things I do not understand.

Vacation has ended and we are now back to school! My favorite subject in school is math. This year I am most excited for share things with my family on the daily. My favorite thing about myself is I always work my hardest in school even if it is really difficult for me.

Because of the pandemic, I have been spending a lot of time at home. My favorite family pastime is living and spending time with them. I am grateful for my health because during this time of the pandemic it is very important to take precautions to maintain good health.

This year is the 35th anniversary of Common Hope. This year I will be 17 years old. My favorite way to celebrate my birthday is with my family. How do you celebrate your birthday?

Something else I would like to tell you is: Thank you so much for all of the support that you give me.

Two questions I want to ask you are: How have you been recently? How many kids do you have?

I hope to hear from you soon! From your student, Alexander

North Immanuel Outdoor Worship Schedule

2nd and 4th Sundays in August

Worship @ 9:00 a.m. with Fellowship meal to follow

Aug 8	The Granders	150 th Annv Celebration	NILC Church grounds
Aug 22	A-Chord		NILC Church grounds
Sept 12	The Fladlands featuring Loy Larson		NILC Church grounds

Bring your own lawn chair

In the event of rain- worship service and fellowship will be indoors



More Than Sunday Ministries

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More Than Sunday Ministries

Hello...I hope this finds you well and that you have been enjoying spring!

I recently launched More Than Sunday Ministries as a way to help people grow deeper in their faith by offering them daily encouragement for living a life of faith Monday thru Saturday.

As part of MTS I would like to publish a magazine. Are you familiar with the *Guideposts* magazine? *Guideposts* is a magazine containing personal stories offering its readers hope and encouragement. This is what I would like to create. To do so I need your help!

All of us have dealt with something in our life that has been challenging. Would you please share your story? Your story will bring hope to people who may be in a similar situation, a situation that may feel hopeless to them. Your story will give people a reason to keep going.

In sharing your story engage people's hearts. Be authentic and vulnerable illuminating 'hope'. Point to something greater, something better. Show the reader how your faith and relationship with the Lord has grown because of what you are sharing.

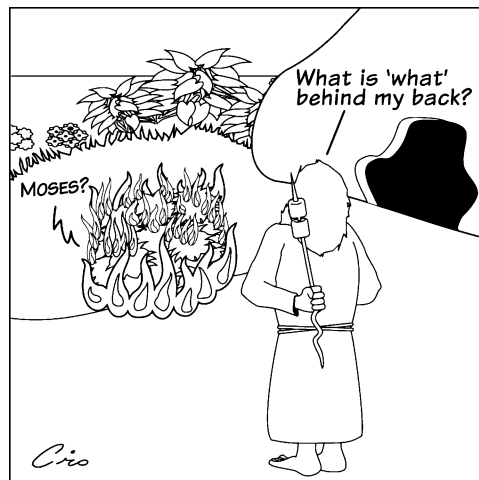
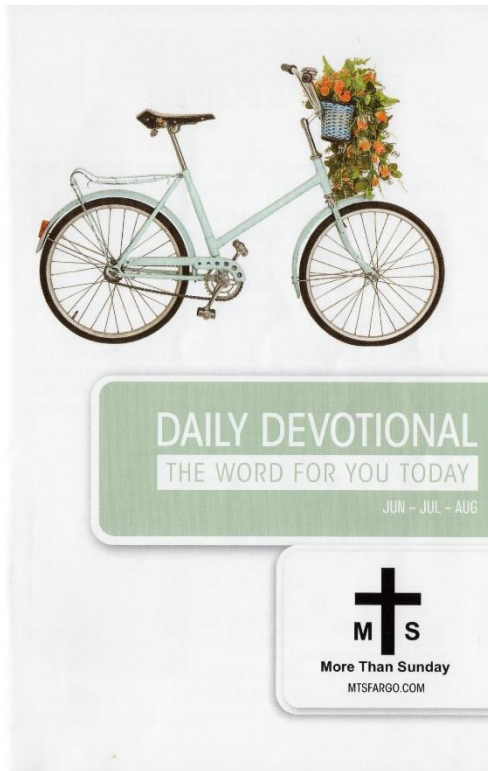
Please let me know if you are willing to share your story. You can write it yourself or I can have someone interview you and write your story for you.

Questions? Please email me or call me. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Thanks, I look forward to you sharing your story!

For His Glory!

Steve Regner



Church Council Minutes

- 1) 2021-07-13 Church Council meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sandie
 - a) Present: Sandie, Heidi, Conni, Brad, Wayne, David, Brian, Jacob, and Pastor Isaiah,
 - b) Absent: Julie Ann
- 2) Pastors Report:
 - a) Devotions read by Pastor Isaiah.
 - b) Pastor completed visitations to Nursing homes and some parishioners. Brought up about have Community Church Service with other area churches.
 - c) Discussed canvassing area for children to attend Sunday School.
- 3) Secretaries Report was read, approved, and placed on file.
- 4) Treasures report- Reviewed and placed on file
- 5) Evangelism Report:
 - a) It was decided the current placement of the Offering Plates was fine as is.
- 6) Discussed the Meat Ball Supper for the fall.
 - a) Inquired as to what other churches had planned/were doing for ideas.
- 7) Discussed current planning for 150th anniversary:
 - a) Dawn and Kara will make short speeches. Will Invite others to share Memories of NI
 - b) Currently advertising in the Pelican Press and ads on Facebook
- 8) Stewardship Report:
 - a) Discussed current communion process and decided to leave as is with review again at the next meeting.
- 9) Property and Management:
 - a) The lawn was sprayed for weeds.
 - b) The Directory was dis-assembled and repaired by Steve with new plexiglass replaced.
 - c) The elevator passed its inspection with no issues to be addressed.
 - d) Steve thinks the 20+ year old water softener is failing.
 - i) Motion Made to replace and will be installed by Mr. Plummer. Wayne H will purchase and contact Mr Plummer.
 - ii) 1st by Dave
 - iii) 2nd by Brian
 - e) Wayne is locating trailers to haul chairs and tables for the 150th anniversary.
 - f) Sandie brought up about Church needs a Cleaning. She will contact Group Leaders to invite members to help clean on August 4th starting at 4pm. Front carpet entryway needs to be cleaned. Brad was going to see if Jane would be able to shampoo.
- 10) The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting August 10, 2021

Submitted by Heidi Fouquette, Secretary



Hit the sack!

Sleep is a daily reminder from God that we are not God. Once a day God sends us to bed like patients with a sickness. The sickness is a chronic tendency to think we are in control and that our work is indispensable. To cure us of this disease, God turns us into helpless sacks of sand once a day.

—John Piper

Church Finances		
Minnesota National Bank		
Beginning Balance 6/01/2021		\$ 7,762.78
Income:		
Member/Loose Offering	\$ 11,636.00	
Aushman	1,333.89	
Total Income		\$ 12,969.89
Expenses:		
Budgeted		\$ 8,229.69
Ending Balance 6/30/2021		
Minnesota National Bank		\$ 12,502.98
Mail	\$ 8,400.00	
6/6/2021	\$ 470.00	
6/13/2021	\$ 1,240.00	
6/20/2021	\$ 1,165.00	
6/27/2021	\$ 361.00	

August 2021 Health Note from the Welcome Place

It's hard to believe the August newsletters are being written already. 2020 seemed to last forever and 2021 has flown by. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy time with families and friends and that those celebrations will continue.

By the time the August newsletter comes out, the first in-person Caregivers Discussion group in over a year will have been held (it's scheduled for July 28 from 1-2 at Faith Lutheran Church in Pelican Rapids. The coordinator is Debi Retzlaff of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. The sessions are open to anyone but will be focused on the Pelican Rapids area and plans are for in-person sessions only (no on-line). Anyone interested can contact her at 218-220-7517. Sessions will be the 4th Wednesday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church from 1-2.

The Pandemic contributed to many changes, including to non-profit groups. The Welcome Place in Pelican Rapids has also made changes. As many of you know, I retired from there as a Faith Community Nurse 2 years ago but agreed to continue the Health Tip articles as part of their Mission. With the change in sponsorship of the Caregivers group to LSS, we have decided to discontinue the Health Tips, too, so this will be my last note under the by-line of The Welcome Place.

I remain a member of Zion Lutheran Church on Franklin Lake so still have some participation in the Pelican Rapids area. (And we still subscribe to the Press!)

Wishing you well and thanks for the support of The Welcome Place and for reading the monthly articles.

Katherine Jordahl, RN.

“Prayer is a moment of incarnation—God with us. God involved in the details of my life.”
—Paul E. Miller

Trip Calendar 2021

TRAVEL. VOLUNTEER. LEARN. GROW.

There is limited travel to Guatemala with Common Hope in 2021. If you are interested in the November 2021 *Power of Hope* Graduation celebration, or other limited dates in 2021, please contact Avi Mylrea, Associate Director of Strategic Relations and U.S. Vision Teams, at AviM@us.commonhope.org or call 651-287-0716. She would be happy to discuss 2021 travel options and 2022 dates. **Common Hope is now booking 2022 Vision Team trips.** ¡Gracias!

TRIP DATES	TEAM NAME	HOME BASE
August 23 - 29, 2021	Work Team	LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE
November 3 - 7, 2021	35th Anniversary and Graduation Celebration.	

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 8:30am – 5:00pm

(Fridays, Memorial Day – Labor Day): 8:30am – 12:30pm

Common Hope

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Trip Calendar 2022

TRAVEL. VOLUNTEER. LEARN. GROW.

There are dates still open in 2022. If you are interested in a 2022 Vision Team, please contact Avi Mylrea, Associate Director of Strategic Relations and U.S. Vision Teams, at AviM@us.commonhope.org or call 651-287-0716. She would be happy to discuss open dates with you and begin planning your trip. ¡Gracias!

TRIP DATES	TEAM NAME	HOME BASE
January 23 - 30	Frisch and Friends Vision Team	Maple Grove, MN000000
January 25 - 30	Hellermans Team Builder	Melrose, MN
January 30 - February 6	Holy Spirit Vision Team	Kirkland, WA
February 6 - 13	Elmbrook Rotary Vision Team	Elmbrook, WI
February 20 - 27	First Parish of Brookline Vision Team	Boston, MA
February 27 - March 6	Hennepin United Methodist Church Vision Team	Minneapolis, MN
March 5 - 13	UofM Dental Team	Minneapolis, MN
March 13 - 20	Fields and Friends Vision Team	Valdosta, GA and Champlin, MN
April 3 - 10	Pie Consulting Vision Team	Eden Prairie, MN and Denver, CO.
April 10 - 17	HOLY WEEK	n/a
April 17 - 24	Allina Friends Vision Team	Minneapolis, MN
April 30 - May 7	UofM Dental Team	Minneapolis, MN
April 24 - May 1	Travel To Serve	Richville, MN
May 7 - 14	UofM Dental Team	Minneapolis, MN
May 29 - June 5	O'Briens Dental Team	Davis, CA
June 12 - 19	St.Croix Prep Vision Team	Stillwater, MN
June 19 - 26	St. Andrew Presbyterian Vision Team	Boulder, CO
July 3 - 10	West Islip Vision Team	Babylon, NY
July 10 - 17	UCCMankato Vision Team	Mankato, MN
July 17 - 24	SACS Vision Team Junior	Shakopee, MN

July 24 - 31	Columbine Vision Team	Littleton, CO
July 31 - August 7	Do Good Things Vision Team Junior	Hopkins, MN
August 7 - 14	Eagle Heights Franz Vision Team Junior	Eden Prairie, MN
August 14 - 21	Eagle Heights Vision Team Junior	Eden Prairie, MN
August 20 - 27	UofM Dental Team	Minneapolis, MN
October 9 - 16	Lamorinda Sunrise Vision Team	Lafayette, CA
October 16 - 23	Faith Lutheran Waconia Vision Team	Waconia, MN
November 16-20	Showdown Team Builder	Brooklyn Center, MN

Please consider writing to our North Immanuel sponsored students from Guatemala.

Our church sponsors three students in Guatemala through Common Hope (www.commonhope.org). Our sponsorship helps these students to be able to go to school and their families to have the resources to break the cycle of poverty.

Your letters don't have to be lengthy. They would love to hear from you and your family. Your words of encouragement can go a long way!

How to send a letter:

1. Mail to Common Hope at:
1400 Energy Park Dr
Suite 23
St. Paul, MN 55108
2. Write the letter online at: www.commonhope.org/hopenote
Sending online will allow the letter to arrive quicker to Common Hope and the student.

With all letters, please include the students name and ID provided below.

Esly A Catavi

Student ID 1078129-f13667

Birthday 12/10/2002

Alexander R Chanta

Student ID 1078129-m1559

Birthday 4/26/2004

Monica L Garcia

Student ID 1078129-m990

Birthday 9/23/2003

The Pass It On thrift store is now open regular hours and taking donations. We are also in need of a few more volunteers to fill in when needed. The shifts are three hours long and you can volunteer weekly or just be on call when a regular volunteer is gone. We need people to man the till or put thing away. No pricing is done by the volunteers and our cash register is simple - no tax to collect. Our hours are Tuesday 10 - 12; Thursday 10 - 5; Friday 10 - 4 and Saturday 10 - 1. Please consider volunteering - we have lots of fun! See Diane or one of the workers to volunteer.



Congregation members are invited to write to these young men that 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.



SFC Aas, Douglas
B Co. 2-136 INF, 1-194AR
APO, AE 09300



MAJ Mitchell Johnson
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AUGUST

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 August so we can help each other celebrate.

Jeffrey Holt	08/02	Laurie Jo Johnson	08/12	Jason Ross Jr.	08/23
Lori Strandlien	08/02	Cody Nord	08/12	Keegan Jones	08/24
Cha'Von Kugler	08/05	Summer Anderson	08/12	Melissa Flerschinger	08/25
Aneta Dillerud	08/05	Tracy Ross	08/16	Lois Ishaug	08/28
Kevin Holt	08/07	Jeremy Lynnes	08/18	Abby Ganyo	08/28
Joseph Anderson	08/09	Christa Johnson	08/19		
Janice Johnson	08/12	Katlyn Johnson	08/19		

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

Please join us to help celebrate Donna Johnson's 90th birthday.
 Sunday, August 22nd at Grace church in Erhard, Minnesota.
 Open house from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 No gifts please.

COMPANY IS COMING!! NEED TO CLEAN THE HOUSE!!

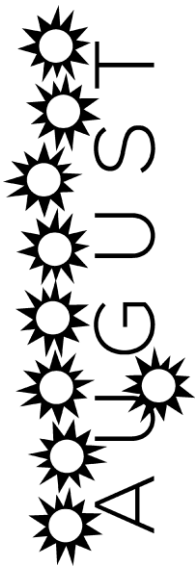
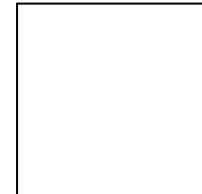
NORTH IMMANUEL CHURCH COULD USE A GOOD CLEANING FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY.
NEED AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO HELP

AUGUST 4TH STARTING AT 4:00 p.m.-UNTIL ALL 3 FLOORS ARE CLEAN. COME WHEN YOU CAN
& BRING THE FAMILY.

2021

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SHARING
THE NEWS
WITH...



AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 9:00 a.m. WS/HC with Pr. Tom Olson sharing about his Mission Trip	<i>2</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH "work from home"	<i>3</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH	<i>4</i> 4:00 p.m. Church Cleaning 12:00-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>5</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH	<i>6</i> PDO	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with the Granders & 150 th Anniversary celebration NEW MOON	<i>9</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH "work from home"	<i>10</i> 1:00-6:00 p.m. POH 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting	<i>11</i> 12:00-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>12</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH	<i>13</i> PDO	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 1 ST QUARTER MOON	<i>16</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH "work from home"	<i>17</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH	<i>18</i> 12:00-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>19</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH	<i>20</i> PDO Deadline for September S&F and Calendar	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i> 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with A-Chord FULL MOON	<i>23</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH "work from home"	<i>24</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH	<i>25</i> 12:00-5:00 p.m. POH	<i>26</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH	<i>27</i> PDO	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> 9:00 a.m. WS	<i>30</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH "work from home" LAST QUARTER MOON	<i>31</i> 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. POH	Ushers: Craig & Brenda Haugrud (1, 8, & 15); Bill Osborne & Arland Anderson (22 & 29)	***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.***		Council member in charge for August: Conni Axness

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

