

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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JULY 2026



We likely celebrate on the Fourth of July with cookouts, parades, family reunions, and fireworks. The Fourth of July is often a day to relax and enjoy the holiday. But how often do we consider that what lies behind this holiday is the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress. This year we will celebrate 250 years as a free and independent nation. We have our freedom only 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." We can continue to celebrate the Fourth of July because of the men and women who gave their lives fighting for our nation's independence. Freedom does not come cheap and therefore should not be treated cheaply.

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."

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, and reconcile us to God and one another. 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 in his inaugural address said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." He closed with these words, With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own." 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. As our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the U.S.A. states, we are "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The Fourth of July offers an opportunity to celebrate our nation's freedom. Each new day offers us an opportunity to celebrate our freedom in Christ.

Together in Christ.

Pastor Nate Bjorge

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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—Duane Ishaug	(218) 280-0589
Treasurer—Judy Johnson	(218) 863-2204
Secretary—Tom Axness	(218) 329-6882

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Following Worship service



August 3rd-5th, 2026
4:30-7:00 p.m.

Anyone that wants to help with VBS, please contact: Jane Knorr, Erin Tollerud, Kara Tollerud, or Krystle Meyer.

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

May 31, 2026

Year to Date Income	\$37,613.09
Year to Date Expenses	\$39,271.77
Net	\$-1,658.68

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North Immanuel Church Council Minutes

June 10, 2026

Present: Karen Bakken, Jane Knorr, Nolan Dunham, Duane Ishaug, David Aas, Erin Tollerud, Grant Meyer, Tom Axness, Pastor Nate Bjorge, and Shyla Strandlien Treasurer

Absent: Bryant Briard, Leon Dunham

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

Devotions led by Pastor Nate

Treasurers Report – Things are on budget. Funds for kitchen remodel will be put aside to cover the cost of the project. Report placed on file.

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

Pastors Report – Visitations, Math House board meeting, Bible Study, Service Preparation

Committee Reports –

Evangelism and Worship – Two outdoor worships this month. Jane Knorr made a motion to pay Off The Hook \$400.00. Nolan Dunham 2nd motion. Motion carried. We will recognize Kara Tollerud on July 26th for 20 years of service.

Stewardship – Nothing

Christian Education – VBS dates set as August 3, 4, 5th from 4:30 – 7:00. Nolan Dunham made a motion to pay \$290.00 for Brenden Craik to attend Bible Camp using Ruby Linder funds. Erin Tollerud 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Property and Management – Discussion held on kitchen remodel. Steve Strandlien has been dealing with the contractors. We will address siding after the kitchen remodel is complete. The louvers in the steeple need to be painted and repaired.

Old Business –

Benevolence – Karen Bakken made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Pelican Rapids Masons to put towards the AEDs they are raising money to purchase. Tom Axness 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Samaritans Purse – tabled

Nutrition Services (Meals on Wheels) Nolan made a motion to donate \$500.00 Karen Bakken 2nd motion. Motion carried.

A donation of \$500.00 was given to a community member that is dealing with health issues.

New Business-

The council is serving the meal in July for outdoor worship. Nolan Dunham will be getting a price to purchase pulled pork, buns and fruit salad from Barnesville Grocery. Erin Tollerud will make coleslaw. Craig Bakken will be making donuts. Jane will check in to chips and beverages. We will plan for 100 people.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026.

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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NILC COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Jane Knorr, Secretary, Education

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Bryant Briard, Stewardship

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Leon Dunham, Worship

218-493-4365

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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Fergus Falls, MN 56537
Dennis is living in the Pioneer Home in Deerwood.

Ila Ishaug

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6000 Chaska Rd Apt 110
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215 E Mill St Apt 107
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If you know of someone who should or would like to be on this list
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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 July so we can help each other celebrate.

Thea Axness	07/04	Finnley Klovstad	07/23
Cameron Johnson	07/04	Glen Swenson	07/24
Everett Hovland	07/05	Ashton Dunham	07/25
Leon Dunham	07/06	Ava Osborne	07/25
Lee Thompson	07/07	Sommer Haugrud	07/27
Madison Lynnes	07/08	Steven Klovstad	07/28
Rebecca Anderson	07/10	Vanessa Johnson	07/28
Teresa Ness	07/10	Kloe Klovstad	07/28
Alyssa Fearing	07/14	Rachel Lynnes	07/29
Nicholas Haugrud	07/15	Lynna Follingstad	07/30
Erica Osborne	07/17	Shyla Strandlien	07/31
Brocke Dunham	07/18	Sara Smischny	07/31
Kylie Lynnes	07/22	Saige Anderson	07/31

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

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters: Brian & Judy Johnson (5 & 12); Craig & Brenda Haugrud (19 & 26)	***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.***		<i>1</i> 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH	<i>4</i> INDEPENDENCE DAY
<i>5</i> 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> LAST QTR MOON	<i>8</i> 9:00 a.m. BS 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. POH	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with the Granders	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> NEW MOON	<i>15</i> 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	<i>20</i> Deadline for August S&F and Calendar	<i>21</i> 1ST QTR MOON	<i>22</i> 9:00 a.m. BS 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. POH	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:00 a.m. WS Recognizing Kara's 20-year anniversary as NILC Parish Secretary	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> FULL MOON Pr. Nate on vacation -----→	<i>30</i> -----	<i>31</i> -----	

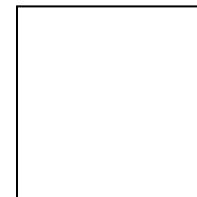
KEY: PTS=Pastors' Text Study; PDO=Pastor's Day Off; LL=Luther League; POH=Pastor's Office Hours; SS=Sunday School; HC=Holy Communion; WS=Worship Service; Conf.=Confirmation; BS=Bible Study; LS=Lenten Service

“Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor without faith.”
—Alexis de Tocqueville



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