

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA • 218-863-5447
AUGUST 2023

Greeting from Camp Ripley,

As many of you are aware, in July, I am off to the Army National Guard Annual Training at Camp Ripley. During training, I see all sorts of machineries and weaponries. No doubt the United States boasts her mighty military strength.

According to Business Insider, the United States is ranked Number 1 (Of course!) of the world's top military powers.

"Despite sequestration and other spending cuts, the United States spends more money — \$601 billion — on defense than the next nine countries on Credit Suisse's index combined.

America's biggest conventional military advantage is its fleet of 10 aircraft carriers. In comparison India, which is constructing its third carrier, has the second-most carriers in the world.

The US also has by far the most aircraft of any country, cutting-edge technology like the Navy's new rail gun, a large and well-trained human force — and that's not even counting the world's largest

#### nuclear arsenal."

The Americans are proud of the numbers of frontline personnel, tanks, aircrafts, and watercrafts. It appears that the United States is building a force which is insurmountable.

Inevitably and unfortunately, as a result, many of the American people have put their faith in the military strength than in God.

In this case, Psalm 20:7 serves as a somber alert to our nation: "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God."

Always Trust in God.

Blessings,

Pastor Isaiah Bai

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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

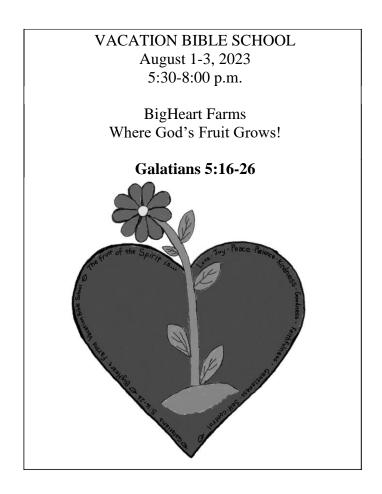
Do you prefer to get your Seed & Feed emailed to you? If so, please email the church (nilchurch@yahoo.com) and state your preference.







To save postage, the deadline for the newsletters each month will be changing. The date will be sometime between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please see each newsletter for the next month's deadline.



A big  $THANK\ YOU$  to all those who helped reorganize the church office.

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

June 30, 2023

Year to Date Income \$159,893.60

Year to Date Expenses \$ 52,051.73

Net \$107,841.87

# Church Council Minutes July 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Pastor Isaiah, Brad Knorr, Dave Dunham, Steve Strandlien, Becky Lage, Donna Dunham, Tanner Nelson, Bonnie Harry, Robbie Shulstad, Brenda Haugrud and Julie Ann Holt. Absent: Wayne Hovland.

Pastor opened meeting with a devotional from Colossians chapter 3 and a prayer.

**Pastor's report**: Pastor provided updates on ministry, an inurnment (July 8), and the uncertainty of dates for basic training. He will be gone July 15-30 (annual training) and August 9-16 (vacation).

Secretary's report: read, accepted and placed on file.

**Treasurer's report**: Julie Ann distributed the budget YTD summary, nothing concerning, noting the benevolence budget is at 75% for the year. She also reminded us to look at summer fill opportunities. Council discussed transferring money into a CD/account at Bellbank if needed to prevent exceeding FDIC limit at MN National Bank.

## **Committee reports:**

**Evangelism Committee**: nothing new to report

**Stewardship**: nothing new to report

**Christian Education**: Preparations are underway for VBS, set for August 1-3 from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

**Property and Management**: Motion made by Dave to approve \$350 expense to carpet sacristy, seconded by Robbie, motion passed.

Old Business: nothing to report

New Business: Robbie and Donna will decide on the date for Rally Sunday. Tanner will look into cost of stepping stones for landscaping possibility.

Motion made to adjourn by Dave, seconded by Becky, carried.

Next meeting September 13, 2023 (no meeting in August)

Submitted by Brenda Haugrud

#### NORTH IMMANUEL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Worship Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. First and Third Sunday of each month

Coffee Fellowship Sunday School

10:00 a.m. following worship services 10:00 a.m. Sept-May

Youth Group

Wednesdays Sept-May Fridays 9:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. Youth Meal Janice Ness's Pelican Rapids

6:30 p.m. Youth Group If interested call Pastor Isaiah #541-968-4358

**Bible Study** 

### **Serving Opportunities**

Serve Sunday Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. following worship

Serve Youth Group 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

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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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#### **Deloris Dunham**

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#### **Lois Ishaug**

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#### **Loretta Ishaug**

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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.



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	Jeremy Lynnes	08/18
Lori Frederickson	08/02	Christa Johnson	08/19
Cha'Von Kugler	08/05	Katlyn Johnson	08/19
Kaitlin Bai	08/05	Jason Ross Jr.	08/23
Kevin Holt	08/07	Keegan Jones	08/24
Joseph Anderson	08/09	Melissa Flerschinger	08/25
Janice Johnson	08/12	Hannah Bai	08/26
Laurie Jo Johnson	08/12	Erin Tollerud	08/27
Cody Nord	08/12	Lois Ishaug	08/28
Summer Anderson	08/12	Abby Ganyo	08/28
Tracy Ross	08/16		

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!

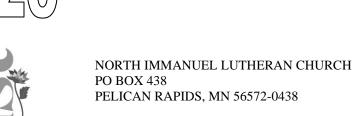
August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30-8:00 p.m. VBS FULL MOON	2 5:30-8:00 p.m. VBS 8:30 a.m5:00 p.m. POH	3 5:30-8:00 p.m. VBS	4 8:30 a.m5:00 p.m. POH	5
6 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	7 8:30 a.m5:00 p.m. POH	8	9	10	11	12
		LAST QTR MOON	→Pr. Isaiah on vacation			
9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with The Granders			16  NEW MOON←	17	18 8:30 a.m5:00 p.m. POH	19
20 9:00 a.m. WS/HC	21 8:30 a.m5:00 p.m. POH Deadline for September S&F and Calendar	22	23 8:30 a.m5:00 p.m. POH	24 FIRST QTR MOON	25 8:30 a.m5:00 p.m. POH	26
27 9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS with A-Chord	28 8:30 a.m5:00 p.m. POH	29	30 8:30 a.m5:00 p.m. POH	31 FULL MOON	Greeters: Kevin & Katy Holt (6 & 13); Bill & Shelia Osborne (20 & 27)	***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



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