

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

NOVEMBER 2021



Dear brothers and sisters of North Immanuel,

Peace be with you.

We all have names. Just in case that you are curious, my Chinese name is “Yuwei”, which means “precious thing in the universe.” My grandpa picked this name while going through a dictionary. My middle name is “Isaiah”—a common American name with Hebrew roots. It means “God saves.”

Have you wondered if God has a name as well? God does have a name. God reveals his name to Moses when Moses inquired about it.

God’s name is YHWH. How do we even pronounce it? Hebrew alphabet does not have vowels (a,e,i,o,u). Then, when God’s name is written, it is YHWH (all consonants) in transliteration. The first few generations of the Israelites know how to pronounce it. However, due to the fear and reverence for God’s name (the second commandment), the Jews dare not to call God’s name but replace it with Adonai (my lord). When the first English translators translated the biblical text, they

followed the same practice, they replace God’s name YHWH with the all-capital-case LORD. When you encounter all upper-case LORD in the Old Testament, you can be sure that was God’s name.

YHWH pronounces as Yahweh. What does it mean then? It means “I am”.

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” (Exodus 3:13-14)

God’s name is “I am” which stands in contrast with “I was” or “I will be”. “I am” indicates the presence of God in the present time.

A god with the name “I was” is no help to you. The “I was” god only existed in the past. He might be great back when dinosaurs were alive, but for sure he has no power now.

A god with the name “I will be” is no help to you as well. The “I will be” god only will exist in the future. He could be almighty and powerful in year 6021, but for sure he cannot save you in this moment.

This God whom we worship is called “I am”. The Psalmist says, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Ps 46:1)”

Every single moment of our lives, our God does not miss out, but walks alongside of us at all times. Let us place our hope, seek our refuge, and gain our strength from this ever-present and ever-lasting God. “Yahweh! Yahweh! a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness! (Ex 34:6)”

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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.

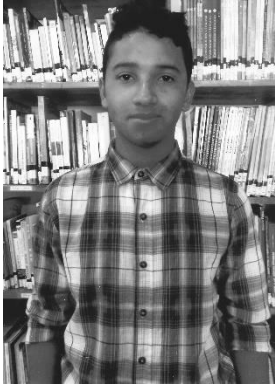
## CEMETERY BOARD OFFICERS

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## North Immanuel is Online:

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





# High School Graduation Celebration

## Class of 2021

*Esly Catavi*

### Graduation Celebration

November 3-7, 2021 Antigua, Guatemala

CONGRATULATIONS, North Immanuel Lutheran Church!

We are thrilled to share that your sponsored student, Esly Catavi, is on track to graduate from high school this October.

THIS IS A BIG DEAL! In a country where less than 20% of students graduate from high school, Esly has beaten the odds. With a diploma in hand, he is ready to land a job that could double his lifetime earnings. There is no question, that this would not have been possible without your support.

All of us at common Hope extend our gratitude to YOU for making this day possible. Your sponsorship and encouragement have been critical to Esly's success. We can't thank you enough!

With great excitement,

*Tannica Larson*

Sponsorship Relations Manager



## Coffee Fellowship

Serving Schedule

Each month

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Work Group 1

Work Group 2

Mens Squares

Women's Group

Church Council



## 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

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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.



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**B Co. 2-136 INF, 1-194AR**  
**APO, AE 09330**



**MAJ Mitchell Johnson**  
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**Andrews AFB, MD 20762**



Shoebox Collection  
Sunday, November 21, 2021

For more information on how to pack a shoebox, visit  
<<https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box>>  
There are cardboard boxes available at church if you need one.

## 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.

### **Mike Axness**

c/o Pelican Valley Nursing Home  
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### **Deloris Dunham**

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### **Tilda Haugen**

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### **Doris Ishaug**

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### **Ron Morey**

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### **Dennis Stoen**

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### **Laverne Colness**

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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 October 13, 2021

Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present: Sandie S, Brian J, Jacob J, Conni A, Wayne H, Dave D, Pr Isaiah

Absent: Heidi F

Pastor Report: Isaiah will be gone November 5 & 6. He's been Pulpit Supply for 2 area Churches, Solum and Hegland to help with family income. Pr Isaiah encourages Council Members to attend church. He would like to do more things with Sunday School kids and their families. Hayrides were a suggestion.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism: Planning for Granders Christmas Program, Dec 1, 2021 and Funds go to "Shop With Hero". (this is correction from Shop with Cop). Will be serving soup, breads & cookie. Finalize details at next council meeting

Stewardship: Discussing Post Cards to go out in Feed & Seed. Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 p.m.

Christian Education: **Need more Sunday School Teachers**

Property & Management: Wayne reported 2 small windows for east side have been ordered, Elevator has been inspected. Discussion on Furnace to be serviced. Motion made to have Dillons service elevator 1<sup>st</sup> by Conni 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian, Motion Carried.

Benevolence: Discussed the need to help 2 families and distribute Benevolence Funds. 1<sup>st</sup> by Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Motion Carried.

New Business: Include Names of Council in Newsletter.

Next Meeting November 9, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 6:20 p.m.

| Church Finances             |             |              |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Minnesota National Bank     |             |              |
| Beginning Balance 9/01/2021 |             | \$ 31,297.29 |
| Income:                     |             |              |
| Member/Loose Offering       | \$ 5,945.00 |              |
| Memorials                   | \$ 250.00   |              |
| Total Income                |             | \$ 6,195.00  |
| Expenses:                   |             |              |
| Budgeted                    |             | \$ 6,992.97  |
| Purchase CD                 |             | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Ending Balance 9/30/2021    |             |              |
| Minnesota National Bank     |             | \$ 5,499.32  |
| Mail                        | \$ 2,450.00 |              |
| 9/5/2021                    | \$ 785.00   |              |
| 9/12/2021                   | \$ 1,450.00 |              |
| 9/19/2021                   | \$ 655.00   |              |
| 9/26/2021                   | \$ 605.00   |              |
| 9/29/2021                   | \$ 250.00   |              |



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 November so we can help each other celebrate.

|                 |       |                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Tanner Nelson   | 11/03 | Beverly Mahmood | 11/18 |
| Gerald Thompson | 11/06 | Sherry Klovstad | 11/19 |
| Jayne Lynnes    | 11/06 | Logan Knorr     | 11/21 |
| Johanna Knorr   | 11/09 | Joseph Roste    | 11/24 |
| Amanda Dunham   | 11/10 | Jared Lynnes    | 11/25 |
| Heidi Fouquette | 11/16 | Allyssa Ross    | 11/26 |
| Kelly Osborne   | 11/16 | Ethan Fearing   | 11/27 |
| Scott Delp      | 11/17 | Kelly Lindell   | 11/28 |

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

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Wayne Hovland, Property & Management

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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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 Pastor Isaiah Bai - 541-966-4358

# NOVEMBER 2021

| Sun   | Mon                 | Tue                                      | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|---------------------|--|---|---|---|--|
|   | 1<br>ALL SAINTS DAY | 2  | 3<br>9:30 a.m. BS @<br>Janice's<br>6:00 p.m. Conf.  | 4<br><br>NEW MOON   | 5   | 6  |
| 7<br>ALL SAINTS' DAY<br>DAYLIGHT-<br>SAVING TIME<br>ENDS; 9:00 a.m.<br>WS/HC; 10:00 a.m.<br>SS                        | 8                   | 9<br>6:00 p.m. Church<br>Council meeting | 10<br>9:30 a.m. BS @<br>Janice's<br>6:00 p.m. Conf. | 11<br>VETERANS DAY<br><br>1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER<br>MOON                                   | 12  | 13   |
| 14<br>9:00 a.m. WS<br>10:00 a.m. SS   | 15                  | 16                                       | 17<br>9:30 a.m. BS @<br>Janice's<br>6:00 p.m. Conf. | 18  | 19<br><br>FULL MOON   | 20<br>Deadline for<br>December S&F and<br>Calendar         |
| 21<br>CHRIST THE<br>KING SUNDAY;<br>9:00 a.m. WS/HC &<br>Shoebox Collection &<br>Bible Presentation;<br>10:00 a.m. SS | 22                  | 23                                       | 24<br>9:30 a.m. BS @<br>Janice's<br>6:00 p.m. Conf. | 25<br>THANKSGIVING  | 26  | 27<br><br>LAST QUARTER<br>MOON                             |
| 28<br>1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF<br>ADVENT<br>9:00 a.m. WS<br>10:00 a.m. SS  | 29                  | 30                                       |   | Ushers: Mary Kay<br>Haugrud & Tessie<br>Ness (7 & 14); Nolan<br>& Candi Dunham (21<br>& 28) | ***If you are unable<br>to serve, it is your<br>responsibility to find a<br>replacement.*** | Council member in<br>charge for November:<br>Brian Johnson |

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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**For laughs (or groans!) around your table**

Knock knock. Who's there? Arthur.  
Arthur who? Arthur any leftovers?

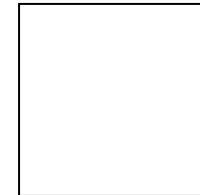
Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?  
It had 24 carrots.

If you use boxed mashed potatoes ...  
... Great-Grandma will turn over in her gravy.

My family said, "No more Thanksgiving jokes." ...  
... but I said I couldn't just quit cold turkey.

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SHARING  
THE NEWS  
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ALL SAINTS' DAY

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Veterans Day

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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THANKsgiving Day

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First Sunday of Advent

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