

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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OCTOBER 2023



A Watchful Eye – September 16, 2023

[Jesus said] “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Matthew 18:19,20

Philip Melancthon, one of Martin Luther’s friends and fellow teachers, pointed out: “To be present everywhere, to answer prayer, and to bring help everywhere—these are properties of... God himself.” Therefore, Jesus is declaring to us in these verses that he is truly God. We can trust his promise that he is with us because as the exalted Son of God he now “fills the whole universe” (Ephesians 4:10). We are assured that as the almighty God there is nothing that is impossible for him as he always acts for our greatest good.

Jesus is with us individually. He assures us, “Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Jesus is with his believers when they gather together as his church on earth. Yes, we are assured of his abiding presence when we meet in his name to study and learn his word, to pray and worship together, to plan and

carry out his commission of making disciples, to proclaim the good news to people that their guilt of sin is washed away by the blood of Christ, to encourage each other to keep our focus on Jesus with the confidence that he will not forsake us and with the joy of knowing that he is coming back to take us to be with him in heaven.

The gospel ministry that believers do together on earth always goes on under Jesus’ watchful eye and with his powerful presence. Therefore, we will not despair, but all the more dedicate ourselves to the work he has given us as his church.

Prayer:

Jesus, keep me faithful to your word. Encouraged by your abiding presence, help me plan, and carry out your work of proclaiming the good news of salvation to the whole world. Amen.

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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:

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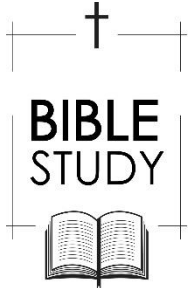
Do you prefer to get your Seed & Feed emailed to you? If so, please email the church (nilchurch@yahoo.com) and state your preference.



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

Pastor Isaiah has been ordered to report to US Army Institute for Religious Leadership at Fort Jackson, SC on September 12th, 2023. Pastor will finish his training on December 15th, 2023. Please pray for Pastor Isaiah, his family, and the church.

In the absence of Pastor Isaiah, Pastor Roger Michaelson will be filling in for him. If you need to contact him, his phone number is 218-396-0302 and his email is pwjudy8@gmail.com.



The Bible Study will meet at Janice Ness's on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. starting on September 29th.

Notes from Sandie...

Sunday, October 8th is the Meatball Supper & Bake Sale. Need baked goodies to sell! Lefse, cookies, bars or any Norwegian Delicacy

There is a sign-up sheet on the back table to bring Apple/Pumpkin desserts for the Meatball Supper.

Saturday, October 14th, is the Oktoberfest Stop N Shop. NILC will be serving the food. Need bars for that and a few helpers. Just for Kix will be helping to serve, but still need a few more.

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

Aug 31, 2023

Year to Date Income \$173232.92

Year to Date Expenses \$ 71709.40

Net \$101,523.52



The Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection is November 19, 2023. Please visit the website for more information about the ministry and how to pack a shoebox.

<https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

North Immanuel Church **MEATBALL SUPPER**

October 8, 2023
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Serving meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy,
corn, lefse, dessert, coffee & lemonade

\$12 adult, \$5 age 5-10, under 5 free



Open House baby shower for Allie and Bryant Briard

Sunday Oct 15th following church service

Come share in the excitement of showering

a precious baby soon to be born into their family

Registry at Target

(Both regular coffee fellowship time and shower will be held)

NORTH IMMANUEL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. following worship services

Bible Study

Fridays 9:30 a.m.

Janice Ness's Pelican Rapids

Contact Lois Aas for more info.

Holy Communion

First and Third Sunday of each month

Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Sept-May

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 Isaiah

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Church Council Minutes
September 6, 2023

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

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's report: Pastor presented to the council his orders for Boot Camp for Chaplains in Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC. He will be gone from September 9-December 18. He provided an income comparison sheet for council to use as a tool to consider supplementary pay while he is away, noting that even though he will be paid from the military there is about a thousand dollar deficit when considering his current income from NI, hospice and the guard. Council will discuss this after the pastor is excused from the meeting.

Also, pastor spoke with the parents of the confirmands and they agreed that confirmation will be deferred until he gets back.

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

Treasurer's report: Council reviewed the treasurer's report and placed on file, noting that propane and other regular expenses had been paid for from a \$5000 transfer to the account.

Committee reports:

Evangelism Committee: Bonnie reported that pulpit supply for Sunday, September 10 has been arranged; a few names were given to her by Pastor Isaiah for fill-in, and one pastor in particular mentioned that he would be willing to fill in for funerals, pulpit supply, and visitation during pastor Isaiah's absence. Council discussed the importance of continuity. Pastor gave Bonnie a list of visitation names and addresses to pass along to the fill-in Pastor.

Stewardship: nothing new to report

Christian Education: Rally Sunday is set for September 17 with potluck following the service.

Donna mentioned the possibility of another Pray and Paint session this fall or winter.

Property and Management: the floor in the sacristy is done, and the window renovation will start in October and will take about 6 to 8 weeks.

Old Business: nothing to report

New Business: September 18 the furnace will get a seasonal check-up, and September 27 the pianos will get tuned. Benevolence was tabled until October 11. Wayne made a motion to purchase the kids' Christmas activity bags, Becky 2nd, motion carried.

The council also agreed that we should arrange for the Granders to perform on the Wednesday after Thanksgiving.

Following the discussion of the information given to the council from Pastor regarding income during his absence, a motion was made by Steve to pay the Pastor his full salary through September and prorate December's salary. This closes the gap mentioned earlier between the military payments and Pastor's regular monthly income. Dave seconded the motion, motion carried. Brad will tell the pastor of the decision following tonight's meeting.

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

Next meeting October 11, 2023

Submitted by Brenda Haugrud

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.



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 October so we can help each other celebrate.

Jersee Wisser	10/01	Kaden Holt	10/19
David Aas	10/03	Kylee Holt	10/19
Marylyn Delp	10/03	Trace Anderson	10/20
Paul Follingstad	10/05	Linda Swenson	10/21
Nicholas Zaeske	10/05	Sandie Strandlien	10/21
Brian Johnson	10/08	Lois Aas	10/23
Tammy Nord	10/08	Shelly Fitzgerald	10/26
Loretta Ishaug	10/09	Timothy Fouquette	10/26
Maxwell Jegtvig	10/15	Jens Axness	10/28
Samantha Bai	10/15	Robyn Nelson	10/30
Kynly Pietig	10/16	Doug Spiekermeier	10/31
Lyn Smischny	10/17	Sydney Haugrud	10/31
Charles Johnson	10/17		

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

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:30 a.m. BS</p> <p>LAST QTR MOON</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS 4:30-7:30 p.m. Squares' Supper</p>	<p>9 COLUMBUS DAY</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9:30 a.m. BS</p>	<p>14</p> <p>NEW MOON</p>
<p>15 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS Open House Baby Shower after Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Deadline for November S&F and Calendar</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:30 a.m. BS</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS</p> <p>1ST QTR MOON</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30 a.m. BS</p>	<p>28</p> <p>FULL MOON</p>
<p>29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 HALLOWEEN REFORMATION DAY</p>	<p>October is Pastor Appreciation Month.</p>	<p>October is Pastor Appreciation Month.</p>	<p>Greeters: Greg & Robyn Nelson (1 & 8); Grant & Krystle Meyer (15, 22, & 29)</p>	<p>***If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.***</p>

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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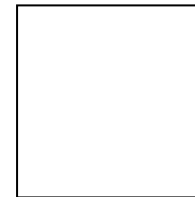
October



Following Worship service

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SHARING
THE NEWS
WITH...



WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY

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COLUMBUS DAY

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REFORMATION
SUNDAY

29



Reformation Day

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HALLOWEEN

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