

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

MAY 2022



Dear Families of North Immanuel,

Peace from the Risen Lord Jesus be with you.

At the end of April, we have five catechumens confirmed in faith. In the past two years, they have been taught the Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism. Dr. Martin Luther's catechism teaches the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments. Although the Lutheran Church uses this catechism to instruct the youth, all Christians both young and old can benefit from it. Therefore, in the next few months, we will go over the small catechism in the newsletters.

We will start with the Ten Commandments which are given by God and engraved on two tablets. The first three commandments are written to teach us how to love God, while the other seven showing us how to love our neighbors.

How should we love God?

The First Commandment.

Thou shalt have no other gods.

What does this mean?

–Answer: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Speaking of gods/idols, one may think about the wooden buddha served in a southeast Asian household. Nevertheless, that is not the only form of idols or false gods.

Consider: Do we fear, love, and trust God above ALL THINGS?

When we place money above God, we have an idol.

When we place relationship with others above God, we have an idol.

When we place power and authority above God, we have an idol.

When we place the earthly possessions above God, we have an idol.

Let us pray, Lord God, merciful Father, our sinful heart prone to walk away from you and place other perishable things above you. Warn and remind us, so that we can turn back to you. Teach us to put our trust in you and in you alone. 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

Chairman—David Aas (218) 863-5455
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North Immanuel is Online:

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



Senior Recognition Sunday
May 29, 2022
Nicholas Haugrud
Cody Nord

2022

North Immanuel Outdoor Worship Schedule



Outdoor Worship Service

2nd and 4th Sundays in June, July, & Aug

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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Serving</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|
| June 12 | Council | Church grounds |
| June 26 | Squares | West North Immanuel |
| July 10 | Work Group | Church grounds |
| July 24 | Work Group | Church grounds |
| Aug 14 | Youth | Church grounds |
| Aug 28 | Work Group | Church grounds |

Please Invite your Family, Friends and Neighbors to join us for these wonderful worship opportunities.

Most of our guest musicians have been lined up for our Outdoor Worship Sundays.

Their names will be included in the next Seed & Feed notice.

G R O W

Blessing of the seeds

Thank you, God, for our farmers! For those who touch the soil, who feel it under their fingernails and under their boots, who smell of it when it rains, for those who know it intimately.

Thank you for those who care for the animals, who nurture them

with care, who hear their cries and respond in a moment's notice.

Being a farmer can be a hard life, Lord. When the income doesn't match the bills. When the market is so



inconsistent, and the weather doesn't cooperate how we would like.

Be with our farmers, Lord, and particularly the farming families in our lives, in hard times as well as the good.

Help us to create a society where farmers are once again respected and compensated for their works fairly.

We pray for farmers and our communities when the rain does not come, or comes too hard, or comes too late.

We pray for those whose land is exhausted and depleted.

We pray for those who can't

afford the cost of production.

All of our farmers rely on the good earth and we pray for the earth today, too. Help us to take care of it, help us to cherish it so we can pass it on safely to a new generation.

We are so thankful for the beautiful land you have given to us, generous in wealth and rich in soil. It truly is a garden of delight for us who live here in this land.

It is your gift to us and we thank you for it.

Amen.

*Written by: Pr. Eric Monson
Shared by: Richard Jenson*

Church Finances

Minnesota National Bank

Beginning Balance 3/01/2022 \$ 4,629.83

Income

Member/Loose Offering \$ 6,013.00

Memorials \$ 250.00

Total Income \$ 6,263.00

Expenses:

Budgeted \$ 8,636.81

Ending Balance 3/31/2022

Minnesota National Bank \$ 2,256.02

Mail \$ 850.00

3/6/2022 \$ 2,172.00

3/13/2022 \$ 325.00

3/20/2022 \$ 1,440.00

3/27/2022 \$ 620.00

Lent \$ 606.00

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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Church Council Minutes

April 13th

- 1) President Brian Johnson called Meeting to order 6:00
- 2) Present Wayne H, Donna D, Pastor Isaiah, Brian J, Steve S, Brad K, Conni A, Robbie S, Brenda H
Absent was Dave Dunham
- 3) Pastor began with prayer.
- 4) Pastors report:

Discussion on Youth Events. Ideas for this Summer to keep in touch with Youth.

Pastor reported that Joy has been coming to help out with confirmation since October. Motion made to give a gift card to her in appreciation by Wayne H 2nd by Steve S.

Tentative Date was set (1st Sunday in May) to have a farewell potluck for a family moving away.

Discussion on having Wednesday Service once a month with soup and sandwich, or something similar to Lenten service meals?

The office is in need of some new furniture. Conni and Sandie are working on this. Also a little change up with Pastors desk . Prop and Management will help with this.

Pastor also was thinking it would be nice to have some Pens with our name on them to give. He will check on pricing ETC.

5)Secretaries Report read, motion made to accept. 1st by Brad 2nd by Wayne. Report placed on file.

6) Treasurers Report was submitted by Julie Ann. Reviewed and placed on file.

Committee Reports

Evangelism: Conni and Brad are Working on an outdoor worship Schedule. Council Members will serve after service on June 12th

Stewardship: No new business

Christian Education: Robbie and Donna looking for Bible School teachers and to determine dates and times. Possibly gathering with another church? Checking into this.

Property and Management: Furnace was repaired. Elevator was inspected and is all good.

Old Business:

Easter service is set for 9:00 a.m. Breakfast served by youth.

New Member Sunday, discussion on a date for this. We will be checking with New Members to see what will work best for all.

Confirmation Sunday no discussion

Discussion on having a Co-treasurer for back up.

New Business:

Annual Pastors review, Brian will arrange a meeting with those involved.

There was a request from one family to use the church for Graduation Celebration on May 28th.

Some fun ideas were discussed on some activities for all. A way to get together. Some ideas were Paint / Art sessions hosted by a gal Donna had in mind. More discussion on this to come!

7:30 Motion made by Wayne to adjourn. 2nd by Steve. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be May 10th

Submitted by Robbie Shulstad

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.



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.



MAJ Mitchell Johnson
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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 May so we can help each other celebrate.

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|---------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Jared Bungum | 05/04 | Jere Lynnes | 05/20 |
| Hannah Klovstad Cox | 05/06 | Connie Sillerud | 05/20 |
| Lennox Wisner | 05/08 | Connor Klovstad | 05/21 |
| Joseph Axness | 05/10 | Adam Shulstad | 05/21 |
| Joshua Klovstad | 05/11 | Hailey Dunham | 05/21 |
| Sandra Hovland | 05/12 | Matthew Nelson | 05/24 |
| Brett Anderson | 05/16 | Diane Blomster | 05/25 |
| Jesse Axness | 05/16 | Yvonne Wells | 05/25 |
| Billy Aas | 05/18 | Addison Shulstad | 05/29 |
| LaVonne Erickson | 05/20 | Odin Hoovey | 05/29 |
| | | Mary Kay Haugrud | 05/31 |

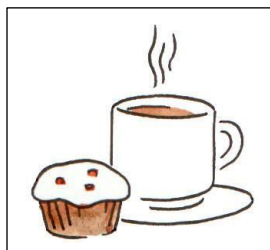
This list is not yet complete. If you have a birthday in May and your name is not here, or if the date we have is incorrect, please call it to Kara so we can update our records. May your birthday be a blessed one!

Coffee Fellowship

Serving Schedule

Each month

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1 st Sunday | Work Group 1 |
| 2 nd Sunday | Work Group 2 |
| 3 rd Sunday | Men's Squares |
| 4 th Sunday | Women's Group |
| 5 th Sunday | Church Council |



Following Worship service

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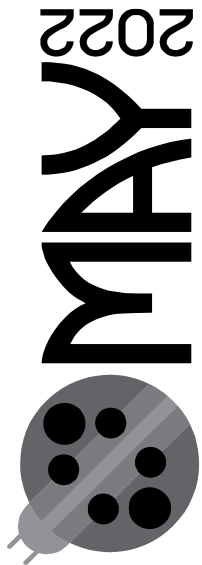
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | 6 | 7 |
| 8 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. Last day of SS; 1 ST QUARTER MOON | 9 | 10 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:00 a.m. WS Pr. Isaiah continuing ed → | 16 FULL MOON ----- | 17 ----- | 18 ----- | 19 ----- | 20 Deadline for June S&F and Calendar ----- | 21 ARMED FORCES DAY ----- |
| 22 9:00 a.m. WS 3 RD QUARTER MOON ----- | 23 ----- | 24 ----- | 25 ----- | 26 ASCENSION DAY ----- | 27 ----- | 28 --- ← |
| 29 9:00 a.m. WS & Senior Recognition Sunday | 30 MEMORIAL DAY NEW MOON | 31 | Ushers: Paul & LaVelle Follingstad (1, 8, & 15); Dave & Heidi Fouquette (22 & 29) | ***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

Our fun-loving God

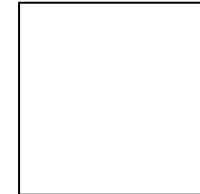
Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can't be God's will? The God who made giraffes, a baby's fingernails, a puppy's tail, a crooknecked squash, the bobwhite's call and a young girl's giggle has a sense of humor. Make no mistake about that.

—Catherine Marshall

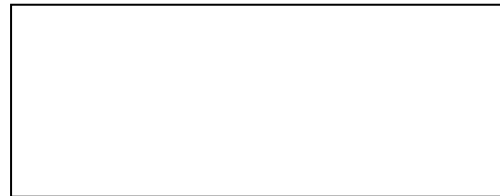


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