

NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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MARCH 2024



Dear North Immanuel families,

Peace of our Lord be with you always.

Is there anything that weighs heavily on your heart? Is there anything that keeps you up at night? Are there times that you just find yourself restless? Here're the words of comfort.

St. Paul, in Philippians 4:6-7, urges fellow believers: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Have you tried praying? We become anxious because we want to be in control. Praying is nothing but asking God to take control. If you pray, don't worry.

Pastor Isaiah

LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, March 6th: 5:15-6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread; 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service
- Wednesday, March 13th: 5:15-6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread; 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service
- Wednesday, March 20th: 5:15-6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread; 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service

† *Palm Sunday*, March 24th: 9:00 a.m. Worship; 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

† *Maundy Thursday*, March 28th: 6:00 p.m. Worship

† *Good Friday*, March 29th: No Worship

† *Easter*, March 31st: 8:00 a.m. Breakfast; 9:00 a.m. Worship; No Sunday School

Happy Easter



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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>

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.

North Immanuel Annual Meeting January 28, 2024

Council President Brad Knorr called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Pastor Isaiah led with prayer.

Last year's annual meet minutes were read, motion made by Paul Nord to accept and place on file, 2nd by Brian Johnson. Motion carried.

Pastor's report read by Isaiah and placed on file.

Brad addressed attendees and thanked everyone for coming. He stated that the council worked well together throughout the year.

Treasurer's report: Julie Ann Holt summed up the budget and proposed budget, noting a large donation that was made and that there is still more to come. Overall, we kept in-line with the budget.

Brad and attendees thanked Julie Ann. Jane Knorr will handle deposits and bills during Julie Ann's absence.

Committee reports:

Evangelism: NI will have 2 outdoor services in June, 1 in July and 1 in August of 2024.

Stewardship: Dave Dunham reminded attendees that the Seed and Feed delivered through email has brought down costs for postage, paper, ink and time. If you want to receive it via email or know anybody who would, email Kara at nilchurch@yahoo.com.

Christian Education: Thanked everyone who helped with VBS, had a great turnout.

Property and Management: The stained-glass window project is underway. Church will be held downstairs in the meantime. Windows are expected to be completed by the end of February.

Ballots were handed out for the following nominees:

Council: Grant Meyer, Nolan Dunham, and Tom Axness

Jane Knorr made a motion to cease nominations, Sandie Strandlien 2nd. Motion carried.

Brian Johnson made a motion to approve ballot by a unanimous vote, Becky Lage 2nd, motion carried.

Heidi Fouquette requested to be added to the cemetery board nominee ballot. Thereafter, the cemetery board nominees were: Heidi Fouquette, Steve Strandlien, and Wayne Hovland. Leon Dunham made a motion to cease nominations, 2nd by Dave Fouquette. Motion carried. Ballots were distributed. The two open terms were filled by Steve Strandlien and Wayne Hovland.

The Christian Education ballot lists Kaitlin Bai as a nominee. Dawn S. made a motion to cease nominations, 2nd by Jane, motion carried. Duane Ishaug made a motion to approve ballot by a unanimous vote, Dave Fouquette 2nd, motion carried.

An amendment to the budget was discussed to increase Pastor Isaiah's monthly benefit by \$166.19 to help with half of his current health insurance monthly premium. Sandie S. made a motion to approve the amendment, Jane 2nd, motion carried.

Dar Hovland made a motion to accept the proposed budget for 2024, Sandie 2nd, motion carried.

Unfinished business: Pastoral review: Dave Fouquette, Janice Ness, Bryant Briard, the council president, vice president and secretary will be on the pastoral review committee. The new council will set a date for review. Dave requested emails of fellow committee members so he can send examples of review questions to compile a comprehensive review.

New business: A discussion regarding on-line offering resulted in the request of Bryant and Allison Briard and Shyla Strandlien to provide the council with information and various options.

A suggestion was made to increase our church benevolence since NI has received a large donation. Brad requests that the new council address this, and that anyone who knows of a need or has ideas for beneficiaries, bring to the council's attention.

The idea of upgrading NI's streaming of worship services was discussed. Brad, Wayne and Steve went to see first-hand a church with upgraded equipment. The upgrade would require assistance from members who are comfortable with technology to operate the equipment during each service. Bryant made a motion to form a committee, Becky 2nd, motion carried. The committee will be Allison, Shyla, and Krystle to spearhead this operation.

Dave Fouquette made a motion to amend the budget to allow \$5000 for such upgrades, Krystle Meyer 2nd, motion passed.

Nominations for a new nominating committee for next year were as follows: Dave Dunham and Conni Axness. Approved.

Jane made a motion to destroy ballots, Krystle 2nd, motion carried.

Dave Fouquette made a motion to adjourn, Dar Hovland 2nd, meeting adjourned at 10:55

Submitted by Brenda Haugrud

North Immanuel Council Meeting January 28, 2024

A short council meeting was held following the annual meeting. The new council president is Tanner Nelson and vice president is Grant Meyer. Brenda Haugrud will remain as council secretary. Committees will be decided at the next council meeting to be held on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Church Council Minutes February 15, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Pastor Isaiah, Tanner Nelson, Grant Meyer, Tom Axness, Steve Strandlien, Becky Lage, Donna Dunham, Nolan Dunham, Bonnie Harry, Robbie Shulstad, and Brenda Haugrud.

Pastor opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Pastor's report: Visitations, Bible study and confirmation all going as planned. Lenten services have started, pastor noted the wide age range of those who attended the service and expressed appreciation for the meal and helpers. He also had a meeting with a new member.

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

Treasurer's report: NA

Committee reports: (committee delegates listed)

Evangelism Committee: Bonnie Harry and Becky Lage: we still need people to sign up for soup and bread and sweets for Lenten services; Bonnie will order a new "welcome" banner, and see if we want to update some other banners once we assess the quality of the new banner.

Stewardship: Grant Meyer and Tom Axness: nothing new to report

Christian Education: Donna Dunham and Robbie Shulstad: nothing new to report

Property and Management: Steve Strandlien and Nolan Dunham: window project under way.

Old Business: Shyla and Ally have a contact person for updating streaming equipment from Grace. They will check and compare a couple websites and apps, and then bring the information to the council.

New Business: the topic of increasing benevolence was discussed. The council would like the congregation's input and suggestions of any benevolence needs. Those suggestions can be placed in a box located by the bulletin board inside the double doors.

Motions were made to provide benevolence to three people/families. Motion carried.

Pastoral review committee will meet after church on February 18th.

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

Next meeting March 14 at 6 p.m.

Submitted by Brenda Haugrud

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 Pr. Isaiah 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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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 March so we can help each other celebrate.

Paul Aarness	03/01	Charlene Klovstad	03/09
Daniel Lynnes	03/01	Darleen Hovland	03/14
Terry Sillerud	03/02	Tate Nelson	03/16
Erik Lynnes	03/03	Philip Shulstad	03/21
Mark Follingstad	03/05	Emiliano Jasso	03/21
Brent Tollerud	03/07	Bonnie Harry	03/22
Ryan Lindell	03/07	Brenda Haugrud	03/31
Colten Dunham	03/08		

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

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Confirmation Camp March 1 st -March 3 rd	Pr. Isaiah at National Guard duty March 8 th - 9 th				1 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Quilting	2
3 LAST QTR MOON 3 RD SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	4 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. POH (telework)	5	6 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. POH: 5:15-6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread 6:00 p.m. LS	7	8 9:30 a.m. BS	9
10 DAYLIGHT- SAVING TIME BEGINS; 4 TH SUNDAY IN LENT; 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS NEW MOON	11 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. POH (telework)	12	13 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. POH 5:15-6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread 6:00 p.m. LS	14 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting	15 9:30 a.m. BS 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. POH	16
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY; 5 TH SUNDAY IN LENT; 1 ST QTR MOON; 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS	18 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. POH (telework)	19 SPRING BEGINS Deadline for April S&F and Calendar	20 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. POH 5:15-6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread 6:00 p.m. LS	21	22 9:30 a.m. BS 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. POH	23
24 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS	25 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. POH (telework) FULL MOON	26	27 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. POH	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 p.m. WS	29 GOOD FRIDAY No WS	30
31 EASTER 8:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:00 a.m. WS No SS					Greeters: Nolan & Candi Dunham (3& 10) Tom & Conni Axness (17, 24, & 31)	***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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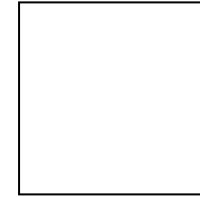


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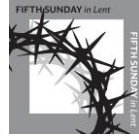
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