

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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AUGUST 2024

Dear families of North Immanuel Lutheran Church,

This August will mark the fourth year of my ministry at North Immanuel. The last four years of my pastoral ministry at NILC have been fruitful, precious, and meaningful for my family, for me, and for my professional and pastoral growth.

It is with my grateful heart that I announce to you that I will be leaving North Immanuel Lutheran Church this year. I have been selected to be a Regular Army Active-Duty chaplain. We will be moving by the end of this year.

I have a mixture of feelings: excitement, anxiety, gratefulness, thankfulness, appreciation, and even sadness.

When I find that my words cannot accurately describe my feelings to you, I turn to the Word of God.

## Philippians 1:

1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are

in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, <sup>5</sup> in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this I pray, that your love may overflow still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may discover the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ; <sup>11</sup> having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, for the glory and praise of God.

Rev. Dr. Isaiah Bai, Pastor

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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—Brian Johnson (218) 863-2204 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.



August 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 5:30-8:00 p.m. Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grade

North Immanuel Lutheran Church

June 30, 2024

Year to Date Income \$61,022.72

Year to Date Expenses \$52,184.34

Net \$ 8,838.38

Not included in YTD expenses

Stained Glass Repair project \$46,630.00

Money from Savings \$29,000.00

# North Immanuel Church Council Minutes July 10, 2024

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

Pastor opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

**Pastor's report**: Pastor reported that he let the congregation know on June 30th that he will be leaving North Immanuel, as he was selected to be an active-duty chaplain. He will be gone 7/14-7/20 for army training in Seattle, and he will be here to preach on August 11 and August 25, but will be unavailable on August 18. September 8th will be his last Sunday at North Immanuel. He showed Kara how to upload the livestream to Facebook.

**Secretary's report:** Bonnie noted that a correction be made: The MN Teen challenge crew will be coming from <u>Brainerd</u> on October 27, and therefore the service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

**Treasurer's report**: Julie Ann reviewed the budget and provided rates to aid in decisions regarding the 2 CDs that became due in July. The council approved renewing both the Ruby Linder scholarship CD and the NI Church CD for 11 months at Midwest Bank. Some funds from the Ruby Linder scholarship CD will be transferred to savings for distribution in the months to come if needed.

Julie Ann reminded the council to look at the pre-pay option for propane in August.

## **Committee reports:**

**Evangelism Committee**: Outdoor services will not be recorded to avoid any copyright infringement issues. In preparation for the MN Teen challenge (with the choir and testimonies) coming to North Immanuel October 27, 2024, posters will be distributed to area youth groups and churches. An ad in the Pelican Press is also being considered.

**Stewardship**: nothing new to report

**Christian Education**: Planning meetings have been held for VBS, which is set to run August 5-7 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

**Property and Management**: windows are done.

**Old Business:** Shyla Strandlien has accepted the position of treasurer for North Immanuel, replacing Julie Ann who is retiring at the end of September.

**New Business:** a call committee of 5-7 people will need to be formed. A request for volunteers will be placed in the bulletin, and the 2025 nominating committee members Dave Dunham and Conni Axness are responsible for reaching out to the potential call committee members.

Discussion about an interim pastor and responsibilities thereof were had, and Pastor Isaiah gave a few names of pastors that may be able to assist with the process.

A reminder for benevolence requests will be added to the bulletin.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting August 14th at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Bible Study** 

Fridays 9:30 a.m.
Janice Ness's Pelican Rapids
Contact Pr. Isaiah for more info.

# **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.

#### **Mike Axness**

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#### **Deloris Dunham**

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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 August so we can help each other celebrate.

| Jeffrey Holt      | 08/02 | Tracy Ross           | 08/16 |
|-------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| Lori Strandlien   | 08/02 | Jeremy Lynnes        | 08/18 |
| Cha'Von Kugler    | 08/05 | Christa 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 |

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 2024

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed                              | Thu | Fri                            | Sat         |
|--|---|--|----------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Greeters: Kevin &<br>Katy Holt (4 & 11);<br>Bill & Shelia Osborne<br>(18 & 25) | ***If you are unable<br>to serve, it is your<br>responsibility to find a<br>replacement.*** |  |                                  | 1   | 2                              | 3           |
| 4<br>9:00 a.m. WS/HC<br>NEW MOON   | 5<br>5:30-8:00 p.m. VBS<br>8:00 a.m4:00 p.m.<br>POH (work from<br>home)                     | 6<br>5:30-8:00 p.m. VBS                    | 7<br>5:30-8:00 p.m. VBS          | 8   | 9<br>9:00 a.m4:00 p.m.<br>POH  | 10          |
| 11<br>9:00 a.m. Outdoor WS<br>with The Rollag<br>Gospel Trio                   | 12  1 <sup>ST</sup> QTR MOON →Pr. Isaiah at Annual Training Camp Ripley                     |  | 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting |     |                                |             |
| 18<br>9:00 a.m. WS/HC  | FULL MOON   | 20 Deadline for September S&F and Calendar |                                  |     |                                | <del></del> |
| 25<br>9:00 a.m. WS   | 26<br>9:00 a.m4:00 p.m.<br>POH<br>LAST QTR MOON   | 27   | 28<br>9:00 a.m4:00 p.m.<br>POH   | 29  | 30<br>9:00 a.m4:00 p.m.<br>POH | 31          |

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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