

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

218-863-5447

DECEMBER 2024



Wasn't it just yesterday that the grass was green and the corn was yellow in the fields? Now the grass is brown and the corn is in the storage bins. Such is the rhythm of God's creation—one season follows another. So too it is with our church calendar. We end the year with Christ the King Sunday, celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ over all creation, including us. Then we move on to the season of Advent, the four Sundays preceding Christmas.

Advent continues the theme of Christ the King Sunday by having us look forward to the second coming of Jesus our Lord in the clouds with the angels of heaven, establishing his heavenly kingdom forever. In Advent we look forward to the coming of the Lord, when he will raise us up and we will be reunited with all the saints, worshipping God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We look forward to this second coming by looking back to his first coming; his birth in Bethlehem, born of Mary. Thus we move right into the Christmas season, rejoicing in God's promise to live among us, our Emmanuel.

Advent is meant to be just as joyous as Christmas. There are great Advent hymns to lift our souls: *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers; Prepare the Royal Highway; Comfort, Comfort Now My People; Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus; Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying; Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel; Hark, the Glad Sound; On Jordan's Bank's the Baptist's Cry*. Advent prepares us for Christmas just like Lent prepares us for Easter. I look forward to sharing with you the messages of Advent through song and the spoken word.

Indeed, music plays an important part in our worship of God. Martin Luther said that next to the spoken word, music is the most important part of our worship. That is why at this time of the year we have Advent/Christmas concerts. North Immanuel has their concert Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Granders will be singing and telling stories with a meal preceding the event. A good time will be had by all. Please plan on attending this family event. God's blessings to all of you as we begin the winter season, celebrating all that God has done for us throughout this past year.

Pastor Roger

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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](mailto: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.

The Granders Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A Fellowship Supper will be from 5:15-6:45 p.m. This event raises funds for Shop with a Hero.

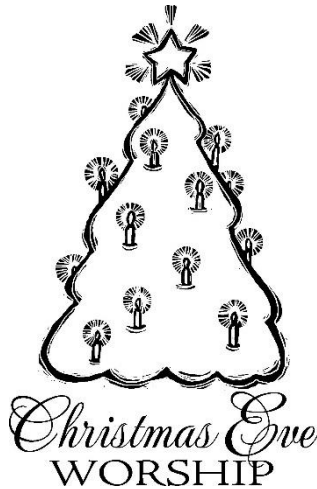
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Just A Little Christmas  
Sunday, December 15, 2024 during Worship

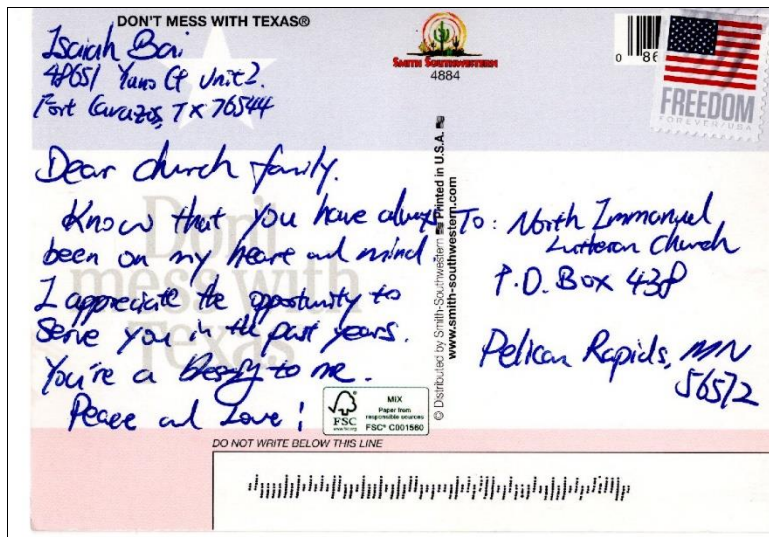
There will be a Birthday cake for Jesus at coffee after services.

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4:00 p.m. December 24, 2024

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North Immanuel Lutheran Church	
October 31, 2024	
Year to Date Income	\$201,453.89
Year to Date Expenses	\$93,518.89
Net	\$107,935.00
Not included in YTD expenses	
Stained Glass Repair project	\$47,630.00
Money from Savings	\$34,000.00

North Immanuel Church Council Minutes  
November 13, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:55 p.m. Present: Pastor Roger Michaelson, Tanner Nelson, Steve Strandlien, Donna Dunham, Bonnie Harry, Brenda Haugrud, Robbie Shulstad, Grant Meyer, Becky Lage, Nolan Dunham, Tom Axness and Shyla Strandlien. Sandi Strandlien was also present to request that NI consider sponsoring the horse buggy rides the day after Thanksgiving in Pelican Rapids, which would have signage promoting the Granders Christmas concert. A motion was made and passed to sponsor the buggy rides.

Devotions: Pastor Roger opened with a devotion from Luke 13 and a prayer.

**Pastor’s report:** Pastor Roger reported that he has been doing visitations and leading the Bible study.

**Secretary’s report:** Report accepted placed on file.

**Treasurer’s report:** Shyla reviewed the budget and it was placed on file. She also mentioned that the program we use for the budget is integrated with the ability allowing offering to be collected through the ICON app for convenience from those who watch the livestream, for instance. She will learn more about it and brief the council next month.

**Committee reports:**

**Evangelism Committee:** Bonnie thanked everyone for the help with the Teen and Adult Challenge event. Also a reminder that there is a sign-up sheet for helping with the meal before the Granders concert on December 4. The SOLA renewal fee for music planning will due next month. Christmas Eve service will begin at 4 PM on December 24th.

**Stewardship:** Nothing new to report.

**Christian Education:** The Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 15th.

**Property and Management:** The livestream is going well.

**Old Business:** No action needed.

**New Business:** Ideas for fundraising for the youth to see the life-sized ark were discussed, which is in the planning phase but shooting for an August departure date.

Benevolence was discussed and distributed.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting December 11, 2024 at 6:00 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**

8:30 a.m. Wednesdays at NILC

Contact Pastor Roger 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 Roger

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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 December so we can help each other celebrate.

Nicholas Hovland	12/03	Dawn Shulstad	12/12
Lynnzee Johnson	12/04	Celeste Torgerson	12/14
Jay Roste	12/04	Bree Anderson	12/15
David Fouquette	12/04	Josh Lynnes	12/20
Krystle Meyer	12/05	Timothy Klovstad	12/21
David Ishaug	12/06	William Wells Jr.	12/22
Peyton Christianson	12/08	Barbara Le Claire	12/22
Graham Tollerud	12/08	Steven Strandlien	12/26
Isaiah Bai	12/10	Mary Thompson	12/26
David Dunham	12/12	Brylee Meyer	12/30
Nolan Dunham	12/12	Leo Hanville	12/31

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

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i> 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m. WS/HC 10:00 a.m. SS/Conf. NEW MOON</p>			<p><i>4</i> 8:30 a.m. BS 5:15-6:45 p.m. Soup &amp; Bread; 7:00 p.m. Granders Concert</p>			
<p><i>8</i> 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m. WS 10:00 a.m. SS/Conf. 1<sup>ST</sup> QTR MOON</p>			<p><i>11</i> 8:30 a.m. BS 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting</p>			
<p><i>15</i> 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m. WS/HC &amp; SS Christmas Program FULL MOON</p>	<p><i>16</i> Deadline for January S&amp;F and Calendar</p>		<p><i>18</i> 8:30 a.m. BS</p>			<p><i>21</i> WINTER BEGINS</p>
<p><i>22</i> 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m. WS No SS LAST QTR MOON</p>		<p><i>24</i> CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 p.m. WS</p>	<p><i>25</i> CHRISTMAS DAY</p>			
<p><i>29</i> 9:00 a.m. WS No SS</p>	<p><i>30</i>  NEW MOON</p>	<p><i>31</i> NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>		<p>Greeters: Philip &amp; Robbie Shulstad (1 &amp; 8); Steve &amp; Sandie Strandlien (15, 22, &amp; 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

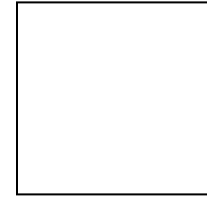


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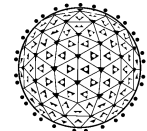
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New Year's Eve

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