

# NORTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PELICAN RAPIDS, MINNESOTA •

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you all!

Recently I have picked up two books to prepare for a Bible study/Fellowship group. One of them is “Ragged: Spiritual Disciplines for the Spiritually Exhausted” written by Gretchen Ronnevik who is a local Fergus Falls lady, nevertheless a solid Lutheran theologian.

In the beginning of chapter 4, Gretchen quotes a prayer that really gets my attention. The prayer does not have fancy theological and ecclesiastical parlances like the ones you would find in the Roman Missal. Rather, it is written in the vernacular, so that we can relate to every single bit of the prayer.

**“Give us discernment in the face of troubling news reports. Give us discernment to know when to pray, when to speak out, when to act, and when to simply shut off our screens and our devices, and to sit**

**quietly in your presence, casting the burdens of this world upon the strong shoulders of the one who alone is able to bear them up. Amen” –Douglas Kaine McKelvey**

God’s own Word attests to that prayer. Proverbs 3:5-6 state, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”*

When we are facing hardships in our lives and when we are encountering the events happened which we do not understand (the loss of income, the endless doctor’s appointments, the lab results, the treatments, the insurance bills, the death of a loved one, loneliness, etc.), let us not lean on our own strength or understanding which only leads us to doubt and despair, but pray to the Lord for discernment and comfort. Indeed, let us cast our unbearable burdens to the only one who is able to carry in our stead.

Come, Lord Jesus be our shelter and refuge, in You alone shall we find rescue. Amen.

Pastor Isaiah

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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  
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>



Did you know that October is North Immanuel!

? Thank you to Pastor Isaiah for all you do at

**Please consider writing to our North Immanuel sponsored students from Guatemala.**

Our church sponsors three students in Guatemala through Common Hope ([www.commonhope.org](http://www.commonhope.org)). Our sponsorship helps these students to be able to go to school and their families to have the resources to break the cycle of poverty.

Your letters don't have to be lengthy. They would love to hear from you and your family. Your words of encouragement can go a long way!

**How to send a letter:**

1. Mail to Common Hope at:  
1400 Energy Park Dr  
Suite 23  
St. Paul, MN 55108
2. Write the letter online at: [www.commonhope.org/hopenote](http://www.commonhope.org/hopenote)  
Sending online will allow the letter to arrive quicker to Common Hope and the student.

***With all letters, please include the students name and ID provided below.***

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Eslly A Catavi</b>            | <b>Alexander R Chanta</b>       | <b>Monica L Garcia</b>         |
| <b>Student ID 1078129-f13667</b> | <b>Student ID 1078129-m1559</b> | <b>Student ID 1078129-m990</b> |
| Birthdate 12/10/2002             | Birthdate 4/26/2004             | Birthdate 9/23/2003            |

|                             |              |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Church Finances             |              |              |
| Minnesota National Bank     |              |              |
| Beginning Balance 8/01/2021 |              | \$ 15,643.51 |
| Income:                     |              |              |
| Member/Loose Offering       | \$28,324.25  |              |
| Park Region Dividend        | 130.15       |              |
| Total Income                |              | \$ 28,454.40 |
| Expenses:                   |              |              |
| Budgeted                    |              | \$ 12,800.62 |
| Ending Balance 8/31/2021    |              |              |
| Minnesota National Bank     |              | \$ 31,297.29 |
| Mail                        | \$ 1,200.00  |              |
| 8/1/2021                    | \$ 709.00    |              |
| 8/8/2021                    | \$ 3,713.00  |              |
| 8/15/2021                   | \$ 905.00    |              |
| 8/22/2021                   | \$ 552.25    |              |
| 8/29/21                     | \$ 1,245.00  |              |
| 8/12/21                     | \$ 20,000.00 |              |

“It's better to be an optimist who is sometimes wrong than a pessimist who is always right.”

—Mark Twain

# Church Council Minutes

- 1) 2021-09-14 Church Council meeting called to order at 6:10 PM by Sandie.
  - a) Present: Sandie, Heidi, Wayne, David, and Pastor Isaiah, Julie Ann, Brian, and Dave
  - b) Absent: Conni, Brad
- 2) Pastors Report:
  - a) Devotions read by Pastor Isaiah.
  - b) Pastor Isaiah had a dinner for the Sunday School Kids.
  - c) October is North Immanuel's food shelf responsibility.
  - d) Pastor Isaiah suggested using our members to fill in for him when he's not present.
  - e) Pastor suggested having Bible Study on Tuesday or Thursday mornings
- 3) Secretaries was read, approved, and placed on file.
- 4) Julie Ann reports reported there was 2 CD's coming due in November.
  - a) The Council agreed to transfer \$25,000 out of checking into a 16 month CD, 1<sup>st</sup> by Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian- Motion carried.
  - b) Motion made to provide Pastor Isaiah with a Financial Card with \$300 dollars to purchase Church Business essentials.
  - c) 1<sup>st</sup> by Wayne
  - d) Second by Jacob
  - e) Motion carried.
- 5) Evangelism Report:
  - a) We are going to continually assess how we receive communion and take up the offering.
  - b) Around Christmas we will again serve soup and bread during Shop with a Cop and the Granders will provide music.
  - c) We will be serving coffee following church service. Rotating groups will provide servers  
Schedule will be as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month Group 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month Group 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month Squares, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month Women's Group. Months that have 5 weeks-Council will serve the 5<sup>th</sup> week.
- 6) Christian education.
  - a) There will be a signup sheet for Confirmation Wednesday Night meals to provide meals.
- 7) Property and Management:
  - a) There is \$2100 dollar estimate to replace the 2 high windows on the entrance side. This includes trim, disposal, and labor. Motion was made.
    - i) 1<sup>st</sup> by Dave
    - ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidi
    - iii) Motion carried.
  - b) The elevator is inspected each quarter with it becoming due in the next couple weeks.
  - c) Motion was made to provide Chris Hovden a \$50.00 gift card and \$ 25.00 gas card to Park Region for his help in resolving the sound issue with Live Streaming service.
    - i) 1<sup>st</sup> by Dave
    - ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne
    - iii) Motion carried.
  - d) Sandie will update the Church Voice Mail message to include Sunday School and Fellowship times.
- 8) The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:00 p.m.
- 9) The next meeting is set for October 12th.

Submitted by Heidi Fouquette, Secretary



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.



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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 October so we can help each other celebrate.

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

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!

### Mixed signals

A newcomer approached the pastor after worship and said, “I’d like you to pray for my hearing.”

Placing hands on the man’s ears, the pastor said a very passionate, earnest prayer and then asked the visitor, “How’s your hearing now?”

With a confused look, the man said, “Well, it’s scheduled for tomorrow.”

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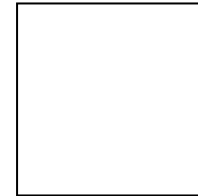
| Sun   | Mon                | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
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| 3 WORLD<br>COMMUNION<br>SUNDAY<br>9:00 a.m. WS/HC;<br>10:00 a.m. SS | 4                  | 5  | 6<br>9:30-10:30 a.m. BS at<br>Janice's<br>6:00 p.m. Conf.<br>NEW MOON                    | 7   | 8   | 9   |
| 10<br>9:00 a.m. WS<br>10:00 a.m. SS                                 | 11<br>COLUMBUS DAY | 12<br>6:00 p.m. Church<br>Council meeting<br>1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER<br>MOON | 13<br>9:30-10:30 a.m. BS at<br>Janice's<br>6:00 p.m. Conf.                               | 14  | 15  | 16  |
| 17<br>9:00 a.m. WS/HC<br>10:00 a.m. SS                              | 18                 | 19   | 20 9:30 a.m. BS<br>6:00 p.m. Conf.<br>Deadline for Nov.<br>S&F and Calendar<br>FULL MOON | 21  | 22  | 23  |
| 24<br>9:00 a.m. WS<br>10:00 a.m. SS                                 | 25                 | 26   | 27<br>9:30-10:30 a.m. BS at<br>Janice's<br>6:00 p.m. Conf.                               | 28<br>LAST QUARTER<br>MOON                              | 29  | 30  |
| 31 REFORMATION<br>DAY<br>9:00 a.m. WS<br>10:00 a.m. SS              |                    | Council member in<br>charge for October:<br>Wayne Hovland                    |  | Ushers: Paul,<br>Tammy, Dillon &<br>Cody Nord (3 & 10); | Jason, Shayla, &<br>Maxwell Jegtvig (17,<br>24, & 31) | ***If you are unable<br>to serve, it is your<br>responsibility to find a<br>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

**"THEREFORE  
WHAT GOD  
HAS JOINED  
TOGETHER,  
LET NO ONE  
SEPARATE."**  
MARK 10:9, NIV

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