

*June 2021*  
**NEWSLETTER**



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Immanuel Lutheran Churches**  
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### **Rick's Column**

Greetings and Peace to you all,  
As I write this newsletter, the weather has certainly been HOT! We have seen temperatures into the 100's several times and the forecast calls for more to come. There has been very little rain in our area and the drought has affected much of the US. Will you please join me as we pray to our gracious God to provide the rain that is much needed?

The summer season is a quiet time in our liturgy year, but God never ceases to be present in our lives and community. The children are enjoying Vacation Bible School at MLC and it is a joy to hear their laughter and singing when I am in the office. Vacation Bible School is a wonderful way to plant a seed in their young hearts and minds that wills them to adopt Christ into their lives. Special thanks to Greta, Mary, and all of the volunteers that make VBS a reality.

The decision has been made to add more to content to our Sunday services at MLC. The content was somewhat reduced during Covid-19 to reduce risks and now that Covid-19 has greatly diminished, it is once again proper to enhance our services. It is my hope that you all enjoy and embrace the expanded church service and it helps to nourish your spiritual needs.

We recently recognized the graduating seniors of our churches at MLC, and the wonderful ladies of our Day of Doing Quilters allowed each of them to pick out a quilt. This special gift will always be a

reminder to the graduates that the church is a special place with folks who truly care for them. Best of luck to you all!

The bathroom/shower project at the parsonage has been on hold as we await the delivery of materials. I again want to thank you all for your generosity and devotion to this project. Melissa, River, and I are so blessed to be able to call the parsonage "home" and to serve God with such wonderful folks. I will keep you posted on progress.

I now have only 6 months left to serve in the ND National Guard. After 27 years I will be retiring. I am thankful for my military career, but I am excited to have more time to devote to the church and our mission. Thanks for all of your support.

Please keep praying for those among us who are ill and facing medical challenges. Our prayers are an amazing way to help out, despite feeling sometimes that there is nothing we can do.

I hope you all have a great summer. Please stay safe, stay praying, stay humble, stay compassionate, stay forgiving, and stay loving.

As I close, I share with you the words of Romans 15:13, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Rick

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

People on our prayer lists are *Dan Mund, Carol Hogness, Kit Mund, Curt Mahler, Bobbi Haugen, Jim Robbins, Patty Cross, Carl & Gisela Wold, Shayla Wagner, Bob Arnold, Wayne Ellefson, and Steve Schutt*. Please keep them in your prayers.



1 - Ed Larson  
Kayley Peterson  
2 - Judy Kleingarn  
Randy Odegard  
4 - Kala Banish  
Shannon Berndt  
7 - Toni Claus  
8 - Curt Anderson  
Jodi Widhalm  
9 - Gail McCleery

10 - Levi Buskohl  
Ryan Mund  
11 - Linda Costain  
Sharon Gainor  
Steve Mund  
Darla Schutt  
14 - John Kottke  
Kit Mund  
15 - Kathy Ellefson

16 - Kelly Arth  
Celeste Metzen  
17 - Sofia Hanna  
Glen Koeppe  
20 - Morgan Mund  
21 - LaVerne Colby  
24 - Linda Robbins  
28 - Chase Johnson  
Dennis Odegard  
29 - Tammy Bernhardt  
Mary Moxness



### **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

#### **June**

**Summer Worship: Sundays at 8:00 a.m.**

**Usher: Dan Krause**

**Altar Guild: Karen Krause**

**Communion: June 6th**

***The Immanuel Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on  
Sunday, June 13th, after the 8:00 a.m. worship service.***

### **MLC Notes**

- We have resumed having Communion twice each month on the first and third Sundays.
- The Shepherding groups are asked to do summer lunches once again. The schedule is on page 5.
- There will not be worship at MLC on July 4th (holiday) or July 18th (school reunion--ecumenical service at the park).
- Steve Hogness is now the treasurer for Milnor Lutheran Cemetery. Thank you to Jeff Roeder for serving in that role for many years.

# Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

May 12, 2021

Present: Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Diane Wallin, Myron Yagow, Randy Syrstad, Alisha Olson, Rick Bryant & DeNae Mahler; Absent: Kelly Arth, Travers Storhaug. Meeting opened with a reading from Rick. Secretary and treasurer's report reviewed. Motion made by Diane Wallin to accept and approve reports, seconded by DeNae Mahler. Motion carried.

## Committee Business

- Worship (Kelly Arth, Deb Wagner)  
Discussed resuming the liturgy in the service as well as going back to twice monthly communion. Also discussed bringing offering back in the service, if not by passing the plate, by at least mentioning it during the service. Deb will work with Kelly to schedule a meeting with worship committee, Rick and Heidi.
- Stewardship (Diane Wallin, DeNae Mahler)  
Diane discussed trying to have a different focus quarterly for Stewardship. Current quarter focus will be on the Furniture mission.
- Education (Alicia Olson, Randy Syrstad)  
Nothing to report.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Travers Storhaug, Myron Yagow & Bill Pribula)
  - Basement update – Everything has been ordered but there are significant delays in the delivering for vanity and shower unit due to COVID. Flooring will arrive next week.
  - Discussed adding vents in the basement to allow for air conditioning in parsonage basement as well. Cost will be approx. \$500.00. Myron Yagow made a motion to add this, DeNae Mahler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - Discussed possible spotlight replacement at front of the church and changing them to LED – will table for now, may look at replacing when we need to replace the bulbs.
  - There are weeds in the rocks around the church. Myron Yagow will take care of spraying those.

## Pastor's Report

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grader's 1<sup>st</sup> communion this weekend.
- Curt Odegard's Funeral was held this past weekend and Harry Gainer's funeral is tomorrow.

## Old Business

- Graduates will be honored May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Diane will order cake for seniors. Council will be serving.
- Mail box is installed in the office door.

## New Business:

- Lock was replaced on the wine cupboard as it was broken.
- Mask guidance: With the CDC relaxing the mask mandate for vaccinated people, the decision was made to no longer require masks but instead leave it up to individual choice. Responsibility falls on each person to make their own decision on wearing a mask or not depending on their comfort level.
- Discussed resuming further shepherding group involvement in the service. It was decided to resume putting up hymn numbers, getting consistent readers as well as communion servers. Will not resume ushers at this time and will continue to dismiss as we have been. Diane Wallin will reach out to Shepherding leaders regarding the change.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in person or conference call.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Diane Wallin, seconded by Myron Yagow, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Wagner, Secretary

April Income	\$ 9,424.26
April Expenses	8,486.24
Net Income	938.02
Year to Date Profit	\$12,327.65

## MLC MEMORIALS

### In memory of Gary Springer

From Joy Christiansen (Day of Doing)  
Linda Costain (ML Cemetery)  
Steve & Debbe Ellefson (ML Cemetery)  
Pat Sebens Freese (Parsonage Project)  
Phyllis Gelinske (Day of Doing)  
Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Day of Doing)  
Dick & Pat Kuehn (Lakeside Cemetery)  
Marshall & Rachel Lien (ML Cemetery)  
Brad & Kristin Lunneborg (MLC)  
Craig & Kathy Rysavy (Parsonage Project)  
John & Jolene Schwalk (Parsonage Project)  
Clem Severson (MLC)  
Bruce & Dayna Speich (MLC Improvement)

### In memory of Curt Odegard

From Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Day of Doing)  
David & Marilyn Isaacson (MLC)  
Dick & Pat Kuehn (Concordia Cemetery)  
Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)  
Myron & Lori Yagow (Parsonage Project)  
The Odegard Family (MLC)

### In memory of Mardell Aabrekke

From Dick & Pat Kuehn (Sunday School)

### In memory of Brad Biss

From Linda Costain (ML Cemetery)

### In memory of Harry Gainor

From Pat Sebens Freese (Parsonage Project)  
Kris & Tracy Lien (ML Cemetery)  
Carl & Oline Nelson (Day of Doing)  
Myron & Lori Yagow (Parsonage Project)

### In memory of Myrna Gibbon

From Dick & Pat Kuehn (Lakeside Cemetery)

### In memory of Shirley Kudelka

From Steve & Debbe Ellefson (ML Cemetery)  
Michael & Marilyn Worner (MLC)

### In memory of Sylvia Erickson Myers

From Dick & Pat Kuehn (Sunday School)

### In memory of Elroy Odegard

From Dick & Pat Kuehn (Concordia Cemetery)

### In memory of Sharette Odegard

From Dick & Pat Kuehn (Sunday School)

### In memory of Jerry Peterson

From Mervin & Karen Wohler (Sunday School)

### In memory of Marvin Sebens

(on the 25th anniversary of his death)  
From Pat Sebens Freese (Parsonage Project)

### In memory of Judy Zimmerman

From Linda Costain (ML Cemetery)  
Loren & Patty Ellefson (Day of Doing)  
Jim & Ione Foley (MLC)  
Jim & Judy Kleingarn (Day of Doing)

### STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

The Stewardship Committee has decided to highlight quarterly opportunities for gifts and donations beyond our walls. Until the end of June the spotlight is on "Furniture Mission," a Fargo ministry that provides donated furniture to people who find themselves in need. Darrell Costain provided information during a worship presentation on April 25. See the May newsletter for more information.

From July through September the stewardship spotlight moves back to Sargent County when we encourage gifts to the Food Pantry. The staff happily reports their shelves are well stocked at this time. One item that is always welcome and needed is fresh produce. We invite Milnor Lutheran gardeners to donate extra produce to the pantry. Please call 680-7049 to coordinate delivery. The second site in Gwinner makes it even easier to share. Thank you for sharing your blessings in our community and beyond!

Andrea Hogness, DeNae Mahler, Diane Wallin  
Stewardship Committee Members

***June Altar Guild***  
***Jeanette Buskohl and Connie Robbins***

**Day of Doing Quilters will meet June 15th & 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**  
**Yarn Angels will meet June 22nd at 1:30 p.m.**

**Day of Doing**

On Sunday, May 23rd, the Day of Doing Quilters displayed 40 adult quilts and 17 children's quilts in the Fellowship Hall. After the graduating seniors each selected a quilt as a graduation gift from the church, the remainder were delivered to Churches United for the Homeless, Furniture Mission, and the YWCA, all in Fargo. They also recently sent two carloads of donated children's clothing to the Childcare Protection Program at the Reservation at Sisseton, SD. They continue to collect used children's clothing for this program.

**June Shepherding Schedule**

Leaders: Lynn & Mary Johnson; Kevin & Danene Odegard

June 6-- Usher (Offering Presentation): Jason Kottke; Lector: Jason Kottke;  
Communion Servers: Kelly Arth and Melissa Bryant

June 13-- Usher (Offering Presentation): Lynn Johnson; Lector: Linda Schutt

June 20 --Usher (Offering Presentation): Lynn Johnson; Lector: \_\_\_\_\_  
Communion Servers: Melissa Bryant and Jasmine Smith

June 27 --Usher (Offering Presentation): Lynn Johnson; Lector: Kristie Johnson

*Thank you to everyone who serves and supports our church. Each family is invited to donate \$10.00 annually to the shepherding fund. This is used to buy food for meals served at funerals.*

**2021 Milnor Lutheran Church Summer Lunches**

The Shepherding groups are asked to do the fellowship lunches after church again this year starting on June 22nd and going through September 5th. Shepherding families will be in charge of making 40 cups of coffee, 2 pitchers of kool-aid, and soliciting 2 large pans of bars. (2 dozen cookies or 2 dozen muffins can substitute for a pan of bars). They will also need to schedule servers for those Sundays.

June 20	January/July	August 1	May/November
June 27	February/August	August 8	June/December
July 4	No church--holiday	August 15	January/July
July 11	March/September	August 22	February/August
July 18	No church--reunion	August 29	March/September
July 25	April/October	Sept. 5	April/October

If you have questions, please call Diane Wallin (427-9279).

## PARSONAGE PROJECT UPDATE

The parsonage bathroom project will sound like a broken record for awhile. The demolition and removal of shelves has been done. New framework is installed or formed and ready to be permanently installed. A lot of building supplies have been purchased and are stockpiled in the parsonage basement. The vanity and top are scheduled to arrive in July. The hold-up is the shower unit. When bidding was done, we were cautioned (because of COVID, of course) the shower could take a couple of months to arrive. After placing the order, we checked back for a more firm delivery estimation and learned the plumbing supplier doesn't know when it will arrive. So, once again, the virus is teaching us to be patient. Thank you to the Bryants for their patience in waiting for a second, usable bathroom!

Thank you all for your donations to this project. If you would like to donate in a special way, look for a display in the narthex and on Facebook.

### Milnor Lutheran Parsonage Committee



Old wall removed, new wall framed



New wall and door to work area

#### **FIRST COMMUNION**

The following students received First Communion at MLC in May:

Joey Banish  
Harper Biss  
Carson Deyle  
Charley Hogness  
Shiloh Johnson  
Brady Lien  
Andrew Yagow  
Emilee Bergstrom  
Cole Fyre  
Teegan Olson

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO 2021 GRADUATING SENIORS**

Congratulations to the following high school seniors, who graduated in May:

Micah Anderson  
Elle Lien  
Machaela Mund  
Kiara Radke  
Spencer Peterson

They were recognized at Milnor Lutheran on Sunday, May 23rd.