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NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and peace to you all! It is my hope and prayer that this newsletter finds you all well! We have been blessed with warmer weather as of late. It is always nice to get a break from the bitterly cold weather we often endure on this tundra we call home. Perhaps when I write my next newsletter spring will be at our doorstep.

We have finished holding the annual meetings at both churches. Let us welcome Immanuel's new council members Kevin Moxness and Tanner Martinson. At Milnor Lutheran, we welcome Jill Baldwin, Nate Sundquist, and Kris Lien. A big, heartfelt "thanks" to these folks for serving our churches. I always find myself beaming with pride as I watch day in and day out folks volunteering, working, donating, and sacrificing for the well-being of our churches. While many rural churches have an unsettled future, our churches continue to not only survive, but to grow and prosper. Together, we have made our churches into something that we can be awfully proud of.

I am excited to announce that in the month of February, I will have the honor of baptizing three new infants as children of God. Baptisms are a joyful experience and I cherish these events.

Our confirmation students have made great strides this year. They have learned a great deal about Christianity and our ELCA faith. They truly

enjoy learning, which makes teaching them an enjoyable experience that I look forward to each week. As usual, we will not hold confirmation classes during Lent, as the students will be serving meals for the Wednesday night Lenten services.

Speaking of Lent, it will be upon us very soon. We will kick off Lent at MLC on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. The soup and sandwich meal will start at 6:00 p.m. and worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. We will then rotate between ILC and MLC for the remainder of Lent. Lent lasts for 40 days, which is equal to the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness before he started his earthly ministry. For us Christians, the season of Lent is truly a testament of our faith and love for our Glorious Savior.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of McLeod Pastor Wayne Quibell. Wayne served as a Pastor for various churches for 60 years. I do not know if I ever met a more spiritual person than Wayne. He devoted his life to serving the God he loved so much. He is now reunited with his wife in the glorious heavens for eternity.

Hold tight to your loved ones and cherish each and every day. May God's undying love be with you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People on our prayer lists are *Kit Mund, Pastor Elwood Skarpness, Mary Alice Mund, Carol Hogness, Lorie Skarpness, Mary Engst, and Mark Thorson*. Please keep them in your prayers. If you or your loved one would like to be on our prayer list, please contact the church office.



3 - Vaiah Berndt
4 - Lois Jenson
6 - Nichole Kadoun
8 - Miley Lien
10- Scott Berndt
Drake Hogness
Tracy Lien
Melissa Mund
Carl Nelson
Travers Storhaug

11 - Kevin Odegard
12 - Joni Peterson
13 - Cindy Yagow
14 - Jesse Arth
Kenna Peterson
Myron Yagow
16 - Lynn Johnson
Connie Robbins
19 - Nellie Nelson
Phylis Springer

23 - Jim Peterson
Eliot Roder
26 - Mitch Tompkins
27 - Reese Hogness
Cheryl Roder

2023 LENTEN SERVICES

February 22 (Ash Wednesday)	Milnor Lutheran
March 1st	Immanuel Lutheran
March 8th	Milnor Lutheran
March 15th	Immanuel Lutheran
March 22nd	Milnor Lutheran
March 29th	Immanuel Lutheran

All Lenten services begin at 7:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich suppers begin at 6:00 each time.

MLC Notes

--Milnor School Elementary Student Council is sponsoring a cereal drive! Their goal is to collect 300 boxes of cereal to donate to the Sargent and Ransom County food pantries. Before they donate they are going to have a little fun playing cereal box dominoes down the elementary hall! If you would like to donate, please send unopened boxes of cereal to the school before Feb. 16th . Thanks for supporting our Milnor students and the families of Sargent and Ransom counties!

--Attention Thrivent Members: If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars to give, call Thrivent Choice by the end of March to distribute your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

--Ronald McDonald House Charity of Fargo will be the recipient of the Noisy Offering on Sunday April 16th. Save your change to bring to church that day. If you save the tabs from beverage cans (soda pop/beer and some food cans), those can be brought on April 16th as RMHC collects those also.

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023

Present: Bill Pribula, Rick Bryant, Alisha Olson, Deb Wagner, Randy Syrstad, Kelly Arth, Jason Kottke
Absent: Travers Storhaug, DeNae Martinson, Diane Wallin

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurers report from December: Minutes and treasurers report reviewed, motion was made to approve by Kelly Arth and seconded by Randy Syrstad. Motion carried.

Committee Business

- Worship: Discussed restarting acolytes, Rick will work on a schedule for this. Linda Costain would like to do noisy offering in April. Planning to have proceeds to go to Ronald McDonald House.
- Stewardship: Thanks to all that donated towards Furniture Mission. Final donations will be going in on Giving Hearts Day if anyone wants to still give.
- Education – nothing new
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage
 - o Altar Windows – (standing item- waiting on contractor)
 - o Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows. (Standing item- waiting on contractor)
 - o Landscape cement timbers for flower beds – (Standing item – tabled until spring)
 - o Church floor tile – Diane found a couple of new color options. We are not able to match color exact but will be better than broken tile. Bill will follow-up with this.
 - o Lights on the altar update. No update currently. Randy and Brian will be coordinating to finish the final light replacement with a ladder.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Rick has been working on new member orientation. Has a few families that are interested in joining.

Old Business

- Large TV for fellowship hall – Outlet and network wiring was completed by Crossroads, TV will be hung after our meeting. It can currently be used with wireless connection, but Deb will follow-up with DRN to come and complete the hardwire.

- Direct stream video camera – sound has already been upgraded in fellowship hall. No update on this currently. Now that TV is in, will look into what is needed.
- Built-in cabinets Library/Cry Room update – After further discussion with Day of Doing ladies, they are now requesting that instead of a closet, we add accordion doors to block off part of the room. Would then have shelving behind those for easy access. Bill will reach out to Nate regarding changes.
- Outside light update – We have a complaint from a neighbor regarding spot light in the back parking light. This is also the light that seems to go off and on a lot. Bill has talked to Ottertail to come and reposition the light and look at why it continues to go off.

New Business

- We received some end of year gifts through offering. Discussed options on best use of this money. Motion was made to make an end of year donation of \$2000 to Lutheran Disaster Response by Alisha Olson and seconded by Randy Syrstad. Motion carried.
- Annual meeting date set for February 5th. We have 3 exiting council members: Diane Wallin, Kelly Arth & Travers Storhaug. We currently have no volunteers to serve despite many attempts in asking people. Reviewed the bylaws and currently our bylaw requires 9 council members, there is no leeway built in. Bill will talk with synod regarding options. Will continue to look for volunteers.
- Spring Rummage June Jamboree sale – Dorothy Pribula has volunteered to organize and run a rummage sale during June Jamboree. She would like to donate proceeds to the VFW project uptown. All on the council agreed with this plan.

Motion was made by Kelly Arth to adjourn meeting, seconded by Alisha Olson. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: February 8th @ 6:15pm

Deb Wagner
Council Secretary

February Altar Guild
Kristie Johnson and Linda Robbins

WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet February 21st and 22nd at 9:00 a.m.
Yarn Angels will meet February 14th and 28th at 1:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY SHEPHERDING SCHEDULE

Leaders: Tracy Nelson, Deb Schutt, and Jolene Schwalk

February 5-- Ushers: Curt & Jean Anderson; Lector: Mike Schutt
Communion: Curt & Jean

February 12--Ushers: Jim & Carol Peterson; Lector: Carol

February 19--Ushers: Wade & Amy Kuehn; Lector: Glen Koepe
Communion: Melissa Bryant, Deb Schutt

February 26--Ushers: Blair & Lynne Michels; Lector: Jolene Schwalk

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Tim Tayer

From Janis Claus (Yarn Angels)
Marjorie Johnson (Yarn Angels)
Marshall & Rachel Lien (MLC)
Curt & Vi Mahler (MLC)
Bill & Dorothy Pribula (ML Cemetery)
Cheryl Roder (Concordia Cemetery)
Phylis Springer (Day of Doing)
Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

In memory of Coleen Beaver

From Jeanette Buskohl (Sunday School)

In memory of Anne Ringdahl

From George & Elaine Marquette (Day of Doing)

In memory of Deanne Else

From Leland & Dianne Decker (Lakeside Cem.)
Verna Kuehn (MLC)
Pat Olson (MLC)

In memory of Carol Holmstrom

From Jeanette Buskohl (Sunday School)
Dick & Pat Kuehn (Sunday School)
Curt & Vi Mahler (MLC)
Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

In memory of Leona Yoder

From Terry & Helen Timm (Day of Doing)

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

-Sunday School will not meet on February 19th.

*If you have questions about Sunday School, please contact
Greta Buskohl (427-5646) or Mary Yagow (427-5023).*

Sunday School Lunches

February 5th--Aiden & Kail H, Greyson A,
Hunter & Briley L, Tallulah S, Gwyn K

February 12th--Taylor & Kaleb O, Miley L,
Braylon W & Cannon F, Brinley & Blake Y



2023 LUTHER LEAGUE LENTEN SERVING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 22nd

Soup: Teegan, Brady, Jerilyn, Harper, Andrew, Charley

Sandwiches: Kris, Emilee, Leah, Avery, Jace

Bars: Chloe, John, Sofia, Joey, Josie

Wednesday, March 8th

Soup: Chloe, Kris, CeCe, Ashlynn, Kolton, John

Sandwiches: Carson, Brady, Shiloh, Joey, Payton

Bars: Gavin, Lily, Myah, Karleigh, Cole

Wednesday, March 22nd

Soup: Lily, Chloe, Jace, Sofia, Leah, Avery

Sandwiches: John, Emilee, Charley, Andrew, Harper

Bars: Teegan, Jerilyn, Josie, Ryan, Payton

Please bring a large crockpot of soup, 1 dozen sandwiches (2 slices of bread), or a large pan of bars (24) as assigned. Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. Please be there by 5:45. If you are not able to provide or serve as scheduled, please find a replacement. Questions? Call Jasmine at 427-5038 or text/call 540-8003.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

February

Ushers: Bryce Hogness, Paul Mund

Altar Guild: Heidi Moxness

Communion: February 5th

Communion Server: Derek Martinson

Worship: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 24, 2023

The Council met January 24th at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Mindy Hogness, Derek Martinson, Brenda Gibbon, Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, and Landon Mund. Derek called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Mindy, seconded by Brenda. The Treasurer's Report was read by Derek. Landon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mindy. No Pastor's Report was read.

Committees:

- Education Committee – A new Education Committee has been formed and will start in the Fall.
- Nominating Committee – Brenda, Landon, and Derek will fill the Nominating Committee positions.

Old Business:

- The Cemetery shed and lights/wiring were tabled to be discussed at the annual meeting.
- Budgets from 2022 and 2023 were reviewed and approved.
- A decision was made to have future Christmas Eve Service offerings go to the Sunday School program.

New Business:

- New council members Tanner Martinson and Kevin Moxness were welcomed. The following Council positions were filled:

- Mindy Hogness made a motion to make Brenda Gibbon Council President, seconded by Landon. Brenda made a motion for Mindy as Council Vice President, seconded by Tanner. A final motion for Landon as Council Secretary was made by Tanner, seconded by Brenda. All motions passed.

- Communion servers and schedules were reviewed by the council.
- Orvin Hogness has volunteered to take over as Head Usher.
- The 2023 Order of Business for the Annual Meeting was reviewed.
- A general list of contacts for Church events was brought up, and plans were made to put a list of contacts together.
- Crossroads will be contacted regarding the Church's cross, which has burnt out.
- Some problem areas of falling plaster in the Church were mentioned with repairs soon needed. Conversations were tabled for the time being.

The meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will take place on March, 15th at 6:30pm.

Lenten Suppers begin March 1st at Immanuel. We again need volunteers to make soup, sandwiches and bars. Please sign up on the sheet in the entry of the church for the date that is most convenient for you. Thanks!!

Landon Mund
Council Secretary