

*January 2020*  
**NEWSLETTER**



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### **Rick's Column**

Greetings and peace to you all. As I sit here writing this, a New Year is upon us. A New Year for many brings hope of more prosperity, improved health, better relationships, and disposing of bad habits. However, for many the New Year ushers in a new beginning of uncertainty, pain, sorrow, and grief. This past week, as you all know, our community lost an amazing man, Bryan Gabel. For seven years, we have all been amazed at the incredible strength, determination, courage, and faith that Bryan possessed. Through social media updates and personal contact, we have all in a way walked with the Gabels and have been witness to Bryan's gallant fight with cancer. On New Year's Day, 2020, Bryan Gabel received his eternal grace and now resides in his heavenly home with our Savior Jesus Christ and God, His Father in Heaven.

Death can bring about a measure of uncertainty. But one thing that we as Christians know in our hearts is that life does not begin here on earth. It begins, and ends, in heaven. Ecclesiastes 12:7 says this; "Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it." When our human bodies are formed, God takes over and gives the body a spirit. The

last words that Jesus spoke on the cross were, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." The same spirit that dwelled within Jesus also dwells within us. There is no end to our eternal lives.

Comforting words can be found in Revelations 21: "Behold the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore. For the former things have passed."

God certainly has a plan for all of us. Exactly why things come together as they do, will remain unclear for now. But we will stand before our Lord Jesus, and everything will be made clear. There will be a day, by the Grace of God, when we will have an understanding of all of life. And together we will cast our crowns at the feet of Jesus and we will begin a story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever and every chapter is better than before. God Bless you all.

*Rick*

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

People on our prayer lists are: Mayvis Solberg, Arlene Lillestol, Ron Lillestol, and McKayla Keelan.



1 - Evelyn Banish  
4 - Jennie Hanna  
    Jessica Heitkamp  
    Curt Mahler  
5 - Willow Tyler  
7 - Kaleb Olson  
8 - Matthew Olson  
10 - Vi Mahler

11 - Bob Schutt  
    Diane Wallin  
13 - Jill Baldwin  
15 - Kari Fuhrman  
18 - Deb Schutt  
19 - Kris Fuhrman  
23 - Larry Moxness  
    Jasmine Smith

26 - Lennox Hogness  
27 - Karen Krause  
28 - Jacob Ferderer  
    Keith Johnson  
29 - Marlene Hogness  
    Duane Lillestol  
30 - Bryggen Martinson  
    Bruce Speich

### *Prayer for the New Year (or anytime)*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your  
peace:*

*where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so  
much seek*

*to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
it is in dying that we are born to eternal  
life. Amen.*

*—St. Francis of Assisi*

# Milnor Lutheran Council Minutes

## November 13, 2019

Present: Andrea Hogness, Connie Robbins, Don Nelson, Alisha Olson, Curt Anderson, Lonnie Rotenberger, & Rick Bryant  
Absent: Randy Syrstad & Myron Yagow

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 9<sup>th</sup>:**  
Motion to approve from Curt, Connie seconded, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve will be tabled to December meeting after meeting with Treasurer.

### Committee Business

- Worship & Shepherding (Alisha, Lonnie, & Andrea)
  - Nov 24<sup>th</sup>—Melissa Lunneborg will backfill organist for Heidi
  
- Stewardship (Lonnie, Andrea & Alisha)
  - Cash Calendar raffle is now closed
  - Tour of Homes will not happen this year due to too many homes not interested
  
- Education (Randy & Connie)
  - Confirmation is on Sunday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. Pastor said that 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes are going well. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will confirm this spring.
  
- Properties/Grounds/Parsonage (Myron & Curt)
  - We owned the big propane tank and rented the small one so the Catholic Church did not take this & the propane tank was sold to Steve Hogness. The tanks are gone and Curt raked over the rock.
  - Garage door at parsonage was repaired. Gary Ordahl got the parts & fixed. He charged around \$150 to do this and weather stripping was also put on.
  - Discussion was had on the fellowship hall being cold, decision was made that thermostat should be set to 69 all the time.

### Pastor's Report

- Reviewed the Pastor's Report
  - Candidacy meeting with the Synod is Dec 13<sup>th</sup> in Fargo
  - Every other Sunday Rick is planning to visit the shut-in's in Lisbon
  - Exploring starting a bible study – about 5 are interested and thinking about doing Tuesday nights at 6:30

### Old Business

- None

### New Business

- None

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Motion to adjourn by Lonnie, Connie seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Hogness  
Secretary

### MLC Financial Report:

November Income	\$ 9,883.40
November Expenses	9,271.89
Net Income	611.51
Year-to-Date Loss	-\$12,899.06

### MLC ANNUAL MEETING

The MLC Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, following the 9:30 worship service. Please have your committee reports in to the church office by Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please prayerfully consider serving on the church council, and contact a Council member or the church office if you're interested.

***January Altar Guild***  
***Sophie Fuhrman and Deb Wagner***

# WELCA

**MLC Day-of-Doing Quilters – January 21 and 22 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Yarn Angels – Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.**

## ***Milnor Lutheran Shepherding***

January Co-Leaders: Curt & Jean Anderson and Bill & Dorothy Pribula

- January 5 --Greeters/Ushers: Jeff Roeder, Curt & Jean Anderson; Lector: Diane Wallin;  
Communion: Andersons
- January 12 --Greeters/Ushers: Gary & Lois Jenson; Lector: Lois
- January 19 --Greeters/Ushers: Lu Diede; Bill & Dorothy Pribula; Lector: Bill;  
Communion: Dorothy and Lu
- January 26 --Greeters/Ushers: Randy & LaRae Odegard, Lori & Myron Yagow; Lector: Bill Pribula

*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.*

### **MLC MEMORIALS**

In memory of Floyd Costain  
From: Phyllis Gelinske (Yarn Angels)

In memory of Neola Cross  
From: Linda Costain (Yarn Angels)  
Phyllis Gelinske (Yarn Angels)  
Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Yarn Angels)  
Marjorie Johnson (Yarn Angels)  
Steve & Celeste Metzen (Yarn Angels)

In memory of Bryan Gabel  
From: Phyllis Gelinske (Yarn Angels)

In memory of Myrtle Lack  
From: Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Yarn Angels)  
Alice Nicolai (Yarn Angels)

In memory of Gloria Stroup  
From: Kevin & Tracy Hansen (Yarn Angels)  
Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Yarn Angels)

In memory of Alan Johnson  
From: Connie Johnson Foster (Luther League)

In memory of Harold Johnson  
From: Connie Johnson Foster (Sunday School)

In memory of Marget Johnson  
From: Connie Johnson Foster (MLC WELCA)

In memory of Fred Nossom  
From: Connie Johnson Foster (MLC)

# Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

- Sunday School resumes January 5th.
- Sunday School will not be held January 19th.

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

## MLC Sunday School Lunches

January 5 - Hunter & Briley L, Raylee & Luna O, Aiden & Kail H, Willow T  
January 12 - Henry & Abigail L, Jerilyn Y, Charley, Brooks & Avyn H



## CONFIRMATION ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

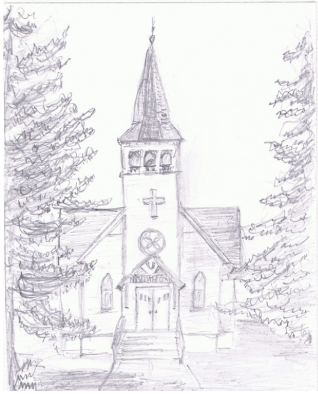
January 5	Kris & Gavin	February 2	Kris & Gavin
January 12	John & Kolten	February 9	Sofia & Evelyn
January 19	Evelyn & Sofia	February 16	Kolten & Amber
January 26	Amber & Kolten	February 23	Gavin & John

## Confirmation Photo Needed

We are in need of a 4 x 6 group photo of the 5 boys that were confirmed in November. If you have one, please turn it into the church office. Thank You!!

## CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

The best ways to learn about church cancellations during storms are: the MLC Facebook page, KFGO Radio, or Valley News Live TV. If none of these are available to you, please arrange for someone to call you. If you need assistance with this, please contact the church office.



## **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

### **January**

**Ushers:** Orvin Hogness, Don Wehlander

**Altar Guild:** Marlene Hogness

**Communion Server:** Paul Mund

**Worship Services: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**

**Annual Meeting & Potluck Dinner: Jan. 26th**

### **IMMANUEL COUNCIL MINUTES**

**December 11, 2019**

Present at the meeting were council members Wanda Hogness, Michael Martinson, Joel Halvorson, Paul Mund, and Treasurer Derek Martinson. Don Wehlander absent.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Mund.

**The secretary's report:** Michael Martinson moved to approve the July minutes and report, Joel Halvorson seconded, carried.

**The treasurer's report:** Derek Martinson reported all bills and mission donations are paid and presented the November income and expense report. Joel Halvorson moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, Michael Martinson seconded, carried.

**Old Business:** We plan to visit with the Rodney Hogness family about the donation of evergreen trees to be transplanted around the Church.

We will discuss at the annual meeting next month options to repair or replace the shed by the cemetery.

The bell area is in need of repair; this will also be discussed at the annual meeting.

The Cross in front of the Church has been repaired, we are waiting for Crossroads Electric to replace a transformer.

**New Business:** Council elections will be December 29<sup>th</sup>, Don Wehlander and Wanda Hogness's terms are up.

Council went through the 2020 Budget Proposal that will be presented at the annual meeting.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Mike Martinson moved to adjourn, Joel Halvorson seconded, carried.

Wanda Hogness  
Immanuel Council Secretary

### **IMMANUEL ANNUAL MEETING**

The Immanuel Annual Meeting & Potluck will be held Sunday, January 26th, after morning worship. Please plan to attend, bring food to share, enjoy fellowship, and participate in the business of the church.