

July/August 2022
NEWSLETTER

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**Milnor Lutheran and
Immanuel Lutheran Churches
Rick Bryant**

Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,
It is my hope that this July/August newsletter finds you all well. Where has the summer gone? As I write this, July is almost half over and then August will be at our door step. August brings thoughts of our children going back to school, students checking into college dorms, and upcoming harvest time on the farm. After a wet spring and challenging planting conditions, the weather has certainly been hot and muggy and, like last year, we find ourselves hoping for more rain.

Because of your generosity and compassion for the church, I am pleased to report that our churches are in terrific shape. Churches across America are having to close their doors, while others are hanging on by a thread. It is such a blessing to have the assurance that our churches will be around for generations to come. At MLC, we have updated the internet service and that will be a great improvement as we try to keep up with technology. Pending congregation approval, we will also be installing window well coverings at MLC. This will look great and will help keep out debris and critters from the windows. It will also enhance safety. At the parsonage, more improvements are in the works. The plan is to create an enclosure/room in the basement around the furnace area and install new flooring. This will help keep noise down and will look great. This improvement, coupled with the new bathroom, adds such an ambiance to the basement. Melissa and I have hopes to decorate the basement into an inviting and comfortable area. Melissa and I have put a vegetable garden in the back, and it has been a joy to watch the vegetables grow. Please let us know if you need cucumbers and tomatoes. We expect to have lots!

At ILC, we were saddened at the passing of life-long member Mary Moxness. Mary and Larry Moxness have been an integral part of the growth and stability of ILC for many years. Mary had been battling cancer for several months and she has now received her promise of eternal salvation in the glorious heaven with our Almighty. Please keep Larry and family in your thoughts and prayers.

As we all know, inflation and gas prices have been on steady increase. Our paychecks do not go nearly as far as they used to. We are all family and I beg you that if the churches can assist in any need that you might have, please reach out to me. Together, we can all make sure that no one needs to go without or struggle.

For the rest of the summer, services will continue to be held at 8:30 a.m. at ILC. Services are at 9:30 a.m. at Milnor. Communion is on the first Sunday of the month at ILC, and the first and third Sundays at MLC. I encourage you all to invite your friends and neighbors to church. They would find their lives much richer if they had the experience of worshiping with us. Let us share the joy and good news.

Last Sunday, my sermon was about prayer. Let us all allow prayer to become a bigger part of our lives. Let's pray for our church, our communities, our neighbors, our family, and the world. Let's pray for peace in the world and that the peace of Jesus Christ fills the hearts and minds of all who walk God's beautiful creation.

May God bless you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Tanner Martinson, Mary Alice Mund, Anne Ringdahl, Mary Engst, and Lorie Skarpness*. 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.



July

2 - Mike Martinson
Shirley Mund
4 - Greyson Arth
7 - Tom Hogness
8 - Randy Syrstad
9 - Wanda Hogness
13 - Abigail Lunneborg
Darick Yagow
14 - Jeri Christiansen
17 - Linda Martinson
19 - Bud Kuehn
20 - Janice Larson
23 - Jerome Johnson
Jason Kottke
24 - Donna Johnson

26 - Jeanette Buskohl
Payton Lien
27 - Adam Martinson
28 - Tanner Martinson
Alisha Olson
30 - River Bryant
David Lunneborg

August

3 - Lacey Ferderer
4 - Carson Roeder
5 - Joel Halvorson
6 - Carson Deyle
Jolene Schwalk
Holden Yagow
7 - Easton Fyre
Paula Tayer

8 - Kevin Peterson
9 - Terry Dusek
10 - Florence Dahlstrom
12 - Brayden Larson
17 - Judy Anderson
Jim Kleingarn
19 - Debbe Ellefson
Gwyn Kuehn
Steve Metzen
20 - Lance Hogness
23 - Brinley Yagow
26 - Brenda Gibbon
27 - Tammy Martinson
29 - Brooke Peterson
30 - Dan Mund
David Robbins

MLC Looking for Bids

Milnor Lutheran Church is accepting bids for construction of floor-to-ceiling storage closets in the library. Approximate dimensions would be 10' x 2 1/2' and 8' x 2 1/2'. Also replacement doors for two existing closets in the entryway of the church, 34" x 8' and 60" x 8'. If interested, leave a message at the church office 701-427-9273, or call Bill at 680-8081. We reserve the right to refuse any and all bids.

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Marlene Snellman

From Joy Christiansen (Day of Doing)
Royce & Noreen Granlund (Altar Guild)
Marjorie Johnson (Altar Guild)
Alice Wehlander (Sunday School)
Mervin & Karen Wohler (Sunday School)

In memory of Sandy Asche

From Myron & Lori Yagow (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Elsie Skarpness

From Diane Wallin (MLC--Lutheran Disaster Resp.)

In memory of Jim Wiltse

From Myron & Lori Yagow (ML Cemetery)

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2022 at 7 p.m.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's report from May: Motion to approve made from Kelly Arth and seconded by DeNae Mahler; motion carried.

Committee Business

- Worship--Meeting this Wednesday to pick hymns
- Stewardship--3rd Qtr. focus will be the Sargent County Food Bank. If you have extra garden produce to share – they are in need.
- Education--Vacation Bible School was held this past week and went well.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage
 - Landscape cement – Bill going out today to look. Glen Koeppe will help transport from Wallin's to the church.
 - Egress window coverings – Bill has sent measurements, waiting on estimate.
 - Estimate for work on parsonage basement came in at \$7,786. Project was unanimously approved, pending congregational approval.

Old Business

- **TV in Fellowship Hall** – TV purchase on hold until wiring and Wi-Fi in place. Jason was contacting Crossroads regarding wiring both electrical as well as running internet access cable. No update available on that. Deb has been working with DRN to determine what kind of internet upgrades we will need as we have a very old router and access point. DRN made some suggestions regarding upgrading to business hardware. Received quote for \$281. 24 to upgrade access point and primary router. Router will be leased at \$9.99/month. Upgrades approved. Deb will continue to work with DRN to get these installed.
- **Day of Doing Storage** – Bill working on getting contractor bids to build closets in old library.
- **Automatic Lock on East Door** – No update available.

- **Lock Box for Extra Keys** – Deb has purchased lock box – Bill will follow-up and get it installed.

New Business

- Council will not meet July or August.
- Linda Costain is wondering about the Bibles in the library and if we would consider donating them to Furniture Mission of Red River Valley. Council had no concerns regarding this and gave ok to donate them. Rest of the books from library will be made available for anyone to take and then donated. Photo albums and history books will be displayed in the fellowship hall.
- It was noted that the boy's bathroom in the basement was padlocked. No one on council is aware of any issue with the bathroom or where the padlock is from, Bill will follow-up with Barb as Heidi is not aware of why it is locked.

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

Next Meeting: September 14th @ 7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wagner, Secretary

May Income	\$14,252.59
May Expenses	8,189.83
Net Income	6,062.76
Year to Date Profit	\$12,239.50

Congregational Meeting July 24th

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting at MLC on Sunday, July 24, 2022, during the 9:30 worship service. A vote will be held to approve the following projects: egress window coverings, parsonage basement renovation (funds for this have been provided in full by the Mission Endowment Fund), storage cabinets in the library, and replacement closet doors in the church entry.

Bill Pribula
Council President

Altar Guild

July - Vi Mahler and Tracy Nelson

August - Janice Larson & Gail McCleery

WELCA

**Day of Doing Quilters will meet July 19th & 20th and August 16th & 17th
at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Yarn Angels will meet July 12th & 26th and August 9th & 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

WELCA will meet Monday, August 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

Red Willow Quilt Auction

Red Willow Bible Camp is having its annual Quilt Auction on Saturday, August 27th, at their location in Binford, ND. Our Day of Doing Quilters will be donating a beautiful quilt, which will be displayed in the sanctuary during worship in July. Red Willow is also selling raffle tickets for a queen-sized quilt donated by Lynette Winters. Tickets are \$5 and are available from Janice Larson. More information is available on the poster on the bulletin board in the entry.

Personal Care Kits

MLC WELCA is collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. This is instead of School Kits, which we are no longer able to provide. Items needed are:

Bath-size bars of **soap** in original packaging

Adult-size **toothbrushes**

Sturdy **combs** (no picks or fine-toothed combs)

Metal **nail clippers**, attached file optional

Lightweight bath-size **towels**, dark color recommended

If you can pick up a few items to help those less fortunate, it would be appreciated.

THIRD QUARTER STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: SARGENT COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Beginning in July, our stewardship focus is once again on our local food pantry. Donations may be delivered to the collection box in the entry or directly to the Gwinner site Tuesdays 1-4p.m. or by appointment by calling 680-7049. The Forman site is temporarily closed. Keep the food pantry in mind if you have extra garden produce.

Fresh food is always welcome. Current needs are:

toilet paper

laundry soap

dish soap

shampoo

toothpaste

canned fruit

canned meat (tuna/chicken)

hamburger or tuna helper

soup (not tomato or cream of mushroom)

jelly

Miracle Whip or mayonnaise

From our second quarter focus on Ukraine, \$1,275 has been sent to Lutheran Disaster Response. Even though we are no longer collecting monetary help and the war has stopped being breaking news and reported on page one, the Ukrainians are still fighting for their lives and homeland. Keep praying that our brothers and sisters in Ukraine can once again live in peace and begin picking up the pieces of their shattered country.

Stewardship Committee

Andrea Hogness. DeNae Martinson. Diane Wallin



Immanuel Lutheran Church

July

Usher: Harlan Hogness

Altar Guild: Sandy Hogness

August

Ushers: Joel Halvorson and Derek Martinson

Altar Guild: Heidi Moxness

Communion: July 3rd and August 7th

Summer Worship: Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

IMMANUEL COUNCIL MINUTES

June 29, 2022

The Immanuel Lutheran Council met June 29, 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Jim Berndt, Brenda Gibbon, Mindy Hogness, and Derek Martinson. Derek called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Mindy, seconded by Jim. No Treasurer's Report or Pastor's Report were available.

Old Business:

- Swede's Plumbing installed new toilets in the restrooms.
- The shed and its contents were discussed again. Derek will address the Council's recommendations with the congregation.
- The need for better lighting and circulation in the sanctuary was discussed. Light fixtures will be purchased so they are ready when the electricians come to do the upgrades. Derek will call Joel Krause.

New Business:

- We need to refill the propane tank. Letter from Dakota Plains was reviewed.
- We looked at the new aerial photos of Immanuel. Derek will share these on Facebook.

The meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will take place on July 20, 2022 at 7pm.

Mindy Hogness
Council Member

VBS/Day Camp was held at MLC June 5th-7th

