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NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

Hello friends in Christ! I hope this newsletter finds you all well, and it is my hope that you all had a wonderful and safe 4th of July weekend. As I write this newsletter, we have been enjoying cooler, pleasant weather here in our area. It has been a cooler summer overall, but again, we are experiencing a lack of rain. I am praying that our gracious God will provide much needed rain to our land.

Melissa and I took a vacation out to Montana for another Bryant family re-union. It has been life-changing for me to re-connect with my father and family. We have all found forgiveness, and it is incredible what forgiveness does for the heart and soul. We had a wonderful time. In August, she and I are planning on loading up our motorcycle and taking in the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally for a few days. I have always to experience that event, but probably just once! Melissa has been purchasing biker duds so she can "look the part" at the rally. I will be sure to share pictures. River has been home this summer and has been working at Bobcat to earn college money. Soon he will return to NDSU; all of the students will be returning to school before we know it. Where has the summer gone?

We were all saddened to hear of the tragic event in Fargo in which one police officer lost his life and others were critically wounded. We do not look at

Fargo as the safe place we once thought it was. Please join in praying for those officers, their families, the Fargo Police Department, and the world as a whole. Our prayers are desperately needed and God is listening.

We have been blessed as of late to do some more repair work at the church. Because of your generosity and compassion, we are able to keep on top of the repairs and keep the church in great shape.

Services will continue to be held at 8:00 a.m. at Immanuel, and at 9:30 at Milnor. This season in the church calendar is pretty uneventful, so there is just not a lot to report. However, God never ceases to be among us and guiding and protecting us.

As you may have noticed, our prayer list is quite large. Let us continually pray for those among us suffering from ill health. They cherish our prayers and I have heard much testimony that our prayers are being heard and miracles are happening.

I wish you all a great rest of your summer. Before we know it summer will be over and fall will be upon us. Please reach out to me anytime for anything. May the love of our gracious God be with you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Toni Claus, Kit Mund, Bill Larson, Andrea Coppin, Jill Wehlander, Mary Alice Mund, Shyrlee Friskop, Lorie Skarpness, Carol Hogness, Mark Thorson, Mary Engst, Julianne Rotenberger, Phyllis Gelinske, and Craig Speich*. 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 NOTES

- There will be a **blood drive** at MLC on Monday, July 31st, from 12:15 - 6:00 p.m. Please call Bobbi (680-2806) or Dorothy (680-8082) if you are willing to donate.
- **Altar Guild:** July-- Vi Mahler and Tracy Nelson; August-- Janice Larson and Gail McCleery
- **Shepherding Leaders:** July -- Pat Olson and Diane Wallin; August-- Tracy Lien, Paula Tayer, and Dorothy Pribula
- **Day of Doing Quilters** will meet July 18th and 19th and August 15th and 16th at 9:30 a.m.
- **Yarn Angels** will meet July 11th and 25th and August 8th and 22nd at 1:00 p.m.
- **Sunday School** will begin again on September 10th.

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2023

Present: Jason Kottke, Kris Lien, Nate Sundquist, Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Jill Baldwin

Absent: Randy Syrstad, DeNae Martinson, Alisha Olson & Rick Bryant

Meeting was opened with the Lords Prayer by President Bill Pribula.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's report were reviewed. Clarification from last treasurers report regarding the \$638 designated to Ronald McDonald House. Per Grace, this was for checks written to the church designated to the Ronald McDonald House. Motion made by Kris Lien to approve minutes and treasurer's report, seconded by Jill Wohler. Motion carried.

Committee Business

- Worship (Deb & Jill) – nothing new – will plan return to normal offering of passing plate during an offering hymn this fall.

- Stewardship (DeNae & Jason) – nothing to report.

- Education (Randy & Alisha) – Vacation bible school went well and was well attended.

- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Bill & Nate)

- **Altar Windows** – still waiting on Northern Glass from Fargo to come down and take a look to give us an estimate. Nate also is reaching out to another person who may do windows like this and will see if he can come down and give an estimate.

- **Exterior wood around the stained-glass windows.** Received rough estimate from Christopher Ferderer for \$7400. He is unsure of material cost as he is waiting on a subcontractor that would do the shaping of the frame. Due to the complexity of fixing these windows and the fact that we have been unable to get other contractors willing to bid, counsel is in favor of moving ahead with this. Plan will be a congregational vote July 9th. Bill will announce special meeting at the next 2 weeks church service.

- **Landscape cement timbers** for flower beds project is complete

- **Church floor tile** – nothing to update

- **Sinking Air Conditioner unit** update.

Crossroads did come and straighten this.

- **Light switch in fellowship Storage room** – fixed per Crossroads.

- **Gutters and downspout damage** updates – Estimate for fixing and replacing \$1500 – Jill Baldwin made a motion to proceed with this and Kris Lien seconded, motion carried.

- **Humidity issue in basement** – Discussed some further options for more efficient way of dealing with the humidity. Jason and Bill are looking at a couple of different options. They will get more info and cost estimates.

Pastor's Report – Pastor not present, nothing to report.

Old Business

- Garage for Parsonage Update – still waiting for estimates.

- Luther League Leaders – Lacey Kottke has volunteered to lead this with help from Jason. Bobbie Fuhrman has also volunteered to continue to help as needed.

- Council Size – update from Pastor discussion with Synod – no update at this time

New Business

- Weeds in window well. Will take a look after council and remove what is tall enough and spray weeds to prevent future growth.

- Pastor Vacation request July 2nd – no concerns expressed with this, vacation approved. Will follow up with Pastor as he mentioned looking for options to cover this day.

- Council meetings during summer – it was decided that the council will not have a scheduled meeting July or August. Will call special meetings as needed if bids/estimates come in.

- Per request of treasurer, we reviewed internet access at the parsonage as speed was increased in past due to school needs. Per Grace's discussion with Pastor Rick, they feel it isn't necessary to have the increased speed any longer. Council agreed that this should be lowered if no issues with Pastor Rick. Deb will reach out and let Grace know this.

- We received an invite to the Wahpeton Conference event being held in Cogswell in July. Bill will plan to attend this.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kris Lien and seconded by Nate Sundquist – motion carried.

MLC Financial Report:

June Income	\$ 7,092.57
June Expenses	8,614.12
Net Loss	-1,521.55
Year to Date	\$ 341.82



Immanuel Lutheran Church

July Usher: Harlan Hogness

July Altar Guild: Sandy Hogness

August Ushers: Loran Hudson and Mark Hudson

August Altar Guild: Annette Hudson

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

Communion: July 9th and August 6th

Immanuel Lutheran Council Minutes June 21, 2023

The Council met June 21st at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Brenda Gibbon, Mindy Hogness, Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, and Landon Mund. Brenda called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Tanner, seconded by Kevin. No Treasurer's or Pastor's Reports were read.

Committees:

- Education Committee – Mindy reported the Sunday School is on track for their September 10th start date at ILC. Registration is open and sign-ups are still being welcomed.

Old Business:

- Tanner talked to Crossroads and is waiting to hear back for a quote and timeline to fix the Church's Cross Light.
- Another contractor has been contacted for an estimate on replacing the basement doors/window to the Church.

New Business:

- Pastor Rick will be on vacation over the 4th of July Weekend and the Council has decided Church Service will not be held on Sunday, July 2nd.
- The Council gave permission for use of the kitchen and fellowship area by family for a non-member burial in September.
- The heat pump system at the Church was having issues keeping to temperature. Crossroads came out and performed maintenance cleaning on the system and it is now running properly.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tanner. The council closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will take place on August 22nd @ 6PM.

Landon Mund
Council Secretary