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# NEWSLETTER

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

## Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

As I write this newsletter, we thank God for providing our farmers favorable weather to accomplish spring planting. And now we ask God to graciously provide the needed rain to help nurture the crops.

The summer season is a quiet time in our liturgy year, but God never ceases to be present in our lives and community. Our children enjoyed another amazing Vacation Bible School at MLC. A very special "thanks" to all of the staff and volunteers that made this special event possible. Vacation Bible School is a wonderful way to plant seeds in the young hearts and minds of the children, and I am excited to envision what these kids will bring to our church in the coming years.

We recently recognized five graduating seniors at MLC and, as always, the wonderful ladies of our Day of Doing Quilters allowed each of them to pick out a quilt. What an amazing, heartfelt gift. We all wish the graduating class the very best of luck in their future endeavors. We also held our First Communion event for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and congratulated our confirmands for their two years of hard work!

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize Dorothy Pribula and many others who worked very hard to put on a terrific rummage sale during June

Jamboree. This event raised over \$3200, with proceeds going to the new Veteran's Hall building in Milnor.

Have you noticed the new, beautiful flower beds at MLC? We thank Ashlynn Sundquist, Nate Sundquist, Kris Lien, Brian Tayer, Bill Pribula, Jim Foley, Linda Costain, Kristie Johnson, Patty Ellefson, Rich Hogness, and Dorothy Pribula. The beautiful flowers are a daily reminder of your hard work and compassion for our church.

All has been pretty quiet at ILC. But we continue to worship and praise God ceaselessly. Services will continue to be held at 8:00 a.m. throughout the summer.

And so you see, God is always present and without a doubt is beaming with pride with what is happening in our churches.

I had a wonderful vacation in Ontario, Canada and I thank you for the opportunity to recharge my batteries and get some rest and relaxation.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Please reach out to me 24/7 if you need anything at all.

May 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, and Julianne Rotenberger*. 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.



1 - Ed Larson  
Kayley Peterson  
2 - Judy Kleingarn  
Randy Odegard  
4 - Kala Banish  
Shannon Berndt  
7 - Toni Claus  
8 - Curt Anderson  
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 Koepp  
20 - Morgan Mund  
21 - LaVerne Colby  
24 - Linda Robbins  
25 - Mindy Hogness  
27 - Wyatt Martinson  
28 - Dennis Odegard  
29 - Tammy Bernhardt

## MLC MEMORIALS

### In memory of Betty Lunneborg

From Greg & Kathy Busch (MLC)  
Linda Costain (Yarn Angels)  
Jacqueline Gaylord (MLC)  
Joy (Lunneborg) & Scott Groth (MLC)  
Marjorie Johnson (YA)  
Brad & Kristin Lunneborg (MLC)  
David Lunneborg (MLC)  
Curt & Vi Mahler (Yarn Angels)  
Greg & Gail Mayer (MLC)  
Gail & Hap McCleery (Yarn Angels)  
Mark & Marsha Murphy (MLC)  
Dale Torreson (MLC)  
Alice Wehlander (Yarn Angels)

### In memory of Steve Murdock

From: Linda Costain (Yarn Angels)  
Shirley Hasbargan (ML Cemetery)  
Roger & JoAnn Lonbakken (MLC & Cemetery)  
Alice Wehlander (ML Cemetery)  
Mary Zey (ML Cemetery)

### In memory of Audrey Ficenec

From: Jeanette Buskohl (Sunday School)

# Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2023

Present: Jason Kottke, Kris Lien, Nate Sundquist, DeNae Martinson, Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Jill Baldwin, Rick Bryant & Alisha Olson; Absent: Randy Syrstad. Meeting was opened by President Bill Pribula and devotions ready by Pastor Rick. Secretary's minutes were read, and Treasurer's report were reviewed. There was some confusion regarding Ronald McDonald House's donation. Motion made by Jill Baldwin to approve minutes and treasurer's report with requested clarification from treasurer, seconded by Nate Sundquist. Motion carried. Bill will follow up with Grace regarding the donation numbers.

## Committee Business

- Worship (Deb & Jill) – Committee met to review hymns. There has been a request to do hymn requests for summer like we did last year.
- Education (Randy & Alisha) – Sunday school is done for the year. Red Willow Bible Camp will be coming June 4th through the 6th for Vacation Bible School. Accommodation has been found for the counselors.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Kris & Nate):
  - **Altar Windows** – Christopher Ferderer attended the meeting virtually to talk about the repair on both the altar windows and the stained-glass window frames at the back of the church. The windows that are up above the altar are basically 2 panes of glass together, one clear and one yellow so the entire window would need to be replaced and would need to be custom made. Discussed possible solutions of framing in standard windows. He does not feel that he would be able to do these windows as he doesn't have the equipment that is needed. Kris has also contacted Northern Glass in Fargo and we are waiting to hear back from them. They have worked on church steeples before and can custom make the windows. Will await an estimate from them.

- **Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows.** Christopher talked through the process to fix these. He feels that he would be able to fix these and will send an estimate to Deb.

- **Landscape cement timbers for flower beds** – Will need a couple of more timbers from Wallin's. Plan for now is to transplant perennials in pots until project is done. Wed May 31st at 4pm, the grounds committee will get together to work on this. Bill will ask for volunteers in church to help that day.

- **Church floor tiling** – More discussion again regarding replacing the tile in the church. Because of the size of the project will table this for now until we complete the window projects. Will discuss this again in 2024.

- **Library/Cry Room closet update** – Project is complete.

**Pastor's Report** – Funeral was held this past week. Senior recognition will be held this Sunday. Pastor will be gone on May 28th, he is making arrangements for someone to fill in for him.

## Old Business

- Direct stream video camera – Project is Complete
- Garage for Parsonage Update – we received building plans for 28x28 garage. They are still working on estimates, and we will look for several bids on the project and then bring it to the congregation.
- Luther League Leaders – We are still needing volunteers to take over leadership of Luther League.
- Council Size – Rick has reached out to the Synod but has not heard back on the process. He will follow up with them on this.

## New Business

- Both air conditioning units outside the fellowship hall are sinking as they have no base. Crossroads will be contacted.
- There was some damage to the gutters and downspouts from the winter and will need to be replaced.
- There are Barn swallows nesting in peak of church.
- An additional dehumidifier was purchased for the basement – discussed possible options for alternatives as we currently have 5 running down there..
- Snow breaks on the roof that were damaged this winter are capped off and Nate will be fixing.
- Dishwasher in fellowship hall: There was a request to remove it from kitchen as it is rarely used and replace it with the original cabinet. It was discussed and unanimously decided that we would leave the dishwasher in place.

Motion was made by Kris Lien to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Alisha Olson. Motion carried.

## MLC Financial Report:

April Income	\$ 9,580.05
April Expenses	9,759.30
Net Loss	- 179.25
Year to Date	\$ 1,870.93

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

# WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet June 20th and 21st at 9:00 a.m.  
Yarn Angels will meet June 13th and 27th at 1:00 p.m.

## HEALTH KITS

Through the end of June, MLC WELCA is collecting items to provide health kits for men and women to Churches United in Fargo. Needed items are:

Towels and washcloths  
Bars of soap  
Shampoo  
Combs  
Fingernail clippers  
Toothbrushes and toothpaste  
Dental floss

If you can pick up a few items to contribute to this project, it would be appreciated. There's a table in the Fellowship Hall for donations. Thanks!

## June Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Tracy Nelson, Deb Schutt, Jolene Schwalk

June 4 -- Ushers: Curt & Jean Anderson; Lector: Jolene Schwalk

Communion: Jolene & Curt or Jean

June 11 -- Ushers: Matt & Alisha Olson Family; Lector: Glen Koepp

June 18 -- Ushers: Mike & Deb Schut, Amber Kjar; Lector: Mike

Communion: Deb & Amber

June 25 -- Ushers: Don & Tracy Nelson; Lector: Don or Tracy

## ***Thanks!***

Thank you. Thank You. THANK YOU! To everyone who donated items to the rummage sale, to those who helped set up the sale, to all who shopped at the sale, and to those who helped tear down. It was a lot of work, but the sale was great. We raised \$3,245 to help build the new Veteran's Hall. Awesome Effort. Awesome Outcome. Thanks Everyone!

The flower beds are done! A big thank you to Ashlynn Sundquist, Nathan Sundquist, Kris Lien, Brian Tayer, Bill Pribula, and Jim Foley for tearing out the old ones and building the new ones. Thanks to Linda Costain, Kristie Johnson, Patty Ellefson, and Dorothy Pribula for planting them, and to Ashlynn Sundquist and Rich Hogness for putting the new rock back in them and adding rock to low places around the church. God's work. Our hands. Well done, good & faithful servants!



## *Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*June*

*Worship Services:*

*June Usher: Dan Krause*

*June Altar Guild: Karen Krause*

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

*Communion: June 4th*

### **Memorial Service for Pastor Skarpness on June 25th**

Pastor Elwood Skarpness, Age 92, went home to be with the Lord on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. Pastor Skarpness served as pastor of the Immanuel & DeLamere Lutheran Parish from November 1976 thru September 1998. His family appreciates your prayers during this time and invites you to join them for these upcoming services on June 24-25, 2023:

**Visitation:** Saturday, June 24, 5-7 pm  
with a Prayer Service beginning at 7 pm

**Location:** Wright Funeral Home  
605 2nd Ave S, Moorhead MN

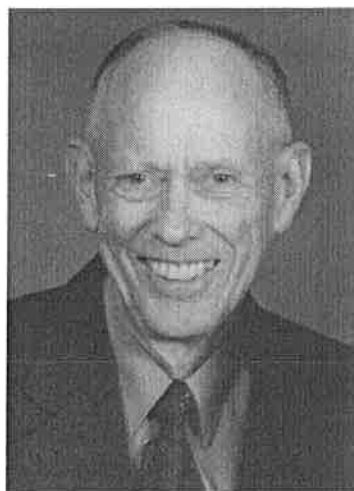
**“Celebration of Life”:** Sunday, June 25, 2 pm

**Location:** Immanuel Lutheran Church (rural DeLamere ND)

More details are available at [www.wrightfuneral.com/obituaries/elwood-skarpness](http://www.wrightfuneral.com/obituaries/elwood-skarpness)

Instead of flowers or memorial gifts to the family, please consider donating to Immanuel Lutheran or to one of the following organizations that meant a lot to Pastor Skarpness:

- Samaritan’s Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>)
  - Prison Fellowship (<https://www.prisonfellowship.org/>)
  - Gideons (<https://www.gideons.org/>)
  - Great Plains Food Bank (<https://www.greatplainsfoodbank.org/>)
- (If you prefer to give by check to one of these organizations, the family is happy to forward it on.)



A Few Pics from 2023 VBS at MLC

