

June 2025
NEWSLETTER



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Immanuel Lutheran Churches**
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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

It is my hope that this June newsletter finds everyone doing well! As I write this letter, the weather has warmed, and we appear to be heading into summer. As I travel about, it is nice to see the farmers in the fields, doing what they love and feeding the world. May God bless our farmers and ranchers. Also, school has ended in Milnor and the students and faculty can now take a much-deserved break. We wish them all a wonderful summer.

It sure has been busy the last couple of months on the church front. We have put another Lenten season behind us, held First Communion, confirmed 8 students into the ELCA church, and recognized the graduating seniors. We now enter the quiet season of the liturgy church calendar. We have VBS coming up at MLC June 16-18 and is open to all students who have completed grades K-6. There are sign-up sheets at the church, and you can also reach out to Melissa or Jen Sundquist should you have any questions or want to enroll a youth. I wish to thank Jen and Myah Sundquist, as well as Melissa Bryant for your commitment to this amazing program that has such a vital impact on our children. We are also seeking 3 volunteers who would be able to assist the staff this year. For confirmation students, you would receive service hours for helping out. All is quiet and well out at ILC. Church will continue to be held at 8:00 a.m. throughout the summer.

On Sunday, June 15th, Deacon Laura will be at MLC to recognize Jill Baldwin in her work to become a Lay Minister in the ELCA. Congrats to Jill for your hard work in this endeavor. Ministers and Pastors are in short supply and dwindling every year so this is a great blessing to our community.

For many of us, summer is a time of recreational activities and enjoying our hobbies. However, I encourage us all to stop and pray throughout our day. Pray for those who are poor and homeless. Pray for the sick. Pray for the lonely. Pray for those living in fear. Pray for victims of violence. Pray for world peace. Pray for our community and our neighbors.

God is listening and he longs to be a part of our lives. We invite HIM into our lives through prayer, which is one of life's most valuable gifts. I wish you all a safe and wonderful summer.

May God bless you all.

Rick

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"If it's in God's will, it will
happen and nothing will stop it. If
it's not, God has a better plan.
Have peace knowing this."
Proverbs 16:9
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PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Orvin Hogness, Gary Jenson, Pat Olson, Goolsbey, Jill Wehlander, Don Marquette, Marcus Anderson, Janis Claus, Loralie Martinson, Arlis McFarland, John Crandall, and Mervin Wohler.*

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.



June Birthdays

1 - Ed Larson Kayley Peterson	10 - Levi Buskohl Ryan Mund	17 - Sofia Hanna Glen Koeppe
2 - Judy Kleingarn Randy Odegard	11 - Linda Costain Steve Mund	20 - Morgan Mund
4 - Shannon Berndt	Darla Schutt	21 - LaVerne Colby
7 - Tomi Claus	14 - John Kottke	24 - Linda Robbins
8- Curt Anderson	15- Kathy Ellefson	19- Luke Mund
9- Gail McCleery	15- Kelly Arth	25- Mindy Hogness
		28- Dennis Odegard
		29- Tammy Bernhardt

VBS will be held at MLC June 16th, 17th and 18th

For kids who have completed grades K-6. Registration forms are the entryway of the church. If anyone is willing to donate any cantaloupe, grapes, strawberries & watermelon. (Fruit should be washed, cut up, and ready to eat.)

Please reach out to Jen Sunquist, Maya Sundquist or Melissa Bryant.

MLC NOTES

There will be a rummage sale June 20th & 21st. Free will offering. You can start bringing stuff to the church immediately. If you are able, please take items downstairs and put them in the rooms past the bathrooms. If unable leave them under the coat rack. Bigger items (furniture, bikes, outdoor items) can be dropped off no sooner than June 18th after 3:00p.m. No electronics. No large exercise equipment. There will be another sale in the fall before Sunday school starts. The proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics. If you have any questions, please contact Dorthy Pribula @ 680-8082

If you have a Confirmation student interested in going to camp for their first time, WELCA will pay the entire cost. Register at RedWillowMinistries.com and use code MLW10025. If you have questions, call Donna Johnson at 701-680-0161 or Red Willow at 701-676-2681.

There are sign-up sheets in the entry for providing and serving summer lunches after worship and for watering plants around MLC this summer. Thank you to those who have volunteered this month!

June 1-7: Linda, June 8-14: Brian, June 15-21: Loann & Terry, June 22-28: Chunky & Donna

MILNOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 21, 2025

Present: Kris Lien, Paula Tayer, Jennifer Sundquist, Nate Sundquist, Wade Kuehn, Loren Ellefson, Rick Bryant, Jill Baldwin and Melissa Bryant.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rick Bryant. The Secretary's Report and Treasure's reports were reviewed. With one correction to the Secretary's report to have the word "detracted" from the worship committee business to be changed to "pending". No corrections were made to the Treasurer's report. Jill Baldwin made a motion to approve the reports and seconded by Paula Tayer; all in favor and seconded by Kris Lien.

Committee Business:

Worship (Jill) - Songs were picked June through August. No worship July 30, 2025. June 15, 2025, Deacon Laura will be at Milnor Lutheran Church to commission Jill Baldwin as Lay Minister. Motion made by Jill Baldwin, seconded by Loren Ellefson: all in favor, motion carried.

Stewardship (Paula)- The Endowment Fund, Mitch Tompkins will be replaced by Grace Prante and Linda Costain who will now be overseeing the Endowment fund. Motion made by Paula Tayer, seconded by Kris Lien, all in favor, motion carried. Education (Jennifer)- Vacation Bible School will be June 16, 17 and 18, 2025.

Properties/ Grounds- (Kris, Nate and Wade)- Waiting on bid and schedule on stained-glass windows. External church Sign- they are going to see what can be done to fix it, so it closes correctly. Old well room at Parsonage, work will begin soon. The front screen door is not latching and needs to have seal replaced- Nate and Kris will look at it. Outside outlets will be done when work begins on well room. Kris is going to spray around church for weeds. Reese Hogness has begun mowing around church. The church basement where the mold needs to be sheet rocked and sealed. Motion made by Paula Tayer, seconded by Loren Ellefson, all in favor: motion carried.

Pastor's Report: (Rick)

He will be leading worship for the All School Reunion.

June 1st Rick is taking a vacation day. Melissa Bryant will be leading worship on June 1, 2025. Richard Jacobson will be doing Elmer Aabrekke on May 31st, 2025.

Old Business

Front door of church- Nate is still looking into lock options.

Endowment Fund- a donation was made to go towards fixing something at the church or parsonage.

New Business:

Request to have a rummage sale on June 20th and 21st at the church. Money raised will go the rebuild of the Keg. There will be a rummage in the fall before Sunday School starts.

Conformation - requirements were discussed.

Other options will be made for students if they cannot attend camp. Rick, Jennifer and Melissa will discuss other options and requirements for students.

Policy for use of the Church Facilities was reviewed. Changes were the fee of \$150 use of the church to \$350 for members. Non-members from \$200 to \$400 for use of the church of two days including janitorial fee after wedding, with a \$200 deposit refundable if church is left acceptable condition after each.

Kris Lien made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lauren seconded the motion; all in favor. motion carried.

Next meeting: September 10, 2025

Respectfully submitted by

Melissa Bryant, Office Manager

MEMORIALS

In memory of Sophia Fuhrman,
-Milnor Lutheran Sunday School-
from Alice Wehlender

June Altar Guild
Jeanette Buskohl and Connie Robbins

WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet June 17th and 18th at 9:00 a.m.
Yarn Angels will meet June 10th and 24th at 1:00 p.m.

MLC June Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Donald & Tracy Nelson and Jolene Schwalk

June 1, 2025 Ushers/Greeters: Jim & Carol Peterson Lector: Carol Peterson

June 8, 2025 Ushers/ Greeters: Donald & Tracy Nelson Lector: Doanld Nelson

June 15, 2025 Ushers/ Greeters: Glen & Barb Koeppe & granddaughters Lector:

Communion Servers: Jean Andeson

June 22, 2025 Ushers/Greeters: Alisha Olson & family Lector: Mike Schutt

June 28, 2025 Ushers/ Greeters: Lynn & Blair Michels Lector: Jolene Schwalk



Immanuel Lutheran Church

June

Usher: Dan Krause

Altar Guild: Karen Krause

Communion: June 8th

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. through August