

March 2020
NEWSLETTER



**Milnor Lutheran and
Immanuel Lutheran Churches**
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Rick's Column

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you all. I sincerely hope that this newsletter finds you all well. As I write this letter, we have just completed our Ash Wednesday service and we now begin the Lenten season. We also lost a very beloved member of our church and community, Mrs. Paulette Lien. I want to thank everyone for their wonderful support to the Lien family. Your heart-felt gestures of cards, flowers, words of hope, hugs and your willingness to pitch in to ensure a beautiful funeral service are much appreciated. The members of this church and community have a true "servant's heart." It makes a person sure feel proud and blessed to be a part of such a loving community. Thank you all!

As of late, we have enjoyed mild weather absent of any blizzards. This is a welcome change. The threat of spring flooding and difficult spring planting conditions will diminish greatly with every day of mild, snow-free weather. Please join me as we pray to our Almighty God for favorable weather.

As we enter this Lenten Season of 2020, it is my hope and prayer that we take a step from the busyness of our lives and remember our Glorious

Lord and Savior. Lent is a special time of year. Whether you are abstaining from a food or activity during Lent, or simply devoting more time for prayer and communion with God, let us take this season to show our love and thankfulness to Christ, as he gave us the ultimate gift of salvation through his death and resurrection. Let us, in this 2020 Lenten season, honor and praise Jesus Christ with enthusiasm and vigor! The rewards will be great. In Matthew 22: 37-38, Jesus reminds us that the greatest commandment of all is to, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Please continue to pray for those in our midst that are suffering from ill health and medical challenges. Believe in the power of prayer! Pray for wisdom for the Doctors who are caring for our loved ones. Pray that God may lay his healing hands on those who are ill. HE is the greatest physician. Finally, hold tight to your loved ones. Cherish them and your moments together always. Wrap your arms around them TODAY!

May God Bless you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People on our prayer lists are: *Mayvis Solberg, Larry Halmrast, Pat Olson, Karen Edison, Deanne Else, Mary Alice Mund, Norma Brekke, Arlene Lillestol, Ron Lillestol, and McKayla Keelan.* Please keep them in your prayers.



4 - Danielle Hogness
5 - Jace Fyre
7 - Hailyn Berndt
Patty Ellefson
Isaac Kottke
12 - Jean Anderson
13 - Rick Bryant
Lynne Michels

14 - Christina Syrstad
15 - Kristie Johnson
16 - Jim Berndt
Jim Robbins
17 - Avery Laudert
19 - Barb Odegard
20 - Carolyn Colby
22 - Tania Henning
James Martinson

22 - Gary Springer
23 - Loran Hudson
24 - Melissa Bryant
Jerilyn Yagow
27 - Jill Gainor
29 - Jordan Pribula
30 - Pete Christiansen
Jim Toyne
31 - Braylon Wyum

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Paulette Lien

From: Jeanette Buskohl (ML Cemetery)
Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Yarn Angels)
Andrea & Steve Hogness (ML Improvement)
Steve & Celeste Metzen (Yarn Angels)
Kevin & Brooke Peterson (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Rosemarie Gregor

From: Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Yarn Angels)
Steve & Celeste Metzen (Yarn Angels)

In memory of Suzi K. Lee

From: Steve & Celeste Metzen (Yarn Angels)

March 25
April 1

Lenten Supper/Service
Lenten Supper/Service

6:00/7:00 p.m. at Milnor Lutheran
6:00/7:00 p.m. at Immanuel

Milnor Lutheran Council Minutes

January 8, 2020

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 11th:
Motion to approve from Curt, Connie seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve from Curt, Andrea seconded, all in favor .

Committee Business

- Worship & Shepherding (Alisha, Lonnie, & Andrea)
 - Nothing to report
- Stewardship (Lonnie, Andrea& Alisha)
 - Nothing to report
- Education (Randy& Connie)
 - Nothing to report
- Properties/Grounds/Parsonage (Myron &Curt)
 - Mailbox was run over from the city snow clean-up. Rick will try to get it set back up this spring.
 - Shed for the parsonage was discussed, Myron talked to John Buskohl about building something and John is going to get some quotes (likely need a 16x24 shed). Will need 6 ft to get mower in there and mower deck is 54 inches. We should also look into the cost of a garage while we are getting a quote so we know the price difference of both.
 - Don called Crossroad's Electric to look at the cross light and it's lit but it's very dim, Don will check to see what it would take to get it a little brighter.

Pastor's Report

- Children's sermon to start this coming Sunday .
- Rick is now enrolled in 2 classes to start out with on-line with Wartburg; for the invoices, Rick will get those directly to Grace.
- Feb 8th Rick will be gone for military. Rick Braun left town so we will need to get a fill in.

Old Business

- Still need 3-4council members to run for next term.
- 2020 annual meeting will be Jan 26th; ask Heidi if she would be able to get the ballots ready in the case that we have more than 3 running.

New Business

- Addendum to the contract for Rick will be signed thru end of 2020.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Hogness
Secretary

MLC Financial Report:

January Income	\$ 7,157.89
January Expenses	11,679.24
Net Loss	- 4,521.35
Year-to-Date Loss	-\$ 4,521.35

The council is excited about continuing to make more updates to the parsonage in 2020; however, we need funding to support our projects! Our first priority is looking at an outdoor storage shed/garage options. Rick has his own snow blower and lawn equipment and will be taking care of the parsonage yard. We feel this will pay for itself in time! Secondly, the basement bathroom is in need of remodeling. So we are looking for donations to support these projects to continue our parsonage improvements. Please consider making a donation or organizing a fundraiser. Thank You!

Milnor Lutheran Council Minutes (Unapproved)

February 26, 2020

Present: Andrea Hogness, Don Nelson, Myron Yagow, Randy Syrstad, Kelly Arth, Diane Wallin, Travers Storhaug, & Rick Bryant; Absent: Alisha Olson & Lonnie Rotenberger

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 8th: Motion to approve from Diane, Randy seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve from Andrea, Kelly seconded, all in favor.

Committee Business

- Worship & Shepherding (Kelly, Lonnie)
 - Rick reported that the goal is for the children's sermon to be done each Sunday that there is Sunday School, but it is still a work in progress.
- Stewardship (Diane, Andrea)
 - Sargent County Fair Board has offered an opportunity for MLC to have a pancake feed and cowboy service at the Sargent County Fair; stewardship committee will discuss further.
- Education (Randy, Alisha)
 - Confirmation is working on community service during lent with sponsoring supper.
- Properties/Grounds/Parsonage (Myron, Travers, Don)
 - Shed for parsonage was discussed.
 - Wall under Satre Lounge-G&M will go look at the wall & make a decision.
 - Lighting in church; Don talked to Crossroad's about this and the lighting on the cross & they are going to give us some options.
 - Dog Poop – there have been a couple of complaints about this in the parking lot, Don has talked to Terry Dusek and he said the city can't do anything unless we know who the dogs and owners are (which we do not know at this time). The council cannot do anything regarding this issue.
 - Since we have the new hot water heater, it may need to be adjusted to be hotter, G&M will take a look.

Pastor's Report

- Lenten services are going well.
- Enrolled in 2 classes right now & it's going well.
- Rick also reported on items in the committee business above.

Old Business

- Cross Lighting – Crossroads is going to get back to us, we'd want to go with LED lights but will need to have a quote.

New Business

- Welcome of new council members, appointment of committees & Vice President
 - Worship & Shepherding- Kelly Arth & Lonnie Rotenberger
 - Stewardship – Diane Wallin & Andrea Hogness
 - Education – Randy Syrstad & Alisha Olson
 - Grounds & Maintenance – Myron Yagow, Don Nelson, & Travers Storhaug
- Appointment of Vice President, Myron Yagow nominated, Motion to approve from Randy, Travers seconded, all in favor.
- Sound System – Randy will talk to Booster Club to see if we can get any funding for a new sound system.
- Answers to the annual meeting questions:
 - Miscellaneous income of \$30,303? – This was donations consisting of the parsonage flooring, windows for church, specials, sale of LP tank, sale of water heater, cash calendar, & donation from Sakry Plumbing.
 - How much left in Special Assessments? – Should be between \$4-5k left, will know the amount after the county processes the payment.
 - How much spent in 2019 on parsonage? – Nearly \$15,000, of that around \$8,500 for flooring, \$1,000 for blinds, the rest was miscellaneous expenses like plumbing, cleaning, electrical, mowing, etc.
- March 30th Mobile Food Pantry and next on June 3rd
 - Diane suggested getting the word out to donate extra garden produce; it was suggested that this could be put in the summer and fall newsletters.
- Sunrise service attendance has been decreasing each year; 2019 - 30; 2018 – 45. Council decided to continue this year with sunrise, but determined if this year is low in attendance as previous years, will revisit.
- Randy will tend to the snow removal in front of the doors & get help as needed.
- New membership for Jeanne McCauley approved by council.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 @ 7 pm (there is a conflict for March 11th). Motion to adjourn by Diane, Kelly seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

March Altar Guild
Janice Larson and Gail McCleery

WELCA

MLC Day-of-Doing Quilters – March 17 & 18 at 9:00 a.m.
Yarn Angels – Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.
Altar Guild - Wednesday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Day of Doing Quilters

On Sunday, February 2nd, the Day of Doing Quilters displayed 46 beautiful quilts in the sanctuary at Milnor Lutheran. The following week some of them were delivered to YWCA and Churches United for the Homeless in Fargo. Some went to the Children's Foster Care Program on the Reservation at Sisseton, SD, along with another load of donated items. Day of Doing continues to collect clothing--especially needed are infant and toddler clothing and duffle bags or backpacks--for this program.

Milnor Community Notes

- Great Plains Food Bank will be using the parking lot at Milnor Lutheran for a short while on March 30th and again on June 3rd for a special food distribution for those in need. Anyone from any community is welcome. No preregistration is required. If you know someone who needs food, please pass this info along to them. (See page 7 of this newsletter for more information or the bulletin board in the entry.)
- The Milnor Satellite Club is looking for nominees for the Galaxy Award. If you have someone in mind, there are a few forms on the counter at the church.
- The Sargent County Fair Board is looking for an organization interested in doing a pancake feed fundraiser at the Sunday 'Cowboy' Church service at the fair in July this year (donations would go towards Milnor Lutheran). If anyone is interested in organizing this on behalf of Milnor Lutheran please reach out to Andrea Hogness or Diane Wallin.
- There will not be lunch after worship at MLC on March 29th so everyone can support the Scholarship Association's Pancake Breakfast at the MACC.
- There will be a blood drive at MLC on Monday, April 6th.

NOISY OFFERING

On Sunday, April 5th (Palm Sunday), the Sunday School will be collecting your change. This will be given to the Children's Miracle Network of Sanford's Children's Hospital in Fargo for youth that are dealing with illness or a serious injury. So gather your change, or go to the bank and exchange your paper money for coins.

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

-Sunday School will not be held March 22nd.

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

MLC Sunday School Lunches

March 1 - Joey & Kala B, Jacob H, Teegan,
Taylor & Kaleb O

March 8 - Avery L & Brinley Y, Greyson A,
Kenna P, Chloe S



LUTHER LEAGUE LUNCHES

March 15--Day of Doing Quilters fundraising
for the Children's Program at Sisseton

March 22 - -- Lincoln Smith, Chase Johnson,
Sofia Hanna, and Jaidyn McCleery

March 29--No lunch; please attend the
Scholarship Association breakfast at the
MACC.

CONFIRMATION ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

March 1 - Amber & Kolten	April 5 - Sofia & Kris
March 8 - Kris & John	April 12 - Ushers
March 15 - Evelyn & Sofia	April 19 - Kolten & Gavin
March 22 - Gavin & Kolten	April 26 - Amber & Evelyn
March 29 - Amber & Evelyn	

2020 LUTHER LEAGUE LENTEN SERVING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 26th

Soup: Mason, Elle, Jaidyn, Chase, Lincoln
Sandwiches: Spencer, Hanna, Sara, River, Sofia
Bars: Machaela, Eliot, Isaac, Kari, Amber

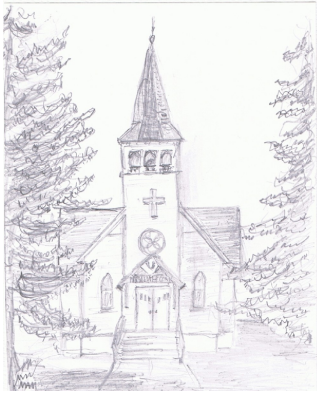
Wednesday, March 11th

Soup: Spencer, Sara, John, Kolten, Ryan
Sandwiches: Chase, Kris, Evelyn, Micah, Brandt
Bars: Mason, Jaidyn, Lincoln, Payton, Gavin

Wednesday, March 25th

Soup: Kari, Brandt, Jaidyn, Hanna, Sofia
Sandwiches: Jaidyn, Lincoln, Isaac, Amber, Eliot
Bars: Elle, Kolten, Sara, Spencer, River

*Please bring a large crock
pot of soup,
1 dozen sandwiches
(2 slices of bread), or a large
pan of bars (24) as assigned.
Supper begins at 6:00 p.m.
Please be there by 5:45. If
you are not able to provide
or serve as scheduled, please
find a replacement.
Questions? Call Jasmine at
427-5038 or text/call
540-8003.*



Immanuel Lutheran Church

March

Ushers: Larry Moxness, Arlin Mund

Altar Guild: Mary Moxness, Melinda Mund

Communion Server: Derek Martinson

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

Lenten Services: March 5, 19, and April 1

2020 Immanuel Lenten Serving Schedule

March 4th

Mary
Heidi
Linda
Wanda

March 18th

Annette
Marlene
Dawn
Karen
Melinda

April 1st

Vickie
Sandy
Brenda
Tammy
Kelsy

More Information on Great Plains Food Bank in Milnor

The Great Plains Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry will be in Enderlin, Milnor, and Christine on Monday, March 30th! *[The Milnor distribution is scheduled for 1:30 - 2:00 PM.]*

Anyone in need of food assistance from *any* community is welcome to stop by our DRIVE THROUGH distribution. There is no pre-registration required, though each household will be asked to complete a short intake form on site. We welcome those who cannot attend during the distribution to designate someone to pick up for them. Hunger is an issue that we can do something about. Here are several ways you can help:

- **Talk** about the event with your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers
- **Share** the attached JPG on your social media networks!
- **Respond** to the Facebook event links to get updates and reminders
 - Milnor Link - <https://www.facebook.com/events/182357109867440/>
- **Volunteer** at a distribution! Contact Anna at 701-361-1004 if you can help or know of other individuals or groups who might be interested.

Thanks for your help in addressing hunger in your community!

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