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# NEWSLETTER



## LENT

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Immanuel Lutheran Churches  
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### Rick's Column

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope that this March newsletter finds you all doing well. As I write this letter, we have enjoyed a couple of warmer days recently. It sure has been a long and tough winter, but spring is sure to come soon and I think we are all looking forward to that. Spring brings forth a renewed enthusiasm and energy as we watch all God's creation spring back to life.

By the time you receive this letter, we will have kicked off the 2022 Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service at MLC. I hope and pray that we all give thanks to the Lord our Savior for His ultimate sacrifice on the cross so that we might be saved. As we begin this 40 day journey together, it is my hope that we all might take the time from the busyness of our lives and devote more time and energy to prayer, reflection, and commitment to the One who gave His life for us, assuring us grace and salvation. Amen.

Continuing through Lent, we will alternate Wednesday night services at ILC and MLC. The March 9<sup>th</sup> service will be held at ILC, and the alternating services will continue through Lent. Soup and sandwiches will be served each Wednesday starting at 6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some good, hot food along with fellowship with our friends and neighbors. Church services will begin at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. I would like to thank the Luther League, staff, and volunteers who will be preparing and serving those delicious meals. Your sacrifice is so appreciated. May God bless you all.

I have made the decision to not hold Confirmation during Lent. Most of the students will be assisting in the kitchen serving meals and with school, sports, and serving during Lent, holding Confirmation makes for an awful busy Wednesday for these kids. However, I do encourage our Confirmation students to please attend Lenten services **if possible**. Lent is a season in which the kids can really learn and grow spiritually.

I am really enjoying the college class that I am taking right now. It is a class about rural, small-town ministry with a lot of emphasis on the impact that family farms have on a community. It's a perfect fit for me and our community, and I am gaining some valuable insight that I hope will help me in my role as pastor.

You heard me mention this in church, but I implore us all to pray to our Almighty that the crisis in Ukraine may end soon with a peaceful solution. Let us pray that leaders across the globe be filled with peaceful hearts and resist the urge for battle. I see no reason that nations cannot live in peace and harmony.

In closing, I wish the very best for each and every one of you. I leave you with the comforting words of Psalm 56: ***"In God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? I am under vows to you O God; I will present my thank offerings to you. For you have delivered my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life."*** May our loving God of mercy and compassion be with you all.

Rick

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Steve Ellefson, Tanner Martinson, Mary Moxness, Anne Ringdahl, Mary Engst, and Patty Cross*. 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.



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|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 4 - Danielle Hogness | 14 - Christina Bertram | 22 - Tania Henning  |
| 5 - Jace Fyre        | 15 - Kristie Johnson   | James Martinson     |
| 7 - Hailyn Berndt    | 16 - Jim Berndt        | 23 - Lorán Hudson   |
| Patty Ellefson       | 17 - Avery Laudert     | 24 - Melissa Bryant |
| Isaac Kottke         | Arlo Schutt            | Jerilyn Yagow       |
| 12 - Jean Anderson   | 19 - Barb Odegard      | 27 - Jill Gainor    |
| 13 - Rick Bryant     | 20 - Carolyn Colby     | 30 - Jim Toyne      |
| Lynne Michels        |                        | 31 - Braylon Wyum   |

## 2022 LENTEN SERVICES

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| March 2nd (Ash Wednesday) | Milnor Lutheran   |
| March 9th                 | Immanuel Lutheran |
| March 16th                | Milnor Lutheran   |
| March 23rd                | Immanuel Lutheran |
| March 30th                | Milnor Lutheran   |
| April 6th                 | Immanuel Lutheran |

All Lenten services begin at 7:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich suppers begin at 6:00 each time.

### MLC Notes

Thrivent Members: Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars before the end of March. Many thanks to those whose designated funds we have already received.

Needed: Someone to take over the Sunshine duties for our church. This involves sending cards to those in the hospital, recovering, having had a recent loss, or just needing a ray of sunshine sent their way. Please contact Janice Larson (427-9462) if you can help.

Altar Guild will be taking donations for Easter lilies in honor or memory of loved ones. Please contact Connie or Kristie. Deadline is April 10th.

There will be a blood drive at MLC on Monday, April 4th.

A key was found in the Noisy Offering on February 6th. If it's yours, please contact the church office.

**Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13th. Remember to turn your clocks ahead.**

# Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Present: Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Rick Bryant, Randy Syrstad, Diane Wallin, Jason Kottke, Alisha Olson, Kelly Arth & DeNae Mahler; Absent: Travers Storhaug

Secretary and treasurer's report reviewed. Motion made by Alisha to accept and approve reports, seconded by Randy Syrstad. Motion carried.

## Committee Business

- Worship
  - Discussed Lenten services – will continue with soup and sandwiches prior. Deb will reach out to Bobbi Fuhrman to confirm Luther League providing this.
- Stewardship
  - Lutheran Disaster Response will be our 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr focus.
- Education
  - Sunday School will be singing this Sunday and Palm Sunday. They are looking for volunteers to help organize and serve breakfast Palm Sunday.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage
  - Altar Windows – The broken windows were discussed at the annual meeting, including the tentative cost of repair. For now, item will be tabled until spring as likely they will need to get up on the roof. Suggestion was made to look at who has done work on the Court House in Forman as they have had window repairs. Bill will follow-up on that.
  - Diane will set up meeting with Chris Ferderer and properties/grounds committee to go through left over construction supplies left in parsonage basement to determine needs for future projects.

**Pastor's Report**—Pastor was recently approached by family in need, and he is wondering about setting up a Good Samaritan fund that could be utilized for these instances. He reported that historically we have not had many of these requests. It was decided to utilize the money from the "Miscellaneous line item" of the budget for these instances, and it will be up to Pastor Ricks discretion as to when it is utilized.

## New Business

- Election of officers:
  - President: Bill Pribula nominated by Diane Wallin and seconded by Kelly Arth; motion carried.

- VP: Randy Syrstad nominated by Bill Pribula and seconded by Jason Kottke; motion carried.
- Secretary: Deb Wagner nominated by Bill Pribula and seconded by DeNae Mahler; motion carried.
- Committee Members will remain unchanged – Jason will join Properties/grounds committee.
- Sunday School: A concern was brought to council by a congregation member questioning why Sunday School takes so many weekends off. Sunday school follows the Public-School calendar which allows families to travel when they have long weekends off. Council fully supports continuing with this process.
- Large TV in fellowship: It was mentioned at the annual meeting that this is a request to allow for streaming funeral services, etc. Per Randy Syrstad, Bison Booster club would be willing to help with this purchase. Discussed options for where to mount this. Looking at the wall above Thermostat so that it would face out from that corner. Bill will contact Dani and see if they have any recommendations of what specifically would be needed, ie: smart TV, ability to airplay etc.
- Door Locking: It was reported that several mornings church door has been found open, lights left on in building etc. It was noted that door closest to office doesn't always close completely with the cold weather/snow. Rick will talk with Heidi to find out exactly what times doors are slated to close and get us more details on the programming etc.

## Next Meeting: March 7th, 2022 @ 7pm

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Alisha Olson, seconded by Jason Kottke, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Wagner, Secretary

## MLC Financial Report:

January Income	\$10,629.38
January Expenses	7,172.18
Net Income	\$ 3,457.20

***March Altar Guild***  
***Janice Larson and Gail McCleery***

# WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.  
Yarn Angels will meet March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
Altar Guild will meet Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.

## Day of Doing Quilters

Day of Doing Quilters continue to collect gently used clothing of all sizes and toys (but no stuffed animals) for the White Earth Reservation.

## March Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Kris & Tracy Lien; Brian & Paula Tayer

March 6-- Ushers: Nichole & Shane Kadoun Family; Lector: Deb Wagner;

Communion: Kadouns

March 13--Ushers: Amber & Chad Fyre Family; Lector: Fyres

March 20--Ushers: Tracy & Kris Lien; Lector:

Communion: Liens

March 27--Ushers: Tracey & Geoff Lien Family; Lector: Mitch Tompkins

*Thank you to everyone who serves and supports our church. Each family is invited to donate \$10.00 annually to the shepherding fund. This is used to buy food for meals served at funerals.*

## **Noisy Offering!**

**It's not how much we give but  
how much we love giving!  
(Mother Teresa)**

On Sunday, February 6th, many of those that attended church stopped at the table at the back of the sanctuary with plastic bags or various other containers with coins, cash or checks for Sanford Children's Hospital in Fargo.

Many of the small children and adults poured their coins into the small metal pails. The children shook the pails making a "noisy offering" with the coins clashing against each other. A large plastic gallon jar was slowly filled nearly to the top with the coins. The total in the plastic jar was \$277.37. Combining that amount with the cash and checks equaled a very generous \$1,662.37.

Thank you to all who donated to this special fundraiser.

# Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

- Sunday School will not meet Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Sunday School students will sing during worship on Palm Sunday, April 10th. Breakfast will also be served after worship by the Sunday School.

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

## Sunday School Lunches

**March 6th**--Brooks & Avyn H, Gwyn K, Jacob H  
**March 13th**--Teegan, Taylor & Kaleb O, Hadley L  
**April 3rd**--Miley L, Cole & Easton F, Braylon W,  
Cannon F



## Confirmation Notes

- Confirmation class will not be held during Lent. Please attend Lenten services if possible.
- Remember to register for summer camp at Red Willow by March 31st! The full cost will be paid by the church. Instructions are available on the counter in the entry.

## 2022 LUTHER LEAGUE LENTEN SERVING SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, March 2nd

Soup: Kari, Linkoln, Jerilyn, Harper, Andrew, Charley  
Sandwiches: Kris, Isaac, Leah, Avery, Jace  
Bars: Chloe, John, Sofia, Chase, Josie

### Wednesday, March 16th

Soup: Hanna, Brooklyn, CeCe, Ashlynn, Kolten, Brady  
Sandwiches: Carson, Sara, Shiloh, Joey, Peyton  
Bars: Gavin, Lily, Myah, Eliot, Karleigh

### Wednesday, March 30th

Soup: Kris, Chloe, Jace, Sofia, Leah, Avery  
Sandwiches: River, Kari, Charley, Andrew, Harper  
Bars: Linkoln, Jerilyn, Josie, Ryan, Evelyn

*Please bring a large crockpot 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**

#### **Worship Services:**

**Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**

**March Usher: Arlin Mund**

**March Altar Guild: Melinda Mund**

**Communion: March 6th**

**Lenten Services: March 9th, 23rd & April 6th**

## **IMMANUEL COUNCIL MINUTES**

February 16, 2022

The Immanuel Lutheran Council met February 16, 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Mindy Hogness, Derek Martinson, Pastor Bryant, and Landon Mund. Derek called the meeting to order.

The Treasurer's report was not read as Derek was not able to get his computer to print in time for the meeting. Pastor Bryant gave his report. He is gearing up for Lent and a new Lenten program will be ordered.

Next, the committees report was discussed. Kevin Moxness was added to the nominating committee. Motion to accept the report was made by Derek, second by Landon, motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

The council discussed the Church bathroom renovations that will be made. Derek will pick up new vanities and has talked to Swede's Plumbing on installing new handicap accessible stools. The upstairs lights were also

mentioned. Derek talked to Joel at Crossroads and will meet to go over a plan and receive a quote.

Next, the shed outside the church was touched on again. A few new ideas were brought up, but the conversation was tabled until the next meeting.

#### **New Business:**

The council went over the pancake brunch and decided it will be held April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Church start time for the Summer was discussed and tabled for the time being. Motion to accept Old and New Business was made by Mindy, second by Derek, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7pm.

Landon Mund  
Council Secretary

## **Immanuel Lutheran Sunday Brunch**

**Sunday, April 3, 2022**

**10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs & Coffee or Juice**

**Adults \$10.00; Children (6-12 yrs) \$5.00; (5yrs & under) Free**