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NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

As I write this letter, today is March 8th and spring is nowhere in sight! We are hoping to finally hold a Wednesday Lenten service this evening, after having to cancel the previous two because of winter storms. I think we are all ready for spring! Our basketball teams have now finished their seasons and I think we can all agree that both the boys and girls had terrific seasons. We are proud of them and the coaching staff.

We are now approaching the halfway point of the 2023 Lenten season, and I know the Lenten spirit and the love of God is very much alive in our churches. I see this day in and day out in my travels. It is such an honor and blessing to worship and honor Jesus Christ with you all. Your sense of community, family, church, and God is no doubt pleasing in the eyes of our Savior and makes our little community a wonderful place to live and call home for everyone.

Moving forward, we will continue to alternate Wednesday church services at MLC and ILC. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 6:00 p.m. at both locations, with services beginning at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday services will be held at

Immanuel on Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday services will be held at Milnor Lutheran on Friday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. I am going to wait to announce the times and locations for Easter Sunday pending direction from the church councils. Stay tuned.

Confirmation classes will resume the Wednesday after Easter Sunday. Soon I will be making firm plans and dates for Confirmation ceremonies and administering first communion to 5th and 6th graders. These dates will be announced ASAP. I am currently taking one class as I continue the journey towards ordination. After this class, I will have completed 8 classes of the 16 required to become ordained. I am halfway there!

In closing, I wish to leave you with the words from Isaiah 30:21, which reminds me of this Lenten journey we are all traveling. "Your eyes will see your Teacher, and whenever you turn right or left, your ears will hear this command behind you: This is the way. Walk in it."

May the God of mercy and love be with you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People on our prayer lists are *Kit Mund, Bill Larson, Pastor Elwood Skarpness, Jill Wehlander, Mary Alice Mund, Carol Hogness, Lorie Skarpness, Mary Engst, Mark Thorson, 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.



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

15 - Kristie Johnson
16 - Jim Berndt
17 - Avery Laudert
Arlo Schutt
19 - Barb Odegard
20 - Carolyn Colby
22 - Tania Henning
James Martinson
23 - Canyon Coleman

23 - Loran Hudson
24 - Melissa Bryant
Jerilyn Yagow
26 - Arthur Peterson
27 - Jill Gainor
30 - Pete Christiansen
Jim Toyne
31 - Jeremy Griggs
Braylon Wyum

2023 LENTEN SERVICES

March 8th
March 15th
March 22nd
March 29th

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

MLC Notes

--If you would like to contribute toward Easter lilies in memory of or in honor of loved ones or friends, please contact Connie (427-5536) or Kristie (427-5259) by April 2nd.

--Attention Thrivent Members: If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars to give, call Thrivent Choice by the end of March to distribute them. Thanks to those whose donations have already been received.

--Ronald McDonald House Charity of Fargo will be the recipient of the Noisy Offering on Sunday April 16th. Save your change to bring to church that day. If you save the tabs from beverage cans (soda pop/beer and some food cans), those can be brought on April 16th as RMHC collects those also.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 12th. Remember to turn your clocks ahead.

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2023

Present: Randy Syrstad, Jill Baldwin, Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Rick Bryant, Nate Sundquist, DeNae Martinson, Jason Kottke

Absent: Kris Lien

Meeting was opened by President Bill Pribula.

Devotion read by Pastor Rick.

Secretary's minutes & Treasurer's Reports were reviewed, motion made to approve minutes as recorded by Jill Baldwin, seconded by Randy Syrstad. Motion carried.

Welcome to the new council members: Nate Sundquist, Jill Baldwin & Kris Lien. Election of officers completed with all voting to retain current officers for another year. President: Bill Pribula, Vice President: Randy Syrstad & Secretary: Deb Wagner. New Members that were present were assigned to committees as follows: Jill Baldwin –worship committee and Nate – Properties & Grounds. Jason will move to the Stewardship committee, and we will assign Kris at next meeting.

Committee Business

- Worship – Continued discussion regarding restarting acolytes on Sundays. Council would like to see this reimplemented but do not feel that the wearing of robes is needed. Pastor Rick will bring this up at next confirmation. As stated in previous minutes, noisy offering will be gathered on April 16th. There will also be special music by Bryce Hogness on Palm Sunday.
- Stewardship – Nothing new to report. DeNae will get committee together to start looking at focuses for this year.
- Education – Nothing new with Sunday School, great to see so many children each Sunday. Discussed requiring bible camp for confirmation. This was required in the past and council feels this is a great opportunity for students to share and grow in their faith. Councils' recommendation is to add this back in as a requirement for confirmation starting in 2024. Motion made by Nate Sundquist, seconded by Alisha Olson. Motion carried. Per Pastor Rick, dates for first communion and confirmation will be in the spring. Will finalize dates as we get closer.

January Income	\$ 7,515.91
January Expenses	10,055.38
Net Loss	(\$2,539.47)

- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage
 - o Altar Windows – (standing item- waiting on contractor)
 - o Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows. (Standing item- waiting on contractor)
 - o Landscape cement timbers for flower beds – (Standing item – tabled until spring)
 - o Church floor tile – No update currently. Bill continues to investigate process to replace the broken tile.
 - o Lights above the altar have all been replaced.

Pastor's Report – Currently attending one class this semester. There are 4 baptisms coming up and have several weddings coming up. Lent will be starting in a couple of weeks so working on those services.

Old Business

- Direct stream video camera – Deb has contacted DRN to complete the ethernet connection to the TV in fellowship. Will be researching cameras and what it will take to direct stream to the TV.
- Library/Cry Room project update. Update given by Nate. They are currently waiting on the doors.
- Ottertail was here and adjusted the outside light in back parking lot and looked at why it was going off and on frequently. We have not had any further complaints at this time.

New Business

- Possible projects discussed for this year including the garage proposed at annual meeting. All are in favor of pursuing this. Bill will work on next steps on getting plans drawn up and getting bids. The other big project is the Altar windows. Will reach out to contractor again in the spring to get estimate on this.
- Pastor Shiell's funeral is set for Saturday the 11th. Will plan to send flowers/plant from the church. Bill will contact Heidi to get this ordered.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jill Baldwin and seconded by DeNae Martinson

Next Meeting: Due to Lenten services, next meeting will be March 13th @ 6:15pm.

Deb Wagner
Council Secretary

March Altar Guild
Janice Larson & Gail McCleery

WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet March 21st and 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Yarn Angels will meet March 14th and 28th at 1:00 p.m.

Altar Guild will meet April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

WELCA will meet April 17th at 10:00 a.m.

MARCH SHEPHERDING SCHEDULE

Leaders: Pat Olson and Diane Wallin

March 5-- Ushers: Phylis Springer, Diane Wallin; Lector: Pat Olson

Communion: Diane and Melissa Bryant

March 12--Ushers: Jim & Ione Foley; Lector: Jason Kottke

March 19--Ushers: Lu Diede, Lonnie Rotenberger; Lector: Jill Baldwin

Communion: Lonnie, Lu

March 26--Ushers: Pete & Jeri Christiansen; Lector: Jeri

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Rev. James Shiell

From: Connie Foster (Sunday School)

MLC RUMMAGE SALE

The church council has given their approval for the Fellowship Hall to be used for a rummage sale the weekend of June Jamboree. The proceeds of this sale will be given to help build the new Vet's building in Milnor. Please start setting aside any rummage sale items you find as you clean out your closets, basements, and garages, as we will be depending on donations to stock this sale.

No TVs, computers, or monitors will be accepted. We will start accepting donations at the church sometime in April. Please watch the bulletin and Newsletter for more details. Contact Dorothy (680-8082) if you have questions. (Another rummage sale is being planned for sometime in the fall to benefit Special Olympics North Dakota.)

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

- Sunday School will not meet on March 19th.
- The Sunday School kids will sing during worship on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, and serve breakfast following the service. Free will donations go to the Sunday School.
- Save the Dates: June 4, 5, 6--VBS/Red Willow Day Camp at MLC.

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

Sunday School Lunches

March 5th--Layton, Vaiah & Hailyn B, Saryce & Nico M, Hadley L, Willow T, Ava B, Rilyn E

March 12th--Jacob H, Henry & Abigail L, Asher & Briar R, Easton F, Haiken & Bryggen M

April 2nd--Palm Sunday Breakfast



2023 LUTHER LEAGUE LENTEN SERVING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 8th

Soup: Chloe, Kris, CeCe, Ashlynn, Kolton, John
Sandwiches: Carson, Brady, Shiloh, Joey, Payton
Bars: Gavin, Lily, Myah, Karleigh, Cole

Wednesday, March 22nd

Soup: Lily, Chloe, Jace, Sofia, Leah, Avery
Sandwiches: John, Emilee, Charley, Andrew, Harper
Bars: Teegan, Jerilyn, Josie, Ryan, Payton

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.

***The Milnor Lutheran
Sunday School students
will sing during the
worship service at
9:30 a.m. on Sunday,
April 2nd, and will be
hosting their annual
Palm Sunday Breakfast
following the service.
Freewill donations go
to the Sunday School.
Everyone welcome!***





Immanuel Lutheran Church March

Ushers: Larry Moxness, Arlin Mund

Altar Guild: Melinda Mund

Communion: March 5th

Communion Server: Mindy Hogness

Worship: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Lenten Suppers/Services: March 15th and 29th

Some Sunday School photos from Milnor Lutheran several weeks ago when the kids made temples during their lesson about King Josiah, who became king at only 8 years old!

