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NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and peace to you all!

I hope this May newsletter finds you all well! As I write this, the weather has finally turned warmer and we are enjoying some warm sunshine. I think we were all ready for that! It is my hope and prayer that this beautiful weather continues so that the fields may dry out and our farmers can start planting! The area schools are winding down for the year and I'm sure the students and staff are all eager for the summer vacation to begin.

On the church front, last Sunday we administered First Communion to the 5th graders. I am delighted that these kids have taken that important step as they continue on in their faith journey. Baptism, as well as Holy Communion, are the two sacraments of our Lutheran faith. The kids have learned the significance and meaning of Holy Communion and I am so proud of them. Let us all continue to support and encourage these wonderful children of God.

This Sunday, May 8th, we will be recognizing nine 2022 graduating seniors at MLC. It has been such a joy watching these young men and women grow up, and we wish them nothing but the best as they journey out into the world. To our seniors: our prayers will be traveling with you!

On May 15th, we will be confirming ten confirmation students as new members into MLC. It has been such a joy to learn and grow with these kids, and I am confident that they have all grown to understand and to love Jesus Christ. I wish to thank them and their parents for the hard work and dedication these past two years. We will be wrapping up confirmation this week with a well-deserved pizza party.

Our Sunday School has wrapped up for the year and I wish to send a heartfelt "thanks" to the Sunday school staff for their amazing work with the Sunday school kids. Your dedication and compassion for teaching is an amazing gift to the kids, the church, and to God. We cannot say "thank you" enough. The Red Willow Day Camp will be held at MLC on June 5th, 6th, and 7th. Registration forms are available at MLC. If you have any questions, please reach out to Greta at 427-5646 or Mary at 427-5023.

As you all know, worship time at ILC has been moved to 8:30 a.m. This will continue until further notice. Communion is held the first Sunday each month at ILC. At MLC, communion is the first and third Sunday of the month.

I will possibly be taking some vacation in late May and also in June. I will keep you all posted if that happens! A special thanks to Melissa Lunneborg for filling in on the piano at MLC on May 1st. Your act of kindness is much appreciated and helped Heidi to get away for a much deserved vacation!!

Please let us to continue to pray for those among us who are facing health problems. The most amazing gifts we ever receive are the prayers from a friend. Also, please let us pray for world peace and that peace and compassion be put on the hearts of world leaders.

In closing, I wish you all a wonderful summer and I will leave you with uplifting words from Deuteronomy 31:6: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." May our good and gracious God be with you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Tanner Martinson, Mary Moxness, Anne Ringdahl, Marlene Snellman, Mary Engst, Patty Cross, and Lorie Skarpness*. 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.



2 - Barb Koeppe
Brian Tayer
3 - Derek Martinson
4 - Kala Banish
5 - Travis Smith
6 - Mike Mund
7 - Loren Ellefson
8 - Braiden Mund

9 - Tracy Hansen
10 - Lacy Kottke
Bobbi Tompkins
13 - Ava Bergstrom
Jeff Roeder
14 - Heather Edison
Emilia Martinson
Dayna Speich

20 - Donald Nelson
21 - Henry Lunneborg
23 - Amy Bergstrom
24 - Jack Spellerberg
26 - Gloria Toyne
29 - Joey Banish
Jean Holmgren



Immanuel Lutheran Church

May

May Ushers: Jim Berndt and Duane Lillestol

May Altar Guild: Vicki Berndt

Communion Server: Jim Berndt

Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Communion: May 1st

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Present: Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Randy Syrstad, Diane Wallin, DeNae Mahler, Jason Kottke, Rick Bryant, Kelly Arth, Alisha Olson; Absent: Travers Storhaug,
Meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer .

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's report from March: Motion to approve made from Randy Syrstad and seconded by DeNae Mahler; motion carried.

Committee Business

• Worship

o Heidi will be gone on May 1st – Melissa will play piano on that day.

• Stewardship

o A check for \$600 was sent to Lutheran Disaster Response. This will continue to be our stewardship focus for the second qtr. as well.

• Education

o Sunday school will be done on the 24th.
o We will continue to explore the need for Sunday School Policies for next year. Will check with some other congregations as well as synod for recommendations.

• Properties/Grounds & Parsonage

o Altar Windows & Wooden frame around the stained-glass window in the back. Did have someone come and look at both areas. He felt that he would be able to do both projects. Will plan to get estimate. Timeline would be sometime this summer or fall depending on availability.
o Landscape bricks for flower beds – The Wallins have some landscaping timbers made of cement that they are willing to donate to replace the rotting wood. Property and grounds committee will get together and go out and look at them.
o Furnace Filter Replacement – Bill talked with Crossroads, filter replacement is not needed at this time. Per Crossroads, the filters only need to be changed every 6 months and we are on their list to automatically get them changed when they are due.

Pastor's Report

- Current college course has completed
- Confirmation class was canceled today due to funeral but will resume next week. Confirmation will be on May 15th.
- 1st communion is set for May 1st with Senior recognition on May 8th
- Good Samaritan Fund - \$200 was given to family in need. We also received a donation of \$500 to add to our fund.

Old Business

• Update on TV in fellowship hall: Deb and Bill met with Pamela from Dickey Rural. Streaming from the sanctuary into the fellowship hall would require a more specialized company that deals with both audio and visual. Dickey Rural can help with hooking up cabling etc. but would not be able

to do both audio and visual so it ties into current sound system as well. She did recommend contacting Rutland's church as they are also doing a project like this and are working with a current audio/visual vendor. Bill has reached out to the pastor in Rutland and is awaiting a call back. We also reviewed our current internet connection as we will need to do some upgrades to the router and access points as well as hooking up a port for the TV in the fellowship hall to connect to. Deb requested a quote on cost for upgrading the router and access points. We have not heard anything back from Pamela, Deb will follow-up with her. Since this will be a large project, also discussed starting with getting smart tv once the internet is set up and that would allow for us to stream Dahlstrom's funerals as they are usually running a live stream. There would be some delay between the church and the fellowship hall, but if we closed the doors, it may be an option. Jason will contact Crossroads to get the electrical installed where the TV will be placed. Will also ask them to wire HDMI port and ethernet wiring at same time. Once wiring is done then we will look at purchasing the TV and mount.

• Cabinets for Day of Doing – there continues to be ongoing discussion with Day of Doing ladies about what specifically is needed. Reviewed their suggestion of building closets in the library. The council does have some concerns about this. Since the quilting is done in the fellowship hall, having to constantly move things back and forth would not be the most convenient. Discussed some other potential options in fellowship hall. Bill will follow-up with Day of Doing ladies and will revisit at next meeting.

New Business

- Adding automatic lock/unlock to the East door – we currently only have the automatic lock on the West Door – discussed adding the East door to this as well. Heidi has the information regarding the current vendor for the West door. Will look at cost for adding in another door.
- Lock box for spare keys was discussed. This could be a small, locked box with either punch key code or combination lock. Deb will check on options.
- There will be no coffee after church on May 1st, 15th or 22nd due to private parties.

Motion was made by Kelly Arth to adjourn meeting, seconded by Alisha Olson. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: May 11th @ 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Wagner, Secretary

March Income	\$12,878.50
March Expenses	9,652.78
Net Income	3,225.81
Year to Date Profit	\$ 1,716.78

May Altar Guild
Vi Mahler and Tracy Nelson

WELCA

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

Day of Doing Quilters

Day of Doing Quilters are no longer taking donations of clothing for either Reservation.
Thanks to all who have donated in the past.

Milnor Lutheran Shepherding Schedule

May Leaders are David & Connie Robbins and Linda Robbins

May 1 --Ushers: Linda Robbins and John & Greta Buskohl; Lector: Linda Costain;
Communion Servers: Linda Robbins and Linda Costain

May 8-- Ushers: Brent & Amy Bergstrom and David & Connie Robbins; Lector: Lois Jenson

May 15--Ushers: Cheryl Roder, Jodi Ost, and Ernest Roder; Lector: Jodi Ost;
Communion Servers: Cheryl Roder and Linda Robbins

May 22--Ushers: Jeanette Buskohl and Janice Larson; Lector: Linda Schutt

May 29--Ushers: Jim & Judy Kleingarn; Lector: Bobbi Fuhrman

Note about Shepherding: We are in the process of changing from six groups to four. New lists will be posted on the bulletin board soon and printed in next month's newsletter.

SECOND QUARTER STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

For the first quarter our stewardship focus was Lutheran Disaster Response, a churchwide agency that provides long term help to our country and others. That focus was centered on states that have gone through natural disasters. A check for \$600 has been sent to LDR. Thank you for making that possible.

For the second quarter, the stewardship committee has decided to keep the focus on LDR with funds collected going to Ukraine. As is well known, they need immediate help fighting Russia and will welcome help for years to come for recovery. Remember Jesus' words from the Gospel on May 1: "Do you love me?...tend my sheep." Jesus' sheep in Ukraine need lots of tending. Thank you for caring and sharing.

Stewardship Committee
Andrea Hogness, DeNae Mahler, Diane Wallin

WELCA MINUTES

Milnor WELCA met in regular session, Monday, April 18, 2022 at 10:00AM in the fellowship hall. There were 5 members present. The meeting was called to order by President Dorothy Pribula. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$6,539.38 and all bills paid to date.

Old Business: It was reported that 19 confirmation students are eligible to attend Red Willow Summer Bible Camp. Just 4 students have registered at this time, with a limited choice of camps being offered. The early bird registration was met, and if any other students decide to attend, that will still be offered. WELCA decided to mail out the Love Offering in the form of a letter requesting donations for the confirmands attending camp. Any remaining funds will be used for projects and donations to fulfill our yearly budget. It will be done the same as last year. Each family will return the envelope to the church office. The WELCA committee will send this out in June.

--It was decided a senior scholarship will not be given out this year and will be reviewed on a year to year basis.

--The council is researching the purchase of a TV for the fellowship hall and will be installed in the near future.

--Storage cabinets will be built in the library for Day of Doing. The library books that are currently there will be dispersed. Linda Costain proposed the historical books be displayed in the fellowship hall display case. All agreed to this suggestion. It was decided WELCA will donate to this project once a bid has been received.

New Business: Some requests for donations were read and reviewed.

--Flower Pots will be planted at the church by Dorothy. Kristi Johnson will water them thru the summer.

--The Parsonage Basement Project was discussed. A new floor will be installed over the present floor tiles. A wall will be built to separate the furnace from the living area. WELCA will decide how much to donate to this project once the cost is known.

--Bobbi Haugen has volunteered to sew the quilt for the Fall Bazaar raffle. Ideas were discussed for the bazaar. It was decided to serve the same soup and sandwich meal after the church service starting at 11:30AM. The date will be Sunday, Oct. 9. Church service time to be discussed at a later date. Dorothy will ask Dale Haugen to auction the event. Further discussion will continue at the next WELCA meeting.

--WELCA will no longer fill school bags. Other projects available were discussed. It was decided to make health care kits. Items needed will be announced and can be brought to church this summer and next fall. The kits will be delivered in October to Lutheran World Relief.

--Next meeting will be Monday, Aug. 22 at 10:00AM.

Secretary,
Patty Ellefson

Students to Be Confirmed at MLC

Congratulations to the students who will be confirmed at Milnor Lutheran on May 15th. They are:

Leah Buskohl
Jace Fyre
Cecelia Johnson
Karleigh Kadoun
Avery Laudert
Lily Lee
Chloe Smith
Ashlynn Sundquist
Myah Sundquist
Jerilyn Yagow

High School Graduates at MLC

Congratulations to the 2022 high school graduates who will be honored at Milnor Lutheran on May 8th. They are:

River Bryant
Hanna Deyle
Meadow Driver
Kari Fuhrman
Chase Johnson
Isaac Kottke
Brooklyn Lee
Sara Martinson
Lincoln Smith

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Casey Asche

From Ceata Cook (MLC)
Carol Edison (MLC)
Marlys Gregory (MLC)
David & Connie Robbins (Day of Doing)
Steve & Maxine Rust (MLC)

In memory of Harley & Elaine Costain

From Linda Costain (Day of Doing)

In memory of Steve Ellefson

From Linda Costain (Day of Doing)
Jim & Ione Foley (ML Cemetery)
Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Day of Doing)
Leon Heath (MLC)
Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)
David Lunneborg (MLC Improvement)
George & Elaine Marquette (MLC)
Bruce & Dayna Speich (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Myron Koeppe

From Steve & Debbe Ellefson (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Bud Malmstrom

From Steve & Debbe Ellefson (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Fred Martin

From Linda Costain (Day of Doing)
Mervin & Karen Wohler (SS)

In memory of Shari Nunn

From Carl & Oline Nelson (Day of Doing)

In memory of Gary Olson

From Karla Dusek (Altar Guild)
Jeff Halmrast (Altar Guild)
Jerome & Kristie Johnson (Altar Guild)
Lynn & Mary Johnson (MLC)
Brian & JoAnn Ordahl (Lakeview Cem.)
David & Connie Robbins (Day of Doing)
Cheryl Roder (Sunday School)
Clem Severson (Lakeview Cemetery)
Ryan & Jasmine Smith (Lakeview Cem.)

In memory of Duane Peterson

From Mervin & Karen Wohler (SS)

In memory of Jim Robbins

From Steve & Debbe Ellefson (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Jannie Weiss

From Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

First Communion

Eight students received their First Communion at MLC on Sunday, May 1st. They are:

Greyson Arth
Brooks Hogness
Rhiannon Johnson
Daisy Lee
Miley Lien
Henry Lunneborg
Willow Tyler
Allison Yagow

Red Willow Day Camp 2022

June 5,6,7

Milnor Lutheran Church
Sunday: 3PM - 6PM
Monday 9AM - 3PM
Tuesday 9AM - 3PM

For ALL children having completed K - 6
\$15 per student or \$25 per family
Registration forms are on the counter
in the entry at MLC.