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Milnor Lutheran and
Immanuel Lutheran Churches
Rick Bryant

Rick's Column

Greetings and peace to you all,

The Third Commandment calls us to a holy day of rest: *"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy."* Many of us, myself included, live incredibly busy lives. Beyond our jobs, we are raising children, attending their sporting and school events, serving on boards and committees, and staying deeply involved in our community. We have obligations everywhere. In this community, we are either blessed—or cursed, depending on how you look at it—with a strong sense of duty to our neighbors, our schools, our churches, and our local institutions. We know that the survival of our communities depends on us.

For many years, the word *Sabbath* was simply a biblical term to me, without much personal meaning. But lately, the pace and pressure of life have caused me to pause and take a closer look at this day God has given us. In the Gospel of Mark, after being accused of violating the Sabbath, Jesus tells the Pharisees, *"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."* In other words, the Sabbath is a **gift**. God desires to give us a break from the relentless demands of this world.

But how can we possibly do that? Many people must work on Sundays. For pastors, Sunday is a workday. Bobcat runs shifts on Sundays. Hospitals never close. Livestock don't take a day off. We can't simply walk away from our responsibilities. Yet there are still ways to honor the Sabbath.

There are ways to show God that we are grateful for the gift of rest. On the Sabbath, we should not feel compelled to accomplish, earn, solve, or produce. Instead, we should step back and admire the fruit of our labor—like a painter stepping away from the easel to appreciate the work that has taken shape through God's guidance.

The Sabbath is not meant to recharge us so we can achieve more, earn more, or accumulate more. Its purpose is to enjoy God, to savor life's blessings, and to reflect on what has been accomplished through **His** love and **His** provision.

The world offers its own definition of success: achieve enough, earn enough, look good, be popular. But deep down, what we truly long for is peace with our Maker. No amount of money or accomplishment can satisfy that longing. When we rest—when we keep the Sabbath—we declare to ourselves and to others that although we *could* squeeze in one more day of productivity, we don't need to. We are content.

So no matter the day of the week or where you find yourself, sit down and take a load off. Give Christ His due. We are called holy through His compassion and love, and that is enough. The work of Christ's grace follows us on any Sabbath, on any day, until the day when there is no more work to be done.

May God's blessings be with you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Dan Mund, Marlene Hogness, Weston Gregor, Lisa Bershok, Jill Wehlander, Dick & Pat Kuehn, Larry Erdmann, Bill Larson, Darren Wipf, Greg & Arlis McFarland.*

Please keep them in your prayers. If you or your loved one would like to be on prayer list, please contact the church office.



May Birthdays

1-Kassie Christianson
2 - Barb Koepp
Brian Tayer
3-Derek Martinson
5-Travis Smith
7-Loreen Ellefson
8-Braiden Mund
9-Tacy Hansen
10-Lacy Kotke
Bobbi Tompkins

13-Ava Bergstrom
Jeff Roeder
Teresa Toyne-Dick
14-HeatherEdison
Emilia Martinson
Morgan Prante
Dayna Speich

19-Myah Sundquist
20-Donald Nelson
21-Henry Lunneborg
22-Arthur Peterson
23-Amy Bergstrom
24-Jack Spellerberg
26-Nathan Sundquist
Gloria Toyne



May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a gentle reminder that caring for our minds is just as important as caring for our bodies. In a world where 1 in 5 adults faces mental health challenges, it's comforting to remember the promise of Proverbs 3:5: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."*

We don't have to carry everything alone. Seeking help is a courageous act, not a weakness. Take time to rest, breathe, and care for your soul. Check in on the people you love. And as you navigate the ups and downs, trust that God walks with you, offering strength, clarity, and peace even when the path feels uncertain.

Help with Summer Coffee and Treats!

There is a sign-up sheet in the entry way for Sundays during the summer months. We need volunteers to bring cookies, bars, fruit or other yummy treats and coffee. Pick a Sunday, coffee or treats or both if you're up to it! If you are willing to donate any baked goods, please do!

Thanks for being part of making Sundays special!

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2026 @ 6:00p.m.

Present: Jill Baldwin, Wade Kuehn, Jen Sundquist, Paula Tayer, Mike Schutt, Nate Sundquist, Rick Bryant and Melissa Bryant

Meeting called to order by Jill Baldwin

Devotion & Prayer: led by Rick Bryant

Secretary & Treasurer's Reports: Secretary: a correction was noted in the previous minutes-proper spelling of Curt Stubstad Treasurer: The congregation continues to operate in the red. Two services were missed in January due to weather. Motion: to approve the Secretary and Treasurer's reports as corrected. Made by: Mike Schutt. Seconded by: Nate Sundquist. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Worship: (Jill) Church Music Solutions rate increase to \$5.00 per service

Upcoming special music: Palm Sunday -Sunday School Singing. Good Friday: Bob Schutt

April 12- Carili Larson. Lent services have been well attended.

Stewardship: (Paula & Tracy) nothing to report

Education: (Jen)- VBS is scheduled for the week of June 8th

Pastor's Report: (Rick) Lent is progressing well. One baptism is scheduled for Easter Sunday during the second service.

March Financials	
Income	\$7,407.64
Expenses	\$10,204.64
Net Income	\$2,797.00
Year to Date Profit/Loss	\$9,974

Properties & Grounds: (Nate, Wade & Mike) -Insurance-required inspections will be completed soon. Water detectors have arrived. Handicap-accessible door: on order; installation will be scheduled upon arrival. Windows-Kurt is researching colored glass options and cost-effective solutions.

Grounds Works Basement Authority- Estimate for work under offices and lounge: \$14,533.77, plus additional finishing costs. Wade will speak with Kris from the Boosters Club regarding potential support. Mike: will check into potential support from the Brown Fund.

Motion to move forward with the basement work under the offices and lounge made by: Mike Schutt. Seconded by: Wade Kuehn. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Proposed change to the by-law has been completed and will be submitted to the Synod.

Insurance- Grace obtained an additional quote from Guide One. Paula will review details and report next month.

New Business:

Secretary evaluation-was tabled

The fellowship hall clock will be moved to the Satre Lounge; a replacement may be purchased or donated.

Rick will be gone the weekend after Easter.

The meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: April 8, 2026

Motion to adjourn made by Jen Sundquist seconded by Wade Kuehn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melissa Bryant,

Parish office administrator/council secretary

Next council meeting: May 3th, 2026
At 6:00p.m.

Special Church Council Meeting
3-24-2026 at 6:15 PM

Council members present: Mike Schutt, Tracy Hansen, Jen Sundquist, Nate Sundquist, Wade Kuehn, Jill Baldwin, Paula Tayer (by phone)

Meeting called to order by Jill Baldwin.

Handicap accessible door to replace the west door by the offices discussed. Cost to Wahpeton Glass = \$4,900.00. Electrical installation will be completed by Crossroads Electric. Motion to approve the bid and installation made by Wade Kuehn and seconded by Mike Schutt. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Tracy Hansen and seconded by Jen Sundquist.

Online giving at Milnor Lutheran Church

Online giving is available at MLC using tithe.ly. Click on "Sign up for free in 5 minutes". Select "Give to my church." Click the "Give Online" button. You must create an account--you can use it on an app on your phone or on their website. Be sure to select Milnor Lutheran Church. You can set up a recurring donation, or simply make a one-time contribution. Thanks!



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Day of Doing
Quilters will meet
May 20st and 21st
at 9:00 a.m.

WELCA

Yarn Angels will
meet
May 13th and 27th
at 1:00 p.m.

Altar Guild
Phylis Springer & Tracy Nelson



WELCA will be assembling health kits again this year.

Needed items are:

Bath towels & washcloths (large size & dark colors)

Toothbrush & Toothpaste, Bath sized bar of soap

Nail clippers, combs, large bottles of shampoo.

They will be collecting through October 2026. If you can pick up a few items for those in need, it would be greatly appreciated.

May Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Connie Robbins and Linda Robbins

May 5, 2026-- Ushers: David & Connie Robbins; Lector: Linda Schutt

Communion: Janice Larson & Cheryl Roder

May 12, 2026-- Ushers: Jodi Ost & Ernie Roder; Lector: Jodi Ost

May 17, 2026-- Ushers: Judy & Jim Kleingarn ; Lector: Judy Kleingarn

Communion: Linda Costain & Linda Robbins

May 24, 2026-- Ushers: Tracy & Kevin Hansen; Lector: Bobbie Fuhrman

Thank you to everyone who serves and supports our church.

Memorials

In memory of *Orvin Hogness*
From: Phillis Gelinske

In memory of *Kay Swason*
From: Karen Wohler

In memory of *Janis Claus*
From: Her Family, DeLair, Darwin,
Danene, Darin & Dallas & families

In memory of *Bob Gregor*
From: Monty & Bobbi Haugen

In memory of *Gary Jenson*
From: Myron & Lori Yagow (Milnor Cemetery)

Karen Wohler
Andrea Hogness (MLC Improvement)
Nicole & Todd Holdman
Jon & Kim Mund
Ennis Arntson
Teresa Toyne-Dick
Jim & Ione Foley

In memory of Jerry Wohler, Kay Swanson,
& Gary Jenson
From: Jill Baldwin

Sunday, May 3rd
Conformation class of 2026

*Layton Berndt, Aiden Heitkamp, Reese Hogness, Ramona Johnson, Alison Kotke,
Taylor Olson & Eli Rotenberger.*

What a joy it has been to walk alongside this year's Confirmation class. These young people have shown remarkable dedication—finishing their sermon notes, completing their community and church service hours, and stepping up to help wherever they were needed. Their willingness to serve, learn, and grow has been a blessing to our entire congregation.

To the parents and families: thank you for raising such thoughtful, capable, and faith-filled kids. Your encouragement, guidance, and steady support have shaped them into the kind of young people we are so proud to celebrate. Their kindness, curiosity, and commitment reflect the love and values you've poured into them.

We are truly fortunate to have these students in our church family. They have excelled in every way this year, and we give thanks to God for the gifts they bring to our congregation and to the world.

*Congratulations to the graduating
Class of 2026*

Leah Buskohl, Carter Elenberger, Jace Fyre, Cecelia Johnson, Karleigh Kadoun, Avery Laudert, Josie Rotenberger, Chloe Smith, Myah Sundquist & Jerilyn Yagow.

May God guide your footsteps as you embark on this adventure we call life.

**Genesis & Disciples
Jun 21-28, Aug 9-14**

This camp is geared toward junior high campers and allows them to try new things at camp. At camp you will further your faith, have new adventures, join in community of other youth your age! Disciples camp goes from Sunday to Friday. This camp is made to fit confirmation ages. Camp is a confirmation requirement. We strongly encourage our youth to attend! A great way to meet new friends!

BONUS: WELCA will pay for your one year of camp.

Parents: When you register,
Use: Tier 1 and code: MLW10026



Get a head start on Sermon Notes! Current 6th graders that will be attending Confirmation as 7th graders next fall may begin to fill out and turn in Sermon Notes now. Sermon note forms are found on a clipboard above the counter near the offices. (You'll need a bulletin to help fill out the sermon note). Once filled out place them in the basket located on the counter.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

May

Usher: Jim Berndt

Altar Guild: Vickie Berndt

Communion: May 3rd with First Communion

Worship Service May 3rd 11:00a.m.

**Starting Sunday, May 10th, 2026 Worship Services
will start at 8:00a.m.**

Congratulations to Kinzly Orth on her First Communion!

Mother's Day Prayer

"Dear Lord, on this day dedicated to honoring mothers, we thank You for the blessings of motherhood. We are grateful for mother's love, strength, and guidance in shaping our lives. Bless them with joy, peace, and love on this special day and always. Amen.



MEMORIAL DAY



In honor of the brave souls who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. May their courage inspire us to live with purpose and gratitude.

RED WILLOW VBS

VBS will be June 8th, 9th and 10th, 2025

Monday 3p.m. -6p.m.

Tuesday 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Wednesday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

VBS is open to children who have completed grades k-6.

Cost is \$15 per student

Registration forms are available at MLC

Questions contact Jen Sundquist @ 680-1096 or

Melissa Bryant @ 701-446-6787

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