

May2025

NEWSLETTER



**Milnor Lutheran and
Immanuel Lutheran Churches**
Rick Bryant

Rick's Column

Greetings and peace to you all!

I hope this May newsletter finds you all well! We have just concluded Lent and Easter and together worshiping and growing in Christ. The weather has finally turned warmer and we are enjoying some warm sunshine. I think we were all ready for that!

There is activity in the fields and farmers are getting off to a good start for the 2025 growing season. The schools are eagerly anticipating summer and without a doubt the students and staff are ready for the summer break.

On the church front, last Sunday we held the graduation ceremony for our eight confirmands. Melissa and I have truly cherished working with the kids, and we are confident that they have learned much and will continue their Christian journey. Speaking of confirmation, this is a friendly reminder that the council requires 7th graders to attend a bible camp at Red Willow Bible Camp to be confirmed. Donna Johnson graciously provided the kids with all the information to get signed up and attend camp. Remember, the camp is free for first time attendees. Please get with Donna, Melissa or me, if you have any questions or concerns.

This Sunday, May 4th, we will be recognizing five 2025 graduating seniors at MLC, as well as one senior at ILC. We wish these students the very best in their future endeavors and we are proud of each of you. Our prayers will be traveling with you! On May 4th we will be First Communion to seven eager 5th graders. This is a big step for these kids, and we are all excited for them.

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 kids. Your dedication and compassion for teaching is an amazing gift to the kids, the church, and to God. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. The Red Willow VBS will be held at MLC on June 16th, 17th, and 18th. This camp is for children who have completed grades K-6. Registration forms are available at MLC. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jen Sundquist at 680-1096. VBS leaders are Jen and Myah Sundquist. We thank Greta and Mary for their many years of service to the VBS program.

ILC will begin worshipping at 8:00 a.m. on May 11th, which is Mother's Day. We wish all the amazing "moms" out there a blessed day and a "thanks" for all that you do.

Please let us 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.

I will leave you with the simple but powerful words from:

Joshua 1:9 *"Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*
May our gracious God be with you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Gary Jenson, Maribeth Goolsbey, Jill Welander, Don Marquette, Marcus Anderson, Janis Claus, Loralie Martinson, Orvin Hogness, Arlis McFarland, John Crandall, Mervin Wohler, Curt Mahler and Pat Olson.*
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 Koeppe
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-Heather Edison
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

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 and under coffee or treats of 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!

Sargent County Food Pantry Fund Raiser

A very special "Thank You" to all that donated change, cash and checks on April 6th for Noisy Offering. A special thank you to the Sunday School and Church Council for their contributions.

With your generosity we provided the Food Pantry with \$2099.43 and food. Remember the needs of the Food Pantry throughout the summer!



Thank you for all the prayers, well wishes and cards received since my revision surgery.
I greatly appreciate it!
Jean Anderson

A box with several strings of white Christmas lights is missing or misplaced from the church. The box was in the former library along with a few other items that had been cleaned out of the Alter Guild storage closet in the front of the church. If you know where the box is let the church office know.

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 7, 2025

Present: Jill Baldwin, Kris Lien, Deb Wagner, Paula Tayer, Jennifer Sundquist, Nate Sundquist, Rick Bryant and Melissa Bryant

Absent: Loren Ellefson and Wade Kuehn

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rick Bryant. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were reviewed. No corrections or additions. Kris Lien made a motion to approve the reports and seconded by Paula Tayer; all in favor, motion carried.

Committee Business

- Worship (Jill)- Usher to be detracted for Easter Sunrise Service. Good Friday service discussed,
- Stewardship (Paula)-Grace Prante and Linda Costain will oversee the Endowment Fund. There is a CD due in June. Noisy offering for the Sargent County Food Pantry raised \$990.00. The council is donating \$500. Motion made by Paula Tayer, seconded by Kris Lien: all in favor, motion carried.
- Education (Jennifer)- Red Willow will be sending flyers for VBS and deposit is being set. The days for VBS are June 16,17 and 18, 2025. Sunday School last day is April 27th, they will be meeting downstairs. Confirmation is April 27th, 2025. The last day of confirmation is April 23rd, 2025.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Kris, Nate & Wade)
 - Exterior wood on the bottom of the stained-glass windows, waiting on bid and schedule
 - External Church Sign – door won't close – Tabled.
 - Parsonage projects
 - Doors and windows are in, just waiting for the rest of materials to come.
 - Window Well covers – tabled until spring.
 - Old well room- mold, waiting till spring.
 - Outside Outlets – Tabled. Will be fixed with well room/patio repair.

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- Mold in Church Basement-waiting on bids
- Broken Window – fellowship hall- will need to be replaced, working on bids
- Electrical outlets back by the organ – Completed
- Sink in the Sacristy- filter needs cleaning or replacement. – Completed are fixed
- Going to put an ad in bulletin looking for any youth that would like to mow grass at the church. If we can't find anyone, we will hire the same as last year.

Pastor's Report

- Has been doing home and hospital visits with communion. Lent has been going well. Heidi and Melissa have been working lots in the office and doing good.

Old Business

- Update on lay ministry workshops (Jill) She has upcoming classes on April 12 and in May online. Everything will be completed this fall.
- Wireless access point for front of the church – nothing new to report.
- Church door not closing – not locked overnight. Nate is going to look into it.
- Secretary Job Description review-discussed and will be updated and signed.

New Business

- The computers in the office will need to be upgraded to Windows 11. Windows 10 will no longer be supported after October of this year. Deb will talk with Grace about getting upgraded computers as well as a second monitor for Melissa.
- \$500 donated to Noisy Offering motion made by Paula Tayer, seconded by Kris Lien
- The front door of church is not completely locking. Nate is going to look at the lock.

Kris Lien made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nate Sundquist seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting: May 14th, 2025

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Bryant, Office Manager

May Altar Guild
Vi Mahler and Tracy Nelson

WELCA

**Day of Doing Quilters will meet May 20st and 21st at 9:00 a.m.
Yarn Angels will meet May 13th and 27th at 1:00 p.m.**

May Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Connie Robbins and Linda Robbins

May 4, 2025-- Ushers/Greeters: Kevin & Tracy Hansen; Lector: Linda Costain
Communion: Linda Costain & Cheryl Roder

May 11, 2025-- Ushers/Greeters: Randy & LaRae Odegard; Lector: Jodi Ost

May 18, 2024-- Ushers/Greeters: Janice Larson & Linda Robbins Lector: Linda Schutt
Communion: Janice Larson & Linda Robbins

May 26, 2024-- Ushers/Greeters: Brian & Bobbie Fuhrman; Lector: Bobbie Fuhrman

Thank you to everyone who serves and supports our church.

WELCA MINUTES

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Milnor WELCA met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 23 at 10:00 AM. There were 6 members present. Linda Costain opened with devotions.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

The reported balance was \$3440.07.

There was no Old Business to report.

New Business: Donna Johnson will speak to the confirmation students and tell them about Red Willow bible camp that they are eligible to attend. The Love Offering will pay the full registration fee for any student attending. The fee is now \$375 per student. There are two different camp dates: July 6-11, and Aug. 10-15. All confirmation students are strongly encouraged to choose one of these options.

The Love Offering envelopes will be assembled and mailed out to all church members this week. The donations collected will be used to pay for

confirmation students attending Red Willow Bible Camp. Any remaining funds will be used for church projects or donated to needy organizations.

Senior Recognition Day will be May 4th. Each graduating senior will be able to choose a quilt made by the Day of Doing Ladies. The remaining quilts will be donated.

Flowerpots outside the church will be planted this spring. Dorothy has purchased potting soil. Health kits will be assembled in the fall. The items needed for this project will be listed at a later time.

A date for the Fall Bazaar will be announced at a later date.

The Christmas Tea is tentatively set for Sun., Dec. 7. Plans will be made closer to the event.

A bridal shower gift was given to Hannah Anderson.

The next WELCA meeting is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 20 at 1:00PM.

RED WILLOW VBS

VBS will be June 16th, 17th and 18th, 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

mlchurch@drtel.net

First Communion Students

May 4th, 2025

Ava Bergstrom, Vaiah Berndt, Aryn
Hogness, Camryn Hogness, Gwyn Kuehn,
Adam Kotke, and Morgan Mund

***Congratulations on your first communion.
May the Lord bless with everlasting peace,
faith and joy!***

Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2025

MLC: Cidnie Elenberger, Sophia Hanna, Lilianna
Lee, Ashlyn Sundquist and Gavin Williams.

ILC: Robert Mund

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

Genesis & Disciples

July 6 -11, Aug 10 – Aug 15

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. 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: MLW10025



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 11th

Worship Service 8:00 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

The council met on Thursday, April 10th at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Council Members present were Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, Derek Martinson, Paul Mund, and Mindy Hogness. Tanner called the meeting to order. The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Kevin, seconded by Paul. The Treasurer's Report was read, which included a special report on the success of Pancake Feed, along with a note to follow up with Red Willow on an outstanding check. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Paul, seconded by Mindy.

Committees:

- **Education:** The last day of Sunday School will be May 4th until we resume in the Fall of 2025. The teachers will be meeting to discuss VBS plans soon.
- **Property & Maintenance:** Property & Maintenance items were discussed in Old Business.

Old Business:

- **Property:**
 - **Insurance Letter:** We received a letter from the insurance company saying that we must address the shingles and spire and respond by May 1st.
 - **4/10 Update:** John Buskohl inspected the building and advised repairing the siding on the East side, but noted the shingles still have a few years left as-is. A motion to acquire quotes for siding was made by Derek, seconded by Mindy, and the motion carried. We discussed removing the bell (Paul to chat with Puetz regarding crane to remove) but keeping the spire and closing off the bell tower openings. Tanner will respond to Church Mutual by May 1st with pictures and our action plans.

New Business:

- The council will reimburse Milnor Lutheran Church to help pay Heidi for training Melissa in her new role.
- The council approved a scholarship to our graduating senior, Robert Mund, to be presented on Senior Recognition Day.
- The council agreed to move to 8am service beginning Sunday, May 11th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul, seconded by Kevin. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 18th at 6pm.

Mindy Hogness, Council Secretary

Key Dates:

- **5/4: Last Day of Sunday School & Senior Recognition Day**
- **5/11: Church Service begins at 8am**

