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# NEWSLETTER



**Thank You, LORD!**

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## Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

It is my hope and prayer that this newsletter finds you all well! As I write this letter, the weather has been warm for this time of the year. God has blessed us with great weather for harvesting, and it appears the harvest will wrap up soon. Deer hunting starts this Friday, which is a rich tradition that is enjoyed and cherished by many in our community. The Vikings have put together some wins and seem to be improving.

My goodness where has time gone? Before we know it, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, the season of Advent, and Christmas. It is my hope and prayer that each and everyone of you a blessed Holiday season.

Moving forward, church services will continue to be at 9:30 a.m. for MLC and 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel. Communion will be on the first Sunday of the month at both churches, as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at MLC. We have started Confirmation classes, and we have an ambitious group of young men and women who are eager to learn about what it means to be a Lutheran and a Christian. We have a great time together and I cherish each Wednesday spent with them. Sunday school and our children's sermons will continue at MLC and ILC. May God bless the children and the amazing Sunday School staff.

Recently, I received an email that told of several small churches in our region that are closing or thinking of closure. My heart breaks for them and at that the same time reminds me how blessed and fortunate our churches are. We are strong and healthy thanks to all of you who do so much to give us strength and resolve.

Speaking of giving and glorifying God, another rummage sale was recently held at MLC, and it was an astounding success. \$2000 was raised to be donated to the Special Olympics. Thanks to Dorothy Pribula and all who made the sale a huge success. The many quilts made by the Day of Doing Quilters are all bundled up and ready to be delivered to the needy before the start of the cold winter. Thanks to our quilters and your mission, which glorifies God in big ways.

I am pleased to announce that Ashlynn Sundquist has agreed to handle the snow removal chores this winter. Thank you, Ashlynn!!

A recent vote was taken and due to the results of that vote, the offering plates will not be passed, but will be placed in the back on the piano. Ushering out at the end of services will not be done except on special occasions.

I would like to thank Heidi, council members of both churches and everyone who works behind the scenes to help and support me. Words cannot express my gratitude. I would also like to thank the congregation for all of your support, help, prayers, and encouragement. I am so blessed to be your pastor.

In closing, I wish to bless all of you with the words from **Numbers 6: 24-26**, "*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.*" May the God of love and mercy be with you all.

Rick

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Mervin Wohler, Allen Peterson, Kit Mund, Bill Larson, Loralie Martinson, Andrea Coppin, Jill Wehlander, Mary Alice Mund, Shyrlee Friskop, Mark Thorson, Phyllis Gelinske, and Terry Timm*. 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.



## November Birthdays

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 - Aubree Peterson<br>Don Wehlander | 10 - Tom Mund<br>Blake Yagow | 18 - Macy Roeder              |
| 3 - Elmer Aabrekke                   | 11 - Orvin Hogness           | 19 - Haiken Martinson         |
| 4 - Ernest Roder                     | 15 - Tina Johnson            | 21 - Dorothy Pribula          |
| 5 - Kolten Kadoun                    | Chloe Smith                  | 23 - Annette Hudson           |
| 6 - Amy Kuehn                        | Karen Wohler                 | 26 - Kris Lien                |
| 8 - Mary Johnson                     | 17 - Cannon Ferderer         | 27 - Leah Buskohl<br>Lu Diede |
| 9 - Vickie Berndt                    | 18 - Pat Olson               | 28 - Josie Rotenberger        |

## MLC Memorials

### In memory of Hap McCleery

From: Janis Claus (Yarn Angels)  
Jim & Ione Foley (Improvement)  
Pat Sebens Freese (Improvement)  
Bobbi & Monty Haugen (Yarn Angels)  
Andrea & Steve Hogness (Improvement)  
Marjorie Johnson (Altar Guild)  
Melissa Johnson (MLC)  
Walt Johnson (Improvement)  
Buzzy & Leone Kramer (Luther League)  
Curt & Vi Mahler (MLC)  
Mike & Linda Martinson (MLC)  
Bill & Dorothy Pribula (Yarn Angels)  
David & Connie Robbins (Altar Guild)  
Brian & Paula Tayer (Sunday School)  
Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)  
Myron & Lori Yagow (Sunday School)

### In memory of Dale Asche

From: Andrea & Steve Hogness (Improvement)

### In memory of Jeanette Beckstrom

From: Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

### In memory of Florence Dahlstrom

From: Joy Christiansen (Day of Doing)  
Carolyn & LaVerne Colby (ML Cemetery)  
Pat Sebens Freese (Improvement)  
Lynne & Blair Michels (ML Cemetery)  
David & Connie Robbins (ML Cemetery)  
Dale Torreson (MLC)  
Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)  
Myron & Lori Yagow (Sunday School)

### In memory of Mary Engst

From: Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Yarn Angels)  
Phylis Springer (Day of Doing)

### In memory of Tom Knapt

From: Marjorie Johnson (Yarn Angels)

### In memory of Roberta Michels

From: James & Ione Foley (Improvement)

### In memory of Craig Speich

From: Andrea & Steve Hogness (Improvement)  
Alice Wehlander (Sunday School)  
Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

# Milnor Lutheran Council Minutes

October 11, 2023

Present: Jason Kottke, Kris Lien, Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Jill Baldwin, Alisha Olson, DeNae Martinson, & Rick Bryant  
Absent: Randy Syrstad, Nate Sundquist

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Pastor Rick

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were reviewed. Motion made to approve as recorded by Kris Lien and seconded by Jill Baldwin. All in favor, Motion carried.

### Committee Business

- Worship (Deb & Jill)— Online giving - going to ask for info to be on bulletin every week – We have had a request to have ushers to usher people out again.
- Stewardship (DeNae & Jason)—Fall rummage sale proceeds will be going to the special Olympics. We will be looking at having a gift tree around Christmas. Will have more details on that as we get closer.
- Education (Randy & Alisha) Confirmation started tonight – Good attendance at the Sunday School singing this past weekend.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Bill & Nate)
  - Altar Windows – Complete - \$5800 total
  - Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows- waiting on contractor.
  - Church floor tile – no update
  - Humidity issue in basement –We have an estimate from Innovative Basement Authority for \$2228.28

**Pastor's Report** –Acolyte program going well. Good response from the confirmation kids. Confirmation started – 13 students this year. Funeral tomorrow and wedding October 21<sup>st</sup>. Pastors Vacation Requests - upcoming vacation

requests – October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>. The Synod needs a letter from Council President requesting that Pastor Rick can do communion, Bill will take care of this.

### Old Business

- Council Size – Pastor did speak with the synod, and they indicated that we could make a change to range to allow us more flexibility. They did not give specifics on the process, but Bill will look into what we need to do to change the bylaws.

### New Business

- Snow blowing this winter – we need to get someone for snow blowing this winter. Discussed advertising in the teller- will have Heidi put in an ad.
- Drainage around church in front of door– People are concerned about the drainage
- Jen Sundquist – Nondenominational camp in Missouri – would like to propose sending kids 9-12<sup>th</sup> to this camp. The camp is run by her cousin and has a lot of fun opportunities for the kids. She is willing to coordinate and organize as well as fund raise for the event. Cost is about \$325/person. Jen will talk about this at church next Sunday to look at interest for this. We could possibly open this up to neighboring churches as well.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jill Baldwin and seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: November 15th @ 6:15pm

-Deb Wagner, Council Secretary

September Income	\$ 9,050.64
September Expenses	8,797.89
Net Income	252.75
Year to Date	\$ 6,218.59

**November Altar Guild**  
**Deb Schutt and Jasmine Smith**

# WELCA

**Day of Doing Quilters will meet November 14th and 15th at 9:00 a.m.**

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

### ***Day of Doing Quilters***

On Sunday, November 5th, MLC's Day of Doing Quilters displayed 87 adult quilts and 31 children's quilts in the sanctuary. They are being delivered to Furniture Mission, the YWCA, and Churches United in Fargo, and to Four Seasons Care Center in Forman and Parkside Home in Lisbon. Thank you to all the women who donate time and talents to this ministry.

***Save the Date for the WELCA Christmas Tea***  
***Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m.***  
***Details to be announced.***

### ***Rummage Sale Update***

Thanks to the multitude of generous donors and buyers, we raised \$1,573 at the rummage sale we held to benefit Special Olympics! I also sold some of the donated items at a flea market and a rummage sale in Fargo, which brought in another \$427, for a grand total of \$2,000 that will go to Special Olympics, a charity near and dear to my heart! Thank you all for your support and generosity! A special thanks to Jack & Kathy Rasmussen and June Biss for donating pickup loads of good stuff! And to the following individuals who helped set up, tear down, and work this last sale: Special Olympics athletes: Karen Bennett, David Campbell, Heidi Higgins, & Collin Pribula. Linda Costain, Ione & Jim Foley, Annette Hudson, Kristie Johnson, Janice Larson, Heidi Moxness, and Grace Prante. Well done, good & faithful servants! Items that did not sell have been distributed to Furniture Mission, Coats for Kids, and the New Life Center in Fargo, and the Open Door Thrift Store in Lisbon, where they will continue to benefit disabled and disadvantaged individuals and families.

*-Dorothy*

### **November Shepherding Schedule**

Leaders: Pat Olson and Diane Wallin

November 5, 2023-- Ushers/Greeters: Steve & Andrea Hogness Family

Lector: Diane Wallin

November 12, 2023-- Ushers/Greeters: Pete & Jeri Christiansen, Jim & Ione Foley

Lector: Jeri

November 19, 2023-- Ushers/Greeters : Keith & Donna Johnson, Phylis Springer

Lector: Donna

November 26, 2023--

*Thank you to everyone who serves and supports our church.*

## ***Milnor Lutheran Sunday School***

**Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.**

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

- Sunday School will not be held on November 5th, 12th, and 26th.
- Students (Grades 3-6) will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 12th, at 3:00 p.m. to pack Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child (see below).
- Wednesday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m. there will be a practice for the Christmas program. This will last about 45 minutes.
- Sunday, December 10th, will be the Christmas Program during worship. Rolls, coffee, and juice will be served following the program.

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

### **Sunday School Lunches**

**November 5** - Eli R, Asher, Briar & Koyer R,  
Saryce & Nico M

**November 12** - Kenna, Lyla & Aubree P,  
Canyon C, Hunter & Briley L

**December 3** - Taylor & Kaleb O, Natalie &  
Lincoln G, Hadley & Brayden L



## **MLC SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT**

The Sunday School is going to do a service project making gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Students (Grades 3-6) will meet on Sunday, November 12th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Some info about Operation Christmas Child: Every year people prayerfully fill shoeboxes with toys school supplies, and personal care items for children around the world. These special boxes are joyfully received by boys and girls ages 2-14 years old, often as their first gift ever! Whether sending or receiving, those touched by Operation Christmas Child testify to the power of a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name.

The kids will pack 50 boxes to spread joy this Christmas season. **If anyone from the congregation would like to sponsor a box, please get \$22 to Mary, Greta, or the church office. Checks can be made to MLC Sunday School as we have purchased all the items needed to pack the boxes.**



## **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

***November Ushers: Dan Mund and Landon Mund***

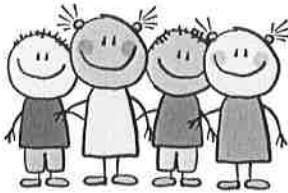
***November Altar Guild: Dawn Mund and Hannah Mund***

***Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.***

***Worship Services: 11:00 a.m.***

***Communion: November 5th***

***Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 15th, at 6:00 pm***



## ***Immanuel Sunday School***

- We meet on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School will not be held on Nov. 26th.

## **LUTHER LEAGUE**

**Sunday Acolyte Schedule:** November 5th: Brooks Hogness and Willow Tyler  
November 12th: Greyson Arth and Daisy Lee  
November 19th: Cole Fyre and Allison Yagow  
November 26th: No Acolytes--holiday weekend

**Sunday Lunch Schedule:** November 19 - Sophia Hanna, Josie Rotenberger, Emilee Bergstrom ,  
Willow Tyler  
December 17 - Carson Deyle, Gavin Williams, Braylon Wyum,  
Henry Lunneborg, Joseph Banish

Please join the Milnor Lutheran Youth and Milnor Lutheran Church facebook pages for lunch schedules and activity announcements. If there are any questions, please contact Lacy Kottke at 701 680-8942.