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# *NEWSLETTER*



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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 cooler, but still warmer than usual for this time of year. The Lord has blessed us with great weather for harvesting and harvest should be completed soon. Many are already finished! The Minnesota Vikings are having a great year and deer gun season starts very soon. What a wonderful time of the year and we all are filled with many blessings. Thanks be to God.

On Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, the annual fall WELCA Bazaar was held and was a great success. Many enjoyed the delicious soup and sandwiches and brought home the baked goods that were offered for sale. What a great even and a great cause. We are so blessed to have our WELCA ladies.

Moving forward, church services will continue to be at 9:30 a.m. for MLC and 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel. We have started confirmation classes and we have an energetic group of 16 youth who are eager to learn about what it means to be a Lutheran and a Christian. I cherish each Wednesday spent with them. A great blessing has been Melissa being healthy enough to help me with this large class. But, a large class means a bright future for our churches. Speaking of our kids, the Luther League recently went door to door in Milnor and collected over 600 items that will be donated to the Sargent County Food Pantry. Thanks to the kids, Alisha Olson, and Bobbie Fuhrman for a job well done.

Sunday school and children's sermons will continue at both churches. May God bless the children and the amazing Sunday school staff.

On November 3rd we will celebrate All Saints Sunday at both churches. We will light the candle and remember all of the loved ones who have received their eternal calling in the past year. I will be on vacation on November 10. Leaders from both churches will lead worship. There will be no confirmation on November 27<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

I would like to thank the council members of both churches and everyone who works behind the scenes to help me 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.

It is my hope that you all have a great Thanksgiving. Let us take time to remember how blessed we are.

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

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Dick Kuehn, Mark Thorson, Marcus Anderson, Arlis McFarland, Pam Bolanos, John Crandall, Don Marquette, Gary Jensen, the family of Kristie Johnson and the family of Carol Hogness.* 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.



1 - Aubree Peterson  
3- Elmer Aabrekke  
4 - Ernest Roder  
5- Kolten Kadoun  
8 - May Johnson  
10-Thomas Mund  
Blake Yagow

12-Brooke Tayer  
15 -Tina Johnson  
Chloe Smith  
Karen Wohler  
17-Cannon Ferder  
18-Patricia Olson  
Chase Schutt

18 - Macy Roeder  
21-Dorothy Pribula  
26-Kristopher Lien  
27-Leah Buskohl  
Lucille Diede  
28-Josie Rotenberger

To the Afghan Angels,  
I was home to Milnor last weekend. Linda was waiting for me with two bags of afghans from you wonderful ladies. I cannot explain what joy I see in the eyes of those that take them home. Your ministry is powerful to those starting over in life. Thanks so much.  
Darrell Costain



# WELCA

**Day of Doing Quilters will meet  
November 19th and 20th at 9:00 a.m.  
Yarn Angels will meet  
November 12th and 26th at 1:00 p.m.**

MLC Day of Doing Quilters displayed 73 adult quilts and 19 children quilts in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 27th. Quilts will be give to the Furniture Mission, YWCA, Sargent County Food Pantry and Churches United for the homeless. Forty health kits have been made and will be given to Churches United.



*November Altar Guild  
Deb Schutt & Jasmine Smith  
\*\*Alter Guild will meet Wednesday,  
November 6th, at 7:00 p.m.*

**Milnor Lutheran Church  
Sunday School Program  
December 8th during church**

# *Decorate the Holidays with Beautiful Balsam!*



*Luther League will be selling the following Christmas Evergreen Decorations:*

*Balsam Wreath with a three loop red bow and pinecones.*

<i>Size</i>	<i>Cost</i>
24"	\$29.00
36"	\$43.00

*Balsam Spray with a three loop red bow and pinecones.*

<i>Size</i>	<i>Cost</i>
24"-28"	\$25.00

*Balsam Garland comes in two lengths with bows.*

<i>Size</i>	<i>Cost</i>
10ft	\$20.00
15ft	\$25.00

*If interested in ordering, please contact one of our Luther League youth or Alisha Olson at 701-866-7789. Order forms are available in the Milnor Lutheran Church entrance. Order deadline is November 4th. All items are beautifully handcrafted from Sheyenne Greenhouse. Checks made payable to MLL. Delivery/pick-up will be available week of Thanksgiving.*

**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 youth at MLC will pack 50 boxes to spread joy this Christmas season.

**If anyone from the congregation would like to sponsor a box, please get \$25 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. Please consider helping us out. We just need fifty \$25 donations!**

\*\*\*\*Luther League is looking for an additional volunteer to help organize the annual Christmas wreath fundraiser. Please contact Alisha Olson if you are able to help!

### **Luther League Lunch Schedule**

November 3rd	SS Serves
November 10th	SS Serves
November 17th	Karleigh K., Henry L., Braylon W.
November 24th	Brady & Miley L., Gavin in W., Josie & Eli R.

### **Sunday School Lunches**

**November 3rd -Hunter & Briley L., Gwyn K, Eilyn & Lexi S., Kenna, Lyla & Aubree P.  
November 10th-Hadley & Brayden L., Brinley & Blake Y., Canyon & Ridge C**

### **Acolyte Schedule**

November 3rd	Aiden Heitkamp & Eli Rotenberger
November 10th	Volunteers Needed
November 17th	Taylor Olson & Alison Kottke
November 24th	Rhiannon & Ramona Johnson

Please be at the church by 9:20 a.m.

### **MLC Memorials**

#### *In memory of Kristie Johnson*

From: Jeanette Buskohl

Steve & Andrea Hogness

Lori & Myron Yagow

Brittany Storhaug

Jon & Kim Mund

Patricia Sebens Freese

LuDorr Drede, Amanda Dorr, Kimberly Moore (Alter Guild)

#### *In memory of Carol Hogness*

From: Steve & Andrea Hogness (Improv. Fund)

Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Yarn Angels)

#### *In memory of Denise Luttio*

Mark and Jean Bopp



# **Sargent County Food "Fill the Pantry"**

**Help fill the Forman and  
Gwinner Food Pantries'  
shelves for the  
holiday season.**

**DROP OFF DATES  
NOVEMBER 15-17**

**At these**

Rutland - Nordland Lutheran  
Havana - Havana Trinity Lutheran  
Forman - Trinity Lutheran, St. Mary's Catholic, I  
Cogswell - Nazareth Lutheran  
Cayuga - St. Peter & Paul Catholic  
Gwinner - GA Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, St. Vinc  
Milnor - Milnor Lutheran, St. Arnold's Catholic,  
Or at either Food Pantry Location - Forman or C

**Please consider donating items listed be  
are in short supply at this time. All dona**

# Immanuel Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The council met on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Council Members present were Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, Derek Martinson, and Mindy Hogness. Tanner called the meeting to order. Pastor Rick gave a devotion. The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Kevin, seconded by Derek. The Treasurer's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Mindy, seconded by Kevin. Pastor Rick gave a Pastor's Report stating that he's registered for a college course, has been busy with hospital visits and supporting Wendy's onboarding to her new role. He remarked that Sunday School is a delight and a blessing to have at Immanuel. Confirmation at Milnor Luther Church will be beginning soon. He recognized five years of service in the Pastor role and commented that he has just as much vigor as he did in year one.

## Committees:

- **Education:** Sunday School is off to a great start, and we're blessed to have new children joining us this year to learn and grow in faith. The Pre-Harvest Potluck Fundraiser was enjoyed by many, and the Sunday School is grateful for the congregation's support. There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kylie, Kelsy, or Mindy with any questions.
- **Property & Maintenance:** Property & Maintenance items were discussed in Old Business.

## Old Business:

- Property Repair List:
  - Gravel out front, seeding grass, and water leaking to the basement were all addressed and removed from the agenda. Cement cracks/unlevel on the south side of the church will be tabled until next year.
  - Plaster repair behind the pulpit – James Martinson
    - *9/19 Update: Revisit this project post-Harvest – the council discussed that sheetrock and insulation will be needed.*
  - Cement under the shed – James Martinson
    - *9/19 Update: James leveled it off; we'll see if more is needed this fall.*
  - Lights need to be addressed in the sanctuary to improve brightness.

## New Business:

- Property Repair List:
  - Windows: The council discussed replacing some of the storm windows and agreed to ask someone to evaluate this project after the plaster project is complete.
  - Siding: The council discussed concerns on the siding, notably near the bell tower.
  - Shingles: The council discussed the condition of the shingles and options to replace.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kevin, seconded by Derek. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Mindy Hogness**

**Council Secretary**