November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM MLC Worship Service w/comm 10:15 AM ILC SS 10:30 AM MLC SS 11:00 AM ILC Worship Service w/comm	2	3 Election Day	4 3:30 PM Confirmation	5	6	7
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Milnor Lutheran and
Immanuel Lutheran Churches
Rick Bryant

Rick's Column

Greetings-
Awhile back I was talking to someone, I don't even remember who; and they said, "I don't watch the news anymore. It's too depressing." And I understood. Completely. When I was a younger man, I looked forward to each evening at 10:00, when the local news came on. Being afraid of the news was the last thing on my mind. But today, it really is different. When I do watch the news, it seems stories of mass shootings are always included. I listen about the growing death total and devastation in Ukraine. I am advised of drought, inflation, rising rent costs, homelessness. That is all before moving onto the political turmoil that I won't get into, because frankly, I don't understand it.
e are left heart broken. But I wonder, I wonder how heart-broken God is? God, the Creator, who entrusts us with his creation and one another's lives, must be devastated. And so today the Creator and the created stand together, crying and broken.
So- what to do? It appears everyone has a so-called solution to fix the world. But how is that working for us? I no longer look at these issues as problems that can or should be fixed. I see them as symptoms of much deeper issues. And until the world is willing to deal with the deeper issues, things won't change. The deeper issue is the human heart. No matter what violence, hatred, wars, economy, or government, we need a change of heart. We need a heart at peace.
With all that is going on, sometimes we wonder--where is God in all of this mess? Where is the peace of God today? I have asked that question myself sometimes, but now I wonder……is that a fair question? I mean, is right for us to take our human failings and imperfections and pile them onto God, and wait for him to clean up our mess? The world isn't about the failures of God, it is about our failures.
In the bible Jesus preaches and teaches us to change ourselves and our way of being toward one another. He knows that that's the change of heart that will lead to peace. Because you see, the struggle for peace begins not between us and someone else, but only with us.
Offering the peace of Christ of more than just a friendly handshake, a hug, or a "How are you? It's good to see you." It's recognizing another person's existence and his or her value as a human being and it doesn't matter if they are family, friend, stranger, or enemy.
The peace of Christ isn't defined by what conflicts the world is enduring. It's a way of living every moment of every day of our lives. It's setting our faces to Jerusalem. And that means practicing peace with our friends and families. It means being peaceful with our enemies. It means being peaceful with the stranger, with those who are different from us, and with those we don't understand.
When the disciples left their homes to follow Jesus, they had no baggage at all. It is my hope and prayer that we all ask ourselves one honest question. What baggage might we need to leave behind to go out into the world with a heart of peace, pumping blood of love that others can't help but to see, and to a world that so desperately needs it.
May God's peace and blessings be with you all,
Rick.



PARISH PRAYER LIST



People currently on our prayer lists are *Dan Mund, Marlene Hogness, Weston Gregor, Curt & Vi Mahler, Lisa Bershok, Jill Wehlander, Mark Thorson, Michelle Beyer and Melissa Bryant.* 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.

We all walk through joys and burdens that aren't always visible, and every one of us stands in need of prayer in one way or another. As we move through the days ahead, may we hold one another gently in our thoughts and lift each other faithfully in prayer. ***"Carry each other's burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."- Galatians 6:2***



November Birthdays

1 – Aubree Peterson
Don Wehlander
4- Ernst Roder
5- Kolten Kadoun
8- Mary Johnson
10- Thomas Mund
Blake Yagow
12- Brooke Tayer
15- Tina Johnson
Karen Wohler
17- Cannon Ferderer
Violet Hosford
18- Patricia Olson
Chase Schutt
Macy Roder
19-Haikin Martinson
21-Dorothy Pribula
Karla Dusek
Annette Hudson
23- Hunter Lien
Alysha Schutt
26- Kris Lien
Finley Wilson
27- Leah Buskohl
Lucille Diede
28- Zane Biss



All Saints were observed on Sunday November 1st, 2025, at Milnor Lutheran and Immanuel Lutheran Churches. This was a day that congregations remember the faithful who have passed during the year. Those whose lives we celebrate are Orvin Hogness, Gary Jenson, Sharon Ordahl, Janis Claus, Michell Kadoun and Royce Granlund.



In memory of *Charles Thielman*
From: Karen Wohler

In memory of *Royce Granlund*
From: Ed & Janice Larson

In memory of *Brian Ordahl*
From: Jim & Judy Kleingarten

In memory of *Markus Halsvorson*
From: Ed & Janice Larson

In memory of *Paul Heitkamp*
From: Andrea Hogness

In memory of *Mary Olson*
From: Ed & Janice Larson, Linda Costain
Bill & Dorothy Pribula, Monte & Bobbi Haugen

In memory of *Janis Claus*
From: Marjorie Johnson

Milnor Lutheran Church Council
October 14,206

Present: Jill Baldwin, Paula Tayer, Jenn Sundquist, Nate Sundquist, Mike Schutt, Tracy Hansen and Rick Bryant Absent: Wade Kuehn
Meeting called to order by Jill Baldwin
Secretary & Treasurers Reports: Read and approve motion by Tracy seconded by Nate Sundquist
Stewardship: Discussion of Giving Tree or Sunday School Christmas Box
Education: Sunday School started, kids singing in church on October 18. Then work will start on Christmas Program
Minister Report: Rick thanked council for gift for minister Apperception Day. November 5, Rick will attend Boundaries Training. Collection plate will be available for Mark Thorson donations.
November a5th Rick will use a vacation day.
New Business: Jim and Carol Petersonmet with council regarding church projects. Peterson's offered to cover costs of heat pump-natural gas project.
Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer
Next meeting: November 11,2028 at 6:00p.m.
Motion to adjourn: Mike Schutt seconded by Tracy Hansen
Submitted by Mike Schutt
(as of publishing November minutes have not been approved till November meeting)

September 2026	
Total income	$22,759.70
Expenses	$8,480.89
Profit Loss	$14,278.81
Year to Date	$8,435.69







Milnor Lutheran Church

Shepherding Co-Leaders: Diane Wallin & Pat Olson

Nov.1 Ushers & Greeters: Lu Diede, Jeanne McCauley & Pat Olson
Lector: Pat Olson
Communion Servers: Lu Diede & Pat Olson
Nov. 8: Ushers/ Greeters: Randy Systad & Jacob Hanna
Lector: Jeri Christiansen
Nov. 15: Ushers & Greeters: Donna & Keith Johnson
Lector: Donna Johnson
Communion Servers: Donna & Keith Johnson
Nov. 22 Ushers & Greeters: Kali, Kasey, Briley & Hunter Lien
Lector: Rachel Hegeth
Nov.29 Ushers & Greeters: Lori & Myron Yagow, Brinley & Avyn
Lector: Diane Wallin

Alter Guild for
November
Deb Schutt and
Jasmine Smith

WELCA

Christmas Tea



Sunday, December 6th, 2026 at 2:00p.m.

Come join Milnor Lutheran WELCA for our Christmas Tea!
The women of Milnor Lutheran Church cordially invite you to their annual Christmas Tea. Ladies, please join us and bring a friend. This year the speaker will be ***Normas Kjos*** *and she will give a "Christmas Message".*

WELCA Monday, October 19,2026

The meeting was called to order and opened with a devotional reading. The secretary's report was read and approved with one correction made noting a bridal shower gift had been given to Jaden McCleery. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The balance on 10/19/26 was $9048.47.

Old Business: The Fall Bazaar was reviewed and discussed possible changes to next year. A suggestion was made to add cash prizes to the raffle drawing.

Health kits have been completed and delivered to Churches United. WELCA spent $33.21 on supplies needed to finish the kits.

New Business: The Christmas Tea will be held on Sunday, December 6, at 2:00PM. Our committee members will bake goodies for the tea. Donna Johnson will have posters printed and placed in local businesses. She will also place an ad in the Teller the last 2 weeks in Nov., post on Facebook and put notice on community board. Everyone attending will be asked to bring a Food Pantry item. Guest speaker ideas were discussed for the Tea. A suggestion was made to ask Norma Kjos to speak to us and give us a Christmas message. It was also suggested to ask the music teacher if there would be any students that could perform. We will ask Heidi Moxness to play piano for our sing-along and Door prizes will be given.

The budget was reviewed and changes made for the upcoming year. It was decided to decrease our giving from $6530.00 to $5330 for this next year. WELCA is going to donate $1500 to the church for heat pump repairs, leaving $2218.47 in account.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 12, 2027 at 10:00AM

Secretary,
Patty Ellefson

Day of Doing_Quilters will meet
November 17th and 18th at 9:00 a.m.
Yarn Angels will meet
November 11th and 25th at 1:00 p.m.







The Fall Bazaar was held October 12th, 2025. The bazaar went well this year.
Thank you to everyone who participated this year!

Milnor Lutheran
Sunday School
10:30a.m. to
11:15a.m.
Greta Buskohl &
Mary Yagow



Immanuel
Lutheran Sunday
School
10:15
Mindy Hogness &
Kelsy Martinson

MLC Sunday School Coffee Schedule

November 1st – Briley L., Cannon F., Kenna, Lyla & Aubree P.
November 8- Natalie, Lincoln & Tate G., Blake Y., Nico M.

MLC Sunday School

November 1st -Class
November 8th -Class
November 15th- Class
November 22nd -Class
November 20th- No Class

ILC Sunday School

November 1st -Class
November 8th -No Class
November 15th- Class
November 22nd - Class
November 25th – No Class

Sunday, Nov. 15th, youth in grades 3rd - 12th are invited to help pack Operation Christmas Child boxes. We will do this in the church basement at 9:30am. Sunday school is to follow like normal.

Thank you to Myron & Lori Yagow, Steve & Andrea Hogness, and Darick Yagow for donating their Thrivent funds to support this project.

Wednesday, December 2nd, Sunday school Christmas program practice at PM for approximately 45 minutes.
Sunday, December 6th the *Sunday School Christmas* program will be held during 9:30 church.



Confirmation Schedule for November

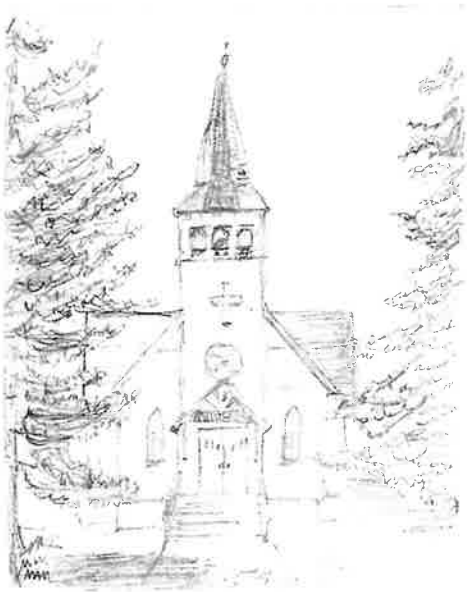
Nov. 4th – Class 3:30p.m.
Nov. 11th – No Class
Nov.18th – Class 3:30p.m.
Nov. 25th – No Class (Thanksgiving Break)

Luther League

Alisha Olson

Coffee Schedule

November 15th – Jacob H., Willow T., Greyson A.
November 22nd – Daisy L., Avyn, Brooks & Charley H.
November 29th - Jacob H., Morgan & Braiden M., Carson D.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

November Ushers: Dan Mund & Landon Mund
November Altar Guild: Dawn Mund
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
Worship Services: 11:00 a.m.
Communion: November 1st



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THANKFUL
WONDERFUL