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NEWSLETTER



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Immanuel Lutheran Churches
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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

As always, it is my hope and prayer that this newsletter finds everyone well. As I write this newsletter, we have been enjoying cooler, but still beautiful weather. The mornings sure are chilly. Fall has arrived! Our farmers are busy in the fields harvesting what hopes to be a bountiful crop. Our gracious God has blessed them with perfect harvest weather. Our school sports teams are back in action, and we all enjoy going to the games and cheering our kids on!

On Sunday, September 11, we resumed Sunday school here at MLC, and I think we can all agree the return of the children was much welcomed. Their presence each fall always brings a smile to our faces and gives the church a new energy. Once again, I thank the Sunday staff for their dedication and self-sacrifice for all that they do. On Sunday, September 25th, the children received their Bibles and the attendance was mind-blowing. Our church was FULL! God is so amazing. Moving forward, I will be doing regular children's sermons each and every Sunday. I have come to enjoy these sermons. On Sunday, October 9th, we will be hosting "Grandparents Day" at MLC. The children are encouraged to bring their grandparents to church, if possible. That will be a fun day!!

I am planning on resuming confirmation classes for our 7th & 8th graders beginning Wednesday, Oct 19th and each Wednesday thereafter at 3:30

p.m. I am always excited to begin learning and expanding our Christian faith with these young folks. We expect to have three new students this year, along with last year's students.

A special thanks to Linda Costain for the work involved in getting Earl Fust and company to play at MLC. It was a much appreciated change and I think it was enjoyed by all.

All of the materials are ready to go for the next parsonage project in the downstairs. The contractor is hoping to start in the beginning of October. Melissa and I are excited to see the end result.

On the Immanuel side of things, we have changed the service time to 11:00 a.m. until further notice. This is usually done each fall. We did not have a meeting in September, as many on the council were busy with harvest. We anticipate holding a meeting in October, and I will keep you all posted as to happenings out at ILC.

I wish you all a safe and blessed fall season. I look forward to each and every Sunday that I get to spend with my beloved church family. I leave you with the words of Psalm 133:1, "**Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!**" We here at our churches are a great reflection of those words. God bless you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People on our prayer lists are *Pastor Elwood Skarpness, Toni Claus, Mary Alice Mund, Lorie Skarpness, and Mary Engst*. 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 - Marjorie Johnson
2 - Mary Yagow
5 - Lyla Hogness
9 - Marla Banish
Greta Buskohl

11 - Aleia Ferderer
Oline Nelson
12 - Ridge Coleman
14 - Dan Henning
Rachel Lien
17 - Brent Bergstrom

18 - Landon Mund
24 - Dick Kuehn
25 - Brooks Hogness
28 - Kristin Lunneborg
30 - Bailey Spellerberg
31 - Emilee Bergstrom

MILNOR LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA FALL BAZAAR SUPPER, SILENT AUCTION, BAKE SALE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022 AT 5:00 PM

Supper Menu:

Knoephla, Vegetable Beef, or Chicken Wild Rice Soup

Ham or Egg Salad Sandwich

Choice of Desserts

Free will offering!

Drive-up or delivery available. Call 427-9273

Bake Sale and Silent Auction

Quilt raffle tickets available

for a beautiful quilt made by Bobbi Haugen.

Proceeds to go for church projects.

Blood Drive at Milnor Lutheran

There will be a blood drive at Milnor Lutheran on Monday, October 3rd, from 12:30 - 6:00 p.m. Please call Dorothy (680-8082) or Bobbi (680-2806) for appointments.

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Randy Syrstad, Deb Wagner, Bill Pribula, Diane Wallin, Kelly Arth, DeNae Mahler, Jason Kottke
 Absent: Travers Storhaug, Alisha Olson
 Meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer .

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report from June: Meeting minutes read by Deb. Grace attended via phone to review Treasurers report. Motion to approve both reports was made by Diane Wallin and seconded by Kelly Arth. Motion carried.

Committee Business

- Worship – Deb will be setting up meeting to pick hymns in next couple of weeks. Had good response from the hymn pick in August. Suggestion was made to make that a more frequent thing to encourage congregational participation in hymn picking.
- Stewardship – 4th qtr. mission focus will be Furniture Mission of Red River Valley.
- Education – Sunday School started this past weekend and there was a good turnout. They will be giving Bibles out on Sept 25th. Sunday School teachers will also be installed same day.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage
 - Altar Windows – no updates as to when this will get completed – waiting on contractors' confirmation of time.
 - Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows – waiting on contractor.
 - Landscape cement timbers for flower beds – pillars are very heavy so looking for volunteers to help to get them brought into the church. Tentative plan is for Saturday October 29th to work on project. Suggestion was made to involve confirmation students as a work project. Jason will follow-up with Rick regarding this.
 - Parsonage Basement Project update – Contractor is anticipating starting this in November. Diane and Patty will be looking at painting prior.
 - Closet door in hallway – Jason and Bill will get needed part and fix before next meeting.

Pastor's Report: Summarized report was given via email as Pastor was not able to be at meeting. Things have been going well over summer with a few weddings and funerals. With Sunday school starting, will be doing children's sermon each week. Starting September 18th, Immanuel is moving their service times to 11am which will allow more time between services. Things are well at parsonage – no concerns. Confirmation will start mid-October and will be reaching out to families/students very soon. Pastor is requesting November 13th off for final vacation day of the year. Vacation day was approved by council.

Old Business

- Large TV for fellowship hall update – Per Jason, we are still on list for Crossroads to install the plug in and ethernet wiring. He has been following up with them monthly. Discussed type of TV - Deb will look for smart TV with ethernet connection. Also discussed possibility of streaming thru a direct feed vs intertwining audio and visual. This would involve direct line camera and then using existing speakers already in fellowship hall. Deb will research this more to see if this would be a better/quicker option than full integration audio/visual.
- Built in cabinets fellowship hall – or Library/Cry Room update – we are still looking for someone that will do this work.
- Automatic Lock/unlock East door – on hold for now. Will continue to try and ensure that this door is opened each Sunday.
- Boys bathroom padlock downstairs has been removed.

New Business

- Per request of Pastor Rick a small printer has been ordered for his office and will be delivered this week.
- Hot water in kitchen: There have been complaints that it takes an excessive amount of time to get hot water in the fellowship hall. Bill will investigate options to fix this.
- Church floor tile – There are some broken tiles up in the handicap row on right side of church if facing altar. With the age of the tiles, it may be difficult to replace. Diane is going to look at some potential options for replacing/repairing these.
- A request was again brought to council regarding painting the church walls. This request was again voted down unanimously from the council.
- Lights on the altar – Bill will check on cost for rental lift to replace these.
- Discussed 2022 Wahpeton Conference Gathering to be held at MLC on October 6th starting at 5:30. They have requested a meal to be served. Diane will be available to help serve that day and help coordinate.

Motion was made by Kelly Arth to adjourn meeting, seconded by Randy Syrstad. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: October 12th @ 7pm

Respectfully submitted,
 Deb Wagner, Council Secretary

August Income	\$14,172.99
August Expenses	8,683.06
Net Income	5,489.93
Year-to-Date	\$18,289.42

October Altar Guild
Deb Wagner & Sophie Fuhrman

Day of Doing Quilters will meet October 4th, 5th, 18th and 19th at 9:00 a.m.

Yarn Angels will meet October 11th and 25th at 1:00 p.m.

Altar Guild will meet October 5th at 7:00 p.m.

WELCA Supper & Bazaar--Sunday, October 9th at 5:00 p.m.



Personal Care Kits

MLC WELCA has packed several boxes with 48 personal care kits to be delivered to Lutheran World Relief this month. Thank you to all who donated to this project!

October Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Tracy Nelson, Deb Schutt, Jolene Schwalk

- October 2-- Ushers: Don & Tracy Nelson; Lector: Don Nelson
Communion: Tracy Nelson and Melissa Bryant
- October 9-- Ushers: Glen & Barb Koeppe and Girls
Lector: Melissa Rasmussen
- October 16--Ushers: Mike & Deb Schutt; Lector: Kristin Lunneborg
Communion: Curt & Jean Anderson
- October 23--Ushers: Blair & Lynne Michels
Lector: Jolene Schwalk
- October 30--Ushers: LaVerne & Carolyn Colby
Lector: Loren Ellefson

FOURTH QUARTER STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: FURNITURE MISSION

Our fourth quarter stewardship focus will be Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley. This Fargo ministry was started in March 2019 by concerned people, including former rural DeLamere resident and MLC member, Darrell Costain. He and others saw a need to provide gently used furniture for people who have gone through traumatic events like a fire, divorce, etc. Since opening its doors to clients, Furniture Mission has distributed over 12,000 pieces of furniture. Their initial 5,000-foot warehouse was upgraded to a 10,000-foot warehouse. Recently, they purchased a second truck to handle the heavy demand to pick up used furniture. They have a goal to pay off this purchase this year through a "Fund the Fleet" campaign. This is where we can help.

Darrell will be present during our November 13 worship service to tell more about Furniture Mission. A special donation will be received that day to help with the "Fund the Fleet" campaign. You are invited to come hear Furniture Mission's story and help with their ministry to people in need. Watch for news of a special Christmas project that will benefit Furniture Mission.

Milnor Lutheran's Day of Doing and Yarn Angels support Furniture Mission by generously sharing quilts and afghans for their clients. Thanks for spreading God's love in such a special way!

Milnor Lutheran Stewardship Committee - Andrea Hogness, DeNae Martinson and Diane Wallin

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Jean Holmgren

From Jean's Family (MLC)
Janis Claus (Yarn Angels)
Linda Costain (Day of Doing)
Jim & Ione Foley (MLC)
Lee & Jennie Hanna (MLC)
Walt & Missy Johnson (MLC)
Buzz & Leone Kramer (Luther League)
Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)
Marshall & Rachel Lien (ML Cemetery)
Betty Lunneborg (MLC)
John & Marilyn Lunneborg (Sunday School)
Curt & Vi Mahler (Yarn Angels)
Trent Mahler (MLC)
Jon & Kim Mund (Day of Doing)
Tom & Shirley Mund (MLC)
Lynn & Michelle Odegard (MLC)
Cheryl Roder (Concordia Cemetery)
Bob & Darla Schutt (MLC)
Wendell & Linda Schutt (MLC)
Wayne & Rose Sebens (MLC)
Jim & Gloria Toyne (MLC)
Alice Wehlander (Sunday School)
Mervin & Karen Wohler (Day of Doing)

In memory of Warren Wiltse

From Myron & Lori Yagou (Sunday School)

MLC Notes

-Help is needed for the WELCA supper and bazaar on Sunday, October 9th. Please see the available jobs and sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

-Desserts are needed for the WELCA supper. If you can bake something tasty, there's a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

-Items for the Silent Auction can be brought to the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 8th, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Ticket stubs for the quilt raffle should be turned in to the office or to Donna Johnson before the day of the bazaar if at all possible.

-Luther League still has cookbooks available. The price is \$20, with proceeds going to Luther League. Please contact Jasmine Smith (427-5038 or 540-8003).

-Please note that Altar Guild meets on October 5th and that Day of Doing Quilters have extra work days this month.

-Thanks to the hard workers who kept our flower pots and beds looking so beautiful this summer!

Sargent County Food Pantry

For continuing donations to Sargent County Food Pantry, we have a new list of needed items:

canned fruit	vegetable oil
cereal	canned meat
juice (shelf stable)	boxed dinners (such as Hamburger Helper)

Donations can be delivered to the collection tote in the entry at MLC or delivered directly to the Gwinner site Tuesdays from 1-4pm or by calling 680-7049. Thanks! They really do appreciate our efforts.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

October

Ushers: James Martinson and Tanner Martinson

Altar Guild: Tammy Martinson and Kelsy Martinson

Communion: October 2nd

Worship: 11:00 a.m. every Sunday

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

- Sunday School students will sing during worship at MLC on Sunday, October 9th.
- Sunday School will not be held on October 23rd.

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

Sunday School Lunches

October 2nd--Brooks & Avyn H, Ava B, Aiden & Kail H, Eli R, Haiken & Bryggen M

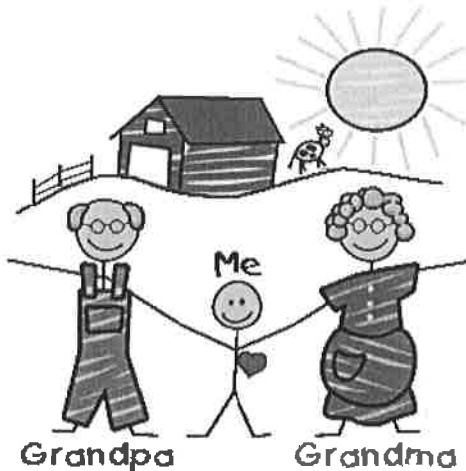
October 9th--Henry & Abigail L, Easton F, Kenna & Lyla P, Saryce & Nico M



Grandparents/Grandchildren Sunday

October 9th has been designated Grandparents and Grandchildren Sunday at Milnor Lutheran Church. Grandchildren or grandparents may invite each other to the worship service that day. They can sit together and go into the Fellowship Hall after the service for refreshments.

If a grandchild does not have a grandparent or they don't live nearby or are unable to attend, they can ask a relative (cousin or aunt/uncle) to serve as their grandparent. This is open to grandparents and grandchildren of all ages. Yes, even adult grandchildren.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes begin Wednesday, October 19th, at 3:30 p.m.