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Milnor Lutheran and
Immanuel Lutheran Churches
Rick Bryant

Rick's Column

In Mary Oliver's beautiful poem called "The Summer Day," the last sentence reads, "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

I had never thought of my life as wild and precious until the day I read those words. That question speaks of freedom. It opens my heart. It makes me want to dream, go big, and imagine the possibility of the impossible. It asks us to consider what really matters.

Have you ever thought of your life as precious and wild?

What would it mean for your life to be wild?

Wouldn't you like to have a wild life? Now, I'm not talking about doing crazy things and behaving recklessly. I am talking about being open and free to receive whatever comes to you, to stay open to what you can neither control or predict. I'm talking about not letting the past define you and not letting the present close in on you and shackle you. I'm talking about opening ourselves to the risk of an unknown future—a wild life---and the possibility of something new and the chance of something different.

Sometimes we let fear, doubt, guilt, and wounds tame our life. Every time we try to control life, predict what's coming, or live within the boundaries of what is safe and predictable, we tame our life. And, when our lives are tamed, no matter how they got tamed, we live less than who we truly are and want to be. Something is broken. Something is lost.

It's like horses, a tame horse is captive and broken, and a wild horse is free and unbroken. I would kinda like to be free and unbroken.

In the world today, I think now is the perfect time to choose a wild life over a broke life. There's something mysterious, beautiful, and sacred about the wild. So go be wild—wild with love, wild with compassion, wild with mercy, wild with kindness, wild with forgiveness, wild with life. We were born to be wild.

Our life isn't only wild, it's precious. What makes our life precious? It's not about what you have or how much you have. It's not about how others see you or what they think or say about you. It's because you are the treasure chest that holds God's heart.

Life is precious because it's fragile. Life is short and uncertain. There are no guarantees. Everything dies, and too soon. But that doesn't take away from the value and beauty of life. It makes life even more precious. Everything and everyone matter. Nothing and no one are to be taken for granted. Not a minute of time is to be wasted or wished away. The preciousness of our lives is revealed in the things we're most passionate about; in the people we love and those who love us. In the things that give us meaning, offer us hope, and bring us the courage to live wildly.

So now tell me, "What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

May God's love and grace be with you all,

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Curt & Vi Mahler, Dan Mund, Marlene Hogness, Weston Gregor, Lisa Bershok, Jill Wehlander, Greg & Arlis McFarland, Darren Wipf, Pat Olofson & Bill Larson.* 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***



October Birthdays

1 - Marjorie Johnson
2- Mary Yagow
9 - Greta Buskohl
12-Ridge Coleman
14 - Dan Henning
Rachel Lien
17 - Brent Bergstrom
24-Keith Kuehn
25 - Brooks Hogness
27 - Sawyer Griggs
28-Caleb Christianson
Ramona Johnson
Kristin Lunneborg
30-Bailey Spellerberg
31-Emilee Bergstrom



"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV



In memory of ***Michell Kadoun***
From: Shane & Nichole Kadoun
Kolten & Karleigh
Bruce & Karen Schele
Ryan & Jasmine Smith

In memory of ***Weston Schutt***
From: Charlie Enge (Lakeside cem.)

In memory of ***Royce Granlund***
From: Eileen Vail (Lakeside Cem.)
Joyce Murack (Lakeside cem.)
Karen Wohler

In memory of ***Marvin Sebens***
From: Pat Sebens(MLC landscaping)



MILNOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
WELCA FALL BAZAAR
SUPPER, SILENT AUCTION, BAKE SALE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

The quilt made by Bobbi Haugen is 94"x 94" as always, she makes an amazing quilt! We ask that you return your ticket stubs as soon as possible. We are asking families to donate something to the silent auction or bake sale. Please mark you baked goods with what it is and a price you think they should be sold for before bringing them. Bake sale will run form 5;00pm-7:00pm. We are asking for help with the bazaar. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and sign up early for the best jobs!

This is a great opportunity for great fun and fellowship with MLC church family!!! See you at the Bazaar!!



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.

October Alter Guild
Deb Wagner & Jolene Schwalk
Shepherding
Don & Tracy Nelson & Jolene Schwalk



Day of Doing, Quilters will meet October 20th & 21st from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Yarn Angels will meet on October 13th & 27st at 1:00p.m.

Altar Guild Meeting

Wednesday, October 7th,2026 at 6:00p.m.





Sunday, October 4th is World communion day.

This is a good reminder that we are part of something bigger. Churches around the globe will be taking communion on the same day, and it's a chance to highlight the unity we share in Christ.

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



MLC Sunday School Coffee Schedule
October 4th-Carly & Kassie C., Canyon & Ridge C., William & Arthur P.
October 11th- Tucker & Holt, Hailyn B., Hailyn B., Rilyn E., Tallulah & Arlo S.

There is NO Sunday School on October 25th, 2026.



Confirmation Schedule for October

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October 7th - 3:30p.m.
October 14th- 3:30p.m.
October 21st- **No Confirmation**
October 28th - 3:30p.m.

Please continue those sermon notes! You all have been doing a great job on them!!We will help you find ways to get your service hours in at church and the community!

Acolyte Schedule

Oct. 4th	Saryce & Brinley
Oct. 11th	Hunter & Adam
Oct. 18th	Camryn & Vaiah
Oct. 25th	Avyn & Gwyn

If you need to switch, you are responsible for finding your own replacement.

Luther League
Alisha Olson



Coffee Schedule
October 18th - Hunter L., Teegan O., Cole F.,
October 25th - Gwyn K., Harper & Saryce M., Braylon W.

If you need to switch, you are responsible for finding your own replacement.

Milnor Luther League Door-to Door Food Drive
Wednesday, October 28, 2025
From 4:30p.m.-5:30p.m.

Luther Leugue Students, please be at church by 4:00p.m. for pizza before we head out for the door-door food drive. If you have anyone who is willing to drive or help bring them along!







Immanuel Lutheran Church
October Ushers: James Martinson & Tanner Martinson
October Altar Guild: Tammy Martinson & Kelsy Martinson
Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
Communion: October 4th

Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School
10:15a.m.-
Mindy Hogness & Kelsy Martinson



ILC Sunday School
October 4- Class
October 11- Class
October 18- Class- Singing during Church
October 25- No Class









REFORMATION
Sunday

Reformation Sunday is a significant day in the Lutheran Church, commemorating the Martin Luther's bold act of posting the 95 Theses on the Castle doors in Wittenburg, Germany on October 31, 1517. The day is celebrated the Sunday before the 31st.
Luther reckoned for Christianity the central doctrine of salvation-justification by faith alone. *(Galatians 2:21) "the just shall live by his faith" (Romans 1:17)*
It is a special day to remember and reflect upon the historical and theological significance of the Reformation. This day presents an opportunity for churchgoers to focus on the key principles of the Reformation, such as justification by faith alone and the authority of Scripture.

MLC Council Meeting Minutes
September 9,2026

Present: Jill Baldwin, Paula Tayer, Wake Kuehn, Mike Schutt, Tracy Hansen, Jenn Sundquist, Nate Sundquist & Rick Bryant
Meeting called to order by Jill Baldwin
Secretary and Treasurer Reports: Secretary's Report approved. Motion by Nate 2nd by Paula Treasurer Report approved. Motion by Jenn. Seconded by Wade
Stewardship: Bibles will handed out Sept.20
Worship: Songs have been chosen
Education: Sunday School begins September 13. Confirmation begins September 23.
Minister's Report: Taking vacation day September 13. 11 students for confirmation. Discussed alternatives for students not going to Bible camp.
Property & Grounds: Landscaping Project-will be paid for with donation from Booster Gaming. Planned for mid-September.
New Business: None
Old Business: New rental Prices 'Presented and approved. Motion by Paula. Seconded by Jenn
Next meeting: October 14,2026 at 6:00p.m.
Lord's Prayer
Adjourn: motion by Wade seconded by Nate

September minutes published before being approved at October Council meeting.

August 2026	
Total income	$9,929.42
Expenses	$8,984.78
Profit Loss	$944.64
Year to Date	-$5,843,12

Milnor Luther League Door-to Door Food Drive
Wednesday, October 28, 2025
From 4:30p.m.-5:30p.m.
If you will be gone and would like us to stop by your porch, text Alisha @ 701-866-7789



Items always appreciated: non-perishable food items: canned items (vegetables, fruits, soups, beans, tuna, chicken) ready-to-make meals (hamburger helper, mac-n-cheese, SpaghettiOs) pasta and pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup. Household items: toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, dish soap, laundry soap, etc. Personal items: shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. Monetary Donations always welcome.

Sargent County Food Pantry
PO Box
Forman, ND 58032