

September 2020
NEWSLETTER



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Immanuel Lutheran Churches**
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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all:

I hope this newsletter finds you all well! My goodness where has the summer gone? As I write this letter the air feels like fall and our children are going back to school tomorrow! It is my hope that you have all had a great summer despite the challenges that we have had to endure with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since our last newsletter, we have continued to be blessed in our community in regards to Covid-19. We have had a case here and there, but God has seen fit to keep this virus out of our homes and community for the most part. Our school administration, government leaders, and church leaders have all been faced with hard decisions on how to move forward though this crisis while ensuring the safety of all of those involved. Please keep these leaders in your prayers. The crucial decisions they have to make is not an enviable position. Please continue to pray for safety and protection for our schools, churches, and businesses as we move forward.

A year has now passed since you all have entrusted me to be your pastor. A year later, I still feel as honored and blessed as ever. Thank you all for your support and encouragement. I sincerely hope that I am fulfilling your spiritual needs and that you are pleased with what I bring as your pastor. I am always open for ideas and ways to improve, so please don't hesitate to let your opinion be known. I resume my classes through Wartburg Seminary on September 9th, and I am excited to continue to mature and grow in my quest for ordination. I hope to complete half of the requirements to be ordained in this coming year. Please pray for me!

Moving forward, we plan to resume Sunday school at MLC on October 4th. It is my plan to begin confirmation that week as well. I will reach out to all incoming students and their parents very soon. We also still need to graduate last years' confirmands and recognize their accomplishments. I will keep you all posted. First Communion is another event that we need to catch up on. I am considering consolidating this year's 5th graders with last year's 5th graders and just doing one event. Again, I will notify you when I solidify this plan. Much to be done!

Heidi will be back playing the organ at MLC on September 13th and we will resume singing then. It will be so nice to have her back! We will also resume communion at MLC on September 6th. We will do communion on the first Sunday of the month for the time being until the council revisits the issue. We are also doing coffee and fellowship at MLC. Immanuel Church is business as usual with services at 8:00 a.m. for the month of September.

Fall is an exciting time of the year. Our high school sports teams will be playing and we are all anxious to attend these events and support the students. Harvest will begin before we know it. Please pray for our farmers and ranchers and their overall well-being. Where would we be without them?

I wish you all peace and well-being in the coming months. Let us pray, pray, and pray some more for our loved ones, neighbors, our community, our church, and all of God's wonderful creation. God bless you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People on our prayer lists are *Trent Mahler, Bobbi Haugen, Jim Robbins, Mary Alice Mund, and McKayla Keelan*. Please keep them in your prayers.



2 - Shane Kadoun
Elle Lien
Danene Odegard

3 - Gerald Nelson

5 - Betty Lunneborg
Machaela Mund

7 - Karleigh Kadoun
Joan Peterson
Deb Wagner

8 - Becky Mund
Tracy Nelson
LaRae Odegard

9 - DeNae Mahler

10 - Brady Lien

12 - Mike Schutt

13 - Marlene Snellman

14 - Patti Martin
Paul Mund

15 - Gary Jenson

18 - Charlee Martinson

19 - Ione Foley
Briana Spellerberg

Mervin Wohler

20 - Karla Dusek

20 - Bobbi Haugen

Elwood Skarpness

21 - Duwayne Baldwin

Kail Heitkamp

24 - Mark Hudson

Hadley Larson

25 - Jodi Ost

26 - Shyrlee Friskop

27 - Sandy Hogness

Kevin Moxness

Andrew Yagow

30 - Kelsy Martinson

Online Giving

If you would like to donate to our churches online, you can do so following these instructions:

- 1) Go to tithe.ly
- 2) Click on "Sign up for free in 5 minutes."
- 3) Select "Give to my church."

Click the "Give Online" button. You must create an account – it is the same one you can use as an app on your phone or on their website. Select Milnor Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran Church. You can set up a recurring donation, or simply make a one-time contribution.

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

August 12, 2020 @ 7 p.m. (conference call)

Present: Andrea Hogness, Don Nelson, Diane Wallin, Myron Yagow, Lonnie Rotenberger, Kelly Arth, Alisha Olson, & Rick Bryant

Absent: Travers Storhaug & Randy Syrstad

Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 25th: Motion to approve from Diane, Lonnie seconded, all in favor

Treasurer's Report for May: Motion to approve from Myron, Diane seconded, all in favor

Committee Business

- Worship & Shepherding (Kelly, Lonnie)
 - Discussion was had on singing, fellowship, etc for fall worship. There was concern amongst the council with recent functions and the opening of the fellowship hall. Those that are coming to church want communion and singing.
 - The numbers at summer services have been averaging right around 15-18
 - Communion discussion-the council felt that if the wine cups and wafers could be spread out and the congregation comes forth to take their own (vs someone handing it out and Rick doing the blessing), it would work and if someone doesn't feel comfortable doing that, they don't have to.
- Stewardship (Diane, Andrea)
 - God's Work Our Hands—at this point in time, the council doesn't feel that we should sponsor the event this year
- Education (Randy, Alisha)
 - Sunday School is targeted to start Oct 4th
- Properties/Grounds/Parsonage (Myron, Travers, Don)
 - Air Conditioner is now working
 - Shed-the contractor started working on it on Friday and the building is up, no roof yet, he will need about 7 more days to get it done. He wanted to add something extra to keep rodents out but it will add some cost, also the ramp wasn't figured into the initial cost but we need it. We

also need extra gravel so the extra gravel will be spread in the extra parking lot. The council agreed

- Lighted cross replacement (\$750), the council decided to proceed with the cross

Pastor's Report

- Rick planning a vacation in late September

New Business

- Discussion on how we are handling funerals & weddings- will put an extra page in the wedding/shower policies:
 - Recommending masks
 - Social distancing will be practiced with seating as much as possible
 - If the family wants to serve food, the shepherding group will not be responsible for it, the family will need to provide for all of it including servers, food, plates, napkins and clean-up

Next Meeting: September will be via conference call. Andrea will send out an email with a couple of options.

Motion to adjourn by Diane, Andrea seconded, all in favor

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Hogness
Secretary

MLC Financial Report

July Income	\$ 6,924.76
June Expenses	5,473.23
Net Gain	1,451.53
Year-to-Date Gain	\$ 23,440.82

Additional Council Notes

Worship Updates. Touch free Communion will begin Sunday, September 6th, and be served the first Sunday of each month going forward. Hymn singing will resume on Sunday, September 13th. Sunday School is scheduled to begin October 4th.

New Council Members Needed. Three of our MLC council members will be done with their terms in January. We are looking for volunteers to fill the empty seats. The current members of the council do not wish to run for the President seat, so we really need someone who would be willing to step into a leadership role. Please reach out to the council if you would consider running!

Parsonage Shed-- We are very excited to announce that the parsonage shed has been completed. We have had some donations for the shed, but it is not completely paid for so any further donations are appreciated!

Parsonage Sewer – HUGE thank you to our anonymous donor who paid for the sewer expenses.

Parsonage Lawn -- Due to the sewer issues at the parsonage earlier this year, the parsonage lawn is still a work in progress. We would like to give a big thank you to Chad Fyre & Kasey Lien for spraying weeds in the lawn to help prepare for tilling and planting. They also sprayed at the church parking lot, it was very appreciated. We still need to till and plant grass at the parsonage so would appreciate any willing 'green' hands to volunteer their time this fall so the Bryants can enjoy a nice yard of grass next spring!

Lighted Cross-- We have received a generous donation from Linda Costain, in memory of her parents Harley & Elaine Costain, to replace the lighted cross on the outside of the church. The cross has been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible! Thanks, Linda! "May the Lord reward you for your kindness." ([Ruth 1:8](#))

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Kale Anderson

From Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

In memory of John Bear

From Andrea & Steve Hogness (MLC Improvement)

In memory of Donna Bolander

From Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)

In memory of Norma Brekke

From Carl & Oline Nelson (Day of Doing)

In memory of Harley & Elaine Costain

From Linda Costain (MLC Lighted Cross)

In memory of Lila Dahl

From Jim & Ione Foley (MLC)

In memory of Karen Edison

From Dave & Marilyn Isaacson (MLC)

Gary & Lois Jenson (MLC)

Steve & Celeste Metzen (Yarn Angels)

Dale Torreson (MLC)

Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)

Carl & Oline Nelson (Day of Doing)

In memory of Charles Ellefson

From Bill & Dorothy Pribula (ML Cemetery)

Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)

Carl & Oline Nelson (Day of Doing)

In memory of Pat Goolsbey

From Andrea & Steve Hogness (MLC Improvement)

Linda Costain (Day of Doing)

Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)

Carl & Oline Nelson (Day of Doing)

In memory of Glorjie Gregor

From Steve & Celeste Metzen (Yarn Angels)

In memory of Ed Heinert

From Linda Costain (Day of Doing)

Hap & Gail McCleery (Day of Doing/Sisseton)

In memory of Karen Johnson

From Andrea & Steve Hogness (MLC Improvement)

Hap & Gail McCleery (Day of Doing/Sisseton)

In memory of Henry Kjos

From Gary & Phylis Springer (Day of Doing)

Dale Torreson (MLC)

In memory of Frances Lee

From Marjorie Johnson (Yarn Angels)

Curt & Vi Mahler (ML Cemetery)

Bill & Dorothy Pribula (Yarn Angels)

Hap & Gail McCleery (Day of Doing/Sisseton)

In memory of Russell Lewis

From Hap & Gail McCleery (Day of Doing/Sisseton)

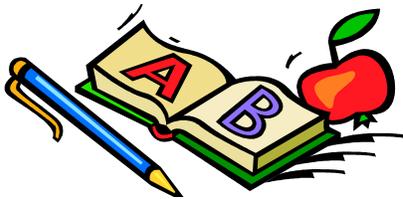
In memory of Alan Wittich

From Hap & Gail McCleery (Day of Doing/Sisseton)

September Altar Guild
Jeanette Buskohl & Connie Robbins

WELCA

MLC Day-of-Doing Quilters – September 15 & 16 at 9:00 a.m.
WELCA Meeting – Sunday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m.



School Kits

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for our school kits and to Joy Christiansen for making the beautiful bags. They will be assembled soon and delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

Prayers for Peace

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

-LBW

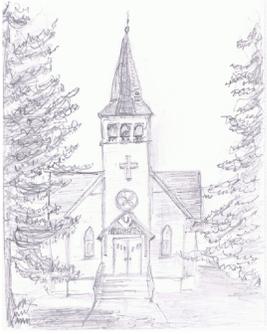
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

*where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

-St. Francis of Assisi



Immanuel Lutheran Church

September

Worship Services:

Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

September Usher: Kevin Moxness

September Altar Guild: Heidi Moxness

Communion Server: Mike Martinson (Sept. 13th)

IMMANUEL COUNCIL MINUTES

August 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Paul Mund. Present the meeting were President Paul Mund, Derek Martinson, Joel Halvorson, and Jim Berndt.

The secretary's report was read. No corrections were made to the report. Joel made a motion to approve the secretary's report as read. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Derek Martinson. No corrections were made to the treasurer's report. Joel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The council has decided there will be no plans to schedule a pancake brunch for 2020.

The plan to plant new trees around the church is still in progress, depending on tree availability.

New Business:

The council has decided there will be no church on Sunday, September 6th, the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend.

The next meeting is scheduled to be sometime in the second half of the month of October.

Derek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Joel seconded the motion. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Derek Martinson
Vice President

- **No worship service at Immanuel on September 6th**
 - **8:00 a.m. services through September 27th**
 - **11:00 a.m. services begin October 4th**