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NEWSLETTER



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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? September is now upon us and all of the Sargent County students have returned to school. May God bless all of the teachers, faculty, and students. It seems that the weather is still awful warm for this time of year. A few Sundays ago, we were blessed with a full day of glorious rain. I shudder to think where we would be without that rain! Thanks be to God. The wheat harvest is going full bore and, before we know it, our farmers will be harvesting their corn and soybean crops. We pray for good yields and a safe harvest season for all.

Moving forward, we plan to resume Sunday School at MLC on September 10th. The children will receive their Bibles on September 24th. I cannot wait to have the children back among us at church. They bring so much energy and so much joy. A special shout out to Mary Yagow and Greta Buskohl for once again spearheading the Sunday School program. Also a special thanks to the staff: Danielle Hogness, Randy Syrstad, Melissa Rasmussen, Jason Kottke, and Patty Ellefson. Their compassion and dedication for the kids is appreciated beyond what they might ever know! It is my plan to begin Confirmation in the beginning to mid-October. I want the kids to get settled into their school routine before starting Confirmation. This year it looks like we will have nine 7th graders as well as the three 8th graders. A large group that should be lots of fun. On that note, myself and

Linda Costain will be restarting the acolyte program that I have not used in the past years. It is a great program, and I am excited to get it up and running again. I will reach out to all incoming students and their parents very soon.

On the ILC front, we will have one more service at 8:00 a.m. on September 3rd, and then worship time will revert back to 11:00 a.m. I am delighted to announce that ILC will have its own Sunday School program this fall. Start date is September 10th. The time will be 10:00 a.m. and run until approximately 10:45 a.m. A big thanks to Mindy Hogness and Kylie Martinson for their hard work and commitment to this wonderful program. Also on September 10th, ILC will be hosting a Harvest Kick-off BBQ/Potluck after church. All are welcome to attend. They will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, and hopefully be serving sweet corn. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Hope to see you all there.

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. The Minnesota Vikings will soon take to the field, and hunting seasons are starting to open up.

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

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Toni Claus, Kit Mund, Bill Larson, Andrea Coppin, Jill Wehlander, Mary Alice Mund, Shyrlee Friskop, Mark Thorson, Mary Engst, Julianne Rotenberger, Phyllis Gelinske, Craig Speich, and Terry Timm*. 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.



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| 2 - Shane Kadoun
Danene Odegard | 12 - Mike Schutt | 21 - DuWayne Baldwin
Kail Heitkamp |
| 3 - Gerald Nelson | 14 - Patti Martin
Paul Mund | 24 - Mark Hudson
Hadley Larson |
| 7 - Karleigh Kadoun
Joan Peterson
Deb Wagner | 15 - Gary Jenson | 25 - Jodi Ost |
| 8 - Tracy Nelson
LaRae Odegard | 18 - Charlee Martinson | 26 - Shyrlee Friskop |
| 9 - DeNae Martinson | 19 - Ione Foley
Briana Spellerberg
Mervin Wohler | 27 - Sandy Hogness
Kevin Moxness
Andrew Yagow |
| 10 - Brady Lien | 20 - Karla Dusek
Bobbi Haugen | 30 - Kelsy Martinson |

Thank You from the Skarpness Family

Dear Members & Friends of Immanuel and Milnor Lutheran Churches,

Our family is so grateful for the love and support that we have received after our father, Pastor Elwood Skarpness, went home to be with the Lord on April 2, 2023. Our parents loved the people of the DeLamere and Milnor communities, and it meant a lot to us to see everyone who came to our dad's Prayer Service in Moorhead and "Celebration of Life" Service at Immanuel in June.

We have been blessed by the many sympathy cards and gifts given in memory of our dad. Nearly \$400 was given to support the ministries of Immanuel Lutheran, where our dad served as pastor for 22 years. Memorial gifts were also given to other special ministries, including the Milnor Yarn Angels and Samaritan's Purse, which recently began work helping people affected by the devastating wildfires in Maui.

Our dad's prayer was for everyone to know the deep love of Jesus and his redeeming death on the cross to provide forgiveness of all our sins. You are continuing that mission through Immanuel and Milnor Lutheran Churches and through your connections with people you know, to share this Good News.

With appreciation and gratitude,
The Family of Pastor Elwood Skarpness

September Altar Guild
Jeanette Buskohl and Connie Robbins

WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet September 19th and 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Yarn Angels will meet September 12th and 26th at 1:00 p.m.

MLC WELCA will meet Wednesday, September 6th, at 10:00 a.m.

Altar Guild will meet Wednesday, September 6th, at 7:00 p.m.

Save the Date for the WELCA Fall Bazaar!

Our annual WELCA Bazaar will be held Sunday, October 10th. Details about the bazaar and quilt tickets will be mailed out after final details have been decided on at our September 6th WELCA meeting

Red Willow Quilt

Our Day of Doing Quilters were excited to learn that the quilt they donated to the Red Willow Annual Quilt Auction, held August 27, 2023, brought \$300! Thanks to everyone who gives time and talents to this ministry!

Yarn Angels

Yarn Angels will be displaying their latest batch of hand-made afghans at church on September 3rd. They will then be donated to Furniture Mission in Fargo. Thanks, Ladies, for all your hard work!

September Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: David & Connie Robbins; Linda Robbins

September 3-- Ushers: Tracy & Kevin Hansen; Lector: Linda Schutt

Communion: Tracy Hansen and Cheryl Roder

September 10--Ushers: Janice Larson and Linda Robbins

Lector: Linda Costain

September 17--Ushers: Jodi Ost & Ernest Roder; Lector: Jodi Ost

Communion: Brian & Bobbi Fuhrman

September 24--Ushers: David & Connie Robbins

Lector: Judy Kleingarn

Thank you to everyone who serves and supports our church.

Blood Drive at Milnor Lutheran

There will be a blood drive at Milnor Lutheran on Monday, October 2nd, from 11:45 - 6:00 p.m. When the time gets closer, Dorothy (680-8082) and Bobbi (680-2806) will be making appointments for donations.

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Oline Nelson

From: Jeanette Buskohl (ML Cemetery)
Carol Edison (MLC)
Pat Sebens Freese (MLC Improvement)
Monty & Bobbi Haugen (ML Cemetery)
Andrea & Steve Hogness (MLC Improvement)
Orvin & Marlene Hogness (ML Cemetery)
Dick & Pat Kuehn (Sunday School)
Marshall & Rachel Lien (ML Cemetery)
David Lunneborg (Sunday School)
John & Marilyn Lunneborg (Sunday School)
Curt & Vi Mahler (Yarn Angels)
Hap & Gail McCleery (Yarn Angels)
Larry Moxness (MLC)
David & Connie Robbins (ML Cemetery)
Bruce & Dayna Speich (ML Cemetery)
Phylis Springer (MLC)
Mary Stahlecker (ML Cemetery)
Teresa Toyne-Dick (MLC)
Alice Wehlander (Sunday School)
Mervin & Karen Wohler (Yarn Angels)
Myron & Lori Yagow (Sunday School)

In memory of Roger Brekke

From: Monty & Bobbi Haugen (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Mitch Gregor

From: Bruce & Dayna Speich (Sunday School)

In memory of Betty Lunneborg

From: Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)

In memory of Pastor Elwood Skarpness

From: Phyllis Gelinske (Yarn Angels)

Fall Rummage Sale at MLC

Friday, October 20th, 5 - 8 pm

Saturday, October 21st, 8am - 8pm

Church members will also be able to shop after church on Sunday. This rummage sale will be held in the church basement only! Nothing upstairs! The lift chair will be available for those who need it. Proceeds will go to Special Olympics North Dakota and benefit area athletes, including David Campbell, Collin Pribula, Heidi Higgins, Karen Bennett, and Karl Eckre, just to name a few!

Rummage sale items can be brought to the church any time and taken downstairs (if you are able) or put under the coat rack. [No electronics, please! Furniture and other large items should be kept at home until the week of the sale.]

Notes

Dorothy Pribula has some size 13 (orange tag) hearing aid batteries that she would like to give to someone who could use them. If that's you, please call her at 680-8082.

A benefit will be held for Mark Thorson on October 14th at the MACC. Please watch for more details.

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

- Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 10th, at 10:30 a.m.
- Bibles will be presented to third graders & new pre-k students on September 24th during worship.

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

Sunday School Lunches

September 10 - Aiden & Kail H, Brinley & Blake Y, Avyn H

October 1 - Jacob H, Layton, Vaiah & Hailyn B, Tallulah S, Gwyn K



VBS Thank You

Red Willow Bible Camp was held in June. We had 31 kids attend. Thank you to Jeri Christiansen for housing and feeding the counselors, to LaRae Odegard for making cookies, to Shannon Berndt, Erica Severson, & Bobbi Tompkins for fruit, and to Willow Tyler and Andrew & Allison Yagow for helping. It was a fun few days!



Confirmation Students

A letter will be sent out soon regarding acolyting during worship services. Two students will be assigned to light the candles on the altar each week. Either Pastor Rick or Linda Costain will instruct you on the procedure to light and extinguish the candles.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

September Usher: Kevin Moxness

September Altar Guild: Heidi Moxness

Worship Services:

September 3rd: 8:00 a.m.

Beginning September 10th: 11:00 a.m.

Communion: September 3rd

Immanuel Lutheran Council Minutes

August 22, 2023

The Council met on August 22nd at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Pastor Bryant, Mindy Hogness, Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, and Landon Mund. Mindy called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Tanner, seconded by Kevin. The Treasurer's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Landon, seconded by Tanner. Pastor Rick gave his report, informing the council he is pleased with the work done to start a new Sunday School program at ILC. He also touched on Confirmation classes coming up soon, with a start date likely between late September and early October. Lastly, Pastor Bryant mentioned that he is planning to take vacation time around late October and early November.

Committees:

- Education Committee – Mindy reported that Sunday School will start on September 10th at 10am (Church services change to 11am on this date), with a Presentation of Bibles taking place during Church service on September 17th. Sunday School will be held through the Fall, but no class will be held on October 22nd.

Old Business:

- Tanner reported that Crossroads has been contacted on repairing the Church's Cross Light.
- The Council is still needing to get an estimate and talk with a contractor about replacing the basement doors/window in the Church.

New Business:

- It was discussed that a co-signer for the Sunday School checking account is needed. Kevin made a motion to make Kylie Martinson authorized to sign on the account, alongside Treasurer Derek Martinson. Mindy seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- A "Harvest Grill-Out" will take place on September 10th at Noon. This will be at ILC. Mindy is coordinating with Kelsy Martinson to share a food plan prior to the event. MLC is also invited to attend.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Landon. The council closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will take place on September 20th @ 6PM.

Landon Mund, Council Secretary

Harvest Kick-off BBQ at Immanuel

On Sunday, September 10th, following the first day of Sunday School (10:00) and the worship service at 11:00, we will have a Harvest Kick-off BBQ/Potluck at 12:00 noon. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and possibly sweet corn will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Everyone is invited. Please come enjoy food and fellowship!