

April 2021  
**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 everyone well! As I write this letter, we are receiving some timely and much needed rain in our area. God is aware of our needs and continually provides for us to ensure our well-being. Thanks be to God.

I want to thank each and every one of you for a fulfilling and rewarding Lenten season. Lent is season in which we re-affirm our love and dedication to God and in our churches, we did just that. I truly enjoyed walking the Lenten journey with you and I think we all grew spiritually together. For me, it was my first Lenten season as your pastor and I learned and grew so much. I appreciate everyone's willingness to look past my lack of experience and mistakes that I make. I am so blessed to be a part of our churches.

On April 11, we will be confirming seven children of God as new members of our churches. It has been an honor and a privilege learning and growing with these amazing kids. I wish each and every one of them best wishes in their future endeavors. I will continue holding confirmation classes during the month of April and we will resume classes next fall. It is my plan to hold First Communion on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a regular communion day so it should work out well. I will plan on meeting with the First Communion kids and their parents before then to go over the meaning and significance of communion. There are 11 kids who will be

receiving First Communion and begin their spiritual walk with Jesus Christ. That is truly exciting.

Milnor Lutheran Church will be hosting Red Willow Bible camp June 6-8 for students who have completed grades K-6. This will be a fun-filled three days of songs, arts, crafts, bible studies, and much more. Registration forms are available at MLC. Please reach out to Greta at 427-5646 or Mary at 427-5023 for questions and details.

In other news of note, Immanuel Lutheran Church will continue to hold their worship services at 8:00 a.m. until further notice. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, I will be out of town. There will be no services at Immanuel on that day. Milnor Lutheran will have a special presentation by Darrell Costain about Furniture Mission, which is a non-profit organization that helps families in need of furniture. What a wonderful mission and way to glorify God!

In closing, I wish to leave you with these words from Galatians 2:19-20, which are a perfect reflection of our Lenten journey. *"I have been crucified with Christ; and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

May our gracious God be with you all.

Rick

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

People on our prayer lists are *Gary Springer, Bryce Heitkamp, Carol Hogness, Kit Mund, Curt Mahler, Bobbi Haugen, Jim Robbins, Patty Cross, Carl & Gisela Wold, Shayla Wagner, and Dan Mund.*  
Please keep them in your prayers.



## April Birthdays

2 - Camryn Hogness  
3 - Taylor Olson  
4 - Pat Kuehn  
5 - Brandon Yagow  
7 - Layton Berndt  
8 - Cole Fyre  
10 - Lori Yagow  
14 - Hanna Deyle  
15 - Steve Hogness

16 - Guy Christiansen  
17 - Sara Martinson  
18 - Dan Krause  
19 - Andrea Hogness  
20 - Dustin Heitkamp  
    Micah Johnson  
21 - Joy Christiansen  
    Arlin Mund  
24 - Lyla Peterson

25 - Charley Hogness  
26 - Kathy Stockstad  
27 - Carol Peterson  
28 - Sophie Fuhrman  
    Jeanne McCauley  
    Eli Rotenberger  
30 - Monty Haugen

## MLC MEMORIALS

### In memory of Brad Biss

From: Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Yarn Angels)  
    Curt & Vi Mahler (MLC)  
    Mike & Deb Schutt (MLC Improvement)  
    Alice Wehlander (Sunday School)

### In memory of Geraldine Nogowski

From: Linda Costain (Day of Doing)

### In memory of Donna Tompkins

From: Blair & Lynne Michels (MLC Improvement)

### In memory of Richard Lyons

From: Curt & Vi Mahler (Yarn Angels)



## Immanuel Lutheran Church

*April*

**Worship Services: Sundays at 8:00 a.m.**

**April Ushers: Loran Hudson and Mark Hudson**

**April Altar Guild: Annette Hudson**

**Communion: Easter, April 4th**

**No worship service on April 25th. (Rick gone.)**

# Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

March 10, 2021

Present: Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Diane Wallin, Myron Yagow, Randy Syrstad, Alisha Olson, DeNae Mahler, Rick Bryant & Travers Storhaug  
Absent: Kelly Arth

Minutes from last council meeting were read: Motion to approve was made by Diane Wallin, seconded by DeNae Mahler. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report for February was reviewed: Motion to approve was made by Myron Yagow, seconded by Travers Storhaug. Motion carried.

## Committee Business

- Worship (Kelly Arth, Deb Wagner)
  - Nothing new to report.
- Stewardship (Diane Wallin, DeNae Mahler)
  - Nothing new to report.
- Education (Alicia Olson, Randy Syrstad)
  - Plan to have confirmation on April 18<sup>th</sup> – 7 will be confirmed, 2 from this year's class and 5 from last year. Connie Robbins from Alter Guild has been notified regarding date and number of students.
  - First Communion – Since this was not done last year due to COVID, discussion was held to split first communion into 2 separate weeks to give each class a special day. Dates tentatively set for first Sunday in May for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Pastor Rick will be firming up those dates soon.
  - Sunday school restart: After further discussion with Sunday School Superintendents, decision was made to postpone Sunday school for rest of year. Will plan to restart again in the fall.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Travers Storhaug, Myron Yagow & Bill Pribula)
  - Church lighting -Replacement bids from Crossroads came in around \$4000 to replace the entire fixtures and that was at cost. Myron bought another LED light like the previous bulb, but more yellowish in color. After looking at the difference in bulbs and reviewing the bid, motion made

by Travers Storhaug to purchase 7 more of the yellow LED light bulbs. DeNae Mahler seconded the motion, motion carried.

- Parsonage bathroom – Design Plans reviewed; motion made by Travers Storhaug to move forward with that design. Myron Yagow seconded; motion carried. Initial Bids reviewed. Now that we have design, will take that back to the contractors to firm those up.
- Broken mirror in medicine cabinet at parsonage replaced by Pastor Rick and reimbursement was made for that expense.

## Pastor's Report

- Brad Biss Funeral this past week
- There will be a Baptism coming up on April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Synod report has been submitted.

## Old Business

- Envelope box for the office door has been ordered and should be installed by next meeting.

## New Business:

- Carol Peterson attended council meeting to present a project idea about painting to lighten up the church. Discussion tabled at this time.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be April 14th at 7pm in person or conference call

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Travers Storhaug, seconded by Diane Wallin, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Wagner, Secretary

February Income	\$ 7,005.18
February Expenses	6,384.68
Net Income	620.50
Year to Date Profit	\$ 7,043.44

**MLC Members:** There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, April 18th, to vote on the Parsonage Basement Project. Please plan to attend.

*April Altar Guild*  
*Deb Schutt & Jasmine Smith*

Day of Doing Quilters will meet April 20 & 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Yarn Angels will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m.

# Red Willow Day Camp 2021



Psalm 100:5

For the Lord is Good,  
His steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations

Join us and Red Willow Bible Camp for two and a half days of fun, songs, arts and crafts, Bible studies, and much more! This summer we will be learning about God's steadfast love for us and our communities with our theme verse, Psalm 100:5. Come and experience the gift God's grace with us as we sing, dance, laugh, and play!

**June 6, 7, 8**  
**Milnor Lutheran Church**  
Sunday: 3PM-6PM  
Monday 9AM-3PM  
Tuesday 9AM-3PM

Bible Camp is for ALL children having **completed** grades K-6

Cost: \$15 per student (K-6) or \$25 per family

Registration forms are available at Milnor Lutheran Church

or by contacting Greta (427-5646) or Mary (427-5023)

# PARSONAGE BATHROOM PROJECT

## Congregational Vote Set for April 18

The church council and parsonage committee have been working on a plan and estimates to remodel the parsonage basement bathroom. In case it's been awhile since you've seen the bathroom, or you've never seen it, it is located in a storage area. A wall mounted sink and the stool are in a tiny room. The separate 36x36 shower is in a work area on a cement floor.

Here's the plan: remove the wall around the current bathroom, build a new wall to incorporate a 48x36 shower into the bathroom, replace the sink with a 36x18 vanity, retain current stool (installed in 2013), install a drop ceiling with panel lights, install waterproof snap-together vinyl flooring and replace open storage shelves with a built-in closet.

A key factor in creating this new floor plan is to use existing plumbing connections as much as possible. Some adjustment may need to be made for the shower which would increase the plumbing estimate. Also not included are estimates for demolition of the current wall and removal of storage shelves.

As much as possible, we have asked local companies for estimates.

Chris Ferderer Construction	\$3258.00
Crossroads Electric (including fan and panel lights)	\$800.00
Swede's Plumbing (including shower and faucets)	\$3,315.34
Riverside Building Center (materials including vanity)	\$2,509.90
Online Shopping:	
Closet doors and shelving	\$400.00
Medicine cabinet, towel bars, vanity top and lights, etc.	\$375.00
Trim	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED</b>	<b>\$10,758.24</b>
Funds received/pledged	-8,605.00
<b>TOTAL NEEDED</b>	<b>\$2,153.24</b>

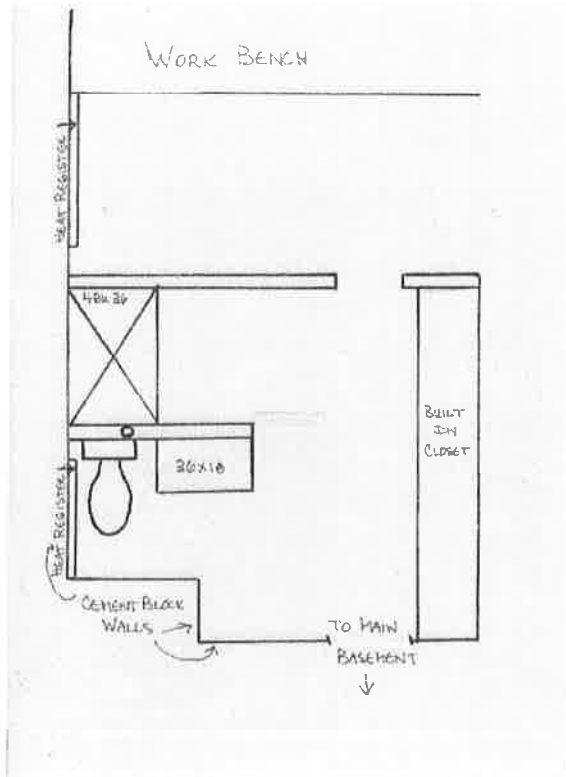
Thank you to everyone who has already "voted" for the project by giving or pledging money. We extend a big thank you to former council member Andrea Hogness for starting fundraising for this project!



Bathroom on the right



Sink and toilet



Drawing of the plan



Separate shower in work area