

April 2025

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, it is April and the weather is cold!! I think we're all hoping for warmer weather so we can start enjoying spring after a long winter. We pray for farmers and ranchers who feed us and the world so abundantly.

As this 2025 Lenten season will be wrapping up soon, I want to thank everyone for a fulfilling and rewarding Lenten season. I truly enjoyed these past 40 days with you. God continues to greatly bless both of our churches. What a wonderful God we serve.

We will close our Wednesday Lenten services at Immanuel on April 9th. Our Holy Week schedule will remain the same as in the past. Maundy Thursday service be held at ILC at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service will be held at MLC at 7:00 p.m. Where have an interactive service, we will walk the Stations of the Cross. The Easter services will be, MLC Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., ILC at 8:00 a.m. MLC at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation will be on April 27th confirming 8 young men and women who have truly worked hard over the past two years.

At MLC on May 4th there will be seven 5th graders receiving First Communion and five seniors being recognized for graduation. We will recognize one graduating senior at ILC. I plan on meeting with

the First Communion kids and their parents before then to go over the meaning and significance of communion. I am excited for these kids who will be receiving First Communion and to continue their spiritual walk with Christ.

This Sunday, April 6th, there will be no service at ILC due to our annual Sunday Brunch fundraiser. Please come to support that beautiful country church and enjoy some great food. Also on April 6th, MLC will hold their annual "Noisy Change" offering with proceeds going to the Sargent County Food Pantry. In 2024, the Sargent County Food Pantry served 375 households and distributed 23,000 pounds of food. This organization is a true blessing, and we thank God for them.

In other news, we welcome aboard Melissa Bryant as the new parish secretary. She began this position on March 16th, and we are blessed to have her. A special thanks to Heidi Moxness for coming out of retirement to train Melissa! Thank you, ma'am!!

In closing, I wish to leave you with these words from 1 Peter 5: 6-7, which are a perfect reflection of our Lenten journey. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your cares upon Him, because he cares about you."

May our gracious God be will you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Orvin Hogness, Jill Wehlander, Loralie Martinson, John Crandall, Jasmine Smith, Gary Jenson, Maribeth Goolsbey, Dan Marquette, Marcus Anderson, Janice Claus, Karen Wohler, Curt Mahler, Arlis McFarland and Jean Anderson.*

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.



April Birthdays

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

16 - Guy Christiansen
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 - Jeanne McCauley
 Eli Rotenberger
30 - Monty Haugen



NOISY OFFERING FOR Sargent County Pantry

MLC - Sunday, April 6th

Bring your coins, cash and checks to support the Sargent County Food Pantry! Val Bjork will be speaking.



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, April 6, 2025

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Coffee & Juice

Adults - \$10.00; Children 6-12 - \$5.00

5 years and under - Free

MILNOR LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES

March 10, 2025

Present: Jill Baldwin, Kris Lien, Deb Wagner, Paula Tayer, Jennifer Sundquist, Wade Kuehn: Absent: Nate Sundquist, Loren Ellefson, Rick Bryant. The meeting was opened with the Lord's prayer.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were reviewed. No corrections or additions. Wade Kuehne made a motion to approve the reports and seconded by Paula Tayer; all in favor, motion carried.

Committee Business

- Worship (Jill) – Discussed Easter Service(s): It was decided to do 2 services as we did last year, 6:30am & 10am Easter Service. Will follow-up with Rick to make sure that this will work with Immanuel's schedule.
- Stewardship (Loren & Paula) Endowment fund – Paula spoke with Mitch Tompkins. We currently have some funds that we can dispense. Paula and Grace will be looking through the documentation and working on getting the committee set up.
- Education (Jennifer) – Jennifer spoke with Red Willow Bible camp. VBS is scheduled for June 15th
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Kris, Nate & Wade) Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows. Tabled.
- External Church Sign – door won't close – Tabled.
- Parsonage projects ▪ Update on doors and windows in the breezeway and the egress window in basement. Doors and windows have been ordered.
- ▪ Window Well covers – included with the doors and window orders.
- ▪ Old well room mold. The contractor has been down to evaluate, and work will start when he is available.
- ▪ Outside Outlets – Tabled. Will be fixed with well room/patio repair.
- Carpet cleaning Church and fellowship hall – This has been completed.
- Mold in Church Basement – waiting for quote.
- Basement Girls Bathroom faucet – the filter has been changed.
- The tiles by the main door entry have a couple of cracks and will need replacement.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Rick not present but had sent his report. There was a baptism last Saturday, and he will be doing a funeral in Rutland this coming Saturday. Rick is working with Deb on bulletins and power points for the Lenten services.

Old Business

- Update on lay ministry workshops (Jill) – Jill will be preaching at the Lenten service this week as part of her class requirements. She has several upcoming meetings/trainings coming up in April.
- Wireless access point for front of the church – nothing new to report.

New Business

- Church Insurance – Paula reports that insurance went up \$3500 this year. Overall insurance has gone up and there are not a lot of options. After reviewing possible options, Kris Lien made a motion to continue with the current insurance, Wade Kuehn seconded; all in favor, motion carried.
- Electrical outlets back by the organ – With additional equipment back there we now have extension cords plugged into extension cords which is a fire safety issue. Kris will talk with Crossroads to add some additional outlets.
- Broken Window – fellowship hall – Nate is looking into replacement as it doesn't look like we can just fix the upper window only.
- Sink in the Sacristy- filter needs cleaning or replacement – Kris will take care of this.
- We had a request to be a sponsoring organization for Don Marquette's Operation Round Up application to Dakota Valley. There is no direct cost involved. Jill will take care of the application.
- There was a congregational request to resume children's sermons. Jill will talk with Rick about starting that again.

Wade Kuehn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Paula Tayer seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 7th @ 6pm
Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wagner, Council Secretary

April Altar Guild
Deb Schutt and Jasmine Smith

WELCA

Day of Doing_Quilters will meet April 15th and 16th at 9:00 a.m.
Yarn Angels will meet April 8th and 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

April Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Tracy Lien, Dorothy Pribula, Paula Tayer

- April 6, 2025-- Ushers/Greeters: Miley Lien and Rhiannon Johnson; Lector: Willow Tyler and Daisy Lee
Communion: Allison Yagow & Daisy Lee
- April 13, 2025-- Ushers/Greeters: Kris & Tracy Lien; Brian Tyler; Lector: Willow Tyler
- April 21, 2025-- Ushers/Greeters: Brian & Paula Tayer & Family; Lector: Briana Tayer
Communion: Paula & Brooke Tayer
- April 27, 2025-- Ushers/Greeters: Bruce & Dayna Speich; Lector: Deb Wagner

Thank you to everyone who serves and supports our church.

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Carol Edison

From: Dick & Pat Kuehn (MLC SS)
Marshall & Rachel Lien (MLC cemetery)

In memory of Don Murack

From: Dick & Pat Kuehn (Concordia
Cemetery)

THANK YOU!!

Thank you everyone who had prayers,
sent get well wishes and called me on
my phone. It meant a lot to me.

Thank you!
Bobbie Haugen



GOOD FRIDAY!

Service at 7:00 p.m. on April 18th

Come join us in the observance of the Stations of the Cross. This is an interactive service that is a great opportunity to do together with your family, friends and loved ones! Stations of the Cross tell the events of Jesus' journey from the arrest to the resurrection with simple meditations and actions. We hope to see you there for this unforgettable experience!

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

- Sunday School will sing during worship and serve their annual breakfast on April 13th
- The last day of Sunday School this spring will be April 27th.

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

Sunday School Lunches

April 6th- Jacob H., Kenna & Aubree P., Easton F.



Confirmation April 27th, 2025

Students being confirmed this year are Brooks Hogness, Rhiannon Johnson, Daisy Lee, Miley Lien, Henry Lunneborg, Willow Tyler, Brylon Wyum and Allison Yagow!

1Timothy 4:12 – Let no one look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Congratulations!

RED WILLOW MINISTRIES

Summer 2025 Schedule

Att.: All 6th & 7th graders

All current 7th grade must attend Camp this summer!
(unless you did last summer)

6th grade you have this summer and next summer!

June 22- June 27---TOC & Pathfinders & Explorers

June 26 ----Seekers Day

July 6- July 11 ----Genesis & Disciples

July 27- August 1 ----AMP Camp

August 2- August 8 ---TOC & Pathfinders & Explorers

August 7 ----- Seekers Day

August 10 – August 15--- Genesis & Disciples

More Info & Registration:

REDWILLOWMINISTRIES.COM/CAMPS

If this is your first time attending, WELCA will cover your camp fee! This is a confirmation requirement.

Any questions contact Meissa @ 446-6787 or mlchurch@drtel.net

Confirmation Students

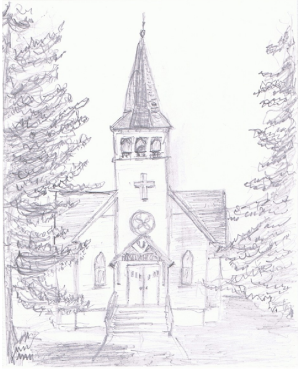
The last day of conformation this year is
April 23rd, 2025!

This is your last day to get in all your
requirements for confirmation.

We will be having an end of year Pizza
party as well!

See you all there!

Any questions get contact of Rick or
Melissa



Immanuel Lutheran Church

April

Ushers: Joel Halvorson, Derek Martinson

Altar Guild: Kylie Martinson

Communion: April 17th and 20th

Sunday School: April 13th and 27th at 10:15 a.m.

Worship: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Immanuel Spring Brunch: April 6th; NO WORSHIP

Lenten Supper and Service: April 9th at 6/7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service: April 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Worship: April 20th at 8:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES

February 20th, 2025

The council met on Thursday, February 20th at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Council Members present were Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, Derek Martinson, and Mindy Hogness. Tanner called the meeting to order. The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Kevin, seconded by Derek. The Treasurer's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Mindy, seconded by Kevin.

Committees: Education: Starting March 2nd, Sunday School classes will begin at 10:15 am going forward. Kylie Martinson & Kelsy Martinson are the teachers for the Spring semester. There will be no Sunday School on the following days: March 23rd, April 6th, and April 20th. The last day of Sunday School will be May 4th until we resume in the Fall of 2025.

Property & Maintenance: Property & Maintenance items were discussed in Old Business.

Old Business: Property: Insurance Letter: We received a letter from the insurance company saying that we must address the shingles and spire and respond by May 1st.

2/20 Update: John Buskohl will inspect the building in March and advise on actions needed. The council

plans to include his recommendations, along with pictures, in our response to Church Mutual that is due on May 1st. The council discussed voting on what we'll do with the bell at our next council meeting. Options discussed included what the Milnor Lutheran and Milnor Methodist churches did with their bells.

New Business: No New Business.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mindy, seconded by Kevin. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 10th at 6pm.

Key Dates:

- 3/12: Lenten Service at ILC
- 3/23: No Sunday School
- 3/26: Lenten Service at ILC
- 4/6: Pancake Feed – No Sunday School
- 4/9: Lenten Service at ILC
- 4/10: ILC Council Meeting
- 4/20: Easter Sunday – No Sunday School
- 5/4: Last Day of Sunday School
- 5/11: Mother's Day

**Mindy Hogness
Council Secretary**