

June 2026

NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

When I look at and give an honest assessment of my life, I have to come to know that I have had wonderful and amazing life. I am so blessed and I thank God for all that he has done for me. But I have also learned that there are many parts of my life that have been lost along the way, parts that I don't know if I can go back and find them ever again. And so, I wonder, can we ever find the lost parts of ourselves? Can we become whole again? We all know when something is just off in our lives. We feel a restless longing, something isn't right, we have a sense that something was missing, that there is more to our lives. One day, we looked into the mirror and wondered where the joy, enthusiasm, and hope of our life had gone to. Sometimes we lose parts of ourselves to grief and sorrow, when life becomes overwhelming and confusing. Sometimes we lose parts of ourselves to circumstances that are nobody's fault, and sometimes to the choices we've made. Sometimes we lose ourselves to fear, anger, jealousy, and refuse to forgive. Sometimes the lost part of ourselves is faith, hope, and a dream. It's so easy to lose a piece of ourselves and it can happen in a thousand different ways.

When this happens, maybe should ask ourselves. Are we settling for less than what we really want out of life? Are we living less than a whole and complete life? Are we breathing just a little, and calling it life?

You see, the Gospel of Jesus is not about making bad people good. It's about bringing people back to life. It's a path by which we find ourselves. Jesus is calling us back to ourselves, back to wholeness. Our life's journey is always a journey towards that wholeness. And it is a lifelong journey.

That kind of searching, searching until we find it, is not searching outside of ourselves, but searching within. It means searching until we value ourselves beyond what we have done and left undone, beyond what we have or don't have, and beyond what is or might have been. That finding returns us to ourselves. And yet, I also know that searching and finding never end, and that is what makes life so wild and exciting, but yet so beautiful in all of its' awesome wonder.

May God bless you all.

Rick

"If it's in God's will, it will
happen and nothing will stop it. If
it's not, God has a better plan.
Have peace knowing this."
Proverbs 16:9

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Dan Mund, Marlene Hogness, Weston Gregor, Lisa Bershok, Jill Wehlander, Dick & Pat Kuehn, Larry Erdmann, Bill Larson, Darren Wipf, Greg & Arlis McFarland.*

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 everyone 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 in faithfully in prayer. ***"Carry each other's burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."- Galatians 6:2***



June Birthdays

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| 1 - Ed Larson
Kayley Peterson | 10 - Levi Buskohl | 17 - Glen Koeppe |
| 2 - Judy Kleingarn
Randy Odegard | 11 - Linda Costain
Steve Mund | 20 - Morgan Mund |
| 4 - Shannon Berndt | Darla Schutt | 21 - LaVerne Colby |
| 7- Toni Claus | 14 - John Kottke | 24 - Linda Robbins |
| 8- Curt Anderson | 15- Kathy Ellefson | 19- Luke Mund |
| 9- Gail McCleery | 15- Kelly Arth | 25- Mindy Hogness |
| | | 28- Dennis Odegard |
| | | 29- Tammy Bernhardt |



*Congratulations to Monty & Bobbi Huagen on 60 years of marriage!
Celebrate with them after Worship Service on June 7th, 2026, with cake and coffee!!*



Immanuel Lutheran Church
June
Usher: Dan Krause
Altar Guild: Karen Krause
Communion: June 8th
Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. through August

Milnor Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2026 6:00p.m.

Present: Jill Baldwin, Paula Tayer, Mike Schutt, Tracy Hansen, Nate Sundquist, Jen Sundquist and Melissa Bryant. Absent: Wade Kuehn and Rick Bryant

The meeting was called to order by President Jill Baldwin

Secretary & Treasurer's Reports:

Secretary: Financials will now be included in the monthly newsletter.

Treasurer: The congregation continues to run in the red; summer offerings typically decrease.

Motion to approve reports made by: Tracy Hansen seconded by Jen Sundquist. Motion carried.

Worship (Jill): Hymns selected through May 10

Stewardship (Paula & Tracy): Noisy offering scheduled for April 12 with proceeds going to VBS.

Pastor's Report (via Melissa): First communion April 19 (four Students),

Senior Recognition: April 26 (ten students),

Confirmation: May 3 (seven students), Gary Jensen Funeral will be May 17.

Properties & Grounds (Nate, Wade, & Mike): Fire extinguishers received hydro testing by Summit. Cost was approximately \$500; this testing is required every six years. Next check of extinguishers (by

properties & grounds) in two weeks. Handicap door: Replacement delayed 2-3 weeks due to incorrect door being delivered. Stained Glass & Window up front: Curt Stubstead continues researching options. A pamphlet from a Wisconsin stained-glass company was received; Nate will follow up. Basement/Drainage: Ground Works Basement Authority will be put on hold. Landscaping and cement work to improve drainage around the church was discussed. Motion made to move forward with landscaping and adding cement to improve drainage and cancel Ground Works Basement Authority made by Mike Schutt seconded by Jen Sundquist Motion carried.

Old Business: Insurance Review: Guide One Insurance was considered; while less expensive, coverage levels are significantly lower. /Current provider Grinnell Mutual Insurance, which offers stronger coverage amount. Motion to continue with Grinnell Mutual Insurance at lower coverage amount of \$2million Made by Nate Sundquist seconded by Tracy Hansen Motion carried.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: May 13 at 6:00p.m.

Adjournment: Motion made by Paula Tayer seconded by Nate Sundquist all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Melissa Bryant



Attention Thrivent

Members:

Designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization that you select any time until December 31st, 2026.

April Income	\$14,745.63
April Expenses	\$10,400.69
Net Income	\$4,344.94
Year to Date Profit	\$5,629.52

**June Milnor Lutheran Church council
meeting will be June 10, 2026
@6:00p.m.**

Online giving at Milnor Lutheran Church

Online giving is available at MLC using tithe.ly. Click on "Sign up for free in 5 minutes". Select "Give to my church." Click the "Give Online" button. You must create an account--you can use it on an app on your phone or on their website. Be sure to select Milnor Lutheran Church. You can set up a recurring donation, or simply make a one-time contribution. Thanks!



Tithe.ly
an offering of
the church

**Day of Doing
Quilters**
will meet
June 16th and 17th
at 9:00 a.m.



Yarn Angels
will meet June 9th
and 23rd at 1:00
p.m.

WELCA



WELCA will be assembling health kits again this year.
Needed items are:

Bath towels & washcloths (large size & dark colors)
Toothbrush & Toothpaste, Bath sized bar of soap
Nail clippers, combs, large bottles of shampoo.
They will be collecting through October 2026. If you can
pick up a few items for those in need, it would be greatly
appreciated.

Memorials

*In memory of Gary Jenson
From Marshall & Rachel Lien*

*In memory of Ruth Rall
From Karen Wohler*

*In memory of Orvin Hogness
From: Debbie Ellefson
(Milnor Cemetery)*

*In memory of Ruth Rall
From: Monty & Bobbie Haugen
(Yarn Angels)*

*In Memory of Dan OnChuck
From: Debbie Ellefson
(Milnor Cemetery)*



God
doesn't give us
what we can handle;

God
helps us handle
what we are given.





**Milnor Lutheran Church &
Red Willow Vacation Bible School
June 8-11 from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.**

Join us at MLC for Vacation Bible School! Grow in faith, enjoy music and activities, and connect with friends old and new!

VBS is open to children who have completed grades K-6.

Cost is \$15 per student registration forms
are available at MLC.

Please, bring a sack lunch and water bottle.

We are also asking for any donations of fruit (grapes, watermelon (cut up) or any other healthy snacks!

Questions contact Jen Sundquist @ 680-1096 or
Melissa Bryant @ 701-446-6787 or mlchurch@drtel.net



Summer Watering Schedule

Help make our Church
beautiful this summer!

Sign up to water the flowers
in the pots and around the
church and flower beds.

There is a schedule of dates
on the counter.



MLC Summer Coffee

***All you need is
a cup of coffee
and a heart full of Jesus
and fellowship!***

Join us for coffee and treats
after Worship Service Sundays.

Pick a Sunday to volunteer to
serve coffee and treats!

Thank you for everyone who
volunteers to make Sundays
special!

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

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Amos	Chronicles	Colossians	Corinthians	Daniel
Deuteronomy	Ecclesiastes	Esther	Exodus	Ezekiel
Ezra	Galatians	Genesis	Habakkuk	Haggai
Hebrew	Hosea	Isaiah	James	Jeremiah
Job	Joel	John	Jonah	Joshua
Juda	Judges	Kings	Lamentations	Leviticus
Luke	Malachi	Mark	Matthew	Micah
Nahum	Nehemiah	Numbers	Obadiah	Peter Titus
Philemon	Philippians	Proverbs	Psalms	Revelations
Romans	Ruth	Samuel	Song of Solomon	Thessalonians
Timothy	Zechariah	Zephaniah		

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