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NEWSLETTER



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**Milnor Lutheran and
Immanuel Lutheran Churches
Rick Bryant**

Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,
I hope this newsletter finds each and every one of you well! As I write this, it is February 28th and we just endured our first snowstorm of the year, following a day of 62 degrees. Only in North Dakota could that happen! However, the upcoming forecast looks nice and we can all start looking forward to spring. The geese are starting to return, and our farmers and ranchers will begin preparing their equipment for another year of keeping us all well fed. We pray for their safety and a favorable weather year along with good commodity prices.

We are all thrilled at the journey our girls' basketball team has been on. The Bulldogs are going to the State Tournament. Congrats to Coach Syrstad and all of the girls for their outstanding success. Also, at the time of this writing, the Bulldog boys are in the fight for a spot in the regional tournament. We wish them all the success in the world. These teams have brought much excitement and pride to our little community.

We are now three weeks into the 2024 Lenten season. It is my hope and prayer that all of you are experiencing a heightened love and devotion for our Savior. The gift of Christ defeating death, offering grace, and assuring our salvation truly deserves our full devotion and appreciation not only this Lenten season, but all-year around. And you folks do just that. It is such an honor and blessing to worship and honor Jesus Christ with you

all. Your sense of community, family, church, and God is no doubt pleasing in the eyes of our Savior and makes this little prairie community a wonderful place to live and call home for everyone.

Moving forward, we will continue to alternate Wednesday church services at MLC and ILC. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 6:00 p.m. at both locations, with services beginning at 7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday is March 24th. A Maundy Thursday service will be held at Immanuel on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. A Good Friday service will be held at Milnor Lutheran on Friday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. I am going to wait to post times and locations for Easter Sunday just in case our church councils choose to deviate. However, we typically have Easter Sunrise service at MLC at 6:30 a.m. Service at ILC starts at 8:00 a.m., followed by service at MLC 10:00 a.m. I will let you all know if these times/locations change.

Confirmation will resume the Wednesday after Easter. I am looking forward to getting back with the kids and continuing to learn and grow.

In closing, I wish again to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for everything you folks have done for Melissa and me during her illness. Your prayers, cards, and gifts have helped us more than you might ever know on this journey. We absolutely could not have endured without you.

May the God of mercy and love be with you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Melissa Bryant, Allen Peterson, Dale Torreson, Bill Larson, Loralie Martinson, Andrea Coppin, Jill Wehlander, Mark Thorson, Marcus Anderson, Arlis McFarland, and Pastor Curt Larson*. 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.



4 - Danielle Hogness
5 - Jace Fyre
7 - Hailyn Berndt
Patty Ellefson
Isaac Kottke
12 - Jean Anderson
13 - Rick Bryant
Lynne Michels
14 - Christina Bertram

15 - Kristie Johnson
16 - Jim Berndt
17 - Avery Laudert
Arlo Schutt
19 - Barb Odegard
20 - Carolyn Colby
22 - Tania Henning
James Martinson
23 - Canyon Coleman

23 - Loran Hudson
24 - Melissa Bryant
Jerilyn Yagow
26 - Arthur Peterson
27 - Jill Gainor
30 - Pete Christiansen
Jim Toyne
31 - Jeremy Griggs
Braylon Wyum



Immanuel Lutheran Church ***March***

Ushers: Larry Moxness, Arlin Mund

Altar Guild: Melinda Mund

Communion: March 3rd

Sunday School: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Worship: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.; Easter Worship 8:00 a.m.

Lenten Suppers/Services: March 6th and 20th

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting: March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10th. Remember to turn your clocks ahead.

MILNOR LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES

February 7, 2024

Present: Randy Syrstad, Nate Sundquist, Kris Lien, Jill Baldwin, Deb Wagner, Loren Ellefson, Jason Kottke, Paula Tayer, Wade Kuehn, Pastor Rick & Bill Pribula. The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer.

- Worship – nothing new to report.
- Stewardship – See New Business
- Education – Meal schedules are set up for Lent which will start on Feb 14th. Palm Sunday the Sunday School will be singing.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows. Nate talked with the contractor who fixed the altar windows and he agreed to look and see if he would be able to fix the window frames.
 - Humidity issue in basement – No update from Crossroads.
 - Gutter hanging down on south side of church. – tabled until spring
 - Weeds in the grass at the church and parsonage – tabled until spring.
 - Drainage around church in front of door – tabled until spring.
 - Sprayers for 2 of the sinks in the kitchen aren't working. Kris will contact Swedes to look at them and replace them if needed.

Pastor's Report: Lent starts next week. We have 2 new confirmation students.

Old Business

- Council Size – Amendment passed at annual meeting. Deb has typed up the changes and will get these to Heidi to send to the synod.
- Update on lay ministry workshops (Jill) – Jill reported that she attended the recent outreach meeting and got some information regarding lay ministry. There is an application process through the synod for \$100 if this is something that the church/council would be interested in her pursuing. The council agrees that this would be a help to the congregation and Pastor Rick if Jill is willing to pursue this. A motion was made by Bill Pribula to pay fees associated with this. Motion seconded by Loren Ellefson; motion carried. Jill also reported that there will be an upcoming evangelism/outreach meeting at Trinity Lutheran in Jamestown. They are encouraging 1-3 people from the

congregation to attend either in person or via zoom. Jill will bring more information as it becomes available.

New Business

- We welcome 3 new council members elected at the annual meeting, Loren Ellefson (will complete Alisha's 2-year term, Paula Tayer (3 yr. term) and Wade Kuehn (3 yr. term). Per the new amendment, the council shall be comprised of 5, 7 or 9 members. The council accepted Randy Syrstad's resignation from the council which leaves 7 current members of the council.
- Election of officers was held. President – Jill Baldwin was nominated by Kris Lien and seconded by Paula Tayer. Vice President – Kris Lien was nominated by Nate Sundquist and seconded by Paula Tayer. Secretary – Jill made a motion to appoint Deb Wagner as a non-voting council member to continue in this role, seconded by Paula Tayer. Loren Ellefson made a motion that nominations cease and seconded by Nate Sundquist; motion carried.
- Committee members were assigned: Worship Committee – Jill Baldwin; Stewardship – Loren Ellefson & Paula Tayer; Education – Jason Kottke; Properties & Grounds- Nate Sundquist, Kris Lien & Wade Kuehn.
- We have received the official request from Heidi to retire from her organist/secretary role by September. Deb will reach out to Heidi and work on getting some ads ready for organist as well as secretary position. Will plan to run ads in local newspapers, as well as social media platforms.
- Benefit update for Melissa – A committee has been formed. Benefit is scheduled for March 10th from noon – 3pm. Kris Lien made a motion to donate \$500 towards the benefit, seconded by Jill Baldwin; motion carried.
- Motion was made by Kris Lien to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jill Baldwin; motion carried.

Next Meeting will be March 11th @ 6:15pm.

Deb Wagner, Council Secretary

January Income	\$ 7,255.95
January Expenses	7,922.32
Net Loss	(\$ 666.37)

March Altar Guild
Janice Larson and Gail McCleery

WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet March 19th and 20th at 9:00 a.m.
Yarn Angels will meet March 12th and 26th at 1:00 p.m.

MLC NOTES

--Save your change for **Noisy Offering**, coming up at MLC on April 14th. This year's recipient will be YWCA of Cass/Clay counties. They serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness, many of whom are survivors of domestic violence.

--If you would like to contribute toward **Easter lilies** in memory of or in honor of loved ones or friends, please contact Connie (427-5536) or Kristie (427-5259) March 24th.

--Attention Thrivent Members: If you have **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to give, call Thrivent Choice by the end of March to distribute them. Thanks to those whose donations have already been received.

--Luther League still has copies of the 1982 MLC cookbook available for purchase. Price is \$20. Contact Lacy Kottke (680-8942) or the church office.

MLC Memorials

In memory of Sylvia Likness
From Jim & Ione Foley (MLC)

In memory of Steve Hendrickson
From Jim & Ione Foley (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Elsie Saewert
From Larry Moxness (MLC)

In memory of George Thompson
From Jim & Ione Foley (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Nancy Wickoren
From Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

-Sunday School will not be held on March 3rd, 17th, or 31st.

-The Sunday School kids will sing during worship on Palm Sunday, March 24th, and serve breakfast following the service. Free will donations go to the Sunday School.

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

Sunday School Lunches

March 10- - Avyn H, Cannon F, Asher, Briar, & Koyer R, Rilyn E



LUTHER LEAGUE

2024 LENTEN SERVING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 13th

Soup: Chloe Smith, Sophia Hanna, Kris Fuhrman, John Kottke, Braylon Wyum, Gavin Williams

Sandwiches: Brady Lien, Amber Kjar, Leah Buskohl, Henry Lunneborg

Bars: Willow Tyler, Miley Lien, Carson Deyle

Please bring a large crock pot of soup, 1 dozen sandwiches (2 slices of bread), or a large pan of bars (24) as assigned. Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. Please be there by 5:45. If you are not able to provide or serve as scheduled, please find a replacement. Questions? Call Lacy at 427-5310 or text/call 680-8942.

Thank you for your continued support serving during Lent.

SUNDAY LUNCH SERVING SCHEDULE

March 18 – Yarn Angels

March 24 – Sunday School Palm Sunday Brunch

March 31 – Easter

Please join the Milnor Lutheran Youth and Milnor Lutheran Church facebook page for lunch schedules and activity announcements. If there are any questions, please contact Lacy Kottke at 701 680-8942.

The Milnor Lutheran Sunday School students will sing during the worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 24th, and will be hosting their annual Palm Sunday Breakfast following the service. Freewill donations go to the Sunday School. Everyone welcome!



Benefit for Melissa Bryant



Funds will be used to help with
medical expenses.

Sunday, March 10, 2024

**Milnor Area
Community Center
528 5th St., Milnor**

12:00 - 3:00

Freewill Lunch

Shredded Pork Sandwich, Mac Salad, Chips, Bars

12:00 - 2:00

Silent Auction

Tables will close at times indicated.

Auction Items can be left at:
Stock Growers Bank, Milnor
JS Impressions, Milnor
Sheriff's Office, Forman

Monetary Donations can be sent to:
Stock Growers Bank
PO Box 129
Milnor, ND 58060
Checks payable to Melissa Bryant Benefit.

If you have any questions, you can contact:
Bill Pribula 680-8081
Greta Buskohl 680-3533
Paula Tayer 680-0366
Travis Paeper 680-9742