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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,

As I write this letter, the temperatures certainly have been chilly, however, there is little snow and this winter has been on the mild side. Our farmers are going to need some moisture soon to get their crops off to a good start this spring.

We recently wrapped our 2025 annual meetings at both churches. I want to thank everyone for participating and making your voices be known on the issues the churches face. I also would like to congratulate and recognize the new council members at our churches. Welcome aboard!!

Lent kicks off with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. The Lenten season then concludes on Easter Sunday, April 5th. We will alternate Wednesday Lenten services between ILC and MLC. Services begin at 7:00 p.m. with a soup/sandwich meal beforehand.

If you have been attending either church but are not an "official" member but would like to become one, please see Melissa or myself. Official membership comes with voting rights and other privileges. The process of becoming an official is usually simple and strait forward.

There will be a benefit for little Weston Gregor on Sunday February 8th at the MACC in Milnor from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Weston is the infant son of Ty and Julie Gregor, and he is need of a heart transplant. The family has been essentially living in Minneapolis while Weston receives care at the U of M hospital.

There will be silent auctions, a live auction, raffle boards, and a meal served. Please come out and help support this amazing family. I know that winter can bring about mood and mental health changes for some of us. Please reach out to me at any time if you would like a visit or just need someone to talk to. I am always here for each one of you. My cell number is 701-680-1966.

In closing, I leave you with words of hope from **Deuteronomy 31:6** "*Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.*"

May God's peace be with you all.
Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST



People currently on our prayer lists are Dan Mund, Weston Gregor, Lisa Bershok, Annette Hudson, Jill Wehlander, Loralie Martinson, and Darren Wipf. *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 every one 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 faithfully in prayer. ***"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2***



February Birthdays

3 – Vaiah Berndt	10- Melissa Mund	19- Phylis Springer
4- Lois Jenson	Carl Nelson	22- Cassie Christianson
Shiloh Johnson	12- Joni Peterson	23- Jim Pterson
6- Nichole Kadoun	13- Cindy Yagow	26- Mitch Tompkins
8- Miley Lien	14- Jesse Arth	27- Reese Hogness
10- Scott Berndt	Kenna Peterson	Cheryl Roder
Drake Hogness	16- Lynn Johnson	28- Taelor Griggs
Tracy Lien		

When you Pray,
God Listens
When you Listen,
God Talks
When You Believe,
God Works

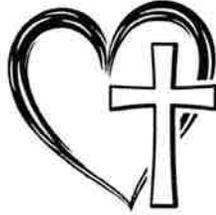
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John 3:16



WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet February 17th and 18th at 9:00 a.m.

Yarn Angels will meet February 10th and 24th at 1:00 p.m.



February Altar Guild
Linda Costain & Linda Robbins

A Thank you to the Women of Milnor Lutheran and Immanuel Lutheran Churches.

Because this month there isn't much to include under WELCA, I want to take a moment to thank the women of Milnor Lutheran and Immanuel Lutheran Churches. Working in the office gives me a front-row seat to the quiet, faithful work you pour into our ministries. After putting together, the Annual Report and seeing all the places you share your time and talents, I'm even more aware of how deeply your service blesses our congregation, our community, and beyond. You take care of things most people never notice, offering your gifts with kindness and grace. I try to be a bit like Mary of Bethany, sitting among the women of our churches — listening, learning, and soaking up your wisdom. I treasure visiting with the Day of Doing Ladies, those coffee

breaks filled with stories and friendship. I'm just as grateful for the women in the Bible study group I attend with several from Immanuel. Each time, I learn something new and am blessed by your grace and companionship. Your spirit reminds me of Ruth, whose devotion was seen and honored: "All that you have done... has been fully told to me" (Ruth 2:11). Like her, you serve with a faithfulness God sees fully. Thank you to the women of our churches for all the ways you serve and strengthen our church family.

With deep gratitude,
Melissa

February Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Don & Tracy Nelson & Jolene Schwalk

February 1st – Ushers: Barb & Glen Koeppe,

Lector: Jolene Schwalk, **Communion Servers:** Eli Rotenberger & Layton Berndt

February 8th – Ushers: Mike & Deb Schutt, **Lector:** Mike Schutt

February 15th – Ushers: Alisha Olson & family, **Lector:** Diane Wallin

Communion Servers: Taylor Olson & Reese Hogness

February 18th – Ash Wednesday: Ushers: NEEDED

February 22nd – Ushers: Dustin & Jessica Heitkamp & family,

Lector: Jessica Heitkamp



Sunday School

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

No Sunday School on February 15th

If you have questions about Sunday School, please contact.

Greta Buskohl (427-5646) or Mary Yagow (427-5023).

Sunday School Coffee Schedule

2/1- Vaiah & Hailyn B., Jenna, Lyla & Aubree P

2/8- Tallulah & Arlo B., Natalie, Lincoln & Tate g.

2/15 - NO SS

Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School

10:15a.m.- 11:00a.m.

Mindy Hogness & Kelsey Martinson

2/1- Class

2/8 - Class

2/15- No Class (Presidents Day 2/16)

2/22- Class



During the Lent Season there is no confirmation class. Instead of class please attend all Lent Season Worship Services.

If you are short on sermon notes, you could get 2 a week!

Acolytes for February

2/1: Eli Rotenberger & Layton Berndt

2/8: Ramona Johnson & Taylor Olson

2/15: NO SCHOOL (need volunteers)

2/22: Alison Kottke & Saryce Biss



First Communion April 19th

Senior Day- April 26th

Confirmation- May 3rd



Luther League

Alisha Olson
For students grades 7-12

Luther League Coffee Schedule

February 15: Greyson Arth., Teegan & Taylor Olson, Carson Deyle,
& Chloe Smith

February 22: Hunter Lien., Brinley & Avery Yagow, Myah
Sundquist & Reese Hogness

2026 Luther League Lenten Serving Schedule

Wednesday, February 18

Soup-Miley L, Allison Y, Layton B, Brinley Y, Emiliee B
Sandwiches- Josie R, Greyson A, Leah B, Avery Y, Hunter L
Bars-Eli R, Brady L, Andrew Y, Jacob H, Henry L

Wednesday, March 4

Soup-Harper M, Brooks H, Jace F, Aiden H, Reese H
Sandwiches- Saryce M, Willow T, Braiden M, Daisy L, Miley L
Bars-Braylon W, Charley H, Cole F, Jerilyn Y, Brady L

Wednesday, March 18

Soup-Teegan O, Ramona J, Alison K, Braylon W, Daisy L
Sandwiches-Karleigh K, Rhiannon J, Carson D, Jerilyn Y, Myah S
Bars-Taylor O, Cece J, Shiloh J, Chloe S, Aiden H

Please bring a large crock pot of soup, 12 sandwiches (2 pieces of bread), or a large pan of bars, as assigned. Supper begins at 6:00. Please be there at 5:45. If you are not able to provide or serve, please find a replacement.

Call or text Alisha with questions. 701-866-7789



**Milnor Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2026**

Present: Jill Baldwin, Loren Ellefson, Wade Kuehn, Kris Lien, Paula Tayer, Nathan Sundquist, Jen Sundquist, Rick Bryant, and Melissa Bryant. The meeting was called to order by President Jill Baldwin.

Devotion & Prayer: Led by Rick Bryant.

Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports

Reports were read. Motion to approve of was made by Kris Lien, seconded by Paula Tayer. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Worship

- Jill reported that songs have been selected through early February.
- The addition of passing the offering plate has been a positive change for the service and has helped support church funds.

Stewardship

- Linda Costain would like to have a Noisy Offering again.

Education

- The Children's Program was very well received.

Pastor's Report

- Funeral for Orvin Hogness was held January 2 at Milnor Lutheran.
 - Visited Don Marquette in the hospital; he has since passed. His funeral will be on December 16 at Dahlstrom's Funeral Home in Milnor.
 - Baptized Weston Gregor on December 22, 2025, in Minneapolis, MN.
 - Confirmation resumed for 2026.
- Plans to make home visits with communion, to Gary Jenson and Dick Kuehn this week.

Properties / Grounds

- Wahpeton Glass will be coming to evaluate installation of the handicap-accessible door.
- Donated funds designated for church improvements will be used for this project.
- Hymnal shelf at the front of the church has been repaired.
- Insurance representative completed an inspection; several minor issues need attention.
- Men's bathroom repairs have been completed.
- A front window up above is cracked; Nate will arrange for an assessment and repair estimate.
- Thermostats: one is functioning; the other will be replaced.

Other Business

- Proposed to change by-law in constitution regarding spending limits (as outlined in the constitution) from \$2,500 to \$10,000 was presented to the congregation and will be presented again next Sunday. Will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.
- Council members completing terms: Loren, Kris, Nate, and Jill.
- Jill and Nate would like to serve a second term.
- Tracy Hanson and Mike Schutt have expressed interest in serving.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kris Lien, seconded by Nate.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Bryant
(Parish office administrator & council secretary)

Go to tithe.ly
Click on "Sign up for free in 5 minutes"
Select "Give to my church."
Click the "Give Online" button to give online. You must create an account-it is the same one you can use as 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.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

February

February Ushers: Bryce Hogness

February Altar Guild: Mindy Hogness

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Worship Services: 11:00 a.m.

Communion: February 1st

Lent Service: February 25th -7:00p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

January 22nd, 2026

The council met on Thursday, January 22nd at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Council Members present were Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, Derek Martinson, Paul Mund, and Mindy Hogness. Incoming Council Members Larry Moxness and Mike Martinson were also in attendance. Tanner called the meeting to order. The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Paul, seconded by Kevin, motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Kevin, seconded by Paul, motion carried.

Committees: Education: Sunday School has resumed after the Christmas break and look forward to the Winter/Spring lessons and crafts, as well as learning new songs, and eventually preparing for Palm Sunday singing. Derek made a motion to add Mindy Hogness and Kelsy Martinson as signers to the Education checking account at Stock Growers Bank, Kevin seconded, motion carried. **Property & Maintenance:** The council approved to add Bryce Hogness to this committee. **Old Business: Property:** Siding: The council will discuss this project further with the congregation at the Annual Meeting and regroup with the contractor in the spring for a revised quote. Propane: It was filled recently; Paul will contact Cenex about putting a radio meter on the propane tank.

New Business: Immanuel WELCA Checking Account: Paul made a motion to elect Heidi Moxness as the Treasurer and main signer on the Stock Growers Bank Checking Account, and Melinda Mund as the co-signer, Derek seconded, motion carried. **Head Usher:** The council appointed Arlin Mund as the Head Usher. **Funeral Usher:** The council appointed Tanner Martinson as the Funeral Usher. **Altar Guild:** The council appointed Melinda Mund as the Chairwoman. **Nominating Committee:** The council appointed Paul Mund & Derek Martinson to the Nominating Committee. **Council Reorganization:** President: Larry nominated Paul; Kevin seconded. The motion carried, and Paul Mund was elected President. Vice President: Mike nominated Larry; Mindy seconded. The motion carried, and Larry Moxness was elected Vice President. Secretary: Paul nominated Mindy; Kevin seconded. The motion carried, and Mindy Hogness was elected Secretary.

Insurance Policy: The council discussed coverage of the cemetery under our new policy. Derek will review the policy details to understand if any contribution towards the premium from the cemetery will be explored.

Annual Meeting & Potluck will be on Sunday, January 25th

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

The next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th at 7pm.

Mindy Hogness,
Council Secretary

Old Testament Books of the Bible

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I SAMUEL	MALACHI	OBADIAH	EZEKIEL	I KINGS
NUMBERS	GENESIS	HAGGAI	DANIEL	ISAIAH
PSALMS	ESTHER	JUDGES	JOSHUA	EXODUS
NAHUM	MICAH	JONAH	HOSEA	AMOS
JOEL	EZRA	RUTH	JOB	

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM MLC Worship Service w/comm. 10:15 AM ILC SS 10:30 AM MLC SS 11:00 AM ILC Worship Service w/comm.	2	3	4 3:30 PM Confirmation	5	6	7
8 9:30 AM MLC Worship Service 10:15 AM ILC SS 10:30 AM MLC SS 11:00 AM ILC Worship Service	9	10 1:00 PM Yarn Angels	11 3:30 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM MLC Council Meeting 7:00 PM ILC Council Meeting	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 11:00 AM ILC Worship Service MLC Worship Service w/ comm NO SS MLC or ILC	16 NO School Presidents Day	17 9:00 AM Day of Doing	18 9:00 AM Day of Doing 6:00 PM Soup & Sandwhich 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service	19	20	21
22 9:30 AM MLC Worship Service 10:15 AM ILC SS 10:30 AM ILC Worship Service 10:30 AM MLC SS	23	24 1:00 PM Yarn Angels	25 6:00 PM Soup & Sandwhich 7:00 PM Lent Worship Service @ ILC	26	27	28

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