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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,  
Just recently, someone very dear to me sent me a text message imploring me to preach a sermon on the end times. She believes that our time on earth is short and that Jesus is coming very soon. She went on to say that so many people are unprepared and that "God has placed these people in your hands."

I always try to take very seriously advice from people in my life. And so, I got to thinking about what this person said.

Yes, there will come the moment when Jesus will return to earth to judge each and every one of us. The earth as we know it will cease to exist. This is foretold in many scriptures in the bible. Jesus himself gave us many warnings: "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom." (Matthew 24:7). Revelations warn us that the end times will bring unprecedented suffering, including natural disasters, wars, disease, and famines. Following this, Jesus will return in Glory, judging all people, of which then a new heaven and earth are created, where God will dwell for eternity with His people, ending all suffering, tears, and death. Depending on how we look at this, it could be a scary thought, or it might not. Taking the stance that we must put everything aside to prepare ourselves for the end times shows not faith, but a lack of faith. No matter what we think, the book of Revelations is about victory! Christ, by emptying the wrath of God onto Himself, and dying in our place, the just for the unjust, has satisfied the justice of God, and canceled the debt we owed.

With that, God will wipe all tears, and the Christian shall be with Him forever. We are saved by Him, not by anything we have done to deserve it. His righteousness is given to us through grace. That is the true message of Revelations. That is the heart and soul of faith.

Should we concern ourselves with worry for the end times? What could we even do? Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:34, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its' own."

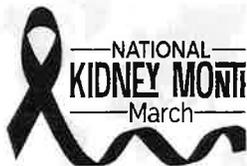
So, how do we prepare for the end times? We just do what we always do. We rise each day, thankful for another day. We do our absolute best to live righteous and upright lives. Each day, we try to leave the world a little better than we found it. We try to do good to others through our love of family, friends, and community. When we fail, which we all do, we dust ourselves off and get back in the fight. God wants us to enjoy the life He has gifted us, all the while doing our best to show God our appreciation for His blessings and grace. So, there you have it. Yes, the end times will come. It could be tomorrow, it could be next month, next year, or in a thousand years. No one knows except the Father. But, by living each day the best you can, there is no need to prepare for anything. The love of Christ is sufficient for anything the world could ever throw at us.

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



People currently on our prayer lists are *Dan Mund, Weston Gregor, Lisa Bershok, Jill Wehlander, Greg & Arlis McFarland, 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 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 faithfulness in prayer. ***"Carry each other's burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."- Galatians 6:2***



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 4-Danielle Hogness<br>Everett Koeppe | 17- Avery Laudert<br>Arlo Schutt    | 24- Melissa Bryant<br>Jerilyn Yagow |
| 5-Jayce Frye                         | 19-Barb Odegard                     | 26- Arhtur Peterson                 |
| 6- Miguel Lien                       | 20- Carolyn Colby                   | 27- Jill Gainor                     |
| 7- Hailyn Berndt<br>Patty Ellefson   | 22-Tania Henning<br>Jamer Martinson | 30-Pete Christiansen<br>Jim Toyne   |
| 12- Jean Anderson                    | 23- Canyon Coleman                  | 31- Jeremy Griggs<br>Braylon Wyum   |
| 13- Rick Bryant                      |                                     |                                     |
| 14- Christina Bertram                |                                     |                                     |



BRING YOUR CHANGE TO CHURCH

MLC Sunday School Students will bring small metal pails to the congregation in the pews in which to place your change. (Go to the bank/credit union) and cash in a \$5.00 or \$10.00) or whatever amount you prefer so that you have noisy money to give to the Vacation Bible School program.



**Begins Sunday,  
March 8<sup>th</sup>**



When: Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
Where: Milnor Lutheran Church  
Time: 11:45a.m.- 6:00p.m.  
To make an appointment  
Contact: Bobbe Haugen (680-2806) or  
Dorothy Pribula (680-8082)



# WELCA

Altar Guild meeting is  
on Wednesday,  
March 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00p.m.



March Alter Guild  
Janice Larson &  
Gail McCleery



*A woman of God...  
she is precious,  
strong, wise, kind,  
she laughs, she  
creates, she is  
blessed.  
-from Proverbs 31*

*Day of Doing will meet  
March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at  
9:00a.m.*

*Yarn Angels will meet  
March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>*

Memorials for Yarn Angels  
Orvin Hogness- from Phyllis Gelenski  
Bob Gregor- Monty & Bobbi Haugen



If you would like to contribute  
towards Easter Lillies in memory  
of or in honor of loved ones or  
friends, please contact Connie  
Robbins (427-5536) or Linda  
Costain (427-9475)



WHATEVER YOU DO,  
DO EVERYTHING FOR  
THE GLORY OF GOD.

*1-corinthians 10:31*



You will find Shepherding lists at the end of the  
newsletter.

These lists are used to contact people to help  
with funerals and for finding ushers, lectors, etc.

The leaders of each group are at the top of the  
sheet.

**dates**  
*Remember*

First Communion – April 19  
Senior Day – April 26  
Confirmation- May 3



**Milnor Lutheran**

March 1- Class  
 March 8-No Class  
 March 15- Class  
 March 22- No Class  
 March 29- Palm  
 Sunday/ Sunday  
 School students will be  
 singing during worship  
 service.



**Immanuel Lutheran**

March 1- Class  
 March 8- No Class  
 March 15- Class  
 March 22- No Class  
 March 29- Palm  
 Sunday / Sunday  
 School Students will be  
 singing during worship  
 service.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, the  
**Milnor Sunday  
 School** students will  
 be hosting their annual  
**Palm Sunday Brunch**  
 after worship. Freewill  
 donations go to  
 Sunday School!

MLC Sunday School coffee  
 schedule

March 1- Abigail I., Miguel &  
 Nation L., & Blake Y.  
 March 8- Rilyn e., William &  
 Arthur P., Canyon & Ridge c.

Acolytes for March

March 1: Brinley & Layton  
 March 8: Hunter & Aiden  
 March 15: Reese & Eli  
 March 22: Taylor & Ramona  
 March 29: Alison & Aiden

March 22 coffee- Emilee B,  
 Aiden H, Miley & Brady L,  
 & Alison K.



**Lenten Serving Schedule:**

**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 crockpot of soup, 12 sandwiches (2 pieces of bread), a large pan of bars, as assigned. Supper begins at 6:00p.m. Please be there at 5:45p.m. If you are not able to provide or serve, please find a replacement. Call or text Alisha with questions. 701-866-7789



As we move through this season of reflection and renewal, we invite you to join us each Wednesday evening for a simple meal followed by a time of worship. We begin by gathering for **soup and sandwiches at 6:00pm**, creating a warm space to pause in the middle of the week and share in fellowship. After the meal, we continue our Lenten journey together in **worship at 7:00pm**, guided by Scripture, prayer, and quiet reflection as we draw closer to the hope of Easter.

Scripture for the Week

***“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”***

***— Psalm 51:10***

This verse captures the heart of Lent—a time when we seek renewal, restoration, and a deeper connection with God. We hope these Wednesday gatherings offer you peace, encouragement, and spiritual grounding.

All are welcome to share in this meaningful time of fellowship and worship.

**Lenten Worship Schedule**

February 25-Immanuel Lutheran

March 4- Milnor Lutheran

March 11-Immanuel Lutheran

March 18-Milnor Lutheran

March 25- Immanuel Lutheran



## *Holy Week*

March 29, **Palm Sunday**- This day marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where the crowds welcomed him with palm branches and shouts of praise. Worship Service 9:30a.m. MLC (Sunday School singing) 11:00a.m. ILC (Sunday School singing)

April 2, **Maundy Thursday**- On this day, Jesus instituted the Eucharist during the Last Supper with his disciples. It is also a time to reflect on the themes of service and sacrifice. Worship Service: ILC 7:00p.m.

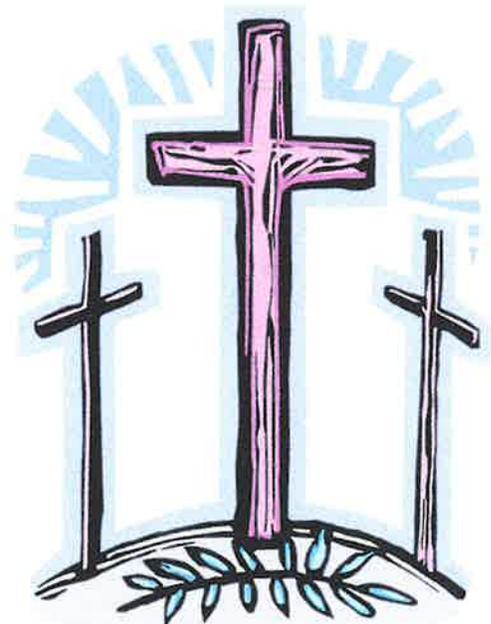
April 3, **Good Friday**- The solemnity of this day recalls the crucifixion of Jesus and his ultimate sacrifice for humanity. Worship Service 7:00p.m. @ MLC

April 5- **Easter Sunday- Sunrise Service** This joyous day celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, symbolizing the victory of life over death and hope for believers. Sunrise Service at MLC 6:30a.m. Easter Sunday Worship service at ILC 8:00a.m. Easter Sunday Service Worship Service at MLC 10:00a.m.

# ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



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|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Ash        | Holy Week     | Palm Branch  |
| Wednesday  | Holy Thursday | Forty Days   |
| Sacrifice  | Good Friday   | Jesus        |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover     |
| Prayer     | Easter        | Foot Washing |
| Fasting    | Palm Sunday   | Resurrection |
| Lent       | Purple        | Love         |



### Shepherding Group #1

(Responsible for January, May & September)

Leaders: David & Connie Robbins  
Linda Robbins

Altar Guild: (Jan.) Deb Wagner & Jolene Schwalk  
(May) Phylis Springer & Tracy Nelson  
(Sept.) Cheryl Roder & Connie Robbins

Arth, Jesse & Kelly  
Bergstrom, Brent & Amy  
Bertram, Christina  
Buskohl, Greta  
Buskohl, Jeanette\*  
Christiansen, Kylie  
Costain, Linda  
Fuhrman, Brian & Bobbi  
Hansen, Kevin & Tracy  
Henning, Dan & Tania  
Jenson, Gary & Lois  
Johnson, Randy & Jennifer  
Kleingarn, Jim & Judy  
Kuehn, Patricia\*  
Larson, Ed & Janice  
Lien, Nolan & Amy  
Larson, John & LuAnn  
Lien, Nolan & Amy  
Lunneborg, David  
Lunneborg, John & Marilyn  
McCleery, Jay & Bobbi  
Odegard, Jeff & Jeanine  
Odegard, Randy & LaRae  
Roder, Cheryl  
Roder, Ernest & Jodi Ost  
Roeder, Jeff  
Sebens, Tyera  
Schutt, Wendell & Linda

### Shepherding Group #2

(Responsible for February, June & October)

Leaders: Donald & Tracy Nelson  
Jolene Schwalk

Altar Guild: (Feb.) Linda Costain & Linda Robbins  
(June) Cheryl Roder & Connie Robbins  
(Oct.) Deb Wagner & Jolene Schwalk

Anderson, Curt & Jean  
Berndt, Scott & Shannon  
Bryant, Rick & Melissa  
Colby, LaVerne & Carolyn  
Dusek, Karla  
Ellefson, Debbe  
Ellefson, Loren & Patty  
Heitkamp, Dustin & Jessica  
Koeppel, Glen & Barb  
Kuehn, Amy  
Kuehn, Wade  
Lunneborg, Brad & Kristin  
McCleery Gail  
Michels, Blair & Lynne  
Mund, Michael & Melissa  
Mund, Scott & Vanessa  
Odegard, Dale & Carol  
Odegard, Dennis & Barb  
Odegard, Lynn & Michelle  
Olson, Alisha  
Peterson, Jim & Carol  
Peterson, Kyle & Kayley  
Rasmussen, Melissa  
Schutt, Mike & Deb  
Smith, Ryan & Jasmine  
Wohler, Karen\*  
Vail, Eileen  
Undem, Danica & Ryan

### Shepherding Group #3

(Responsible for March, July & November)

Leaders: Pat Olson  
Diane Wallin

Altar Guild: (March) Janice Larson & Gail McCleery  
(July) Phylis Springer & Tracy Nelson  
(Nov.) Deb Schutt & Eileen Vail

Baldwin, Jill  
Bernhardt, Tammy  
Biss, Isacc & Morgan  
Christiansen, Pete & Jeri  
Diede, Lucille  
Ferderer, Lacey  
Foley, James & Ione  
Haugen, Monty & Bobbi  
Hogness, Steve & Andrea  
Johnson, Keith & Donna  
Johnson, Randy & Jennifer  
Kottke, Jason & Lacy  
McCauley, Jeanne  
Olson, Rich & Erin  
Peterson, Jonell  
Peterson, Brooke  
Prante, Tim & Grace  
Roeder, Austin & Allison  
Rotenberger, Lonnie  
Springer, Phylis  
Storhaug, Brittany  
Syrstad, Randy  
Yagow, Brandon & Kathy  
Yagow, Darick & Mary  
Yagow, Kevin & Cindy  
Yagow, Myron & Lori

### Shepherding Group #4

(Responsible for April, August & December)

Leaders: Brian & Paula Tayer  
Bill & Dorothy Pribula

Altar Guild: (April) Deb Schutt & Eileen Vail  
(August) Janice Larson & Gail McCleery  
(Dec.) Linda Costain & Linda Robbins

Fyre, Chad & Amber  
Gainor, Dana & Jill  
Hanna, Lee & Jennie  
Hogness, Lance & Daniel  
Johnson, Ken & Shirley  
Johnson, Lynn & Mary  
Johnson, Randy & Tina  
Kadoun, Shane & Nichole  
Lehmann, Keely  
Lien, Geoff & Tracey  
Lien, Kasey & Kali  
Lien, Kris & Tracy  
Lien, Marshall & Rachel  
Nadler, Lexi  
Odegard, Kevin & Danene  
Schutt, Bob & Darla  
Schutt, Chase & Alysha  
Speich, Bruce & Dayna  
Schutt, Nick & McKenzie  
Spellerberg, Briana  
Stockstad, Colin & Kathy  
Sundquist, Nate & Jen  
Tayer, Brooke  
Tyler, Brian  
Wagner, Dave & Deb

# March

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