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NEWSLETTER



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Immanuel Lutheran Churches**
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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all:

A couple of weeks ago at MLC, I had the honor of baptizing an infant boy. It was one of the most special baptism's I've ever done. The family filled two pews and it was obvious it was a joyous occasion for them.

Baptism for me is both joyous and at times frustrating. Many young parents of our time believe that if that if they have their child baptized, the child is automatically saved forever. That box is checked and all is good. Now it is true that everything COULD be all good, but it is also just as possible that everything will not be all good.

During a baptism, parents and the sponsors make a promise to me and God that they will nurture their children in the Christian faith. This so important because the baptism is the seed, but the seed needs water, sunshine, attention, and love. Sadly, I know for a fact that many times this promise to me and God is broken. But to the parents, no matter, the box is checked, the child is saved and it's all good.

That promise, if kept, means that when we pass through the waters of sorrow and pain, God is with us.

To know this, to trust this, to experience this--is the real gift of baptism. Baptism always takes place at the border of life as it is, and life as it might be.

That border is a river, the mighty Jordan. It is the border between the wilderness and the promised land. It is the border between life as just surviving and a life that is thriving. It is the border between

sin and forgiveness. It is the border between life and death. We all stand on that border at some point in our lives. Some of us stand there now. Technically we are baptized only once. But throughout our life we return to the waters of baptism. Each and every day we go back to those waters and live our baptismal vows. And we here at our church do that so well. We love our neighbors as ourselves. We live lives of honesty, integrity, and compassion. We resist evil and when we sin, we repent and return to the Lord humbled and wiser. We seek and serve Christ each day of our lives.

Besides the mighty Jordan river, there are times our own body provides the waters of baptism, tears. Tears are the body's own baptismal waters that cleanse, heal, and renew life. Other times the circumstances of life, things done and left undone by us, push us back to those waters of baptism. And, we return to once again be immersed into the open heavens, to be bathed by God's breath and to let the name "beloved" wash over us.

And then, when our souls are refreshed and all is truth, "That box is checked, it's all good."

Rick



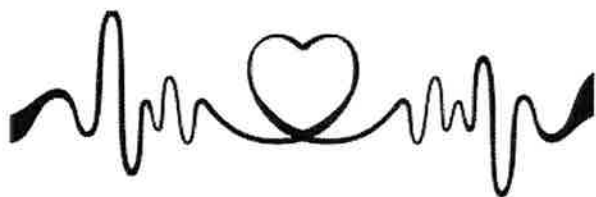
People currently on our prayer lists are *Curt Mahler, Dan Mund, Marlene Hogness, Weston Gregor, Lisa Bershok, Jill Wehlender, Greg & Arlis McFarland, Darren Wipf and Pat Olofson*. Please keep them in your prayers. If you or your loved one would like to be on our prayer list, please contact the church 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**



September Birthdays

2 - Shane Kadoun Danene Odegard	10 - Brady Lien 12 - Mike Schutt	21 - DuWayne Baldwin Kail Heitkamp
3- Gerald Nelson	14 - Patti Martin Paul Mund	24 - Mark Hudson Hadley Larson
4 - Wade Kuehn	18 - Charlee Martinson	25 - Jodi Ost
7 - Joan Peterson Deb Wagner	19 - Ione Foley Briana Spellerberg	27 - Sandy Hogness Kevin Moxness
8- Tracy Nelson LaRae Odegard	20 - Karla Dusek Bobbi Haugen	Andrew Yagow
9 - DeNae Martinson Heidi Moxness		28- Brenda Gibbon
		29 - Eileen Vail
		30 - Kelsy Martinson



BLOOD DRIVE at MLC

Wednesday, September 21st, from 12:15 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Please call Bobbie (680-2806) or Dorothy (680-8082) for appointments. If you are able to donate cookies, bars or other goodies let Bobbie or Dorothy know.

"Thank you" to all that watered the outdoor flowers and plants this summer. The flowers looked beautiful! We are so grateful for your help!



MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of James Metzen
From: Kennth Metzen

WELCA

September Altar Guild: Cheryl Roder & Connie Robbins

Day of Doing Quilters will meet September 15th and 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Yarn Angels will meet September 8th and 22nd at 1:00 p.m.



Save the Date!

MILNOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCA FALL BAZAAR

SUPPER, SILENT AUCTION, BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 AT 5:00 PM

Health Kits



WELCA will be assembling health kits for the disadvantaged.
Needed items: 10 bath sized towels (dark colors), 32 shampoos, 28 toothpastes, 36 dental floss, 29 toothbrushes, 50 toenail clippers and 50 combs.

They will be collecting through October 2026. Your generosity helps provide vital kits for those who depend on them.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered
to serve coffee and treats this
summer!



A. S. A. P.
always say a prayer

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

-Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 13th, at 10:30 a.m.

-Bibles will be presented to new pre-k & 3rd grade students on Sunday, September 27th during worship service.

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

Sunday School Coffee

September 13 Miguel & Nation L., Tripp t.,
Easton F., Kail H., Abigail L.



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We are very excited to start confirmation this year with this year's 7th and 8th graders!

Confirmation classes begin on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 3:30 p.m.

Rick will be contacting students and parents soon.

Get your confirmation service hours in by being a communion server, a lector (reading), ushering, and/or greeting. Bonus, you get a sermon note done at the same time!

If you are interested, please talk to Rick or Linda.

Acolyte Schedule is coming soon! If you would like to fill in, please contact Rick or Melissa.



Luther League

Luther League is for grades 7-12. Some of the things we do are serve brunch after church on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month. Serve soup and sandwiches before the Lenten Services at MLC. Volunteer work, annual Food Drive, fundraisers, Operation Christmas Child. Group activities like hiking, RedHawks' Game, skiing and other fun things that come up during the year.

September 20

September 27



Immanuel Lutheran Church

September Usher: Kevin Moxness

September Altar Guild: Heidi Moxness

Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Beginning September 6th:

Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Communion: September 6th

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 5th, 2025

The council met on Monday, August 10th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Council members present were Paul Mund, Larry Moxness, Mike Martinson, Derek Martinson, and Mindy Hogness. Paul called the meeting to order. The Secretary's Report was read, and a motion to approve was made by Mike and seconded by Larry. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was read, highlighting the recent payment for the HVAC project and upcoming benevolence donations. The council also discussed Derek exploring another CD or money market account. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Mindy and seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

Committees: Education: Sunday School leaders are preparing to kick off the 2026–2027 Sunday School year, which will begin on Sunday, September 13th. Supplies have been ordered, and enrollment forms have been posted to Facebook.

Property & Maintenance: The council discussed having this group meet separately and reviewed open items listed under Old Business.

Old Business: Property: Siding: Due to the recent heat, upkeep efforts have not yet started. Luke looked up there, but open questions remain regarding the structure. The council discussed having Jim Marquette come out to inspect it, while also noting that August Peplinski previously believed the structure was fine. The council would like to involve the Property & Maintenance Committee in these discussions before determining next steps. Spire: The council expressed concern about the exterior condition of the spire and

discussed whether it could be coated or wrapped. No decision was made in April, and there was no further discussion during the August meeting.

Joint Meeting with MLC: Paul will coordinate with Jill to schedule a joint council meeting with MLC sometime this fall. The intent is to propose next year's budget collectively.

New Business: Church Service: Beginning Sunday, September 13th, church service will move to 11:00 a.m. Insurance: A premium letter is expected in November, and it is not yet known whether the rate will change. The council understands that damage/liability coverage includes the cemetery, but not the South Cemetery. Derek will email Dale to confirm coverage for each location. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike and seconded by Larry. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

Mindy Hogness,
Council Secretary



Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School

9/13-class

9/20-class

9/27-class

9/27-bibles will be
presented during
church service.

Milnor Lutheran Church Council Minutes

July 9, 2026

Present: Jill Baldwin, Paula Tayer, Mike Schutt, Rick Bryant, Tracy Hansen, Jenn Sundquist & Nate Sundquist. Absent: Wade Kuehn

Meeting called to order by Jill Baldwin

Prayer/Devotion by Rick Bryant

Nominations for council secretary-Mike Schutt nominated and elected.

Secretary/Treasurer Reports: council will keep Sam's Club membership for church purchases.

Next newsletter will show the church is running in deficit for the YTD. Motion to approve made by Nate Sundquist seconded by Paula Tayer. Reports approved.

Stewardship: Letter written asking for donations to cover deficit/projects will be included in church program and newsletter.

Two months' council minutes will be in the newsletter, 2nd months will be pending approval.

Education: Good feedback from kids on VBS.

Grace needs to transfer money to cover VBS expenses. Motion to approve by Jen Sundquist seconded by Tracy Hansen. Approved.

Ministers Report: All quiet. Rick had 8 weddings last year, none so far this year.

Property & grounds:

Landscaping and cement work to relieve basement water problems. Nate proposed extending cement 4 feet from church, work starting end of August. Nate estimated cost at \$10,000.

Motion to approve made by Jill seconded by Mike. Approved. Altar glass and stained-glass windows remain tabled.

Old Business: Present landscaping plan to church congregation at a cost of \$10,000.00 open to private funding. Review parish Hall rental prices-no change currently.

New Business: SAM contracts for both Rick and Jill due Sept. 1 for bishop Approval

America's 250th article in July/August newsletter was contrary to ELCA stance on Christian-Nationalism Church will follow ELCA stance.

Next meeting: August 12, 2026 at 6:00p.m.

Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned. Motion Jenn Sundquist seconded by Nate Sundquist.

Milnor Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Minutes August 12, 2026

Present: Jill Baldwin, Paula Tayer, Wade Kuehn, Mike Schutt, Tracy Hansen, Jenn Sundquist, Nate Sundquist, Rick Bryant

Meeting called to order by Jill Baldwin

Prayer led by Rick Bryant

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports: Read and Approved. Motion to approve by Paula Tayer seconded by Nate Sundquist

Worship: Committee has met and music has been chosen

Stewardship: Donation letters were handed out and will be again after Sunday School Starts

Education: Money was transferred from Benevolence to Sunday School to cover VBS

Minister Report: Rick brought up concerns about Eastern Synod under Bishop Tessa

Confirmation starting September 23rd or 30th

, Questions on camp requirements for 7th and 8th graders

Properties & Grounds: Landscaping still on schedule for the end of August. No answers yet on altar cross lights.

Old Business: SAM contracts signed by Rick and Jill, discussed rental fees-no changes yet

New Business: none

Motion to adjourn made by Tracy Hansen seconded by Jenn Sundquist

Next meeting: September 9, 2026 at 6:00p.m.

****August minutes have not been approved as of printing of the newsletter.**

July Income	\$15,697.34
July Expenses	\$9,121.35
Profit/Loss	\$6,575.99
Year to Date	-\$6,787.76

****August Treasurer's Report will be listed in next newsletter.**

NEW TESTAMENT

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