

February 2021
NEWSLETTER



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Immanuel Lutheran Churches**
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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

It is my hope that this newsletter finds you all well. Although colder weather is in the forecast, this is the mildest winter that many of us can recall in many, many years. My parents vacationed in Arizona and endured snow and storms. Those snowbirds have nothing on us! Before we know it, spring will be at our doorstep!

As I write this, the cases of Covid-19 continue to drop and vaccinations are becoming a reality. It does appear that our gracious God has saw fit to ease our burdens and give us hope for a better year ahead. I sincerely hope that our lives will continue to return to the pre-pandemic ways that we hold so dear. I think we all look forward to getting back to normal.

Where has the time gone? Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. Both Immanuel and Milnor are planning on proceeding with Lenten services. Lenten services will begin February 17th at MLC and then will alternate with Immanuel each Wednesday through Lent. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. **There will be no confirmation during the Lenten season.** It is not yet decided if we will have the traditional "Lunch" before the services. This decision will be made very soon and announcements will be made. Please stay tuned.

The challenges of this past year have caused many of us to pause and realize just how vulnerable and weak we are. We have come to know that the world can bring us

to our knees and that we depend completely on the grace and compassion of God Almighty. It is my hope and prayer that we embrace this Lenten season with a renewed dedication in all aspects of our lives to Jesus Christ. May we all be encouraged to confront our sinfulness while giving thankfulness for the gift of grace that we receive through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent lasts for 40 days, which is reminiscent of Jesus' time in the wilderness before he started his earthly ministry. For us Christians, the season of Lent is truly a testament of our faith and love for our Glorious Savior.

With Covid apparently on the decline, it is my hope to again offer more opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth; these may include Bible studies, marriage enrichment workshops, and perhaps Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. We will discuss this further as a congregation.

I want to welcome all of the new church council members and say heartfelt "thanks" for your willingness to serve our churches and God. I also wish to truly thank the outgoing council members for your dedication and outstanding leadership. Our gratitude for your service cannot be over-stated.

In closing, I wish you all peace and happiness. Hug your loved ones at every chance! I am excited for the upcoming year and the wondrous things that will happen with a loving God guiding and protecting us. God Bless you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People on our prayer lists are *Bryce Heitkamp, Carol Hogness, Kit Mund, Curt Mahler, Bobbi Haugen, Jim Robbins, Patty Cross, Dan Mund, and Mary Alice Mund*. Please keep them in your prayers.



3 - Vaiah Berndt
4 - Lois Jenson
6 - Nichole Kadoun
8 - Miley Lien
10 - Scott Berndt
Drake Hogness
Tracy Lien
Melissa Mund
Carl Nelson
Travers Storhaug

11 - Kevin Odegard
12 - Joni Peterson
14 - Jesse Arth
Kenna Peterson
Myron Yagow
16 - Lynn Johnson
Connie Robbins
19 - Nellie Nelson
Phylis Springer

22 - Kyle Peterson
23 - Jim Peterson
Eliot Roder
26 - Mitch Tompkins
27 - Reese Hogness
Cheryl Roder

2021 LENTEN SERVICES

February 17th (Ash Wednesday)	Milnor Lutheran
February 24th	Immanuel Lutheran
March 3rd	Milnor Lutheran
March 10th	Immanuel Lutheran
March 17th	Milnor Lutheran
March 24th	Immanuel Lutheran

All Lenten services begin at 7:00 p.m. Watch for further announcements about suppers.

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Mardell Aabrekke

From John & Marilyn Lunneborg (MLC Sunday School)
Curt & Vi Mahler (MLC)
Steve & Celeste Metzen (Yarn Angels)
Bill & Dorothy Pribula (MLC)
John & Jolene Schwalk (MLC Altar Guild)
Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

In memory of Dennis Babcock

From Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Yarn Angels)

In memory of Marlene Hoffman

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In memory of Fran Meyer

From Curt & Vi Mahler (MLC)
Alice Wehlander (MLC Sunday School)

In memory of Sylvia Meyers

From Jeanette Buskohl (Yarn Angels)
Curt & Vi Mahler (Yarn Angels)

In memory of Sharette Odegard

From Curt & Vi Mahler (MLC)
Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

January 13, 2021 @ 7 p.m. (conference call)

Present: Don Nelson, Andrea Hogness, Diane Wallin, Myron Yagow, Randy Syrstad, Kelly Arth, Alisha Olson, & Rick Bryant; Absent: Travers Storhaug & Lonnie Rotenberger

Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 9th:

Motion to approve from Diane, Alisha seconded, all in favor

Treasurer's Report for December: Motion to approve from Andrea, Alisha seconded, all in favor

Side note, SBA Loan – that was what we thought was a grant, but it was a loan so it cost us \$58.77 of interest

Committee Business

- Worship & Shepherding (Kelly, Lonnie)
 - Bill Pribula will run the service on Jan 31st when Rick is gone
- Stewardship (Diane, Andrea)
 - Giving Tree - \$1,800 towards Churches United plus non-monetary donations; \$2,200 towards shed/bathroom. We have around \$1,700 to go towards the bathroom, but need someone to lead the project.
- Education (Randy, Alisha)
 - No new news
- Properties/Grounds/Parsonage (Myron, Travers, Don)
 - Crossroad's addressed heater issues. The regulator on fellowship hall had to be replaced. The sanctuary was manually put on emergency heat which is why the red light was on. Crossroad's set the schedule for 65 degrees as base heat. On Sundays it will automatically turn up to 70 degrees at 5:30 a.m., then go down to 68 degrees at 2 and back to 65 at 5 p.m. So except on Sundays, the Sanctuary will be at 65 unless we change it. If we need to change the heat, use the up/down arrows and then the up/down arrows on the time display for how long to hold it. In Fellowship Hall, the heat pumps were turned off because someone turned off the breakers. There was also a bird's nest in the exhaust pipe that got cleaned out. He set the regular temperature for 68 degrees. Crossroad's highly recommends

that not just anyone mess with the thermostats

- The lights were not working on the entrance doors, Myron couldn't find any bulbs in the church so went to Crossroad's and they advised for the price of 2 of those bulbs you can buy LED. It is \$125 a fixture and there are 5 of them so they were purchased
- Brian also asked about the yard light and who handles that. Andrea will check with Grace if she has any info on who we can contact

Pastor's Report

- Got back to confirmation tonight and the kids helped to haul in the nativity set
- Christmas services went well
- Had a baptism and 1 more is scheduled for this Sunday
- Starting to think about lent

Old Business

- Speaker system update- Randy met with Rick and he knows how to run the system for the future

New Business

- Annual Meeting – Jan 31st
- Day of Doing group want to use fellowship hall for sewing, etc instead of basement
- WELCA will be purchasing an envelope box for the office door; the council is in support of this
- Wi-Fi Password - will put a sign out in the entry with the church wi-fi password so that it can be easily accessed if needed for live streaming of funeral services, etc.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be February 10th at 7 via conference call. Motion to adjourn by Kelly, Andrea seconded, all in favor

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Hogness
Secretary

December Income	\$24,573.45
December Expenses	7,536.47
Net Income	17,036.98
Year to Date Profit	\$37,687.95

February Altar Guild
Kristie Johnson and Linda Robbins

MLC Day-of-Doing Quilters

The Day of Doing Quilters will be meeting February 16th & 17th in the Fellowship Hall.

Special thanks go to Bruce Speich for delivering quilts to Fargo and a stuffed-to-the-brim vehicle load of donated children's clothing and other items to the Childcare Protection Program at the Reservation at Sisseton, SD in January. The ladies continue to collect used children's clothing for this program.

MLC Notes

-The church is no longer collecting used batteries for recycling.

-The following MLC organizations have their own bank accounts, so please write memorial donation checks directly to them: Sunday School, WELCA, Altar Guild, Day of Doing Quilters, Yarn Angels, Milnor Lutheran Cemetery.

-Thrivent Members remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars by the end of March.
Phone 1-800-847-4836

-At the annual meeting, it was discussed that two projects we should focus on in 2021 are improving the church lighting and the parsonage basement bathroom remodel. Please consider donating to these projects!

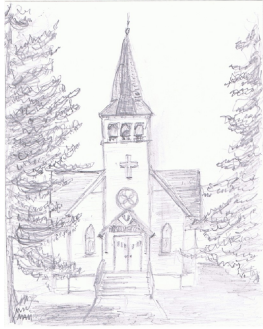
Church lighting: There is much need for improvement of the church lighting so we will begin to do fundraising towards this.

Parsonage Basement Bathroom – We have a great start to funds for this project already, but would need more to pay for this project. We are also looking for 1-2 volunteers to work with Rick & Melissa on the design, obtaining contractor bids, and generally be a point of contact with the contractor for questions, supplies, etc.

BABY SHOWER



There will be a come-and-go baby shower for Ashley Hansen, wife of Gage Hansen, on Saturday, February 13th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at MLC. Masks are required. Ashley is registered at Amazon (under Ashley Nunn) and at Target.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

February

Worship Services: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

February Ushers: Tom Hogness and Paul Mund

February Altar Guild: Wanda Hogness

Communion: February 7th

Lenten Services: February 24, March 10 and 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

IMMANUEL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 10, 2021

The Immanuel Lutheran Council met briefly after church to reorganize. Present were Paul Mund, Mike Martinson, Joel Halvorson, Derek Martinson and new elected members Brenda Gibbon and Landon Mund. Absent was Jim Berndt. Paul Mund and Mike Martinson are the outgoing members.

President Paul Mund called the meeting to order.

Reorganization: Derek Martinson nominated Joel Halvorson to be President for 2021, seconded by Landon Mund. Paul Mund nominated Derek Martinson as VP, seconded by Brenda Gibbon. Brenda Gibbon nominated Landon Mund as Secretary,

seconded by Derek Martinson. Derek Martinson will remain as Treasurer.

New Business: Joel Halvorson relayed a request from the Financial Secretary we have members date their envelopes to assist recording donations properly

Next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2021 to approve a budget to present for the Annual Meeting. Meeting was adjourned by President Paul Mund.

Mike Martinson
Council Secretary

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Old Business: A discussion was held about agenda items for the Annual Meeting. Items suggested were replacement trees for around the church, getting the cross fixed on the front of the church and updates on the lawn shed.

New Business: Mike Martinson presented the proposed Stewardship Committee budget for 2021. Motion was made by Mike Martinson with a second by Derek Martinson to accept the proposed budget as is to present to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning Lenten Services. It was agreed Lenten Services will be held as in past years. More will be discussed at Annual Meeting.

Joel Halvorson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Landon Mund.

Mike Martinson
Council Secretary