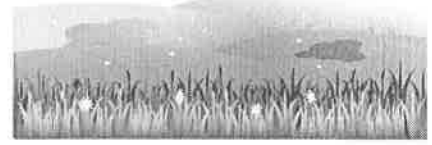


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**Milnor Lutheran and
Immanuel Lutheran Churches
Rick Bryant**

Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

It is my hope that this June newsletter finds everyone doing well! As I write this letter, weather has warmed and we have been spared from rain. As I travel about, it is nice to see the farmers in the fields, doing what they love and feeding the world. May God bless our farmers and ranchers. Also, school has ended in Milnor and the students and faculty can now take a much deserved break. We wish them all a wonderful summer.

It sure has been busy the last couple of months on the church front. We have put another Lenten season behind us, held First Communion, confirmed 10 new students into the ELCA church, and recognized the graduating seniors. We have also been so blessed to baptize three new children into our church. We now enter the quiet season of the church calendar.

Just a couple of days ago, the world was shocked to hear that an 18-year old person entered Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, TX and proceeded to shoot and kill 19 students and two teachers. Also, the war in Ukraine is dragging on and the death toll and destruction grows larger with each day. These days, it seems like the world can be a bad dream that we hope to any minute wake up from and realize it was only a dream. But it is happening and we are lost. Times like these can test a person's faith to the core. When all of the pieces to life to are falling perfectly into place, it is easy to thank God and give him praise. But when tragedies in the world occur, how do we react? That is a question that we must ask ourselves. In times like this, it is my hope that we turn to God to show us the way forward and to remember that no matter what, God is with us. Remember, God's plans and our plans may not be the same. God's will for us is for good, and

not for evil, and ultimately it is God who will see us through this time of trouble. Remember...

Philippians 4:6 **"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."**

Joshua 1:9 **"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."**

We here in our communities are blessed in the fact that we are spared from much of the hardship and tragedy that occurs in the world and we should thank God continuously. But also let us not forget more unfortunate areas of the world. We can do that through our prayers. We can pray for Uvalde and for all of those victims and families. We can pray for Ukraine and for peace in our world. Pray for those who are poor and homeless. Pray for the sick. Pray for the lonely. Pray for those living in fear. God is listening and he longs to be a part of our lives. Remember, God, who formed the earth and people, has watched over the world through major pandemics, war, disease, and famine. Why things happen as they do is unclear, but one day, God's plan for his beloved world will all come together. He simply wants us to trust in him and love him. In our walk with Christ, the goal should be to live out the Gospel. But many times we will fail and fall short and in those times Jesus comes to offer forgiveness, grace, healing, peace, and more love that we might ever know.

I wish you all a safe and wonderful summer.
May God bless you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Mary Moxness, Tanner Martinson, Mary Alice Mund, Anne Ringdahl, Mary Engst, Lorie Skarpness, Carol Hogness, and Phyllis Gelinske*. 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.



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| 1 - Ed Larson
Kayley Peterson | 11 - Linda Costain
Sharon Gainor
Steve Mund
Darla Schutt | 20 - Morgan Mund
21 - Laverne Colby
24 - Linda Robbins
25 - Mindy Hogness
27 - Wyatt Martinson
28 - Chase Johnson
Dennis Odegard |
| 2 - Judy Kleingarn
Randy Odegard | 14 - John Kottke
Kit Mund | 29 - Tammy Bernhardt
Mary Moxness |
| 4 - Kala Banish
Shannon Berndt | 15 - Kathy Ellefson | |
| 7 - Toni Claus | 16 - Kelly Arth
Celeste Metzen | |
| 8 - Curt Anderson | 17 - Sofia Hanna
Glen Koeppe | |
| 9 - Gail McCleery | | |
| 10 - Levi Buskohl
Ryan Mund | | |

Services for Elsie Skarpness

A Celebration of Life service for Elsie Skarpness will be held Sunday, June 12, at 2 p.m. at Immanuel. Instead of flowers, the family would prefer a gift to Immanuel or Hospice of the Red River Valley. There will also be a prayer service Saturday, June 11, at 7 p.m. at Wright Funeral Home at 605 2nd Avenue South in Moorhead. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

June

June Usher: Dan Krause

June Altar Guild: Karen Krause

Communion Server: Brenda Gibbon

Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Communion: June 5th

Red Willow Day Camp/VBS 2022

June 5,6,7

Milnor Lutheran Church

Sunday: 3PM - 6PM

Monday 9AM - 3PM

Tuesday 9AM - 3PM

For ALL children having completed K - 6
Call Greta (427-5646) or Mary (427-5023)

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Present: Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Randy Syrstad, Diane Wallin, Rick Bryant, Kelly Arth, Alisha Olson
Absent: Travers Storhaug, DeNae Mahler, Jason Kottke
Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's report from April: Motion to approve made from Kelly Arth and seconded by Alisha Olson; motion carried.

Committee Business

- Worship
 - Nothing to report
- Stewardship
 - Third quarter focus will again be on Lutheran Disaster Response with funds received going to help the people of Ukraine.
- Education
 - Nothing to report - Sunday school finished on April 24th.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage
 - Altar Windows & Wooden frame around the stained-glass window in the back. Still waiting for construction estimate from Christopher Ferderer. Timeline would be sometime this summer or fall depending on availability.
 - Landscape bricks for flower beds – The Wallins have some landscaping timbers made of cement that they are willing to donate to replace the rotting wood. Bill will look at what they have and what it would take to bring them in and install.
 - Rick reported there is a sink hole north of the parsonage. He's been trying to fill it by hand but needs to have more dirt. Kelly Arth said Jesse will deliver a bucket load of dirt with his bobcat.
 - Egress Window covers – Bill brought a brochure from Jim's Custom Egress Covers with photos showing some covers that may possibly work for the church to keep things out of the window wells. He will follow-up.

Pastor's Report

- May continues to be a busy month: Rick will have 2 baptisms and a funeral on May 14.
- Vacation request: May 29th and June 12th. Bill will lead worship on the 29th and we will look at finding a replacement for June 12th.
- Rick is looking forward to mentoring with a neighboring pastor. He noted the increased attendance recently and discussed ways to welcome new worshippers and invite them to join MLC.

Old Business

- **TV in Fellowship Hall** – Need to get some things in place before we purchase the tv. Jason was contacting Crossroads regarding wiring both electrical as well as running internet access cable. No update available on that. Deb has been working with DRN to determine what kind of internet upgrades we will need as we have a very old router and access point. Those will need to be upgraded in order to be able to stream to this tv. DRN made some suggestions regarding upgrading to business hardware – waiting on a quote on cost of upgrade. Once we have these things in place, will then look at TV purchase and mounting options.
- **Day of Doing Storage** - Ladies feel it would not be inconvenient having storage space in the old library. Bill will get dimensions and contact local contractors for estimates for building the closets requested.
- **Automatic Lock on East Door** – No update available. Jason was following up on who we currently are working with for the other door.
- **Lock Box for Extra Keys** – Deb will pick one up.

New Business

- Linda Costain requested use of display case in the fellowship hall for special books. Permission was granted.
- Shepherding leaders have asked for a different system for serving coffee after summer worship services and suggested using a signup sheet for volunteers. Council agreed to try this method for coffee served June-beginning of September.

Motion was made by Kelly Arth to adjourn meeting, seconded by Alisha Olson. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: June 8th @ 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Wallin, acting secretary

April Income	\$12,027.31
April Expenses	7,567.35
Net Income	4,459.96
Year to Date Profit	\$ 6,176.74

June Altar Guild
Jeanette Buskohl and Connie Robbins

WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet June 21st and 22nd at 9:00 a.m.
Yarn Angels will meet June 14th and 28th at 1:00 p.m.

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Steve Ellefson

From Verla Berge (MLC)
Jeanette Buskohl (ML Cemetery)
Laverne & Carolyn Colby (ML Cemetery)
Charles Enge (Lakeside Cemetery)
Pat Sebens Freese (MLC Improvement)
Orvin & Marlene Hogness (ML Cemetery)
Lynn & Mary Johnson (Day of Doing)
Marjorie Johnson (Altar Guild)
Steve & Deborah Johnson (ML Cemetery)
Kris & Tracy Lien (ML Cemetery)
Marshall & Rachel Lien (ML Cemetery)
Larry & Mary Moxness (MLC)
Jon & Kim Mund (ML Cemetery)
Randy & LaRae Odegard (ML Cemetery)
Allen & Joan Peterson (MLC)
David & Connie Robbins (ML Cemetery)
Craig & Kathy Rysavy (MLC)
Phylis Springer (Day of Doing)
Teresa Toyne-Dick (ML Cemetery)
Alice Wehlander (Sunday School)
Mervin & Karen Wohler (Sunday School)

In memory of Fred Martin

From Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)
Diane Wallin (MLC-LDR)

In memory of Marvin Sebens

In honor of Jensyn Sebens & Charlie Sebens
From Pat Sebens Freese (MLC)

In memory of Marlene Snellman

From Monty & Bobbi Haugen (ML Cemetery)
Carl & Oline Nelson (Day of Doing)
Diane Wallin (MLC-LDR)

In memory of Arlen Willprecht

From Carl & Oline Nelson (Day of Doing)

New Shepherding Groups

The Shepherding Groups have been reorganized into four groups. The new groups are listed on the next two pages. Please check to see which group you're in and who your leaders are. If your leaders don't have your cell phone number, please consider giving it to them so they can text you about opportunities to serve and support our church. (Cell phone numbers won't be published or posted.) Thanks!

Shepherding Group #1

(Responsible for January, May & September)

Leaders: David & Connie Robbins
Linda Robbins

Altar Guild: (Jan.) Deb Wagner & Sophie Fuhrman
(May) Vi Mahler & Tracy Nelson
(Sept.) Jeanette Buskohl & Connie Robbins

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

Shepherding Group #2

(Responsible for February, June & October)

Leaders: Donald & Tracy Nelson
Deb Schutt
Jolene Schwalk

Altar Guild: (Feb.) Kristie Johnson & Linda Robbins
(June) Jeanette Buskohl & Connie Robbins
(Oct.) Deb Wagner & Sophie Fuhrman

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

Shepherding Group #3

(Responsible for March, July & November)

Leaders: Pat Olson
Diane Wallin

Altar Guild: (March) Janice Larson & Gail McCleery
(July) Vi Mahler & Tracy Nelson
(Nov.) Deb Schutt & Jasmine Smith

Baldwin, Jill
Bernhardt, Tammy
Christiansen, Pete & Jeri
Diede, Lucille
Ferderer, Jake & Lacey
Foley, James & Ione
Haugen, Monty & Bobbi
Hogness, Steve & Andrea
Johnson, Keith & Donna
Kottke, Jason & Lacy
Larson, Chris & Jordaan
Mahler, Curt & Vi*
McCauley, Jeanne
Olson, Rich & Erin
Peterson, Jonell
Peterson, Kevin & Brooke
Prante, Tim & Grace
Roeder, Austin & Allison
Rotenberger, Lonnie
Springer, Phylis
Storhaug, Travers & Brittany
Syrstad, Randy
Toyne, Jim & Gloria*
Yagow, Brandon & Kathy
Yagow, Darick & Mary
Yagow, Kevin & Cindy
Yagow, Myron & Lori

Shepherding Group #4

(Responsible for April, August & December)

Leaders: Kris & Tracy Lien
Brian & Paula Tayer
Bill & Dorothy Pribula

Altar Guild: (April) Deb Schutt & Jasmine Smith
(August) Janice Larson & Gail McCleery
(Dec.) Kristie Johnson & Linda Robbins

Bixby, Janice
Claus, Darin & Toni
Fyre, Chad & Amber
Gainor, Dana & Jill
Hanna, Lee & Jennie
Johnson, Jerome & Kristie
Johnson, Ken & Shirley
Johnson, Lynn & Mary
Johnson, Randy & Tina
Kadoun, Shane & Nichole
Lehmann, Keely
Lien, Geoff & Tracey
Lien, Kris & Tracy
Lien, Marshall & Rachel
Nadler, Lexi
Odegard, Kevin & Danene
Schutt, Bob & Darla
Schutt, Chase & Alysha
Speich, Bruce & Dayna
Spellerberg, Briana
Stockstad, Colin & Kathy
Tayer, Brooke
Tompkins, Mitch & Bobbi
Tyler, Brian
Wagner, Dave & Deb