

May 2021

# NEWSLETTER



**Milnor Lutheran and  
Immanuel Lutheran Churches  
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## Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

It is my hope that this newsletter finds everyone well. As I write this today, we are again getting some much-needed rain in our community. This is a welcome blessing that our compassionate God has bestowed upon us. The forecast calls for much warmer temperatures and sunny conditions which will hopefully enable our farmers to get going on their spring planting.

The month of April has been very challenging for our community as God has saw fit to call three of our siblings in Christ to their eternal heavenly homes. Myrna Gibbon passed away April 8<sup>th</sup>, Gary Springer passed away April 10<sup>th</sup>, and Curt Odegard passed away on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Curt's funeral will be held at MLC on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Time is yet undetermined. Please lift up their families and friends in prayer. They have been an integral part of our church and community and will be dearly missed. Until we meet again...

The month of May will be busy and a time of great excitement. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, eight 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be receiving their First Communion. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, we honor our mothers on Mother's Day. On May 16<sup>th</sup> we will have three 5<sup>th</sup> graders receiving their First Communion. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will honor the graduating seniors of 2021. God is at work in our little churches and because of Him, our churches remain healthy and vibrant. We are so blessed!

This week, several contractors will begin to renovate the bathroom and shower in the basement of the parsonage. Because of your generosity, this project is nearly already paid for and will be a great addition and investment for the parsonage. Also, thanks to the church council for your tireless work and support of this project. Melissa and I are very excited and we give a heartfelt "thanks" to you all.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, MLC will be hosting a 3-day Red Willow Bible Camp on June 6-8. This camp is for ALL children who have completed grades K-6. This will be fun-filled event consisting of songs, arts and crafts, Bible studies, and much more. Please reach out to Greta at 427-5646 or Mary at 427-5023 if you have any questions or concerns.

It is so heart-warming to see all of these young folks beginning their spiritual walk with Jesus Christ. They are the future of our church and we depend on them to further the Gospel and take our churches forward. Please keep our young people in your prayers. Matthew 19:14 says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as them."

Please reach out to me anytime, day or night, if you need anything at all. It is my honor to serve you, as well our Lord and Savior. May our gracious God be with 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, Carl & Gisela Wold, Shayla Wagner, Dan Mund, and Bob Arnold*. Please keep them in your prayers.



2 - Barb Koeppe  
Brian Tayer  
3 - Derek Martinson  
4 - Kala Banish  
5 - Travis Smith  
6 - Mike Mund  
7 - Loren Ellefson  
8 - Braiden Mund  
9 - Tracy Hansen

10 - Lacy Kottke  
Bobbi Tompkins  
13 - Ava Bergstrom  
Jeff Roeder  
14 - Heather Edison  
Emilia Martinson  
Dayna Speich  
16 - Kiara Radke

20 - Donald Nelson  
Gary Olson  
21 - Henry Lunneborg  
23 - Amy Bergstrom  
24 - Jack Spellerberg  
26 - Gloria Toyne  
29 - Joey Banish  
Jean Holmgren

## MLC MEMORIALS

### In memory of Gary Springer

From John & Marilyn Lunneborg (Sunday School)  
Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)  
Myron & Lori Yagow (Parsonage Project)

### In memory of Myrna Gibbon

From Marshall & Rachel Lien (ML Cemetery)  
Curt & Vi Mahler (Yarn Angels)  
Myron & Lori Yagow (Parsonage Project)

### In memory of Marvin Duncan

From Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

### In memory of Shirley Kudelka

From Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)  
Myron & Lori Yagow (Parsonage Project)

### In memory of Carol Rysavy

From Myron & Lori Yagow (Parsonage Project)



## Bridal Shower

There will be a come-and-go bridal shower for Briley Johnson, bride-to-be of Kyle Speich, on Saturday, May 15th, from 10:00 - 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Amazon.

# Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

April 14, 2021

Present: Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Diane Wallin, Myron Yagow, Randy Syrstad, Alisha Olson, Kelly Arth, Rick Bryant & Travers Storhaug  
Absent: DeNae Mahler

Motion to accept and approve secretary minutes & treasurer's report from last council meeting March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was made by Myron Yagow, Seconded by Kelly Arth. Motion carried.

## Committee Business

- Worship (Kelly Arth, Deb Wagner)
  - Nothing new to report.
- Stewardship (Diane Wallin, DeNae Mahler)
  - Nothing new to report – If there are any needs known in our community related to pandemic, please contact Diane or DeNae
- Education (Alicia Olson, Randy Syrstad)
  - First Communion schedule – May 2<sup>nd</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> grade) & May 16<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Travers Storhaug, Myron Yagow & Bill Pribula)
  - Parsonage bathroom – Vote will be this Sunday prior to church – Total bid \$10,758.24 – have raised \$8,605 raised so far as of Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Balance still needed to raise is \$2,153.24.

## Pastor's Report

- Lent went well - Rick would like to order new a Lenten service for next year.
- Attendance better at church lately.
- Confirmation was held this past weekend. Confirmation classes have resumed.
- Funeral this past Monday and Gary Springer's funeral next week.
- Pastor will be gone April 25<sup>th</sup> – arrangements have been made to cover for his absence.

## Old Business

- Envelope box for the office door has been ordered and should be installed by next meeting.
- Painting interior church - informal feedback so far has been negative. Lighting has been changed in the church which does brighten things up significantly. This request tabled for now, will re-evaluate as needed.

## New Business:

- Graduates will be honored May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Diane will order cake for seniors.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in person or conference call

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Travers Storhaug, seconded by Diane Wallin, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Wagner, Secretary

March Income	\$11,425.54
March Expenses	7,079.35
Net Income	4,346.19
Year to Date Profit	\$11,389.63

*May Altar Guild*  
*Connie Robbins and Linda Robbins*

Day of Doing Quilters will meet May 18th & 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Yarn Angels will meet May 11th & 25th at 1:30 p.m.

### Furniture Mission Presentation

On Sunday, April 25th, Darrell Costain presented a slide show to the congregation about Furniture Mission, based in Fargo.

Furniture Mission is a non-profit organization that collects gently used furniture and re-gifts it to people in need. People who have experienced a fire, flood, divorce, or homelessness are given furniture at no cost.

All of the couches, chairs, tables, lamps, beds, mattresses, and other items are donated to them by individuals or families who no longer need them. They are stored in a warehouse until those in need are able to pick them up.

Caseworkers from Churches United, Red Cross, and other agencies contact Furniture Mission when they have clients in need of furnishings. Our former pastor Peder Hinderlie is a caseworker for Churches United.

Furniture Mission relies on volunteers from NDSU and Fraser House, along with other groups and individuals, to load and unload the furniture pieces. Furniture Mission depends on financial donations to cover the cost of insurance, rent for the storage building, maintenance of their truck, and other expenses.

Furniture Mission picks up donated items only in the Cass and Clay County areas. Donated items can be delivered to their warehouse on Wednesdays and Thursdays. To learn more about this organization, please visit their website at [www.furnituremissionrrv.org](http://www.furnituremissionrrv.org). They can be reached by phone at 701-729-1410. Financial donations can be sent to P.O. Box 7337, Fargo 58106.



## Immanuel Lutheran Church

*May*

*Worship Services: Sundays at 8:00 a.m.*

*Ushers: Jim Berndt and Duane Lillestol*

*Altar Guild: Vickie Berndt*

*Communion: May 2nd (Landon Mund)*

### **Immanuel Lutheran Council Minutes (unapproved)**

April 21, 2021

The Immanuel Lutheran Council met April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Brenda Gibbon, Jim Berndt, Derek Martinson, Joel Halverson, and Landon Mund.

Joel called the meeting to order. The Secretary's report was read. Motion to accept was made by Derek, seconded by Brenda, motion carried. Derek gave the treasurer's report. All budget items are paid, and we have a \$16,774.74 balance on hand. Brenda made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Jim, motion carried.

Old business included a discussion on what to do with the shed outside Immanuel Lutheran Church.

The council looked at it briefly and went over all options such as replacing, removing, and renovating. The discussion was tabled for the time being.

New business includes the church waiting for a bid from Crossroads Electric for the lights project, 8am service, and the pancake supper. All discussions were tabled.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Landon Mund  
Council Secretary

#### **Seven Students Confirmed at MLC**

Congratulations to the students who were confirmed at Milnor Lutheran on April 11th. They are:

Evelyn Bixby  
Kris Fuhrman  
Sofia Hanna  
Kolten Kadoun  
Amber Kjar  
John Kottke  
Gavin Williams

#### **Red Willow Day Camp 2021**

**June 6, 7, 8**

Milnor Lutheran Church

Sunday: 3PM - 6PM

Monday 9AM - 3PM

Tuesday 9AM - 3PM

For ALL children having completed K - 6  
\$15 per student or \$25 per family  
Registration forms are on the next page