

October 2020
NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

It is my hope and prayer that this newsletter finds everyone well. As I write this newsletter, our farmers are busy in the fields harvesting what hopes to be a bountiful crop. Our gracious God has blessed them with just the right kind of weather to aid them in getting off the crops in a timely manner. God is good.

On Sunday, Oct 4th, we resumed Sunday school here at MLC and having the children back in our midst was such a blessing. To hear their laughter and to see them bouncing around in church was a sight for sore eyes. Their presence seemed to lighten up the church and filled us all with a renewed enthusiasm and hope for what is to come. I will be doing regular children's sermons each and every Sunday. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me, do not stop them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Amen.

I am planning on resuming confirmation classes for our 7th& 8th graders beginning Wednesday, Oct 21st and each Wednesday thereafter at 3:30 p.m. I am beyond excited to begin learning and expanding our Christian faith with these young folks. We will have approximately seven students this year and will confirm two 8th graders this spring.

I want to thank you all for the opportunity to go on vacation this past September. I cherished the opportunity to rest my mind and body and to come back full of renewed energy and the realization that I am so blessed to be able to serve you folks in our churches.

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to be a challenge for us and the world. Our community, once sheltered from Covid, has had an increase in positive tests and we all hear of folks who are in quarantine. This has been a challenge for our schools, churches, hospitals, and businesses. Often I am asked what my thoughts are about safety in our churches and as of late I find myself not having the answers. This ordeal has been a true test of our faith and resilience. I would like to plead with you all to not give up hope and to trust in the Lord. Since the beginning of time God has been challenging his children with trials and tribulations. It sometimes seems that we are in our own 40 year stint in the wilderness. But let us not give up hope. Our God is a loving and caring God and he knows what we are enduring. Let us not forget that our understanding of God's workings are sometimes beyond our human understanding. We need to lean on God now more than many of us can remember. It is my hope and prayer that we rise above our despair and prove to Christ that we are faithful followers, no matter where the road may lead us. Let us pray and then pray some more for His protection and Grace. This unwavering faith and our undying love for Christ who endured hell on earth for all of us will be pleasing in His eyes. He will take notice and our reward will be great.

Please stay safe and cherish each and every day. We cannot tell our loved ones "I love you" enough. If we think about it, we are still blessed in so many ways in our little community. Life is an amazing journey with ups and downs but no matter what, Jesus Christ is always with us, never leaving our side and loving us more than we might ever know. May God bless each and every one of you.

Rick

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

September 14, 2020 @ 7 p.m. (conference call)

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 12th:

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

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

Committee Business

- Worship & Shepherding (Kelly, Lonnie)
 - Rick on vacation Sept 21-30th. Rick does have a fill-in lined up Sept 27th for when he is gone and it is Norma Kjos
 - The disposable communion cups didn't go very well, the traditional communion is what the congregation wants
 - Rick will start doing children's sermon every Sunday on Oct 4th
- Stewardship (Diane, Andrea)
 - Rick got to Forman & saw Harry & Sharon Gainor, but can't get to the Wahpeton/Breckenridge area
- Education (Randy, Alisha)
 - Sunday School is still scheduled to start Oct 4th
 - 3rd grade & pre-school bibles will be distributed on Oct 11th
 - 1st Communion - Rick got a list of this year's 5th & 6th graders from the school. The goal will be to combine them and Rick will reach out to the families to see when they are comfortable scheduling it
- Properties/Grounds/Parsonage (Myron, Travers, Don)
 - Shed update – it's completed and invoice was \$1,850 for labor & \$4,543.21 for Riverside; Rick is putting shelving in himself
 - Parsonage grass was planted on Sept 14th – thanks to the volunteers we had for helping!
 - Lighted cross—it has been ordered & Crossroad's will install it

Pastor's Report

- Rick started college today and is taking 2 courses
- Making plans for confirmation to start the week after Oct 4th
- The attendance at church still hasn't been the greatest, one service was around 40, but then around 18-20; hoping things will pick up

Old Business

- Wedding & policies – addendum still needs to be added to policies for Covid-19 precautions

New Business

- Church office hours will continue to be summer hours-Heidi is confident she can get what she needs done and will work more as needed during busy times
- Benevolences have not been paid this year, Grace wants to know if we want to start paying on them; budgeted amounts below:
 - Lutheran Social Services - \$1,200
 - Missionary - \$2,000
 - Red Willow - \$300
 - Synod - \$3,500
- The decision was made to pay \$2,000 to Synod & \$300 to Red Willow; will discuss more payments in October

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be October 14th at 7 via conference call ; Motion to adjourn by Diane, Andrea seconded, all in favor

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Hogness
Secretary

MLC Financial Report

August Income	\$10,503.22
August Expenses	6,672.84
Net Gain	3,830.38
Year-to-Date Gain	\$ 27,271.20

*October Altar Guild
Sophie Fuhrman and Deb Wagner*

WELCA

**MLC Day-of-Doing Quilters – October 20 & 21 at 9:00 a.m.
Altar Guild Meeting -- Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m.**



WELCA QUILT RAFFLE

Because of COVID 19 concerns, MLC WELCA will not be holding their usual Fall Bazaar & Supper this year. They are, however, raffling off this beautiful quilt made by Bobbi Haugen. Tickets are available from the church office or Milnor Clothing. We are hoping you will buy many tickets or give an extra donation, since we won't have the auction or supper to bring in additional funds. These funds are given to worthy organizations to help people in need and used to fund projects in our church and parsonage. Tickets can be turned in to the church office or Milnor Clothing by December 1st. The drawing will be held December 6th.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People on our prayer lists are *Curt Mahler, Mardell Aabrekke, Bobbi Haugen, Jim Robbins, Avery Moxness, Mary Alice Mund, and MCKayla Keelan*. Please keep them in your prayers.

WELCA MINUTES

The Milnor Lutheran WELCA met in regular session on Sun., September 13 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. There were 8 members present. President Dorothy Pribula called the meeting to order. A review of the 2019 annual minutes were read and approved.

Old Business:

A pledge of \$3000 had been made for the parsonage bathroom renovation project. The council asked if \$500 of this amount could be used for a utility shed at the parsonage as that was a priority. WELCA agreed to donate the \$500 and designate the remaining \$2500 toward the future bathroom remodel once a sewer problem was fixed. The sewer has now been fixed.

Milnor WELCA donated a quilt to Red Willow Bible Camp auction. It brought \$470. The quilt top was donated by Carol Peterson. Janice Larson delivered it to the quilter in Valley City and Bobbi Haugen did the finish work.

It was decided to sell all remaining boxed greeting cards and napkins that are in the Parish Hall case. A price of \$4.00/box and \$1.00 for napkins will be asked. Any remaining will be donated.

Love Offering Packets were not distributed this year due to the Pandemic. We had no students attend Bible Camp as it was canceled this year as well.

New Business:

The Fall Bazaar was discussed and decided not to hold this annual event due to the Pandemic. The quilt has been made by Bobbi Haugen and will still be raffled as usual by sending out tickets to all congregational members. The quilt will be displayed at Milnor Clothing for a time and also a few Sundays prior to the drawing which will be held Sun., Dec. 6. Ticket sales are scheduled to begin mid October.

The Christmas Tea was also discussed. Patty Ellefson has contacted a speaker who is available but no definite plans have been made. It was decided to wait until early November to make a final decision on whether to host the Tea this year. A suggestion was made to have a "Valentine's Tea" if not able to hold in Dec. due to the Pandemic.

The budget was reviewed and discussed for next year. Our available funds will be less since there was no Love Offering and no bazaar supper and auction. In order to fund some church projects and meet our budgeted charity donations, we will be asking members to include an extra donation along with their quilt ticket purchases.

No date was set for the next meeting.

Patty Ellefson
Secretary

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Karen Edison

From Linda Costain (ML Cemetery)
Royce & Noreen Granlund (MLC)
Dick & Pat Kuehn (MLC)
Joan Lunneborg (MLC)
Curt & Vi Mahler (Day of Doing)
Craig & Kathy Rysavy (MLC)
Gary & Phylis Springer (Day of Doing)
Alice Wehlender (MLC Sunday School)

In memory of Norma Brekke

From Linda Costain (ML Cemetery)

Online Giving

To donate online:

- 1) Go to tithe.ly
- 2) Click on "Sign up for free in 5 minutes."
- 3) Select "Give to my church."

Click the "Give Online" button. Create an account-- it is the same one you can use as an app on your phone or on their website. Select Milnor Lutheran or Immanuel Lutheran. You can set up a recurring donation, or simply make a one-time contribution.

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

- Sunday School begins October 4th.
- Teachers and staff will be installed and Bibles will be presented to new pre-schoolers and 3rd graders on Sunday, October 11th, during the worship service.
- No lunches are being served this fall.
- There will be no Sunday School on October 25th.

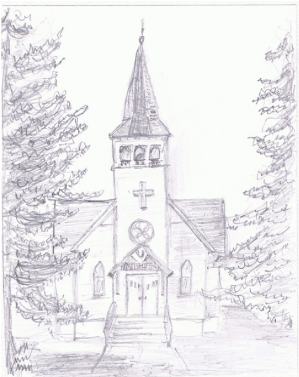
If you have questions about Sunday School, please contact Greta Buskohl (427-5646) or Mary Yagow (427-5023).



1 - Marjorie Johnson
2 - Mary Yagow
3 - Jan Carlson
9 - Marla Banish
Greta Buskohl

11 - Aleia Ferderer
Oline Nelson
14 - Dan Henning
Rachel Lien

17 - Brent Bergstrom
24 - Dick Kuehn
25 - Brooks Hogness
28 - Kristin Lunneborg
31 - Emilee Bergstrom



Immanuel Lutheran Church

October

Worship Services:

Sundays at 8:00 a.m.*

October Ushers: James Martinson & Tanner Martinson

October Altar Guild: Tammy Martinson and Kelsy Martinson

***Early services will continue through
the remaining Sundays in October.**

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, October 21st, at 3:30 p.m.