

July/August 2021

NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

Hello friends in Christ! I hope that you all had a wonderful and safe 4th of July weekend. It sure was a warm weekend! As I write this newsletter, the Lord has seen fit to provide us with much needed rain. It should come as no surprise, as our Loving God always provides for our needs. Hopefully this rain will nurture and grow the crops and fields and ease some of stress of our farmers and ranchers. Please continue to pray for the well-being of our community. Also pray for those among us who are facing health challenges. God is listening!

Melissa and I have been doing some fishing together and we absolutely love spending time together in the boat. She is a terrific fishing partner and often out-fishes me. She continues to be blessed with good health. Fishing aside, we cherish this time together in God's creation, and it has been a blessing in our relationship. Husbands—you might have a long-lost fishing/outdoor buddy right next to you!! River has been busy with on-line schooling and is working at the Milnor Pool as a lifeguard. He is going for customer of the year at the Keg.

I want to remind everybody that there will be no church services at our churches on July 18th. However, there will be a community-wide church service at Freedom Park in Milnor at 10:00 a.m. It is my hope that the all-school reunion will renew old acquaintances and form new friendships in our tight-knit community. Also, a friendly reminder that the July/August newsletters are combined.

For the month of July, we are participating in helping deliver meals. This is a wonderful way to show our love

for our neighbors and to make a difference in someone's day. Please reach out to Lone Foley (427-9409) if you are able to help in any way.

Speaking of food. There will be a mobile food pantry in Forman on July 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot at the Sargent County Courthouse. You do not need to pre-register. Simply show up to receive nutritious food.

The contractors have been at the parsonage a few times and it appears they are gearing up to start on the bathroom project in the basement. We are so excited at the thought of a new bathroom and shower. Our teenage son takes more and longer showers and not having to wait will be a blessing. Thanks again to you all for your support of this project. The new grass at the parsonage really seems to be doing well. An expert told me we probably got 95% coverage of the lawn, which is amazing for re-seeding new grass. I am continuing to water the grass at the parsonage to ensure this new grass gets established. I have also seeded more grass with the hopes of filling in some of the thin spots.

As I travel around the county, it is evident that Sargent County is growing and more families are making their home here. Please let us all be welcoming to these families and help them to feel "at home." Also, I encourage you to invite new people to our churches that they might feel the same joy and love that we do each Sunday.

I wish you all a great rest of your summer. Before we know it summer will be over and fall upon us. Please reach out to me anytime for anything. May the love of our gracious God be with you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People on our prayer lists are *Dan Mund, Carol Hogness, Kit Mund, Curt Mahler, Bobbi Haugen, Jim Robbins, Linda Robbins, Patty Cross, Carl & Gisela Wold, Shayla Wagner, Bob Arnold, Steve Schutt, and Scott Warner*. Please keep them in your prayers.



July/August Birthdays

July

2 - Mike Martinson
Shirley Mund
4 - Greyson Arth
7 - Tom Hogness
8 - Randy Syrstad
9 - Wanda Hogness
13 - Abigail Lunneborg
Darick Yagow
14 - Jeri Christiansen
17 - Linda Martinson
19 - Bud Kuehn
20 - Janice Larson
23 - Jerome Johnson
Jason Kottke
24 - Donna Johnson

26 - Jeanette Buskohl
Payton Lien
27 - Adam Martinson
28 - Tanner Martinson
Alisha Olson
30 - River Bryant
David Lunneborg

August

3 - Lacey Ferderer
4 - Carson Roeder
5 - Joel Halvorson
6 - Carson Deyle
Jolene Schwalk
Holden Yagow
7 - Easton Fyre
Paula Tayer

8 - Kevin Peterson
9 - Terry Dusek
10 - Florence Dahlstrom
12 - Brayden Larson
17 - Judy Anderson
Jim Kleingarn
19 - Debbe Ellefson
Gwyn Kuehn
Steve Metzen
20 - Lance Hogness
23 - Brinley Yagow
26 - Brenda Gibbon
27 - Tammy Martinson
29 - Brooke Peterson
30 - Dan Mund
David Robbins

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

The Stewardship Committee has decided to highlight quarterly opportunities for gifts and donations beyond our walls. From July through September the stewardship spotlight is on **Sargent County Food Pantry**. The staff happily reports their shelves are well stocked at this time. One item that is always welcome and needed is fresh produce. We invite Milnor Lutheran gardeners to donate extra produce to the pantry. Please call 680-7049 to coordinate delivery. The second site in Gwinner makes it even easier to share. Thank you for sharing your blessings in our community and beyond!

Andrea Hogness, DeNae Mahler, Diane Wallin
Stewardship Committee Members

The Sargent County Mobile Food Pantry will be in the parking lot of the Courthouse in Forman on Wednesday, July 21st, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome. No preregistration required. Pick-up is limited to two families per car. You will receive non-perishables and perishables.

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

June 9, 2021

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

Meeting opened with a prayer from Rick. Secretary and treasurer's report reviewed. Motion made by Myron Yagow to accept and approve reports, seconded by Deb Wagner. Motion carried.

Committee Business

• Worship (Kelly Arth, Deb Wagner)

○ Service with liturgy went over well this past week. Will look at moving into more liturgy in the fall.

○ Shepherding groups – Diane will talk to Heidi and coordinate getting things started again. This will include putting up the numbers for hymns, presenting the collection plate, communion assistants as well as readers. For now, will continue to not have ushers/greeters.

○ It was asked that we resume shepherding groups serving coffee and bars after church for the summer. This upcoming Sunday is already taken care of so will start this June 20th. Diane will work with Heidi to let Shepherding leaders know.

○ Discussed church service July 4th as it falls on Sunday this year. It was decided that we would not have services that Sunday. It was also agreed that there would be no church at MLC on July 18th – as that is the All-School Reunion and there will be an ecumenical service up in Freedom Park @ 10-11am.

• Stewardship (Diane Wallin, DeNae Mahler)

○ Current quarter focus will be on the Furniture mission. Next quarter will be Sargent County food bank – specifically fresh garden items are needed. It has been noted that some of the items being left in the food bank pick up bin are expired. Will ask Heidi to put a reminder in the

bulletin for everyone donating to please to check for expiration dates.

- Education (Alicia Olson, Randy Syrstad)
 - Vacation bible school finished yesterday.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Travers Storhaug, Myron Yagow & Bill Pribula)
 - Basement update – Waiting for shower unit to arrive. Things are on hold until that arrives.
 - Diane will take care of local gift certificates as thank you for Brian Tayer for snow removal.
 - Windows up by altar on the peak facing West have some cracks, should be looked at.

Pastor's Report – nothing new to report

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

- A request was brought to a council member to continue monthly communion rather than increasing to twice a month as was the decision from last meeting. After discussion, board agreed with previous decision to have communion on 1st and 3rd Sunday.
- Discussed schedule for council meeting. Motion was made by Travers Storhaug that we do not have a scheduled meeting in July and August unless something comes up. Motion was seconded by Myron Yagow – motion carried.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be September 8th at 7pm in person or conference call.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Deb Wagner, seconded by Diane Wallin, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wagner, Secretary

May Income	\$ 9,258.41
May Expenses	11,005.63
Net Loss	(1,747.22)
Year to Date Profit	\$ 10,580.43

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Dorene Brown

From: Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

In memory of Wayne Ellefson

From: Tammy & Gary Bernhardt (ML Cemetery)
Jeanette Buskohl (Day of Doing)
Pat Sebens Freese (MLC Improvement)
Andrea & Steve Hogness (Parsonage Project)
Marshall & Rachel Lien (ML Cemetery)
Craig & Kathy Rysavy (Parsonage Project)
Dale Torreson (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Nancy Gulsvig

From: Carl & Oline Nelson (Day of Doing)
Myron & Lori Yagow (MLC)

In memory of Geraldine Nogowski

From: Jim & Judy Kleingarn (MLC)

In memory of Ed Slaubaugh

From: Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Day of Doing)

In memory of Gary Springer

From: Lynn & Mary Johnson (MLC)

Photos from VBS/Day Camp held at MLC June 6th-8th



Altar Guild

July - Vi Mahler and Tracy Nelson

August - Janice Larson & Gail McCleery

**Day of Doing Quilters will meet July 20th & 21st and August 17th & 18th
at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Yarn Angels will meet July 13th & 27th and August 10th & 24th at 1:30 p.m.

July Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Curt & Jean Anderson and Bill & Dorothy Pribula

July 4 -- No Worship--Holiday

July 11 -- Usher (Offering Presentation): Curt Anderson; Lector: Donna Johnson;
Communion Servers: Curt & Jean Anderson

July 18 --No Worship (School Reunion)

July 25 --Usher (Offering Presentation): Bill Pribula; Lector: Lois Jenson

Thank you to everyone who serves and supports our church. Each family is invited to donate \$10.00 annually to the shepherding fund. This is used to buy food for meals served at funerals.

2021 Milnor Lutheran Church Summer Lunches

The Shepherding groups are asked to do the fellowship lunches after church again this year starting on June 20th and going through September 5th. Shepherding families will be in charge of making 40 cups of coffee, 2 pitchers of kool-aid, and soliciting 2 large pans of bars. (2 dozen cookies or 2 dozen muffins can substitute for a pan of bars). They will also need to schedule servers for those Sundays.

June 20	January/July	August 1	May/November
June 27	February/August	August 8	June/December
July 4	No church--holiday	August 15	January/July
July 11	March/September	August 22	February/August
July 18	No church--reunion	August 29	March/September
July 25	April/October	Sept. 5	April/October

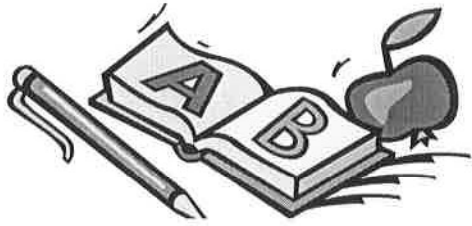
If you have questions, please call Diane Wallin (427-9279).

Donations for Sisseton

The Day of Doing Quilters continue to collect children's clothing, sizes Newborn through 18 years, for the Childcare Protection Program at the Reservation at Sisseton, SD. **Especially needed** right now are baby and toddler-sized clothing and winter coats for all ages. Thank you to everyone who donates to this cause.

School Kits

MLC WELCA will be filling 59 school bags for Lutheran World Relief this year. So when school supplies go on sale, please remember to pick up a few items to help those less fortunate. Supplies needed this year are:



- 70-sheet notebooks, wide or college-ruled (236 needed)
- Pencil sharpeners (49 needed)
- Blunt-end scissors (50 needed)
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) (246 needed)
- Pencils, #2 unsharpened with erasers (205 needed)
- 16 or 24 ct. boxes of crayons (53 needed)
- Rulers (57 needed)
- Erasers --2 1/2 inch (30 needed)

Thank you to Joy Christiansen, who has made over 700 bags for this program since 2009, and to all who have donated supplies.

Other WELCA Notes

-Red Willow Bible Camp is having its annual Quilt Auction on Saturday, August 28th, at their location in Binford, ND. The schedule for the auction is posted on the bulletin board at MLC. They are selling raffle tickets for a twin-sized quilt donated by Designer Fabrics in Carrington, ND. Tickets are \$5 and are available from Janice Larson.

-The Annual Meeting of the Eastern ND Women of the ELCA will be held on Saturday, September 18th, at Park River Bible Camp in Park River, ND. The Main Speaker is Kevin Wallevand, who will be speaking on Immigration and Children in Crisis. Registrations are due by August 15th.

Parsonage Update

Who is ready for some good news? The shower unit has arrived! This was the missing puzzle piece to the bathroom project. Now our crews can get back to work.

To bring you up to date on project finances, currently there is \$11,510.01 in the fund. \$3,130.24 has been paid, mainly for materials. Our larger bills will come as work resumes. We appreciate all the generous donations already received. If you would like to contribute in a more personal way, you can sponsor a bathroom accessory in memory of or in honor of someone special. If you choose to do so, please send a check to the church office. Your gift will be recognized in the church newsletter and on Facebook unless you ask to remain anonymous. Items that can be sponsored are:

shower faucet/lever	\$211
2 vanity lights	\$ 60 (\$30 each)
medicine cabinet	\$ 40
closet handles	\$ 20
towel bar	\$ 19

While working with the Bryants, the church council learned the parsonage basement wasn't connected to the air conditioning system installed years ago. Crossroads estimated they could easily add vents to the existing ducts for no more than \$500. The council voted to do the work and it was completed before the summer heat started.

-Parsonage Committee

WELCA MINUTES

The Milnor Lutheran WELCA met Monday, May 17 at 10:00 AM with 8 members present. The meeting was called to order by President, Dorothy Pribula. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$3800.00.

Old Business:

The Love Offering envelopes have been mailed and are due June 1. There are 9 students eligible to attend this year. There may be students from the Methodist church also wanting to attend. Red Willow is finding it difficult to hire high school and college aged counselors and may be using Jr High age students to fill these positions. Some parents have expressed concern about this, as these student counselors would be the same age as their child. Donna Johnson is collecting a list of those able to attend and will ask parents if they would like to wait and send their child along with next year's class. Money from the Love Offering would be saved for this purpose next year.

A mail slot was installed in the office door by Bill Pribula.

A \$3000 pledge had been made by WELCA for the parsonage bathroom project in 2019. A \$500 portion was given to the parsonage storage shed project last summer. Donna Johnson will talk to Grace Prante to let her know that WELCA is able to pay up to \$2500 on the bathroom project if needed.

New Business:

WELCA will contribute to summer bible camp if funding is needed.

Flower pots are needing to be planted at church. Patty Ellefson volunteered to plant the pots and Kristie Johnson offered to water them throughout the summer. WELCA will purchase the flowers.

It was decided to have the Fall Bazaar this year. Dates were discussed and Sun., Oct. 10 was chosen as the desired date with Sun., Oct., 24 an alternate date. It's not sure if we can hire Dale Haugen as auctioneer because he has retired, but Dorothy Pribula will see if he's willing. If the auction is not possible, a silent auction might be an option.

Linda Costain made a suggestion to have the soup and sandwich luncheon closer to noon, after church, instead of the evening event. Everyone seemed interested in trying this idea. The quilt will be sewn by Bobbi Haugen.

It was also decided to host the Christmas Tea this year. Patty Ellefson will contact Jana Sipe Berndt from Breckenridge to be our guest speaker. She is an author and her message is on rediscovering joy thru a season of loss.

Dorothy has purchased gifts from WELCA to give for those church members getting married.

The Eastern ND Women of the ELCA annual meeting will be held Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Park River Bible Camp. Guest speaker will be Kevin Wallevand. The topic is Immigration and Children in Crisis. Registration is due Aug., 15. Contact Dorothy if interested in attending. Officers are needed on the Synod Board and must apply by July 20. Again, contact Dorothy if interested. Yarn is needed for the Prison Ministry Collection Project. Donations can be brought to the convention in September or given to the James River Correctional Center. Items made with the yarn donations will be given to homeless shelters.

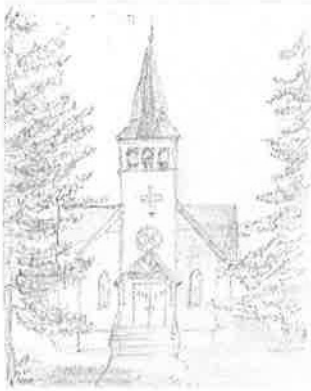
Sunday School bags (59) have been sewn for Lutheran World Relief and need to have cords inserted. A list of school supplies will be listed in the bulletin and newsletter this summer and assembled. There could be other projects WELCA could do in future years instead of the school bags including Personal Care Kits or Baby Kits. We will decide later if one of these others projects will be started next year.

Linda Costain gave a report on Darrell Costain's Furniture Mission. He collects furniture and household items to give to needy families in the Fargo area. It was discussed and decided this could be a project for WELCA. We could collect items and take to Fargo once we find out their specific needs.

Senior Recognition Sunday is May 23. Day of Doing will give quilts to the graduates.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13th at 10:00 AM.

Secretary,
Patty Ellefson



Immanuel Lutheran Church

July

Usher: Harlan Hogness

Altar Guild: Sandy Hogness

August

Ushers: Joel Halvorson and Derek Martinson

Altar Guild: Heidi Moxness

Communion: July 11th and August 1st

Summer Worship: Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

No worship July 4th or 18th

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 16, 2021

The Immanuel Lutheran Council met June 16th, 2021 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Pastor Bryant, 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 Jim, motion carried. Derek gave the treasurer's report. All but a couple small budget items are paid, and we have a \$19,128.93 balance on hand. Brenda made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Landon, motion carried.

Pastor Rick spoke about exploring week-long intensive courses for his ordination and about the work he has put in landscaping at the Parsonage.

Old business included a brief discussion on the Church's shed. Arlin is heading a committee and searching for a carpenter. The project is up in the air. Larry is still trying to connect with Crossroads on fixing the lights in the Church. The council decided to check back with him.

The council voted in favor of having 8am service until September. Brenda made a motion to accept, seconded by Jim, motion carried.

Lastly, the Pancake Supper is planned for September 12th. Derek made a motion to accept, seconded by Landon, motion carried.

New business included a discussion on the Church's donations and allocating some funds to the Abuse Resource Network. Discussions were tabled for the time being.

The council also voted for no church service on July 4th and 18th. Brenda made a motion to accept, seconded by Jim, motion carried.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 18th. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Landon Mund
Council Secretary