

March 2021

NEWSLETTER



**Milnor Lutheran and
Immanuel Lutheran Churches**

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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

My, where does the time go? As I write this, it is March 1st and the upcoming forecast calls for temps in the 50's. Maybe we have defeated another North Dakota winter? I suspect our farmers and ranchers will begin preparing their equipment for another year of feeding the world. We pray for their safety and a favorable weather year along with good commodity prices.

We are now two weeks into the 2021 Lenten season. Lent is a wonderful time of year in which we pause the busyness of our lives and focus on the Messiah and the ultimate sacrifice He made in walking the earth fully human, yet fully divine. The gift of Christ defeating death, offering grace, and assuring our salvation deserves our full devotion and appreciation not only this Lenten season, but all year around. And you folks do just that. It is such an honor and blessing to worship and honor Jesus Christ with you all. Your sense of community, family, church, and God is no doubt pleasing in the eyes of our Savior and makes this little prairie community a wonderful place to live and call home for everyone.

Moving forward, we will continue to alternate Wednesday church services at MLC and ILC. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 6:00 p.m. at both locations, with services beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday services will be held at Immanuel on Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday services will be held at Milnor Lutheran on Friday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. I am going to wait to post times and locations for Easter Sunday pending direction from the church councils. Stay tuned.

The decision has been made to wait until fall to resume Sunday School. Confirmation classes will resume the Wednesday after Easter Sunday. Now that Covid-19 appears to be waning, I will be making firm plans and dates for Confirmation ceremonies and administering first communion to 5th and 6th graders. These dates will be announced ASAP. I am currently taking one class as I continue the journey of ordination. After this class, I will have completed 5 classes of the 16 required to become ordained. It is my hope to travel to Wartburg Seminary this summer to take some of the required on-campus classes. There is so much to learn and I cherish learning about all things God.

In closing, I wish to leave you with the comforting words of David from 1 Chronicles 16:34, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever."

May the God of mercy and love 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, Judy Zimmerman, Dan Mund, and Mary Alice Mund*. Please keep them in your prayers.



4 - Danielle Hogness
5 - Jace Fyre
7 - Hailyn Berndt
Patty Ellefson
Isaac Kottke
12 - Jean Anderson
13 - Rick Bryant
Lynne Michels
14 - Christina Syrstad

15 - Kristie Johnson
16 - Jim Berndt
Jim Robbins
17 - Avery Laudert
19 - Barb Odegard
20 - Carolyn Colby
22 - Tania Henning
James Martinson
Gary Springer

23 - Loran Hudson
24 - Melissa Bryant
Jerilyn Yagow
27 - Jill Gainor
30 - Pete Christiansen
Jim Toyne
31 - Braylon Wyum

2021 LENTEN SERVICES

March 3rd
March 10th
March 17th
March 24th

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All Lenten services begin at 7:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich suppers begin at 6:00 each time.

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Mardell Aabrekke

From: Kenneth Metzen (ML Cemetery)
Alice Wehlander (MLC Sunday School)

In memory of Geraldine Nogowski

From: Curt & Vi Mahler (Yarn Angels)

In memory of Donna Tompkins

From: Steve & Debbe Ellefson (ML Cemetery)
Pam Gabel (MLC Improvement)
Steve & Andrea Hogness (MLC Improvement)
Bruce & Dayna Speich (MLC)

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 14th. Remember to turn your clocks ahead.

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

February 10, 2021

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 13th, 2021: Motion to approve from Randy, Alicia seconded, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for January: Motion to approve from Deb Wagner, DeNae Mahler seconded, motion carried.

Committee Business

- Worship (Kelly Arth, Deb Wagner)
 - Lenten services soup & sandwiches were discussed, and it was decided to proceed with soup and sandwiches prior to the services. Luther league will be responsible for meal and Rick talked to Jasmine about meals last night. They are ready to proceed, just waiting on council's ok. DeNae will get a hold of Jasmine and update her on decision.
- Stewardship (Diane Wallin, DeNae Mahler)
 - Andrea sent note to Heidi to put in newsletter for 2 projects we wish to complete in 2021 – church lighting & parsonage bathroom.
- Education (Alicia Olson, Randy Syrstad)
 - Confirmation class is large and there have been some behavior issues. Rick is working on some options and Melissa will be joining Rick in class to help. There are 8 - 7th graders and 2 - 8th graders.
 - Sunday school restart: Randy and Alicia will talk with Greta and Mary regarding restart. Tentative goal to restart the 21st but will set a definitive date after talking with superintendents.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Travers Storhaug, Myron Yagow & Bill Pribula)
 - Church lighting - Myron tested a couple of Led bulbs, They are very bright, one had a fan which would be very loud and not an option, we are leaving second option up to get congregation input. Will also contact

Crossroads and have them give us estimates and options for possibly replacing the fixtures instead of just changing to bright bulbs.

- Broken mirror in medicine cabinet at parsonage – will need replacement. Rick will take measurements and let us know cost.

Pastor's Report

- Class will start again this week for Rick. After this class he will be 1/3 way to ordination. Synod has given another donation for his education classes.
- Lent – program for Lent was purchased last year but was not used due to COVID, so planning on using this service this year. Ash Wed starts next week.

Old Business

- WELCA will be purchasing an envelope box for the office door; the council is in support of this (this is still in progress)
- Wi-Fi Password – has been posted on the bulletin board for the Wifi – Deb will talk with Heidi regarding the wifi in the fellowship hall as that seems to have different security settings.

New Business

- Election of officers
 - Bill Pribula nominated & seconded for President; motion carried.
 - Myron Yagow nominated & seconded for Vice President; motion carried.
 - Deb Wagner nominated & seconded for Secretary; motion carried.
- Parsonage Bathroom in basement - Patty Ellefson, Diane Wallin & Myron Yagow will coordinate a meet with Rick, Melissa and Nick Lee to take a look at the bathroom and what is needed.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be March 9th at 8pm (after Lenten services, in person or conference call). Motion to adjourn by Bill, Deb seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wagner, Secretary

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| February Income | \$ 7,005.18 |
| February Expenses | 6,384.68 |
| Net Income | 620.50 |
| Year to Date Profit | \$ 7,043.44 |

*March Altar Guild
Janice Larson and Gail McCleery*

MLC Day-of-Doing Quilters

The Day of Doing Quilters will meet March 16th & 17th in the Fellowship Hall.
They also continue to collect used children's clothing for the Childcare Protection Program at the Reservation at Sisseton, SD.

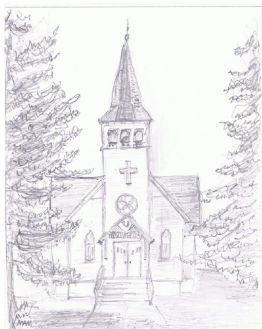
Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

- Sunday School will not be held until next fall.
- VBS/Day Camp will be held June 6 - 8th. Save the date!

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

MLC Notes

- Thrivent Members remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars by the end of March.
Phone 1-800-847-4836
- Please remember our current improvement projects when you have memorials or other donations:
Church lighting: There is need for improvement of the lighting in the sanctuary.
Parsonage Basement Bathroom – We have a start on funds for this project but need more to complete it.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

March

Worship Services: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
March Ushers: Larry Moxness and Arlin Mund
March Altar Guild: Mary Moxness and Melinda Mund
Communion: March 7th
Lenten Services: March 10 and 24 @ 7:00 p.m.