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# NEWSLETTER



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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, it finally appears that spring is here to stay. Spring sure has been slow in coming this year, but the forecast calls for much warmer temperatures and sunny conditions, which will hopefully enable our farmers to get going on their spring planting.

The latter part of April and the month of May will be busy and a time of great excitement. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> our 5<sup>th</sup> graders received their First Communion. Thank you all for supporting them as they continue their spiritual journey. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be confirming 8 confirmands as new members of MLC. It has been a joy to teach and to learn from these young folks. A big "thank you" to the students for your hard work over the past two years, and many thanks to the parents for their support. On May 14<sup>th</sup> we will honor the graduating seniors of 2023. This is an "all boys" class, and we wish these young men the best as they set out into the world. They will for sure do amazing things! Also on May 14<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Mother's Day and give thanks for all of the amazing moms in our midst. Mothers are the "backbone" of the family and we thank God for them. I think it is so plain to see that God is at work in our little churches.

MLC will be hosting a three-day Red Willow Bible Camp/VBS on June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. This camp is for ALL children who have completed grades K-6. This will be a 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.

ILC held their annual Pancake feed on April 16<sup>th</sup> and as always, it was a great success. Starting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, ILC will move their Sunday service time to 8:00 a.m.

I will be on vacation May 28<sup>th</sup> and will be gone that entire week. I thank you for the opportunity to enjoy God's creation and re-charge my batteries. Work is in progress to find a fill-in event or guest speaker for that date. Stay tuned.

I leave you with the wise and exciting words of Isaiah 43: 18-19. *"Do not remember the past events; pay no attention to things of old. Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it?"*

May our gracious God be with you all.

Rick

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Toni Claus, Kit Mund, Bill Larson, Andrea Coppin, Jill Wehlender, Mary Alice Mund, Shyrlee Friskop, Lorie Skarpness, Carol Hogness, Mark Thorson, Mary Engst, and Julianne Rotenberger*. 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.



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

10 - Lacy Kottke  
Bobbi Tompkins  
13 - Ava Bergstrom  
Jeff Roeder  
Teresa Toyne-Dick  
14 - Heather Edison  
Emilia Martinson  
Morgan Prante  
Dayna Speich

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

## Rummage Sale at MLC

There will be a rummage sale at MLC the first weekend in June, proceeds from which will go to help build the new Vet's building in Milnor. Donations can be brought to the church anytime. Please leave them in the basement in the hall by the restrooms or, if stairs are a problem, just leave them in the entry and someone else will take them down. (Please remember we are not able to accept TVs, computers, or monitors.) Thank you!

## Riding for Dreams

Riding for Dreams, adaptive riding program, will be holding a volunteer training day May 13 3:30-5:30 (supper to follow!) at their NEW arena a mile east of Lisbon on Highway 27, 6700 132nd Avenue SE. If you have thought about being a volunteer, here is your chance to learn about all the opportunities to help area children with physical and cognitive challenges. Contact Lonnie Rotenberger 427-5525 or Diane Wallin 427-9279 with any questions. See you on May 13th!



## Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower for Taelor Splonskowski, bride-to-be of Jeremy Griggs, at MLC on Saturday, May 13th, at 10:30 a.m. She is registered at Target and Amazon.

## Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2023

Present: Randy Syrstad, Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Rick Bryant, Nate Sundquist, Jason Kottke, Kris Lien, DeNae Martinson, Alisha Olson; Absent: Jill Baldwin

Meeting was opened by President Bill Pribula.

Devotion read by Pastor Rick.

Secretary's minutes & Treasurer's Reports were reviewed, no questions or corrections. Motion made to approve minutes as recorded by Alisha Olson, seconded by Kris Lien. Motion carried.

### Committee Business

- Worship (Deb & Jill) – Update on Acolytes, will probably not get this going yet this year as confirmation/Sunday School is winding down for the year. Per Pastor Rick, will plan to start this again this fall. Noisy offering will be coming up next Sunday and there will be a speaker coming from the Ronald McDonald House that will take the place of the sermon.
- Stewardship (DeNae & Jason)- Nothing new to report.
- Education (Randy & Alisha) – Couple more weeks until done for the year. Nothing new to report.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Kris & Nate)
  - Altar Windows – (standing item- waiting on contractor)
  - Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows. (Standing item- waiting on contractor)- Kris will reach out to contractor now that weather has improved.
  - Landscape cement timbers for flower beds – Depending on weather, will hopefully be able to complete this within the next month. The group will meet after church on Sunday to look at this.
  - Church floor tile – nothing new to report.

- Library/Cry Room closet update – Waiting for product delivery.

**Pastor's Report** – Just completed Lent, good attendance when we were able to have services. First Communion will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Rick will be meeting with kids and parents next Monday. Confirmation will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> and Senior Recognition will be on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor just finished an online class. Is hoping to get 1 or 2 intensive sessions completed this summer.

### Old Business

- Direct stream video camera – Waiting for DRN to contact Deb for installation of camera.
- Garage for Parsonage Update – no update, waiting for an update from Riverside regarding the plans.
- Luther League Leaders – We are still looking for leaders, Pastor has talked with one individual, but nothing definitive yet.
- Council Size – Looking at adding a range rather than locking us into 9 as we currently have. Pastor Rick will contact Synod this week and see about getting and outline of the process for changing our Bylaws – will plan to work on this at May meeting.
- Bathroom Door in Women's stall update – unable to get exact match to latch on there. Latch does close presently but is an alternative solution.

### New Business

- Pastor Vacation Request – May 28<sup>th</sup>. Will look at alternatives for that day.

Motion made by Kris Lien to adjourn meeting, seconded by Jason Kottke.

**Next Meeting: May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.**

### MLC Financial Report:

March Income	\$ 6,851.74
March Expenses	8,318.45
Net Loss	-1,466.71
Year to Date	\$ 583.47

*May Altar Guild*  
*Vi Mahler and Tracy Nelson*

# WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet May 16th and 17th at 9:00 a.m.  
Yarn Angels will meet May 9th and 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

## HEALTH KITS

During May and June, MLC WELCA will be collecting items to provide health kits for men and women to Churches United in Fargo. Needed items are:

Towels and washcloths  
Bars of soap  
Shampoo  
Combs  
Fingernail clippers  
Toothbrushes and toothpaste  
Dental floss

If you can pick up a few items to contribute to this project, it would be appreciated. There's a table in the Fellowship Hall for donations. Thanks!

## MLC MEMORIALS

### **In memory of Betty Lunneborg**

From: John & Betty Anderson (MLC)  
Jeanette Buskohl (Sunday School)  
Pete & Jeri Christiansen (MLC Improvement)  
Debbe Ellefson (ML Cemetery)  
Jim & Ione Foley (MLC Improvement)  
Pat Sebens Freese (MLC)  
Royce & Noreen Granlund (Day of Doing)  
Monty & Bobbi Haugen (ML Cemetery)  
The Loren Kramer Family (Luther League)  
Marshall & Rachel Lien (MLC)  
Jon & Kim Mund (MLC)  
Donald & Tracy Nelson (Sunday School)

Bill & Dorothy Pribula (Day of Doing)  
David & Connie Robbins (Day of Doing)  
Gary & Diane Wallin (MLC)  
Alice Wehlander (Yarn Angels)  
Myron & Lori Yagow (MLC)

### **In memory of Ruth Asche**

From: Jeanette Buskohl (Sunday School)  
Jim & Ione Foley (MLC Improvement)  
Myron & Lori Yagow (Sunday School)

### **In memory of Deanne Else**

From : Pat Olson (MLC)



## WELCA MINUTES

WELCA met in regular session Monday, April 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM. The meeting was called to order by President Dorothy Pribula. There were 8 members present. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The present balance is \$5478.45.

### Old Business:

- Confirmation students are asked to register for Red Willow summer bible camp. At this time, only 2 students have signed up. An early bird sign-up discount is no longer offered so students can register anytime until camp.
- The Parsonage basement project has been completed.

### New Business:

- Outdoor flower pots will be planted by Dorothy Pribula and watered throughout the summer by Kristie Johnson. The corner flower areas will be dug out and replanted.
- Love Offering Packets will be mailed to families in May.
- The Day of Doing storage closet will begin soon. This is going to be built in the library. A motion was made that WELCA would donate \$2000.00 to this project.
- Yarn Angels has requested a donation. They are in need of yarn. They are making afghans and giving to Furniture Mission of Fargo. They give an afghan with every couch to those in need. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$500.00 to this organization.

- Yarn Angels gave 2 afghans to the Ronald McDonald House, and Day of Doing gave 16 children's blankets. A suggestion was made to place a tote in each church in town to collect any yarn donations.
- A motion was made and seconded to donate \$200.00 to the Ronald McDonald House in Fargo.
- A quilt will be made by Bobbi Haugen for the 2023 Fall Bazaar.
- When items are charged to WELCA at the grocery store, please make sure it is charged to that account. This will help clear up any discrepancies.
- Discussion was held on whether WELCA would assemble health kits this year for World Missions. A suggestion was made to give more locally, possibly YWCA or Churches United of Fargo. Janice Larsen will look at their websites to find what items are needed.
- A gift will be given to the bridal shower in May.
- Sonshine Committee is needing a volunteer who is willing to mail sympathy and get-well cards to members that are sick or have lost a family member. Linda Costain offered to help if someone else would be willing to serve with her. A request will be placed in the bulletin.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept 6 at 10:00AM. Ticket booklets for the Fall Bazaar will be assembled after the meeting.

Secretary,  
Patty Ellefson

### Yarn Angels

Our Yarn Angels group is in need of more yarn. If you have some you're not using, please consider donating it. There's a tote in the entry. Thanks!

## The Parable of the Good Samaritan and The Ronald McDonald House in Fargo.

In the Book of Luke 10: 25-37 the parable of the Good Samaritan tells of a man that is in need of help along side a road. A priest and a Levite pass by him.. But a Samaritan stops to render aid. There are several definitions of the word “**Neighbor.**” One definition is “any person in need of one’s help or kindness.”

On Sunday, April 16, Jakelle Hoffman, development director, of the Ronald McDonald House in Fargo spoke to the congregation during the worship service. She informed us of the many services provided by the RMH. This was our “Noisy Offering” Event fundraiser. We collected coins, cash, checks and can tabs from various individuals, families and groups. The RMH depends on generous donations. The donations make the Ronald McDonald House a “**Home.**” The annual budget for the Ronald McDonald House is One Million dollars. They receive money during “**Giving Hearts Day**” in February and at other times throughout the year.

The three story house which opened in 2018, has 24 rooms for families or individuals. It has an elevator. The two previous houses on north Broadway and South University Drive have been sold. A family of any child aged 21 or younger that is hospitalized or receiving outpatient care is eligible with a medical referral.

The spacious rooms resemble those of a hotel. Towels and toiletries are provided. Each floor has a lounge area with sofas, chairs and a television. Next to the lounge is a room with laundry facilities. For families with children there is a “magic room” on the main floor filled with games. There are play areas located both inside and outside of the house. Computers and WiFi are available.

Home-cooked meals are provided. There is a large kitchen with ample counter space, stoves/ovens and refrigerators. There are cabinets adjacent to the kitchen with key locks so that families can purchase and store their own food to prepare for themselves. The dining area is filled with many tables. They will accept packaged food that has been purchased at grocery stores or other business as a donation. Volunteers are welcomed to cook and bake for the residents and staff.

Once a family has checked out the staff and volunteers clean the rooms. The linens are taken to the Sanford Hospital located west of the RMH to be sanitized.

The RMH accepts tabs from food and beverage cans which brings in around \$5,000.00 each year. Sandy Popp brought 5 large bags of tabs that she collected at the school this past year. Thank you to Mrs. Popp and to all that brought her the tabs. Keep saving your tabs to help out the families in need at the RMH

The Ronald McDonald House is located at 4757 Agassiz Crossing S. (Just south of I-94 between 45th Street and Veterans Blvd. It is located near Northern Tool and Equipment and HOM Furniture).

**It’s Not How Much We Give But, How much Love We Put into Giving!**

Milnor Lutheran Church gave a total \$2,328.16. God Bless Your Christian Spirit of Giving

Linda Costain

# Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

-The last day of Sunday School was April 30th! See you in the fall!

*A big thank you to*

*Cole Fyre*

*John Kottke*

*Karleigh Kadoun*

*Leah Buskohl*

*Jace Fyre*

*Your help with Sunday School was very much appreciated.*

Red Willow VBS/Day Camp will be held June 4th-6th. This is for all children having completed grades K-6. Cost: \$15 per student (K-6) or \$25 per family. Registration forms are available on the counter at Milnor Lutheran, or by calling Greta (427-5646) or Mary (427-5023).

## First Communion

Eight students received their First Communion at MLC on Sunday, April 30th. They are:

Kala Banish  
Layton Berndt  
Aiden Heitkamp  
Reese Hogness  
Ramona Johnson  
Alison Kottke  
Taylor Olson  
Eli Rotenberger

## Students to Be Confirmed at MLC

Congratulations to the students who will be confirmed at Milnor Lutheran on May 7th. They are:

Joey Banish  
Carson Deyle  
Charley Hogness  
Shiloh Johnson  
Brady Lien  
Harper Martinson  
Josie Rotenberger  
Andrew Yagow

## High School Graduates at MLC

Congratulations to the 2023 high school graduates who will be honored at Milnor Lutheran on May 14th. They are:

Adam Baldwin  
Zachary Bixby  
Payton Lien  
Ryan Mund  
Eliot Roder

## Luther League Leaders Needed!

You can help make a difference for the youth in our church and community! We are looking for people willing to serve as Luther League leaders. To volunteer or find out more, talk to Rick or any council member.



## *Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*May*

*Worship Services:*

*May Usher: Jim Berndt*

*May Altar Guild: Vickie Berndt*

*Worship Services: Every Sunday at 8:00 a.m.*

### **IMMANUEL COUNCIL MINUTES**

April 19, 2023

The Council met April 19th at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Brenda Gibbon, Mindy Hogness, Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, and Landon Mund. Brenda called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Kevin, seconded by Tanner. No Treasurer's or Pastor's Reports were read.

#### **Committees:**

- Education Committee – Sunday School at ILC will begin September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10am. Registration Forms will be posted on the ILC Facebook page and due on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Old Business:**

- Tanner talked to Property and Management for a rough quote on replacing both doors to the basement. The council discussed several options for replacing the two doors along with one of

the basement windows. This was tabled for the time being.

#### **New Business:**

- Church Service start time will switch back to 8am, starting May 7<sup>th</sup>. Service will be at 8am through September 3<sup>rd</sup>, then switch back to 11am on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Cemetery clean-up was briefly discussed by the council. Bobcat was mentioned as a potential option to help as part of their "Day of Caring" program. Mindy will be in contact with Bobcat to discuss this with them.

Landon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mindy. The council closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will take place on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Landon Mund  
Council Secretary