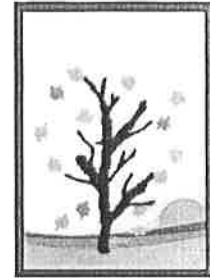


October 2023
NEWSLETTER



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Immanuel Lutheran Churches
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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, fall is upon us and our farmers are preparing their equipment with high hopes of a bountiful harvest. The Vikings are sadly winless, but the NDSU Bison and Sargent County Bulldogs are undefeated.

On Sunday, September 4th, we resumed Sunday School here at MLC and having the children back in our midst is such a blessing. To hear their laughter and to see their eagerness to learn about God makes everything seem right in the world. Their presence seems to lighten up the church and fill us all with a renewed enthusiasm and hope for what is to come. I have and will be doing regular children's sermons each and every Sunday. On Sunday, September 24th, the 3rd Graders and new PreK-K students received their Bibles and the installation of the Sunday School staff occurred. Speaking of Sunday School, Immanuel Lutheran Church is also holding Sunday School this year. On Sunday, September 17th, the congregation was treated to special music sung by the children. I am so thankful to Mindy Hogness and Kylie Martinson for spearheading this program and it is going amazingly well. We are so blessed.

I am planning on resuming Confirmation classes for our 7th & 8th graders beginning Wednesday,

October 11th and each Wednesday thereafter at 3:30 p.m. I look forward to this each and every year. We will have approximately 12 students this year and I look forward to learning and growing with them. The students have already begun accolyting, which is a wonderful tradition we have begun again after a 3-year absence.

Just a friendly reminder that the Fall Bazaar and Auction hosted by WELCA will be held on Sunday, October 8th, with supper beginning at 5:00 p.m. There will be a bake sale, silent auction, and a chance to win a beautiful quilt made by Bobbi Haugen. Hope to see you all there.

Recently, the windows in the roof in the altar area were replaced. We are so blessed to be find someone with the skill to make those repairs and we are also blessed to be financially stable to tackle whatever comes along. Thanks be to God and to all of you for your giving nature.

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 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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Kit Mund, Bill Larson, Loralie Martinson, Andrea Coppin, Jill Wehlander, Mary Alice Mund, Shyrlee Friskop, Mark Thorson, Mary Engst, Phyllis Gelinske, Craig Speich, and Terry Timm*. 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.



1 - Marjorie Johnson
2 - Mary Yagow
5 - Lyla Hogness
9 - Marla Banish
Greta Buskohl
11 - Aleia Ferderer

12 - Ridge Coleman
14 - Dan Henning
Rachel Lien
17 - Brent Bergstrom
18 - Landon Mund
24 - Dick Kuehn

25 - Brooks Hogness
27 - Sawyer Griggs
28 - Caleb Christianson
Kristin Lunneborg
30 - Bailey Spellerberg
31 - Emilee Bergstrom

MILNOR LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA FALL BAZAAR SUPPER, SILENT AUCTION, BAKE SALE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 AT 5:00 PM

Supper Menu:

Knoephla, Vegetable Beef, or Chicken Wild Rice Soup
Ham or Egg Salad Sandwich
Choice of Desserts
Free will offering!

Drive-up or delivery available. Call 427-9273

Bake Sale and Silent Auction

Quilt raffle tickets available
for a beautiful quilt made by Bobbi Haugen.
Proceeds to go for church projects.

Benefit for Mark Thorson

There will be a benefit for Mark Thorson on Saturday, October 14th, at the MACC, to help defray expenses during his recent medical treatments. There will be a freewill chili supper from 2:00-5:00 and a silent auction from 2:00- 4:00. There's an account at the credit union for monetary donations, and auction items can also be left there.

Milnor Lutheran Council Minutes

September 6, 2023

Present: Jason Kottke, Kris Lien, Nate Sundquist, Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Jill Baldwin, Alisha Olson & Rick Bryant ; Absent: DeNae Martinson, Randy Syrstad
The meeting was opened with devotion from Pastor Rick. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were reviewed. Motion made to approve as recorded by Kris Lien and seconded by Nate Sundquist. All in favor, Motion carried.

Committee Business

- Worship (Deb & Jill) – will return to normal offering within the next couple of weeks. Deb will let Heidi know to contact shepherding groups to for additional usher help. May consider asking the acolytes to help if short on a Sunday. We will also resume offering hymns. Will be scheduling a meeting with Heidi soon to go through hymns for the fall.
 - Stewardship (DeNae & Jason) – Jason is planning to check with Dorothy regarding the fall rummage sale and possibility of doing something for the special Olympics. We will be looking at having a gift tree around Christmas. Will have more details on that as we get closer.
 - Education (Randy & Alisha) Sunday School will be starting this weekend. Confirmation will start in October. Bibles will be given out September 24th.
 - Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Bill & Nate)
Altar Windows – Per Nathan, work will begin within next 2 weeks. The plan is that the contractor will come in on a Monday to set up and remove the old windows. They will be taken up to Fargo to get new glass cut and he will return and install the windows later in the week. He will replace all the inside windows on that side with clear glass. Work should be done by Friday so should not affect activities. Equipment will remain at the church during this time.
--Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows – no update on this. Bill will reach out to the contractor to get an update.
--Humidity issue in basement - We currently have 5 dehumidifiers running, Jason will try and get more info and get an estimate from Crossroads for this.
- Pastor's Report** - Confirmation will start the first Wed in October, there will be about 12 in the classes this year. Acolytes will start prior to confirmation. It was suggested that we have Acolytes assist with passing offering as well as lighting candles. May also consider

having them help with communion. Pastor Rick and Linda will be setting up the Acolyte schedule set up. Children's sermons will begin this Sunday. Pastors Vacation Requests – October 1st, 29th and Nov 12th. He will update on plan for coverage on these Sundays.

Old Business

- Garage for Parsonage Update – We are not going to pursue this currently. May pursue it again in the future.
- Council Size – Pastor did speak with the synod, and they indicated that we could make a change to range to allow us more flexibility. Bill will look into what we need to do to change the bylaws.

New Business

- Pastor would like a window air conditioner for the parsonage garage. After discussion, this was tabled until next spring.
- Leaking gutters at parsonage: flex seal has been applied and currently have not had further problems.
- We were notified by the city that water usage at the parsonage was very high. Swedes came and they found a leak in one of the toilets. This has been fixed.
- Weeds in the grass at the church and parsonage. Bill will be spraying weeds this fall.
- There is a leak in the gutter outside of the doors between church and fellowship hall – Nate will look at this and fix.
- We have had a request to use the church for piano lessons 4-8 on Wednesdays. After discussion, this was approved.
- Bill attended the Synod Meeting in Cogswell this summer and gave an update on this. The purpose of the meeting was to talk about the future of the church and how to keep the church strong
- We have new teachers coming that need furniture. We received a request for us to donate the couch and loveseat in the basement as these are not used. The council agreed to donate these. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kris Lien and seconded by Jill Baldwin. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: October 11th @ 6:15pm

August Income	\$13,186.66
August Expenses	7,349.37
Net Income	5,837.29
Year to Date	5,965.84

*October Altar Guild
Jolene Schwalk and Deb Wagner*

WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet October 17th and 18th at 9:00 a.m.

Yarn Angels will meet October 10th and 24th at 1:00 p.m.

WELCA Fall Bazaar is on Sunday, October 8th, at 5:00 p.m.

Helpers and Donations Needed for Bazaar

Help is needed for the WELCA Fall Bazaar on October 8th. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for supper workers and food donations. A silent auction and bake sale will also be part of the event. Baked goods and silent auction items may be brought to the church on Saturday, October 7th, from 2-6PM or Sunday before 5:00. Please price your own baked goods. Some baked goods like pies, caramels and popcorn balls may be placed on the auction. The sale of baked goods as well as bidding on auction items will begin at 5:00 on Sunday. No early sales or early bidding.

October Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Tracy Nelson, Deb Schutt, Jolene Schwalk

October 1, 2023-- Ushers/Greeters: Scott & Shannon Berndt Family; Lector: Amy Kuehn

October 8, 2023-- Ushers/Greeters: Matt & Alisha Olson Family; Lector: Melissa Rasmussen

Communion: Curt & Jean Anderson

October 15, 2023--Ushers/Greeters : Don & Tracy Nelson; Lector: Jolene Schwalk

October 22, 2023--Ushers/Greeters: Mike & Deb Schutt; Lector: Loren Ellefson

Communion: Patty Ellefson, Deb Schutt

October 29, 2023--Ushers/Greeters: Jim & Carol Peterson; Lector: Carol Peterson

Thank you to everyone who serves and supports our church.

Blood Drive at Milnor Lutheran

There will be a blood drive at Milnor Lutheran on Monday, October 2nd, from 11:45 - 6:00 p.m. Please call Dorothy (680-8082) or Bobbi (680-2806) for appointments to donate.

WELCA Minutes

Milnor WELCA held a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept., 6 at 10:00AM. The meeting opened with prayer and was then called to order by presiding President, Patty Ellefson. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. A total income from the Love Offering was \$2354.00. WELCA also paid \$1125 for first time Red Willow Bible Campers. The checking account has a balance of \$3529.07.

Old Business:

--There were 3 confirmation students that attended Red Willow Bible Camp this summer. Donna Johnson will speak to the confirmation class in January to explain the camp experience and who is eligible to go for the summer of 2024.

--Flower pots were purchased, planted and watered all summer by Kristi Johnson. The flower beds were rebuilt, new plastic put down, rocks replaced and perennials planted. These were watered all summer by Linda Costain. A sign-up sheet will be made available next year to get additional help with the watering.

--The quilt was sent to Red Willow for their annual quilt auction. The quilt top was donated by Carol Peterson. It was altered by Bobbi Haugen and quilted in Valley City. It brought \$300 at the auction. Items for health kits were donated by congregation members. There were 24 kits assembled and donated to Churches United for the Homeless.

--A suggestion was made to consider a senior high school student for the WELCA Senior Scholarship. This will be decided before graduation.

New Business:

--The Fall Bazaar will be held Sunday, Oct. 8. The menu will remain the same and the meal will be served from 5:00-7:00 PM. We will have pick-up and delivery available. The menu is: Knoephla Soup, Chicken Wild

Rice Soup, Vegetable Soup. Egg Salad and Ham Sandwiches, Choice of Dessert. Sign-up Sheets will be at church for workers and food donations. A silent auction and bake sale will be part of the event. Silent auction items may be brought to the church on Sat., Oct. 7 from 2-6PM or Sunday before 5:00. Please price your own baked goods. Some baked goods like pies, caramels and popcorn balls may be placed on the auction. The sale of baked goods as well as bidding on auction items will begin at 5:00, Sunday. No early sales or early bidding. Donna Johnson will make a basket for WELCA to donate. We will also ask Sunday School, Luther League and Yarn Angels if they would be willing to donate a basket for the Silent Auction.

--The Fall Bazaar quilt has been made by Bobbi Haugen. The raffle tickets for the quilt along with a letter will be mailed to families this week. Posters will be made to display at businesses. Donna will advertise in The Teller and the bank board. It will also be posted on Facebook. Supplies to be purchased include 100 dessert plates, 100 Soup To-Go Containers and 100+paper soup bowls.

--Day of Doing has donated 5 quilts to the 2023 graduating seniors. Yarn Angels have made and donated 30 afghans to "Furniture Mission" in Fargo. They will also be making caps and mittens to donate to the Fargo, "Coats For Kids" drive in Sept.

--WELCA will give a shower gift for the bridal shower at our church in Oct.

--The Christmas Tea will be held on Sun., Dec.3 at 2:00PM. A suggestion made for the guest speaker this year was to invite local individuals to speak about their work and how their career impacts our communities. There will be further discussion to decide the program for the tea.

The next meeting will be Wed., Nov. 1 at 10:00AM.

Secretary,
Patty Ellefson



Bridal Shower

There will be a come-and-go bridal shower for McKenzie Speich, bride-to-be of Nick Schutt, on Saturday, October 14th, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Milnor Lutheran. She is registered at Target, Amazon, and theknot.com.

Fall Rummage Sale at MLC

Friday, October 20th, 5 - 8pm

Saturday, October 21st, 8am - 8pm

Church members will also be able to shop after church on Sunday. This rummage sale will be held in the church basement only! Nothing upstairs! The lift chair will be available for those who need it. Proceeds will go to Special Olympics North Dakota and benefit area athletes, including David Campbell, Collin Pribula, Heidi Higgins, Karen Bennett, and Karl Eckre, just to name a few!

Rummage sale items can be brought to the church any time and taken downstairs (if you are able) or put under the coat rack. [No electronics, please! Furniture and other large items should be kept at home until the week of the sale.]

Sargent County Food Pantry "Fill the Pantry Blitz"

**Help fill the Forman and
Gwinner Food Pantries'
shelves for the
holiday season.**



**DROP OFF DONATIONS BY NOV. 5th
At these locations**

**Milnor - Milnor Lutheran, St. Arnold's Catholic, Milnor Methodist,
Stock Growers Bank**

Or at either Food Pantry Location - Forman or Gwinner

**Please consider donating items listed below as these items
are in short supply at this time. All donations are Welcome!**

**Flour*Sugar*Cooking Oil*Cake Mix*Baked Beans*Pork & Beans
Pasta (Not Spaghetti)*Prepared Meals(Hamburger Helper, etc.)**

Pancake Mix & Syrup*Coffee*Shelf Stable Juice

Toilet Paper*Paper Towels*Kleenex*Dish Soap*Laundry Soap

Shampoo*Toothpaste* Toothbrushes*Deodorant* Body Soap

Monetary Donations Welcome

PO Box 101, Forman ND 58032

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

-Sunday School will sing during the 9:30 worship service on October 8th.

-Sunday School will not be held on October 22nd.

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

Sunday School Lunches

October 1 - Jacob H, Layton, Vaiah & Hailyn B,
Tallulah S, Gwyn K

October 8 - Easton F, Ava B, Ellyn & Lexi S,
Rilyn E, Cannon F



LUTHER LEAGUE

Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th graders begin Wednesday, October 11th, at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday Acolyte Schedule:

- October 1st: Cole Fyre and Brooks Hogness
- October 8th: Emilee Bergstrom and Teegan Olson
- October 15th: Greyson Arth and Braylon Wyum
- October 22nd: No Acolytes
- October 29th: Rhiannon Johnson and TBD

Sunday Lunch Schedule:

- October 15th – Ashlynn Sundquist, Myah Sundquist, Miley Lien,
Brady Lien, John Kottke, Avery Johnson
- October 29th –Chloe Smith, Carter Elenberger, Cidnie Elenberger,
Cecilia Johnson, Rhiannon Johnson, Shiloh Johnson,
Jerilyn Yagow

Please join the Milnor Lutheran Youth and Milnor Lutheran Church facebook pages for lunch schedules and activity announcements.

If there are any questions, please contact Lacy Kottke at 701 680-8942.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

October Ushers: James Martinson and Tanner Martinson

October Altar Guild: Kelsy Martinson and Tammy Martinson

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Worship Services: 11:00 a.m.

Communion: October 8th

Immanuel Lutheran Council Minutes

September 20, 2023

The Council met on September 20th 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 Tanner, seconded by Mindy. The Treasurer's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Kevin, seconded by Tanner. There was no Pastor's Report.

Committees:

- Education Committee – No report to give.

Old Business:

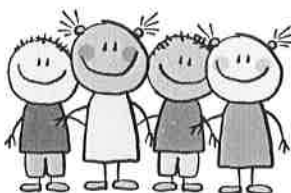
- The Council contacted Crossroads Electric on the Church's cross light needing to be fixed but has not been given a timeline for the repair.
- Kevin will look at the Church's basement doors and window for repairs needed.

New Business:

- Landon will reach out to Dan Heitkamp to see the possibility of replacing some of the cracked plaster wall with sheetrock in the Church.
- Derek will get a quote to fix a portion of the cracked sidewalk outside the Church.
- The council discussed donating \$200 to the Mark Thorson Benefit. A motion to approve this was made by Tanner, seconded by Kevin.

Mindy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kevin. The council closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will take place on November 15th @ 6PM.

**Landon Mund
Council Secretary**



Immanuel Sunday School

- We meet on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School will not be held on October 22nd.
- The kids will sing during worship on October 29th.