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# NEWSLETTER



**Milnor Lutheran and  
Immanuel Lutheran Churches**

**Rick Bryant**

## Rick's Column

As always, It is my hope and prayer that this newsletter finds everyone well. As I write this newsletter, it appears that the unseasonable warm weather we have had is behind us and the forecast is calling for cooler temperatures. It is very dry and I cannot remember the last time it rained. However, our farmers are enjoying great weather for harvesting and the harvest should continue uninterrupted. We pray for our farmers and ranchers and wish them all the success. And so—fall is here! Our school sports teams are back in action and we all enjoy going to the games and cheering our kids on! The Vikings fans are all wearing smiles as the Vikes are undefeated thus far.

On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we resumed Sunday school here at MLC and ILC. I think we can all agree the return of the children was much welcomed. Their presence each fall always brings a smile to our faces and gives the church a new energy. Once again, I thank the Sunday School staff for their dedication and self-sacrifice for all that they do. On Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the children received their bibles and the attendance was mind-blowing. Our church was FULL! On Sunday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, the ILC children received their bibles and after service everyone enjoyed a “Pre-Harvest” pot-luck meal. God is soo amazing and blesses our churches and community each and every day.

We have resumed confirmation classes for our 7<sup>th</sup>& 8<sup>th</sup> graders and we have the largest class I have ever had! Confirmation will continue to be held on Wednesday's at 3:30 p.m. There will be no

confirmation on days that there is no school, no matter the reason. With the large class this year, I have brought on my amazing bride Melissa to help out. I thank God she is healthy now and she so enjoys doing what she can for the church.

We are now going into our second month with the “Virtual Organ” system at MLC and I will admit it does take some getting used. However, like anything, we will adapt, get used to it, and embrace the change. ILC continues to enjoy Heidi playing the organ. We at Milnor are jealous!!!!

It is time for our annual WELCA fall bazaar. This will take place on Sunday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00 p.m. Supper will consist of several different varieties of soups, sandwiches, and deserts. Drive-up and delivery is available (call 427-9273.) There will be a bake sale, silent auction, and the raffling of the beautiful made by Bobbi Haugen.

As I have mentioned in church, the Sargent County food pantry is in need of food, especially as winter will be upon us soon. Food can be dropped off at most any church in the county, or, at either food pantry location in Forman or Gwinner. Monetary donations can be mailed to PO Box 101, Forman, ND 58032. The Luther League will be doing a food drive on Wednesday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will serve them pizza and then they will hit the streets, going door to door, seeking food donations. What an amazing mission this is. Thank-you!! I wish you all a safe and blessed fall season. May God's grace and blessings be upon each and everyone of you. Rick

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Dick Kuehn, Mark Thorson, Marcus Anderson, Arlis McFarland, Pam Bolanos, John Crandall, Don Marquette, Loralie Martinson, Jill Wehlander, Gary Jensen and Kristie Johnson*. 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  
9 - Greta Buskohl  
12-Ridge Coleman  
14 - Dan Henning  
Rachel Lien  
17 - Brent Bergstrom

24-Keith Kuehn  
25 - Brooks Hogness  
27 - Sawyer Griggs  
28-Caleb Christianson  
Ramona Johnson  
Kristin Lunneborg

29 - Cecelia Johnson  
30-Bailey Spellerberg  
31-Emilee Bergstrom

Dear MLC,  
The 37th annual Quilts and More Auction was a success! **THANK YOU** for your support of the camp's major fund raiser.

Your donation to the live and/or silent auctions raised \$425!

Discussions are underway for the 2025 event, and we hope for your continued participation.

God Bless.

# WELCA

**Day of Doing Quilters will meet  
October 15th and 16th at 9:00 a.m.**

**Yarn Angels will meet  
October 8th and 22nd at 1:00 p.m.**

Milnor Luther League Door-to-Door Food Drive  
Wednesday, October 23rd  
5:00-6:30

\*Sargent County Food Bank is in need of donations!

\*Luther League members please meet at the church at 4:15 for pizza.

\*Drivers are needed.

Contact Alisha Olson at 701-866-7789 with questions. If you won't be home, you can leave your items outside. Call Alisha for pickup arrangements.

*October Altar Guild  
Vi Mahler & Tracy Nelson*

## MLC MEMORIALS

**In memory of Kenny Lauinger**  
From: Carl Edison (MLC)

**In memory of Sharon Lunneborg**  
From: Mervin and Kelly Wohler (MLC)

**MILNOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WELCA FALL BAZAAR**  
**SUPPER, SILENT AUCTION, BAKE SALE**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2024 AT 5:00 PM**



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..

**HEALTH KITS**

WELCA will be assembling health kits again for the disadvantaged. Needed items are:

- bath towels & washcloths
- bath-size bars of soap
- combs
- fingernail clippers
- toothbrushes & toothpaste
- dental floss
- regular-size bottles of shampoo (not trial size)

They will be collecting through September 30th. If you can pick up a few items for those in need, it would be greatly appreciated.

# Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

-Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 8th, at 10:30 a.m.

-Bibles will be presented to third graders & new pre-k students on September 22nd during worship.

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



**Operation Christmas Child:** Every year people prayerfully fill shoeboxes with toys school supplies, and personal care items for children around the world. These special boxes are joyfully received by boys and girls ages 2-14 years old, often as their first gift ever! Whether sending or receiving, those touched by Operation Christmas Child testify to the power of a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name. The youth at MLC will pack 50 boxes to spread joy this Christmas season.

**If anyone from the congregation would like to sponsor a box, please get \$25 to Mary, Greta, or the church office. Checks can be made to MLC Sunday School as we have purchased all the items needed to pack the boxes. Please consider helping us out. We just need fifty \$25 donations!**

\*\*\*\*Luther League is looking for an additional volunteer to help organize the annual Christmas wreath fundraiser. Please contact Alisha Olson if you are able to help!

## Luther League Lunch Schedule

October 6th	SS Serves
October 13th	SS Serves
October 20th	Chloe S, Braiden M, Lilly & Daisy Lee, Aiden H
October 27th	Jace & Cole F, Carson D, Alison K

**Sunday School Lunches**  
October 13th -Saryce & Nico M,  
Easton F, Natalie & Lincoln G, Rilyn E

*The MLC Sunday School kiddos  
will sing in church October  
13th!*

## **Acolyte Schedule**

October 6th	Willow Tyler & Daisy Lee
October 20th	Volunteers Needed
October 27th	Layton Berndt & Reese Hogness

Please be at the church by 9:20 a.m.

# Sargent County Food "Fill the Pantry"

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

**DROP OFF DATES  
NOVEMBER 15-17**

**At these**

Rutland - Nordland Lutheran  
Havana - Havana Trinity Lutheran  
Forman - Trinity Lutheran, St. Mary's Catholic, St. Vincent's Catholic  
Cogswell - Nazareth Lutheran  
Cayuga - St. Peter & Paul Catholic  
Gwinner - GA Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, St. Vincent's Catholic  
Milnor - Milnor Lutheran, St. Arnold's Catholic,  
Or at either Food Pantry Location - Forman or Gwinner

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

**Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting  
September 11th@ 6:15pm**

Present: Jill Baldwin, Loren Ellefson, Deb Wagner, Wade Kuehn, Nate Sundquist, Kris Lien,  
Absent: Paula Tayer, Rick Bryant, Jason Kottke

The meeting was opened with The Lords Prayer.

**The Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports** were reviewed. Kris Lien made a motion to approve the secretary and treasurer's report, seconded by Wade Kuehn; motion carried.

**Committee Business**

- Worship (Jill)–Substitute Organist Program started last week. Hymns were picked through November.
- Stewardship (Loren & Paula)– Nothing new to report.
- Education (Jason)– Sunday School started this past week.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Kris, Nate & Wade)
  - Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows: Nothing new to report - Nathan will follow-up with contractor on this.
  - Humidity issue in basement – Crossroads installed a dehumidifier in the furnace room this past week.
  - External Church Sign condition. Discussed some possible options including replacing. Nothing was decided at this time.
  - Parsonage projects
    - Gutter replacement is complete.
    - Upstairs washing machine not draining/Vanity replacement. The wash/dryer combination machine and vanity were replaced.
    - Old well room mold- waiting on the contractor's timeline to get this walled up.
    - Front door screen door, doors and windows in breezeway replacement & basement window replacement & window well covers. The committee is waiting for estimates on this project.
    - Outside Outlets – Per the last counsel minutes, Rick was following up with Crossroads. No update currently. Will check with Rick at next month's meeting.

**Pastor's Report** –Update per email from Pastor Rick: The new gutter system is absolutely amazing! Thank you. Confirmation will be starting September 25<sup>th</sup> and Melissa will be assisting with this large group of kids!  
Have had some funerals and will be doing two weddings in October.

There will be some bumps in the coming weeks as we transition with the new secretary. I have been in contact with Wendy regularly and I am confident things will be just fine. Looking forward to a busier fall with increased activities and church attendance.

My 5 year anniversary. I love my job more than ever!!!

**Old Business**

- Update on lay ministry workshops (Jill) – There are 2 upcoming classes that Jill will be attending. The first one is in October in Rutland and the second in November at our church. We will need to coordinate food for the November session.
- Wendy Willprecht has started. She is currently in the office Mondays and Thursdays. Times may vary due to her schedule.

**New Business**

- We need to update signatures for the bank accounts with Heidi leaving. It was decided that Jill would be the council representative along with adding Wendy & Grace.
- There were some questions from congregational members regarding current confirmation requirements. After discussion it was decided that Jill will follow-up with Pastor to review requirements.
- The fellowship hall carpet needs cleaning. It was decided that all of the carpets should be cleaned. Wade will check into local options for getting these cleaned.
- Discussed options for projecting services on screen in front. Will start looking into possible options for this.

A motion was made by Loren Ellefson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kris Lien; motion carried.

**Next Meeting: October 9th@ 6:15pm**      Respectfully submitted, Deb Wagner, Secretary