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NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well! As I write this, it is almost April and spring is still nowhere in sight. I am praying for a change in this weather so we can all start enjoying spring after a long, long winter and our farmers can get into the fields in short order. But I am reminded God is aware of our needs and always has and always will provide.

As this 2023 Lenten season comes to a close, I want to thank each and every one of you for a fulfilling and rewarding Lenten season. I truly enjoyed walking the Lenten journey with you, and I think we all grew spiritually together.

Our Holy Week schedule will remain the same as in the past. Maundy Thursday service will be held at ILC at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service will be held at MLC at 7:00 p.m. Easter Sunrise will be held at MLC at 6:30 a.m. An Easter service will be held at ILC at 8:00 a.m. Then, we will close out Easter with a service at MLC at 10:00 a.m.

It is my plan to hold First Communion on April 23rd. This is a regular communion day so it should work out well. There will be eight 5th graders receiving First Communion. I will plan on meeting with the kids and their parents before then to go over the meaning and significance of communion.

I am excited for these kids who will be receiving First Communion and begin their spiritual walk with Jesus Christ.

In addition, I plan on confirming this year's confirmands at the May 7th service. We will be confirming eight new members into our church. It has been so fun working and learning with these kids and I am beyond proud of each and every one of them. (Confirmation classes will resume on Wednesday, April 12th, at 3:30 p.m.) On May 14th we will recognize this year's graduating seniors and give them our well-wishes as they set out into the world.

On April 16th, MLC will be holding our annual "Noisy Offering" with proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House. This home provides lodging free of charge for families traveling to the area for medical issues. It is a wonderful cause. Also on April 16th, ILC will hold their annual pancake and sausage breakfast. Hope to see you there for great food and fellowship.

In closing, I wish to leave you with the simple but powerful words from 1 Peter 4:8, *"Above all, keep your love for another at full strength, since love covers a multitude of sins."*

May our gracious God be with you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *David and Connie Robbins, Toni Claus, Kit Mund, Bill Larson, Jill Wehlender, Pastor Elwood Skarpness, Mary Alice Mund, 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.



April Birthdays

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| 2 - Camryn Hogness | 16 - Guy Christiansen | 25 - Charley Hogness |
| 3 - Taylor Olson | 17 - Sara Martinson | 26 - Kathy Stockstad |
| 4 - Pat Kuehn | 18 - Dan Krause | 27 - Carol Peterson |
| 5 - Brandon Yagow | 19 - Andrea Hogness | 28 - Sophie Fuhrman |
| 7 - Layton Berndt | 20 - Dustin Heitkamp | Jeanne McCauley |
| 8 - Cole Fyre | Micah Johnson | Eli Rotenberger |
| 10 - Lori Yagow | 21 - Joy Christiansen | 30 - Monty Haugen |
| 14 - Hanna Deyle | Arlin Mund | |
| 15 - Steve Hogness | 24 - Lyla Peterson | |

Palm Sunday/Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

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| 9:30 a.m. | Milnor Lutheran | Worship Service with Songs by Sunday School |
| 10:30 a.m. | Milnor Lutheran | Breakfast served by Sunday School |
| 11:00 a.m. | Immanuel Lutheran | Worship Service |

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

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| 7:00 p.m. | Immanuel Lutheran | Worship Service with Communion |
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Good Friday, April 7th

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| 7:00 p.m. | Milnor Lutheran | Worship Service |
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Easter Sunday, April 9th

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| 6:30 a.m. | Milnor Lutheran | Sunrise Service |
| 8:00 a.m. | Immanuel Lutheran | Worship Service |
| 10:00 a.m. | Milnor Lutheran | Worship Service |

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023

Present: Randy Syrstad, Jill Baldwin, Bill Pribula, Deb Wagner, Rick Bryant, Nate Sundquist, Jason Kottke, Kris Lien; Absent: DeNae Martinson
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 Kris Lien, seconded by Nate Sundquist. Motion carried.

Committee Business

- Worship (Deb & Jill) – No update on restarting acolytes yet per Pastor Rick.
- Stewardship (DeNae & Jason) – nothing to report.
- Education (Randy & Alisha) – Sunday School kids will be singing on Palm Sunday.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Bill & Nate)
 - o Altar Windows – (standing item- waiting on contractor)
 - o Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows. (Standing item- waiting on contractor)
 - o Landscape cement timbers for flower beds – (Standing item – tabled until spring)
 - o Church floor tile - continued discussions on options on how best to fix. No decision was made .
 - o Library/Cry Room closet update: cost for product & labor \$6500 per Nate. The primary cost is the folding doors. A motion was made by Kris Lien to proceed with remodel, as it was approved already by congregation, and seconded by Jill Baldwin. Motion carried.
 - o Bill reported there is a wrinkle in carpet in library – he will be looking to see if he can get someone to stretch the carpet in that area.
 - o The latch on the handicap bathroom door in lady's bathroom is broken. Bill has ordered the part and will fix that when it comes in.

Pastor's Report - Confirmation on hold during lent. Lent has been bumpy with the weather cancellations. This week will be out in Immanuel, weather permitting. Continues with online class. Once completed, will be halfway done with school.

Old Business

- Direct stream video camera – We received a quote for camera and DVR to stream to the TV in fellowship hall. The quote was \$1747.45 with an ongoing \$9.95 charge/month for DVR. This camera would be direct stream only, audio will be provided by existing audio already in place. Motion made by Kris Lien and seconded by Randy Syrstad – motion carried. Deb will coordinate the installation.
- Garage for Parsonage – Riverside was out and looked at the existing garage. They will be drafting plans for us.
- Committee assignment update – Kris Lien will be joining property and grounds.

New Business

- CD coming due. It was decided to transfer \$30,000 to this.
- Luther League leaders are stepping down, so we are looking for replacements after this year. Rick will continue to ask for volunteers to step up and help.
- We received a request for sponsorship for Miss ND Teen Pageant. After discussion, the request was declined. Bill will follow-up on this.
- Discussed current size of council, in light of the difficulty we have with getting people to serve on council. Discussed possibility of looking at a range rather than a definitive number to give us options. This would require a change in bylaws. No decision was made at this time.
- Based on the current CDC recommendations, it was decided that gloves and mask can be stopped for Communion. Continue with hand hygiene with sanitizer prior.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting: April 12th @ 6:15pm

Deb Wagner
Council Secretary

MLC Financial Report:

February Income	\$ 8,294.66
February Expenses	8,783.95
Net Loss	- 489.29
Year to Date	\$ 2,050.18

April Altar Guild
Deb Schutt and Jasmine Smith

WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet April 18th and 19th at 9:00 a.m.

Yarn Angels will meet April 11th and 25th at 1:00 p.m.

WELCA will meet April 17th at 10:00 a.m.

The Altar Guild meeting scheduled for April has been cancelled.

APRIL SHEPHERDING SCHEDULE

Leaders: Tracy Lien, Dorothy Pribula, Paula Tayer

April 2 --Ushers: Bill & Dorothy Pribula; Lector: Bill

April 9 (6:30)--Ushers: Kristie & Jerome Johnson; Lector: Kristie

Communion: Kristie & Jerome

April 9 (10:00)--Ushers: Brian & Paula Tayer & Family; Lector: Brooke

Communion: Tayers

April 16--Ushers: Kris & Tracy Lien, Brian & Willow Tyler; Lector: Willow

April 23--Ushers: Lynn, Mary & Micah Johnson; Lector: Deb Wagner

Communion: Mary and Deb

April 30--Ushers: Bob & Darla Schutt; Lector: Bob

MLC NOTES

If you would like to make a donation toward **Easter lilies** in memory of or in honor of loved ones or friends, please contact Kristie Johnson (427-5259) by April 2nd.

MLC will be holding a **blood drive** on Monday, April 3rd, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. For appointments to donate, please call Bobbi Haugen (680-2806) or Dorothy Pribula (680-8082).

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. As you clean out your closets, basements, and garages, please set aside items for this sale. (No TVs, computers, or monitors will be accepted.) You can start bringing them to the church anytime in April. If you want to leave them in the basement in the hall by the restrooms, that would be helpful. If the stairs are a problem, just leave them in the entry and someone else will take them down. Thank you!

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

- The Sunday School students will sing during worship on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Breakfast will also be served after worship by the Sunday School.
- No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 9th.
- April 30th will be the last day of Sunday School for this year.
- Save the Date! Red Willow VBS will be held Sunday-Tuesday, June 4-6.

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



Sunday School Lunches

April 2nd--Breakfast served by Sunday School

April 9th--Easter--No lunch



The Milnor Lutheran Sunday School students will sing during the worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 2nd, and will be hosting their annual Palm Sunday Breakfast following the service. Freewill donations go to the Sunday School. Everyone welcome!

NOISY OFFERING

Jakelle Hoffman, Development Director at the Ronald McDonald House in Fargo, will do a presentation during worship on Sunday, April 16th. This day has been designated as "Noisy Offering" Sunday. Please consider making a donation of coins, cash or a check to the Ronald McDonald House. If you have food or beverage tabs, bring those also. Thank you for your support!

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.

Confirmation classes will resume Wednesday, April 12th, at 3:30 p.m.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

April

Worship Services:

April Usher: Derek Martinson

April Altar Guild: Kylie Martinson

Maundy Thursday Service: April 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Worship Service: April 9th at 8:00 a.m.

Spring Brunch: April 16th (No Worship)

IMMANUEL COUNCIL MINUTES

March 20, 2023

The Council met March 20th at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Brenda Gibbon, Mindy Hogness, Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, Landon Mund, Pastor Rick Bryant, and Treasurer Derek Martinson. Brenda called the meeting to order.

Pastor Rick opened with a reading from 2 Peter. The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Tanner, seconded by Mindy. The Treasurer's Report was read. Landon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Tanner. Pastor Rick gave an update that he has completed another class and is halfway to being ordained. He also spoke of the unfortunate weather affecting Lenten Service and his eagerness for Spring.

Committees:

- Education Committee – Mindy and Kylie will meet to further discuss the future Sunday School Class and specifics surrounding its start.
- Property and Management – The council discussed meeting with Property and Management to go over several repairs

needing to be done around the church, including falling plaster and basement doors and a window needing to be replaced.

Old Business:

- Tanner will call Crossroads to have them fix the light in the Church cross when the weather turns nicer.

New Business:

- Pancake Brunch has been set for April 16th from 10:30am – 1:00pm.
- The starting time for Church Service was discussed and tabled, a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Tanner 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 April 19th at 6:00pm.

Landon Mund
Council Secretary



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, April 16, 2023

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Coffee & Juice**

Adults - \$10.00; Children 6-12 - \$5.00

5 years and under - Free