

April 2024

# NEWSLETTER



**Milnor Lutheran and  
Immanuel Lutheran Churches  
Rick Bryant**

**Office Hours:** 9am - Noon--Mon. and Thurs.  
**Office Phone:** (701) 427-9273  
**Rick's cell:** (701) 680-1966; Parsonage: 427-5524  
**e-mail address:** mlchurch@drtel.net  
**Rick's e-mail:** bryant@drtel.net  
**www.Facebook.com/Milnor Lutheran Church**  
**MLC Website:** [www.milnorlutheran.com](http://www.milnorlutheran.com)

## Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all, I hope this newsletter finds everyone well! As I write this letter, we have just finished Holy Week and celebrated Easter Sunday. It is my hope and prayer that each and every one of you had a rewarding and gratifying season of Lent. I truly enjoyed the journey with all of you and without a doubt we all learned something new about ourselves, our faith, and our love for God. I would like to thank everyone involved in putting out delicious food for the Wednesday night services and also those behind the scenes who see that the church and its functions run so smoothly. "Thank you."

As I write this newsletter, forecasters are calling for warmer temps and spring-like weather. I have been thinking of the ranchers and their calving season, and I am also thinking of the farmers and the upcoming planting season. Please join in me prayer for safety and favorable conditions for those who feed us so abundantly.

As always in the spring, both congregations were treated to amazing Sunday school programs, which is always a welcome treat. They were very much enjoyed by all and the staff and students deserve the biggest "shout-out." Thank you all.

We have a very exciting, but very busy schedule coming up. We resumed confirmation on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The kids have had a nice break, but I think we're all looking forward to getting back together for fellowship, laughs, and learning. We have much to do, as this year's three

confirmands will be getting confirmed on May 12<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to hold confirmation classes up through May 8<sup>th</sup>. This Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, ILC will be hosting their annual pancake feed/fundraiser. All are welcome and food will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. On April 14<sup>th</sup> at MLC will be our Noisy Change Offering. The speaker will be Jill Devries with the YWCA in the FM area. Jill is also a former NDSU basketball player. She will be speaking of the mission and needs of the YWCA. We will be having our First Communion ceremony for four 5<sup>th</sup> graders on May 5<sup>th</sup>. I plan on meeting with those kids and their parents before May 5<sup>th</sup> to go over the meaning and significance of communion. On April 28<sup>th</sup> we will be recognizing five graduating seniors. The youth in our churches are our very future, and as I look around, the future of our churches is in the best of hands.

This summer, thanks to our wonderful ladies of the WELCA, our youth are able to attend one of several Christian camps at Red Willow Bible Camp free of charge. It is my hope that our kids take advantage of this opportunity and have lots of fun. If any questions, please reach out to Donna Johnson at 680-0161.

In closing, I wish to leave you with this verse from Jeremiah 33:6. *"Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security."*

May our gracious God be will you all.

Rick

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Allen Peterson, Dale Torreson, Bill Larson, Loralie Martinson, Jill Wehlander, Mark Thorson, Marcus Anderson, Arlis McFarland, and Pastor Curt Larson*. 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 - Camryn Hogness | 16 - Guy Christiansen | 25 - Charley Hogness |
| 3 - Taylor Olson   | 18 - Dan Krause       | 26 - Kathy Stockstad |
| 4 - Pat Kuehn      | 19 - Andrea Hogness   | 27 - Carol Peterson  |
| 5 - Brandon Yagow  | 20 - Dustin Heitkamp  | 28 - Sophie Fuhrman  |
| 7 - Layton Berndt  | Micah Johnson         | Jeanne McCauley      |
| 8 - Cole Fyre      | 21 - Joy Christiansen | Eli Rotenberger      |
| 10 - Lori Yagow    | Arlin Mund            | 30 - Monty Haugen    |
| 15 - Steve Hogness | 24 - Lyla Peterson    |                      |

### Online giving at Milnor Lutheran Church

Online giving is available at MLC using [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). Click on "Sign up for free in 5 minutes". Select "Give to my church." Click the "Give Online" button. You must create an account--you can use it on an app on your phone or on their website. Be sure to select Milnor Lutheran Church. You can set up a recurring donation, or simply make a one-time contribution. Thanks!



## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, April 7, 2024

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

# MILNOR LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES

March 11, 2024

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

The meeting was opened with Devotions from Pastor Rick. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were reviewed— Correction added regarding Secretary and Treasurers report last month. It was noted that this month there was a significant jump in water bill at the parsonage. Rick will check with the City on this. Motion made to approve the Secretary and treasurers report by Kris Lien and seconded by Nate Sundquist; motion carried.

## Committee reports:

Worship –The committee met recently and hymns were picked thru April.

Stewardship – Noisy offering is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be given to YMCA. Linda Costain has also arranged for a special speaker for church that day.

## Education

- Sunday School kids will sing in church on Palm Sunday– March 24<sup>th</sup>. They will also have their annual breakfast after church.
- No Confirmation during lent, will resume after Easter.
- Wednesday soup and sandwich hosted by Luther League has been going very well.
- Need to start thinking about 1<sup>st</sup> communion class's once Easter is over. Will followup on this at next meeting.

## Properties/Grounds & Parsonage

- Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows. Nate talked with the contractor who fixed the altar windows and he has been here to look at the project and will let us know.
- Humidity issue in basement – Crossroads was here and gave a recommendation regarding humidity control in basement. Kris will follow up with Jason regarding the previous estimate that he had received and we will review at next meeting.
- Gutter hanging down on south side of church. – tabled until spring.
- Weeds in the grass at the church and parsonage – tabled until spring.
- Drainage around church in front of door – tabled until spring.
- Sprayers for 2 of the sinks in the kitchen were replaced.
- Heat pumps in the fellowship hall are still having issues. Crossroads was able to get one working and has ordered parts for second heat pump. He will reach out to Jill when that is available.

- It was brought to council's attention that the external sign is looking tough: Grounds committee will follow up on this.

**Pastor's Report:** We are in week 4 of Lent. There is a baptism this Sunday. Pastor will be working on a new members Sunday and make announcement in church to see if there is further interest. We have a few new families that are attending regularly. Pastor discussed Easter Services and it was decided to continue 2 services on Easter, 6:30AM Sunrise and 10am service.

## Old Business

- Council Size – The amendment was sent and approved by the Synod.
- Update on lay ministry workshops (Jill)– Lutheran Theology workshop in Rutland this Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Jill will attend this.
  - Some additional outreach opportunities include: March 17<sup>th</sup> 2-4:30pm is a church council leadership training in Fargo or via zoom. No cost or registration required.
  - May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Vital Church: Community and Welcome workshop in Jamestown or via zoom. Cost \$20 individual, \$10 individual zoom \$ 50 group. Anyone is welcome to attend.
  - June 1-2 Synod assembly in Fargo – looking for volunteers to attend.

## New Business

- An idea was suggested to look at getting a generator backup for the church so that the church could act as a community shelter in the situation of storm/ disaster etc. Will look into this further.
- Job descriptions reviewed for Secretary and organist. Deb is working on getting an ad together to run in local papers.
- Discussed option for substitute organist through Church Music Solutions. This is a service that would record service music to be then played through iPad device through our sound system. Deb will look into this further.
- We have a CD coming due this month and this will be renewed.

Motion was made by Kris Lien to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paula Tayer; motion carried.

**Next Meeting will be April 10th @ 6:15pm**

February Income	\$ 8,964.69
February Expenses	9,256.48
Net Loss	( 291.79)
Year to Date	(\$ 958.16)

*April Altar Guild*  
*Deb Schutt and Jasmine Smith*

# WELCA

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

## April Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Tracy Lien, Dorothy Pribula, Paula Tayer

- April 7, 2024-- Ushers/Greeters: Mitch & Bobbi Tompkins; Lector: Mitch  
Communion: Tompkins and Tayers
- April 14, 2024-- Ushers/Greeters: Kris & Tracy Lien; Brian & Willow Tyler; Lector: Willow
- April 21, 2024-- Ushers/Greeters : Nate & Jen Sundquist Family; Lector: Deb Wagner  
Communion: Dorothy Pribula and Deb Wagner
- April 28, 2028-- Ushers/Greeters: Bruce & Dayna Speich; Lector: Bill Pribula

*Thank you to everyone who serves and supports our church.*

## **NOISY OFFERING FOR YWCA** **MLC - Sunday, April 14th**

**Count your BLESSINGS one by one.** You are blessed if you have a home, clothing, food, transportation, good health, an income, and other necessities for yourself and your family. Unfortunately there are many that are unable to have a good quality of life. They seek help from non-profit organizations.

On Sunday, April 14th, Jill DeVries, the Development Officer with the YWCA of Cass/Clay counties will speak to the congregation at our 9:30 service. Jill is a former NDSU basketball player, coached by Amy Ruley and a friend of Lynette (Mund) Johnson.

Those who come to the YWCA are survivors of domestic violence or are experiencing homelessness. Some come with no money, no clothing, or no transportation. Some have children, while others come alone.

Please be generous! Bring your change in plastic bags. I encourage Sunday School children to come to church with their bags of change. Cash and checks (made payable to YWCA) will also be gratefully accepted. The financial needs of the YWCA are great!

Linda Costain

# Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

-The last day of Sunday School this spring will be April 28th.

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

## **Sunday School Lunches**

**April 7th-** Aiden & Kail H, Easton F, Kenna, Lyla & Aubree P



## **LUTHER LEAGUE**

### Milnor Lutheran Youth Lunch Schedule

April 21 – Cecilia Johnson, Rhiannon Johnson, Shiloh Johnson, Jerilyn Yagow

April 28 – Senior Recognition - Sofia Hanna, Lilly Lee, Ashlynn Sundquist

Senior Recognition will be April 28th. Cake and coffee will be served. Congratulations to the Class of 2024: John Kottke, Kolten Kadoun, Amber Kjar, Evelyn Bixby, Kris Fuhrman

Please join the Milnor Lutheran Youth and Milnor Lutheran Church facebook page for lunch schedules and activity announcements. If there are any questions, please contact Lacy Kottke at 701 680-8942.

### **ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

April 7th	Daisy Lee Willow Tyler
April 14th	Henry Lunneborg Braylon Wyum
April 21st	Cole Fyre Teegan Olson
April 28th	Rhiannon Johnson Miley Lien

### **MLC MEMORIALS**

**In memory of Darlene Anderson**  
From: Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)

**In memory of Shawn Slaby**  
From: Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)

**In memory of Nancy Wickoren**  
From: Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)



## **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

**April**

**Ushers: Joel Halvorson, Derek Martinson**

**Altar Guild: Kylie Martinson**

**Communion: April 14th**

**Sunday School: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

**Worship: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**

**Immanuel Spring Brunch: April 7th; NO WORSHIP**

### **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The council met on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, Derek Martinson, Landon Mund, Mindy Hogness, and Pastor Rick Bryant. Tanner called the meeting to order and Pastor Rick gave a devotion.

The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Kevin, seconded by Paul. The Treasurer's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Paul, seconded by Mindy. Pastor Rick provided a report highlighting that Lent is going well, he's pleased with the attendance and excited to see new faces who will hopefully become new members. Pastor Rick would like to formally welcome them in with a new member packet. He is delighted with the Sunday School program and overall eager, excited, and blessed to be in his role, and extends his gratitude for the support his family has received.

#### **Committees:**

- **Education:** Sunday School is going well; the children sang for Palm Sunday. Next on the calendar will be a Spring Program and the last day of Sunday School for the year will be May 12<sup>th</sup>. Kylie Martinson, Kelsy Martinson, and Mindy Hogness plan to meet in April to plan Vacation Bible School and the '24-'25 Sunday School program.
- **Property & Maintenance:** Property & Maintenance items were discussed in Old Business.

#### **Old Business:**

- Property Repair List:
  - Plaster repair behind the pulpit – James Martinson  
Upon further investigation, the roof damage found will need to be addressed as soon as possible; professionals to come assess after Easter.
  - Cement cracks/unlevel on the south side of church – TBD
  - Adding gravel out front – Paul Mund
  - Seeding grass around the church – Mike Martinson & Pastor Rick
  - Cement under the shed –TBD (discussed burying with black dirt)

#### **New Business:**

- May 19<sup>th</sup> was tentatively selected for a Spring Clean-up day.

The meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

#### **Reminder of Key Upcoming Dates:**

- April 7<sup>th</sup>: Pancake Feed
- April 17<sup>th</sup>: Council Meeting
- May 12<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of Sunday School & Mother's Day
- May 19<sup>th</sup>: 8am Church Service Begins & Spring Clean-up Day (Tentative)

**Mindy Hogness  
Council Secretary**



#### **BRIDAL SHOWER**

There will be a bridal shower for Shelby Mund, bride-to-be of Caemon Kelly, on Saturday, May 11th, from 10 am to noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Brunch will be served. Shelby & Caemon are registered at Amazon and Target.