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NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

My where does the time go? As I write this, we are almost to March and we are experiencing beautiful, spring-like weather. It seems just like yesterday that we were in a severe deep freeze with temps pushing -30 below.

Although we could still endure bad weather, let's enjoy these beautiful days while they last. Our local basketball teams' seasons have come to end and we are proud of our young men and women for their hard-work and dedication.

Next Wednesday, March 5th, we will kick off our 2025 Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service at MLC. Lent is a time of year in which we try to pause the busyness of our lives with a renewed focus on our gracious Lord Jesus and the ultimate sacrifice He made in walking the earth fully human, yet fully divine. The gift of Christ defeating death, offering grace, and assuring our salvation deserves this devotion and appreciation not only this Lenten season, but all-year around. You folks do this and it is such an honor and blessing to worship and honor Jesus Christ with you all. Your sense of community, family, church, and God is no doubt is pleasing in the eyes of our Savior and makes this little prairie community a wonderful place to live and call home for everyone.

Moving forward, we will continue to alternate Wednesday church services at MLC and ILC. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 6:00 p.m. at both locations, with services beginning at 7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday is on April 13th, Maundy Thursday services will be held at Immanuel on Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday services will be held at Milnor Lutheran on Friday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. I am going to wait to post times and locations for Easter Sunday pending direction from the church councils. Stay tuned.

Confirmation classes will resume the Wednesday after Easter Sunday. I will be making firm plans and dates for Confirmation ceremonies and administering first communion to 5th and 6th graders. These dates will be announced ASAP.

I am hoping that you all are enjoying the new video/audio system at MLC. I think it is a true blessing and will add much needed technology and improvement for church and other events such as weddings and funerals.

In closing, I wish to leave you with the words from Phillipians 2-3, *"Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves."*

May the God of mercy and love be with you all.

Rick

PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Bobbi Haugen, Jasmine Smith, Gary Jensen, Mary Beth Goolesby, Jill Wehlander and Don Marquette*. 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.



March Birthdays

4 - Danielle Hogness Everett Koeppe	17-Avery Laudert Arlo Schutt	26-Arthur Peterson
5 - Jace Fyre	19-Barb Odegard	27 -Jill Gainor
7 - Hailyn Berndt Patty Ellefson	20-Carolyn Colby	30-Pete Christiansen Jim Toyne
Isaac Kottke	22-Tania Henning James Martinson	31-Jeremy Griggs
12 - Jean Anderson	23-Canyon Coleman Loran Hudson	Braylon Wyum
13 - RickBryant Lynne Michels	24-Melissa Bryant	
14 - Christina Bertram	Jerilyn Yagow	

March Altar Guild

Janice Larson and Gail McCleery

WELCA

Day of DoingQuilters will meet March 18th and 19th at 9:00 a.m.
Yarn Angels will meet March 11th and 25th at 1:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 9th. Remember to turn your clocks ahead!

MLC NOTES

--If you would like to contribute toward **Easter lilies** in memory of or in honor of loved ones or friends, please contact Connie (427-5536) or Linda (427-9475) by April 6th.

--Attention Thrivent Members: If you have **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to give, call Thrivent Choice by the end of March to distribute them. Thanks to those whose donations have already been received.

--There will be a **blood drive** at MLC on Monday, March 31st from 11:45-6:00 p.m. Call Bobbi Haugen 680-2806 or Dorothy Pribula 680-8082 for an appointment.

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

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



Sunday School Lunches

March 2 - Avyn H, Abigail L, Natalie & Lincoln G., William P.

March 9-Talluah & Arlo S., Saryce & Nico M., Kail H.

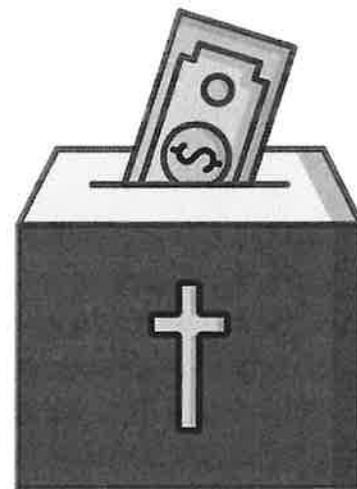
*******No Sunday School March 9th and March 23rd.*******

LUTHER LEAGUE LUNCHESES

MARCH 16-WILLOW T., GREYSON A., CHLOE S., AVERY Y., AIDEN H.

MARCH 23-MILNOR SCHOLARSHIP ASSOC.
PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER

MARCH 30-HENRY L., LAYTON B., JACE & COLE F., GAVIN W.



SAVE THE DATE: NOISY OFFERING will be held on Sunday, April 6th for the Sargent County Food Pantry. Bring your coins, cash and checks to support the Pantry!

***The Milnor Lutheran
Sunday School
students will sing
during the worship
service at 9:30 a.m.
on Sunday, April
13th, and will be
hosting their annual
Palm Sunday
Breakfast following
the service. Freewill
donations go to the
Sunday School.
Everyone welcome!***



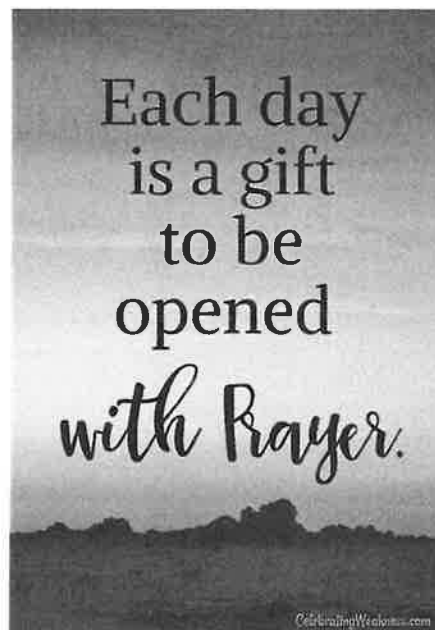
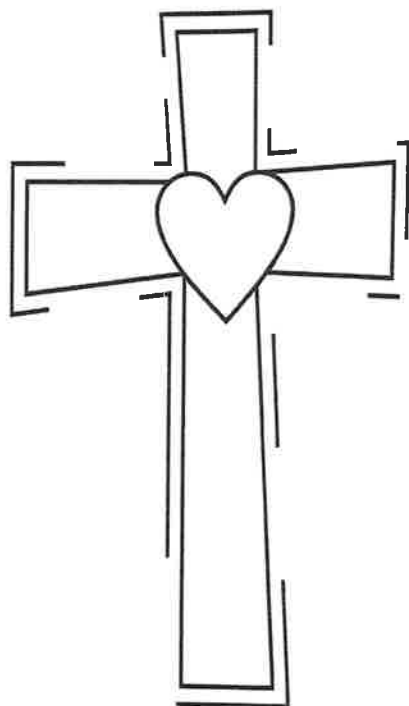
LUTHER LEAGUE
2025 LENTEN SERVING SCHEDULE

Alisha Olson will be contacting Luther League kiddos on which dates they are scheduled to bring the following:

Please bring a large crockpot of soup, 1 dozen sandwiches (2 slices of bread), or a large pan of bars (24) as assigned. Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. Please be there by 5:45. If you are not able to provide or serve as scheduled, please find a replacement. Questions? Call Alisha at 866-7789.

Thank you for your continued support serving during Lent.

Please join the Milnor Lutheran Youth and Milnor Lutheran Church Facebook page for lunch schedules and activity announcements.



HELLO SPRING

Please take note of Sunday School dates for the Spring!

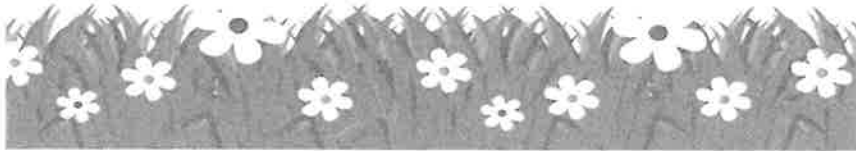
Starting 03/02/25 Sunday School will begin at 10:15am going forward!

<p>✿</p> <p>March</p> <p>03/02</p> <p>03/09</p> <p>03/16</p> <p>03/23 - No Class!</p> <p>03/30</p>	<p>April</p> <p>04/06 - No Class!</p> <p>04/13</p> <p>04/20 - No Class!</p> <p>04/27</p>
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May

05/04 - Last day of Sunday School until Fall!

ILC SUNDAY SCHOOL



2025 Lenten Schedule

March 5	Ash Wednesday Supper/Service	6:00/7:00 at Milnor Lutheran
March 12	Lenten Supper/Service	6:00/7:00 at Immanuel
March 19	Lenten Supper/Service	6:00/7:00 at Milnor Lutheran
March 26	Lenten Supper/Service	6:00/7:00 at Immanuel



The Luther League would like to thank all those who helped make their Operation Christmas Child service project a huge success!

Milnor Lutheran Council Meeting

January 8th @ 6:15pm

Present: Jill Baldwin, Loren Ellefson, Nate Sundquist, Kris Lien, Rick Bryant, Deb Wagner, Paula Tayer, Jennifer Sundquist

Absent: Wade Kuehn

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Rick.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were reviewed. No corrections or additions. Kris Lien made a motion to approve the reports and seconded by Paula Tayer; all in favor, motion carried.

The election of officers was held. President – Jill Wohler was nominated by Nate Sundquist and seconded by Paula Tayer; Vice President – Kris Lien was nominated by Paula Tayer and seconded by Nate Sundquist.

Secretary - Deb Wagner will remain as a non-voting member to continue in this role. Nate Sundquist made a motion that nominations cease and seconded by Kris Lien; motion carried.

Committee members were assigned as follows: Worship Committee – Jill Baldwin;

Stewardship – Loren Ellefson & Paula Tayer; Education – Jennifer Sundquist; Properties & Grounds: Nate Sundquist, Kris Lien & Wade Kuehn.

Committee Business

- Worship (Jill): The committee will be meeting to pick hymns after church this Sunday. Ash Wednesday is on March 5th and Pastor has purchased a Lenten program so we will be working on hymn selections for the Lenten services as well. The plan is to have confirmation students help with running the organ and power point presentations at the Lenten services.
- Stewardship (Loren & Paula) We will need someone to manage the Endowment Fund. In the past, we have distributed interest to charitable organizations each year, but this has not happened in the last couple of years. Paula will follow up with Mitch Tompkins regarding what is needed as he managed this for many years.
- Education - no Sunday school this Sunday.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Kris, Nate & Wade) Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows. Tabled.
- External Church Sign – door won't close – Tabled.
- Parsonage projects □ Update on doors and windows in the breezeway and the egress window in basement. Everything has been ordered just waiting for things to come in.
- □ Window Well covers – tabled until spring.
- □ Old well room mold. Nothing to update. Still waiting for the contractor to determine what is needed to wall that off.
- □ Front door screen door – Rick reports that this is fixed.
- □ Outside Outlets – Tabled. Will be fixed with well room/patio repair.
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- Carpet cleaning Church and fellowship hall has been completed.
- Mold in Church Basement – Awaiting bid on building out walls and sheet rocking/insulating.
- Basement Girls Bathroom – the faucet screen on the sink needs cleanout as it doesn't have good flow.
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Pastor's Report

- There is a Baptism on March 1st.
- Synod assembly is June 7th and 8th. Anyone can attend and the cost would be covered by the church.
- Prayer list has been updated. If someone was removed that you feel should still be listed, reach out and let Rick know.

Old Business

- Update on lay ministry workshops (Jill) – Nothing new to report, Jill is currently attending the sermon class.
- Video/audio equipment installation is complete and working well.

New Business

- Due to the increased complexity of our church services and the time involved with power point presentations and virtual music, the council has decided to start paying \$300/month to Deb Wagner for IT support. This will start in February.
- Wireless internet signal is poor at the front of the church and now with the TV's we may need to look at adding another access point there. Deb will investigate options for this.

Kris Lien made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jennifer Sundquist seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Due to Lenten services, the next meeting will be Monday - March 10th @ 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

