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NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

I hope this May newsletter finds you all well! As I write this, the weather has been chilly, wet, and windy. I think we are all ready for some warmth and sunshine. I know the farmers are hoping the fields dry out soon so they can begin spring planting. The area schools are winding down for the year, and I'm sure the students and staff members are all looking forward to a much-deserved summer break. We wish them all a wonderful summer vacation.

Our churches are winding down after a busy spring, and we are soon entering a quiet time on the liturgical calendar. Last Sunday we honored the graduating seniors and heard of their future plans. They each got to pick out a beautiful quilt, handcrafted by the talented ladies of the Day of Doing Quilters. We wish them well in their future endeavors. This coming Sunday, May 5th, we will be administering First Communion to four young church members. Many kudos to the parents and these kids for taking this important step as they continue on in their faith journey.

On May 12th we will be confirming four confirmation students as new members into MLC. They have been a remarkable group of kids, and it has been my honor to learn and grow with these kids. I am fully confident that they have all grown to understand and love Jesus Christ. I wish to thank them and their parents for the hard work and dedication these past two years. We will be wrapping up confirmation next week with a well-deserved pizza party.

Our Sunday schools have wrapped up for the year. These programs are so robust and going strong. The future of our churches is rock solid. We cannot offer

enough gratitude to the Sunday school staffs for the incredible job they do with the Sunday school kids. Their dedication and compassion for teaching is an amazing gift to the kids, the church, and to God. The Red Willow Day Camp (VBS) will be held at MLC on June 9th, 10th, and 11th. Times on these days are 3 PM-6 PM, 9 AM-3 PM, and 9 AM-3PM. This camp is for children who have completed grades K-6. Cost is \$20 per student. Registration forms are available at MLC. If you have any questions, please reach out to Greta at 427-5646 or Mary at 427-5023. Also, Greta and Mary are wanting a well-deserved break from leading VBS. Please reach out to myself or Heidi if you might be interested in helping with this ministry next year.

Starting on May 19th, worship time will move to 8:00 a.m. at ILC. This will continue until further notice. Communion is held the first Sunday each month at ILC. At MLC, Communion is the first and third Sundays of the month.

I will be taking a vacation day on Sunday, May 26th. We are traveling to Williston that weekend to watch our nephew graduate from high school!

I would once again like to thank you all for your generosity with the "noisy change offering" and the support of the YWCA. Your donations will make a huge difference in the lives of those going through difficult times.

In closing, I wish you all a wonderful summer. Remember to hold your loves ones tight! May our good and gracious God be with 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 Ruth Jenson*. Please keep them in your prayers. If you or your loved one would like to be on prayer list, please contact the church office.



2 - Barb Koepp
Brian Tayer
3 - Derek Martinson
4 - Kala Banish
5 - Travis Smith
7 - Loren Ellefson
8 - Braiden Mund
9 - Tracy Hansen

10 - Lacy Kottke
Bobbi Tompkins
13 - Ava Bergstrom
Jeff Roeder
Teresa Toye-Dick
14 - Heather Edison
Emilia Martinson
Morgan Prante
Dayna Speich

19 - Myah Sundquist
20 - Donald Nelson
21 - Henry Lunneborg
23 - Amy Bergstrom
24 - Jack Spellerberg
26 - Nathan Sundquist
Gloria Toyne
29 - Joey Banish



Immanuel Lutheran Church

May

Usher: Jim Berndt

Altar Guild: Vickie Berndt

Communion: May 5th

Sunday School: May 5th and 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Worship: May 5th & 12th--11:00 a.m.; May 19th--8:00 a.m.

NO WORSHIP ON MAY 26th



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.

MILNOR LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES

April 10, 2024

Present: Nate Sundquist, Kris Lien, Jill Baldwin, Paula Tayer, Pastor Rick, Loren Ellefson, Jason Kottke, Deb Wagner. Absent: Wade Kuehn. The meeting was opened with Devotion from Pastor Rick.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were reviewed. Pastor Rick reported that the high payment to the City of Milnor for water last month at the parsonage was not a water issue. There were 2 payments made within that month due to the timing of the bills. No further problems noted, and the amount was normal for this month. Motion made to approve the secretary and treasurers report by Kris Lien and seconded by Nate Sundquist; motion carried.

Committee reports:

- **Worship** –Deb talked with Church Music Solutions which offers a substitute organists solution. Our service music and hymns could be uploaded to them, and a professional organist would record the music. Once recorded, the music would be downloaded to an iPad and played directly through a connection to the church organ. Deb confirmed that we do have the appropriate connections needed on our organ. They will be sending out the connectors needed and will assist with setup and testing. There is no contract required, billed monthly based on number of services utilized. Deb will set up a demo for the council members once the equipment is available.
- **Stewardship**– Noisy offering is set for this weekend. Donations will be given to YWCA. Linda Costain has also arranged for a special speaker for church that day. We had an email inquiry from Ruby's Pantry out of Fergus Falls about the possibility of using our parking lot to distribute food boxes. Jill is going to check into this more prior to committing anything.
- **Education**
 - 3 more weeks of Sunday School
 - April 28th- Senior Recognition, 1st Communion
 - May 5th, Confirmation May 12th
- **Properties/Grounds & Parsonage**
 - Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows. Nothing new to report
 - Humidity issue in basement – We did get an estimate from Crossroads. No decision was made at this time.

- Gutter hanging down on south side of church. This was fixed.
- Weeds in the grass at the church and parsonage – will follow up with Bill on this as he planned to spray in the spring.
- Drainage around church in front of door. Nothing new to report.
- Heat pumps in the Fellowship Hall–We have one heat pump that is working currently. We are still waiting on a part to fix the second one. It was noted that there is a natural gas smell in furnace room, Jill has reached out to Crossroads to check.
- External Church Sign – Nothing new to report.
- Snow breaks on the church roof were installed.
- One of the Kitchen lights is not working. Will have Crossroads check this.

Pastor's Report: We have 2 baptisms coming up April 27th & 28th. Pastor Rick has been passing out applications to join church to new attendees so will hopefully have a new members' service coming up.

Old Business

- Update on lay ministry workshops (Jill) – Jill attended the last Outreach meeting in Rutland. May 4th is the Vital Church: Community and Welcome workshop in Jamestown or via zoom. Cost is \$20/individual, \$10/individual for zoom. Anyone that is interested in attending can reach out to Jill for further details. We are still looking for people to attend Synod meetings in June.
- Generator Back up – emergency shelter site – A bid was received by Maxwell Electric; we will also be getting a second bid from Crossroads. Once obtained we would need congregational approval to proceed.
- Ads for Secretary/Organist – No update – Deb is working on this.

New Business

- There are couple of issues at the Parsonage: One of the closet sliding doors is offtrack, gutters are leaking, and they would like a window well covered. The property and grounds committee will follow-up on these fixes.

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

Next Meeting will be May 8th @ 6:15pm

Deb Wagner, Council Secretary

May Altar Guild
Vi Mahler and Tracy Nelson

WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet May 21st and 22nd at 9:00 a.m.
Yarn Angels will meet May 14th and 28th at 1:00 p.m.

Day of Doing Quilters

On Sunday, April 28th, MLC's Day of Doing Quilters displayed 61 adult quilts and 23 children's quilts in the sanctuary. Our graduating seniors each chose a quilt, and the others are being delivered to Furniture Mission, the YWCA, and Churches United in Fargo. Thank you to all the women who donate time and talents to this ministry.

May Shepherding Schedule

Leaders: Connie Robbins and Linda Robbins

- May 5, 2024-- Ushers/Greeters: Ernest Roder & Jodi Ost; Lector: Jodi
Communion: Daisy Lee and Willow Tyler
- May 12, 2024-- Ushers/Greeters: Cheryl Roder and Linda Robbins; Lector: Linda Costain
- May 19, 2024-- Ushers/Greeters : Randy & LaRae Odegard; Lector: Lois Jenson
Communion: Tracy & Kevin Hansen
- May 26, 2024-- Ushers/Greeters: Judy & Jim Kleingarn; Lector: Judy

Thank you to everyone who serves and supports our church.

Noisy Offering

On Sunday, April 14th, Jill DeVries, Development Officer with the YWCA, spoke at MLC about the services offered by and the needs of the YWCA in Fargo. Thank you to individuals and church groups who brought their spare change and other donations to raise over \$4,000 for the YWCA and the needy people they serve! Thanks to everyone for your generosity and to Linda Costain for organizing this benefit.

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Pastor Curt Larson

From: Jeanette Buskohl (Day of Doing)
Linda Costain (Yarn Angels)
Monty & Bobbi Haugen (Yarn Angels)
Marjorie Johnson (Yarn Angels)
Ed & Janice Larson (Day of Doing)

In memory of Denise Luttio

From: Lori & Myron Yagow (Sunday School)

In memory of Jean Speich

From: Linda Costain (Day of Doing)
Lori & Myron Yagow (Sunday School)

WELCA MINUTES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Milnor WELCA met in regular session on Wednesday, April 10, at 10:00 AM. There were seven members present.

Linda Costain opened with devotions. The secretary's minutes were read and a correction made to the Fall Bazaar income from the quilt raffle sales. The correct amount was \$1678.38. The correct amount from the meal sales was \$1258.41. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The balance as of 3/31/24 was \$4818.30.

Old Business:

- Celeste Metzen will no longer be doing Cradle Roll. She has served in this position for over 40 years. Heidi Moxness will temporarily be continuing this duty.
- Yarn Angels donated knitted items to Sanford Hospital and Furniture Mission.

New Business:

- Day of Doing will be giving a quilt to each high school age senior on Senior Recognition Sunday, April 28. Any remaining quilts will be donated to the YWCA, Furniture Mission, or Churches United of Fargo.
- Love Offering letters will be mailed during the month of May. Each family should look for this and make a donation if desired. Please return it to the church office. The money raised will pay for students to attend Red Willow Bible Camp one time and projects in the church. The letters, and labels will be run off in the office and WELCA will purchase envelopes and stamps.

- Dorothy Pribula will plant flowers in the pots outside the back and front doors. The containers we have will be used and WELCA will pay for the flowers. A watering schedule will put out to help with this duty. It was decided to purchase new hoses and a garden reel that will reach the triangle flower beds.
- A motion was made to donate \$250 to the YWCA.
- It was decided to make the health kits again, but wait until fall to ask for needed items. The information will be put in the August Newsletter.
- A volunteer is needed to fill the kids busy bags that are in the back of the church. Dorothy will try to find someone to do this. A \$100 donation was given for the purchase of new items.
- A motion was made to give \$150 toward the Senior Scholarship Award. We will ask Sunday School and LMI to also donate. The award will be given on Senior Recognition Day, April 28. There are five Seniors.
- The 2024 Fall Bazaar will be held on Sun., Oct. 6. Plans remain the same. Bobbi Haugen will make the quilt.
- The 2024 Christmas Tea will be held on Sun., Dec. 8, at 2:00PM.

The next WELCA meeting will be Wed., Aug. 14 at 10:00AM.

Secretary,
Patty Ellefson

Attention Future Confirmation Students: Current 6th graders that will be attending Confirmation as 7th graders next fall may begin to fill out and turn in Sermon Notes now. Sermon note forms are found on a clipboard above the counter near the offices. (You'll need a bulletin to help fill out the sermon note). Once filled out place them in the basket located on the counter.

LUTHER LEAGUE

THANK YOU everyone who has made Luther League a success this year. Your generosity is appreciated. The youth will not be serving until the fall.

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.

**CONGRATULATIONS
MLC STUDENTS**

Four students will receive First Communion on May 5th:

Saryce Biss	Hunter Lien
Jacob Hanna	Brinley Yagow

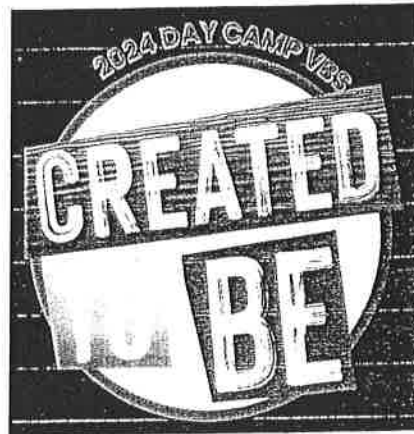
Four students will be confirmed on May 12th:

Emilee Bergstrom	Teegan Olson
Cole Fyre	Halle Pfungsten

Five graduating seniors were honored at MLC on April 28th:

Evelyn Bixby	Amber Kjar
Kris Fuhrman	John Kottke
Kolten Kadoun	

Red Willow Day Camp



June 9, 10 & 11
Milnor Lutheran Church

Sunday: 3PM-6PM
Monday 9AM-3PM
Tuesday 9AM-3PM

Bible Camp is for ALL children having completed grades K-6
(Upper grades are invited to assist counselors)

Cost: \$20 per student (K-6) or \$40 per family

Registration forms are available at Milnor Lutheran Church
or by contacting Greta (427-5646) or Mary (427-5023)

REGISTER TODAY

Register for a fun, friends, and faith filled time this summer

A Day Camp VBS day is full of fun-filled activities that bring joy, build character, and faith-focused experiences that connect them with God and each other.

This summer's theme is "Created to Be". We are loved and accepted by God even before we enter this world.

Everyone will walk away knowing that even when we feel alone and unseen, God sees us and knows us, never leaving our side and God's grace abounds.

