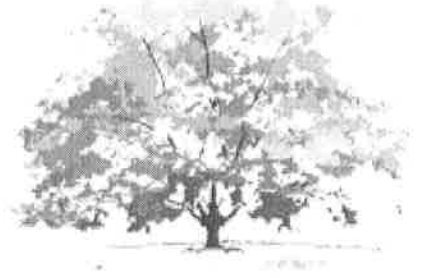


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NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

As I write this newsletter, the word of the day is "RAIN." We have certainly had our share. But, as God always comes through for us, the forecast looks to be drier and warmer in the coming days. Last year's June newsletter found me commenting about how we needed rain badly! We thank you Lord for the moisture.

The summer season is a quiet time in our liturgy year, but God is always present and at work here in our church and community. Soon the children will be enjoying Vacation Bible School at MLC and ILC. Vacation Bible School is a wonderful way to plant a seed in their young hearts and minds that will encourage them to adopt Christ into their lives. Special thanks to Greta, Mary, Bryce, Mindy, Kelsy, and Kylie, and all of the volunteers that make VBS a reality. In addition, several youth will be attending various camps at Red Willow. We wish them a wonderful time and safe travels! Melissa and I wish to thank the folks who donated grilling beef for us to feed to the VBS staff who will be staying at the parsonage June 9-11. Thank you!

We recently recognized the graduating seniors of our churches at MLC and the wonderful ladies of our Day of Doing Quilters allowed each of them to pick out a quilt. This special gift will always be reminder to the graduates that the church is a special place with folks who truly care for them. Best of luck to you all!

Recently Nate Sunquist, Wade Kuehn, and Kris Lien graciously took time out of their day to inspect the parsonage. There are some issues that will need to be addressed such as gutters, window wells, old windows

in the basement and breezeway, washer and dryer, and a pump room in the basement that has mold issues. I thank the guys for coming over, and of course we will keep you all posted as to how these repairs will be addressed. Melissa and I are so blessed to live in that beautiful home, and we do try to take care of everything as best we can.

There are also some repairs needed and some water issues at ILC. These are being addressed, and we will update the congregation as to the progress.

Melissa and I traveled to Williston for our nephew's graduation, and we were blessed to be able to take Sunday, May 26th off. Thank you to Jill Baldwin for covering for me. I heard that she did an amazing job.

Worship at ILC will now be held at 8:00 a.m. until further notice.

Please keep praying for those among us who are ill and facing medical challenges. Our prayers are an important way to help out, despite feeling sometimes that there is nothing we can do.

I hope you all have a great summer. Please stay safe, stay praying, stay humble, stay compassionate, stay forgiving, and stay loving.

As I close, I share with you the words of *Lamentations 3: 22-23*, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is His faithfulness."

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, Ruth Jensen, Duane Ellison, John Crandall, and Rafy Warner*. 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 - Ed Larson
Kayley Peterson
2 - Judy Kleingarn
Randy Odegard
4 - Kala Banish
Shannon Berndt
7 - Toni Claus
8 - Curt Anderson
9 - Gail McCleery

10 - Levi Buskohl
Ryan Mund
11 - Linda Costain
Steve Mund
Darla Schutt
14 - John Kottke
Kit Mund
15 - Kathy Ellefson
16 - Kelly Arth
Celeste Metzen

17 - Sofia Hanna
Glen Koepp
20 - Morgan Mund
21 - LaVerne Colby
24 - Linda Robbins
25 - Mindy Hogness
Rhiannon Johnson
27 - Wyatt Martinson
28 - Dennis Odegard
29 - Tammy Bernhardt

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Pastor Curt Larson

From: Marlene Hogness (Sunday School)
Brian & Paula Tayer (Yarn Angels)
Mervin & Karen Wohler (Day of Doing)

In memory of Gary Dietzler

From: Bruce & Dayna Speich (ML Cemetery)
Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

In memory of Marlys Sebens Daly

From: Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

In memory of Hector & Vera Durler

From: Lester & Judy Wheeler (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Denise Luttio

From: Marlene Hogness (Sunday School)

In memory of Ryan Wohler

From: Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

MILNOR LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES

May 8, 2024

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

The meeting was opened with devotion from Pastor Rick. The Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports were reviewed and approved.

Committee Business

- Worship (Jill)– nothing new to report. We were able to do a test demonstration with Church Music Solutions connecting through our organ and it was unanimous to proceed with setting up an account with them. This can be used as little or as much as needed to cover vacations etc. Deb has established the account with them, and they are ready to proceed when needed.
- Stewardship (Loren & Paula)– The council was approached by an anonymous matching donor request for Sargent County Food Pantry. Our donation of \$500 would be matched by this donor for total \$1000. Motion was made by Loren Ellefson to make the donation and seconded by Paula; motion carried. Jill will let Grace know about this.
- Education (Jason) – Sunday school has wrapped up for the year. VBS will be held June 9th – 11th with counselors from Red Willow Bible Camp. Pastor Rick and Melissa will be hosting the counselors this year. It was brought to the council's attention that we will have a large group of confirmation kids starting next year. Discussed options for assistance for Pastor Rick. Will continue to look at options and discuss at future meetings.
 - Reviewed the recommendation made in February 2023 church council meeting for attendance of Bible Camp to be a requirement for confirmation. The council is still in favor of adding this back into the requirements to be confirmed. All students would need to attend Bible Camp once throughout their 2-years of confirmation. It was decided that this requirement will start this fall with the incoming 7th graders. Pastor Rick will update this in the requirement documentation.

- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Kris, Nate & Wade)
 - Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows. Nothing new to report
 - Humidity issue in basement – Verbal bids were discussed. Once formal hard copy bid is received will call a special congregational meeting for approval.
 - Weeds in the grass at the church and parsonage – This was completed.
 - Drainage around church in front of door. Nothing new to report.
 - Heat pumps – Fellowship Hall: Crossroads was here and both are now functioning. They also fixed a gas leak in the furnace room.
 - External Church Sign – Linda Costain has volunteered to clean this. Will follow-up with her regarding any additional parts/replacements required.
 - Parsonage needs reviewed–Possible gutter replacement/repair, window well covers, front screen door not latching, washing machine upstairs occasionally leaking and dishwasher needs leveling. The sliding closet door has been fixed. The committee will plan to go over to the parsonage and look at these issues.

Pastor's Report - The last confirmation class of the year was today. Confirmation will be held this Sunday. Pastor is requesting vacation Sunday May 26th. Jill will cover the service that day.

Old Business

- Update on lay ministry workshops (Jill) – There is a Women's Prayer retreat out at the lodge, May 18th-19th. For further information, talk to Pastor Rick. Synod Assembly in June. Jill is planning to attend. Anyone else interested in attending, please reach out to Jill for information.
- Generator Back up – emergency shelter site. Reviewed the bids. The council is in favor of proceeding with the option for an automatic generator. Once we get the official hard copy bid, will include this in the special congregational meeting for approval.
- Ads for Secretary/Organist have been placed in the Teller and Ransom County Gazette. We will also be posting out on Facebook. Deb will check

into running this in Wahpeton paper as well. Any interested parties, please reach out to Pastor Rick or one of the council members.

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

Next Meeting: June 5th @ 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wagner, Council Secretary

New Business

- Celeste Metzen has retired from Cradle Call after 40 years and the council would like to thank her for her years of service.

April Income	\$15,346.93
April Expenses	9,974.89
Net Gain	5,372.04
Year to Date	\$ 4,290.93

June Altar Guild
Jeanette Buskohl and Connie Robbins

WELCA

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

Yarn Angels will meet June 4th and 25th at 1:00 p.m.

Altar Guild will meet June 5th at 7:00 p.m.

MLC NOTES

We're still looking for grapes for VBS, coming up June 9th - 11th. If you can provide an ice cream pail of these tasty gems, washed and ready for the kids to eat, please contact Greta (427-5646).

If you have a Confirmation student interested in going to camp for their first time, WELCA will pay the entire cost. Register at RedWillowMinistries.com and use code MLW24. If you have questions, call Donna Johnson at 701-680-0161 or Red Willow at 701-676-2681.

Greta and Mary would like for someone else to take over coordinating and facilitating the VBS/Day Camp program, beginning next year. If you are interested, please contact them. Attending some of the time this year would give you an idea of what's involved and how things work.

WELCA is looking for someone to take over the task of caring for the "busy bags" children use during worship. This requires changing out the materials twice per year and cleaning them out 2-3 times per year. Money has been donated to purchase new materials for these bags. Please call Dorothy for more details or to volunteer. (680-8082)

There are sign-up sheets in the entry for providing and serving summer lunches after worship and for watering plants around MLC this summer.

Luther League still has copies of the 1982 MLC cookbook available for purchase. Price is \$20. Contact Lacy Kottke (680-8942) or the church office.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

June

Usher: Dan Krause

Altar Guild: Karen Krause

Communion: June 2nd

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. through August

IMMANUEL COUNCIL MINUTES

May 15, 2024

The council met on Wednesday, May 15th at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, Derek Martinson, Paul 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 Derek, seconded by Tanner. The Treasurer's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Kevin, seconded by Paul. Pastor Rick provided a report stating we're through the busy church season and that Sunday School has concluded for the year. He's passed out a handful of new member forms. September marks five years with Rick as our Pastor.

Committees:

- **Education:** Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday August 13th & Wednesday August 14th for children entering grades K-3rd with enrollment forms due on June 1st. Enrollment forms for the 2024-2025 Sunday School Year will be due on August 1st. Contact Kylie, Kelsy, or Mindy with any questions.
- **Property & Maintenance:** Property & Maintenance items were discussed in Old Business.

Old Business:

- Property Repair List:
 - Plaster repair behind the pulpit – James Martinson
 - *5/15 Update: The roof was repaired first, pending invoice.*
 - Cement cracks/unlevel on the south side of church – Derek Martinson/Paul Mund
 - *5/15 Update: Paul plans to discuss with Jared L.*
 - Adding gravel out front – Paul Mund
 - *5/15 Update: Council discussed where & quantity. Paul plans to bring over 2 loads.*
 - Seeding grass around the church – Mike Martinson/Pastor Rick
 - *5/15 Update: Council discussed it looking nice due to weather & James spraying it; Rick plans to seed in May.*
 - Cement under the shed – James Martinson
 - *5/15 Update: James dropped off dirt.*
 - New item: The council observed water leaking in along the north side wall foundation. The council discussed some ideas for mitigation and will reconvene on this topic at the next council meeting.
- May 19th was tentatively selected for a Spring Clean-up Day.
 - *5/15 Update: Cancelling as the cemetery will be taking care of this.*

New Business:

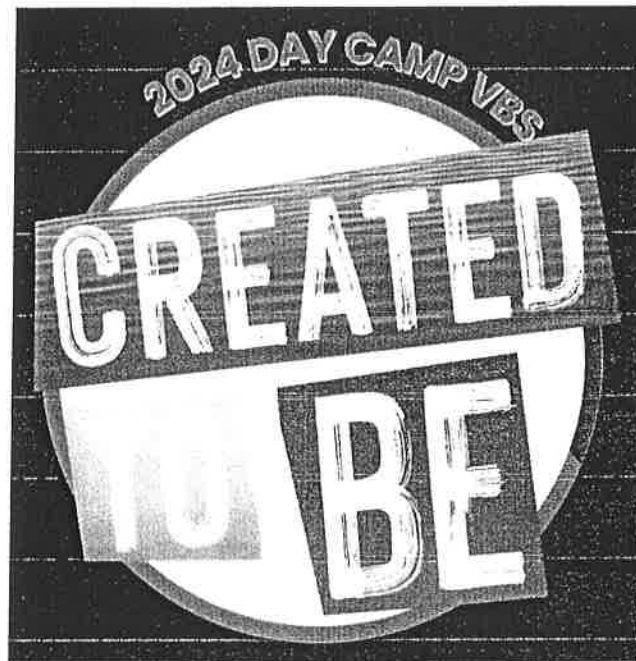
- Tanner made a motion for Derek to move \$10,000 from Savings to either a Money Market Account or CD to collect interest. The motion carried and the council approved.

The meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will take place on June 19th at 7pm.

Mindy Hogness
Council Secretary

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)