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**NEWSLETTER**



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## Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all,

It seems as if it has been awhile since I last wrote this newsletter. And here we are halfway through summer, with fall already in sight. It is my hope that each and every one has had wonderful summer thus far. It sure has been hot and muggy as of late. The summer started off very wet, but there has not been much rain in recent days. I pray for favorable conditions for our farmers and ranchers as always.

On the church front, things have been going very well. We have done some updates at the parsonage with more to come. The parsonage will be getting a new rain-gutter system that is much needed. There is a pump room in the basement that will be removed and filled in. We are so blessed that we are financially able to tackle whatever the church/parsonage needs. Bless you all for your constant generosity.

As most of you know, Heidi is retiring in September after a long and distinguished tenure at our churches. We thank her for dedication and service. She will continue to play the organ at ILC, however. At MLC, we were recently able to test the new music system we will employ starting in September. Although a good organist is a gift from God, I think the new digital system will serve us well. Heidi's office replacement, Wendy Willprecht, has begun her training, and things are going well. I am confident that by September she will be ready to fulfill all of the duties quite well.

Before we know it, September will be here and that means the start of Sunday School and Confirmation. Greta and Mary need another teacher to join them for Sunday School. If you are able to help them with all of

the amazing things that they do for the church and the children, please reach out to them, or myself, or Heidi. I will have a very large Confirmation group this year, but I am excited to begin learning and growing with the kids. Melissa will be helping me and we know that it will be an incredible experience for the kids and us. I have not yet decided on a start date, but it will most likely be mid to late September. I like for the kids to get acclimated to school before throwing Confirmation at them.

At both of our churches, our prayer lists seem to be growing. Let us please continue to pray for the people on those lists. There is no greater physician than God, and the power of prayer is a medicine that has no equal. As always, please reach out to me anytime if I can be of help. It is such a great honor and blessing to be your pastor. I feel like the most blessed man on earth.

As I close this letter, I wish to leave you with this bible verse from Deuteronomy 6: 5-9, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand let them be symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."* The world often seems wild and confusing. God does have all of the answers to the unknown and is the One who can erase our fears and replace them with an inner peace that no one on this earth can ever take away.

May God Bless you all.

Rick

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

People currently on our prayer lists are *Sophie Fuhrman, Dick Kuehn, Mark Thorson, Marcus Anderson, Arlis McFarland, Sharon Lunneborg, Pam Bolanos, John Crandall, Don Marquette, Loralie Martinson, and Jill Wehlander*. 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.



### July

2 - Mike Martinson  
Shirley Mund  
4 - Greyson Arth  
7 - Tom Hogness  
8 - Randy Syrstad  
9 - Wanda Hogness  
13- Abigail Lunneborg  
Darick Yagow  
14 - Jeri Christiansen  
15 - Lillian Martinson  
17 - Linda Martinson  
19 - Bud Kuehn  
20 - Janice Larson  
23 - Jerome Johnson  
Jason Kottke

24 - Donna Johnson  
26 - Jeanette Buskohl  
27 - Adam Martinson  
28 - Tanner Martinson  
Alisha Olson  
30 - David Lunneborg

### August

3 - Lacey Ferderer  
4 - Carson Roeder  
5 - Joel Halvorson  
6 - Carson Deyle  
Jolene Schwalk  
Holden Yagow  
7 - Easton Fyre  
Paula Tayer

8 - Kevin Peterson  
9 - Terry Dusek  
12 - Brayden Larson  
17 - Judy Anderson  
Jim Kleingarn  
19 - Debbe Ellefson  
Gwyn Kuehn  
20 - Lance Hogness  
23 - Brinley Yagow  
26 - Brenda Gibbon  
27 - Tammy Martinson  
29 - Brooke Peterson  
30 - Dan Mund  
David Robbins

## BLOOD DRIVE AT MLC

There will be a blood drive at MLC on Monday, July 29th, from 11:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Please call Bobbi (680-2806) or Dorothy (680-8082) for appointments. If you can furnish cookies, bars, or other goodies for this event, please let either Dorothy or Bobbi know.

## MLC MEMORIALS

### **In memory of Kathy Donovan**

From: Dick & Pat Kuehn (Sunday School)

### **In memory of Sharon Gainor**

From: Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

### **In memory of Ruth Jenson**

From: Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

### **In memory of Rafy Warner**

From: James & Ione Foley (MLC)  
David & Connie Robbins (ML Cemetery)  
Teresa Toyne-Dick (MLC)  
Alice Wehlander (Sunday School)  
Warner Family (Day of Doing)

# MILNOR LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 5, 2024

Present: Jill Baldwin, Paula Tayer, Rick Bryant, Loren Ellefson, Deb Wagner, Wade Kuehn, Nate Sundquist;  
Absent: Kris Lien, Jason Kottke, Loren Ellefson. The meeting was opened with devotion by Rick Bryant.

**The Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports** were reviewed. Nate Sundquist made a motion to approve, seconded by Wade Kuehn; motion carried.

## Committee Business

- Worship (Jill) - Hymns are selected through September. Heidi will be on vacation on July 7<sup>th</sup>, we will plan to do a trial run with the Substitute Organist that Sunday.
- Stewardship (Loren & Paula)– nothing new to report.
- Education (Jason)– VBS will be starting this Sunday. We are still looking for replacement leaders for next year.
- Properties/Grounds & Parsonage (Kris, Nate & Wade)
  - Exterior wood on bottom of the stained-glass windows. Nothing new to report, waiting on the contractor.
  - Humidity issue in basement – the verbal bids were discussed. Once we receive a formal hard copy bid, we will call a special congregational meeting for approval.
  - Drainage around church in front of door – Drainage pipe was installed - this is complete.
  - External Church Sign – Linda Costain has cleaned up the sign and she reports that the door is broken. Discussed some possible options. Will re-discuss at the next meeting.
  - Parsonage projects:
    - Gutter replacement – rough estimates came in @\$4500 & \$7000. The council is recommending accepting the \$4500 bid. This will be announced the next 2 Sundays, and we will have a congregational meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> for approval.
    - Basement Window replacement – waiting on a quote.
    - Window Well covers – waiting on a quote.
    - Old well room mold – due to health concerns, this is a priority to get taken care. This will be an extensive project as it will require removing the patio and digging out the well room. We will also need to wall this room off from the house. The plan is to start with

walling off the room from the basement to ensure that there is no contamination in the house. Then will work on bids for the rest of the project.

- The fridge leak has been fixed and the dishwasher remounted.
- Upstairs combined washer/dryer is not draining. Wade will check the cost of replacing this unit.
- Front door screen door repair/replacement & doors and windows in breezeway replacements. Will have contractor look at these projects.
- Outside outlets are not working – Rick will follow up with Crossroads regarding this.

**Pastor's Report** – There are 2 funerals coming up and a baptism this Sunday. There have been a couple of applications for secretary job and Rick will be setting up interviews.

## Old Business

- Lay ministry update – Jill has turned in her application to start the process to become a lay minister.
- Generator Back up/emergency shelter site. Due to other pressing expenses, this will be put on hold for now.
- Search for Secretary/Organist. Per Pastors report we have had applications for Secretary, nothing so far for organist.
- Jill attended Synod Assembly this past weekend and she reported they had a good turn out both days.

## New Business

- No new business.

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

**Next Meeting: September 11@ 6:15pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Wagner, Secretary

June Income	\$ 6,935.06
June Expenses	7,991.44
Net Loss	- 1,056.38
Year to Date	\$ 8,445.87

*Altar Guild*

*July--Vi Mahler and Tracy Nelson*

*August--Janice Larson and Gail McCleery*

# WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet July 16th & 17th and August 20th & 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Yarn Angels will meet July 9th & 23rd and August 13th & 27th at 1:00 p.m.

WELCA will meet August 14th at 10:00 a.m.

## Donate Your Used Items to Help Those in Need

MLC WELCA will be collecting used items for Open Door 65, a thrift store in Fargo that serves the homeless and the disadvantaged. They allow registered shoppers to shop for necessities free of charge and are currently in need of the following items:

### Clothing

men's jeans

men's socks

men's tennis shoes

(sizes 10 & 10 1/2 most needed)

children's shoes & clothes

### Miscellaneous

one and two-person tents

bike locks

pots & pans

small appliances

home decor

### Bedding

twin, queen, king sheets

quilts

blankets

**Women's clothing and shoes are not needed at this time.**

If you can help by donating any of these items, please bring them to the church and put them in the totes under the coat rack. This drive will end September 1st.



## **BRIDAL SHOWER**

There will be a come-and-go bridal shower for Angela Johnson, bride-to-be of Andy Gullicks, on Friday, August 6th, from 4:00--6:00 p.m. at Milnor Lutheran Church. The couple is registered at Target, Amazon, and Bed Bath & Beyond.



## **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

**July**

**Usher: Harlan Hogness**

**Altar Guild: Sandy Hogness**

**Communion: July 7th**

**August**

**Ushers: Loran Hudson and Mark Hudson**

**Altar Guild: Annette Hudson**

**Communion: August 4th**

**Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. through Sept. 1st**

***A few pics from VBS, held June 9th-11th at MLC...***



**-Sunday School at MLC begins September 8th. We are in need of an additional teacher. Please contact Greta or Mary if you can help!**

**-Acolyting for 8th Grade Confirmation students will begin in early September. Please watch for the schedule!**