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NEWSLETTER



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Rick's Column

Greetings and Peace to you all:

I hope this newsletter finds you all well! My goodness where has the summer gone? As I write this letter our children are going back to school tomorrow and the college students will start soon! It is my hope that each and every one of us has had a wonderful summer. We pray for all students, parents, faculty, and staff as they see to the education of our future generations.

Speaking of education, Sunday School at both churches will be starting on September 8th. I eagerly look forward to the children returning. They provide us with so much energy, enthusiasm, and joy. Their presence makes our church family feel absolutely full and complete. ILC will have the same staff as last year. This year, in addition to Greta and Mary leading Sunday school, we welcome and thank Briana Spellerberg for agreeing to help out. "Thank you" Briana!!

Five years have now passed since you all have entrusted me to be your pastor. Five years later, I still feel as honored and blessed as ever. Thank you all for your support and encouragement. I sincerely hope that I am fulfilling your spiritual needs and that you are pleased with what I bring as your pastor. I am always open for ideas and ways to improve. I encourage all of you to not hesitate to share your thoughts with me, should you feel the need. Church is about ALL of us.

Moving forward, there will be no church at ILC on September 1st. ILC worship will move to 11:00 a.m. on September 8th. There will be a potluck dinner after this service. Meat will be provided, but if you are able, please bring a side dish to complete the meal. I also

plan to be on vacation September 8th. Per request, Anthony Bryant will speak at ILC on September 8th in place of my sermon. Jill Baldwin will lead worship at MLC on both Sept 1st and September 8th. Due to my vacation, communion at both churches will be September 15th. It is my plan to begin confirmation on Wednesday, September 25th. I will reach out to all incoming students and their parents very soon.

The dreaded time has come for Heidi to begin her well-deserved retirement. Heidi, we all thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your dedicated service to our churches. Your service, presence, and friendship have been a true gift from God. You have enriched us all. "THANK-YOU!" Heidi's last church day at MLC will be September 1st. After that, Wendy Willprecht will be assuming the secretary duties and we will then begin using the remote organ system for our hymns. I understand change is hard for all of us, but together, we will embrace this change and be just fine!

Fall is an exciting time of the year. Our high school sports teams will be playing soon and we are all anxious to attend these events and support the students. Harvest will begin before we know it. Please pray for our farmers and ranchers and their overall well-being. Where would we be without them?

I wish you all peace and well-being in the coming months. Let us pray, pray, and pray some more for our loved ones, neighbors, our community, our church, our nation, and all of God's wonderful creation. 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 Wehlender*. 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.



September Birthdays

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| 2 - Shane Kadoun
Danene Odegard | 10 - Brady Lien
12 - Mike Schutt | 21 - DuWayne Baldwin
Kail Heitkamp |
| 3 - Lillianna Lee
Gerald Nelson | 14 - Patti Martin
Paul Mund | 24 - Mark Hudson
Hadley Larson |
| 4 - Wade Kuehn | 15 - Gary Jensen | 25 - Jodi Ost |
| 7 - Karleigh Kadoun
Joan Peterson
Deb Wagner | 18 - Charlee Martinson | 27 - Sandy Hogness
Kevin Moxness
Andrew Yagow |
| 8- Tracy Nelson
LaRae Odegard | 19 - Ione Foley
Briana Spellerberg
Mervin Wohler | 29 - Eileen Vail |
| 9 - DeNae Martinson | 20 - Karla Dusek
Bobbi Haugen | 30 - Kelsy Martinson
Mike Nadler |

WELCOME, WENDY!

Welcome to Wendy Willprecht, our new Office Administrator. Wendy has lived in the Sargent County area for over 25 years. She has three sons, Austin, Fletcher and Krosby and a daughter, Charlize. Wendy currently works at the Sargent County Courthouse as the Emergency Manager, 911 Coordinator and the Water Board Administrator. She also is the president of the Sargent Central Booster Club as well as the Supporters for Education. She enjoys spending as much time with her family as she can, and attending her children's events. Wendy looks forward to meeting each and every one of you and feels blessed to be a part of the MLC/ILC family.

To contact her or send her info and calendar items, leave a voice mail on the church phone (427-9273), email her at mlchurch@drtel.net, or text her at 701-678-4212.

SO LONG, HEIDI!

Well, I'm not moving away or anything. I'll still be playing at Immanuel, and I'll probably be back to MLC on occasion to hear the professional organists play the hymns! It sounded great the one time I heard it!

Thank you all so much for your kind words and wishes and gifts and for all your encouragement through the years. It has been a joy to manage the office, play the organ, and work and worship with all of you.

BLOOD DRIVE AT MLC

There will be a blood drive at MLC on Wednesday, Sept. 25th, from 12:00—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.

*September Altar Guild
Vi Mahler & Tracy Nelson*

WELCA

Day of Doing Quilters will meet September 17th and 18th at 9:00 a.m.
Yarn Angels will meet September 10th and 24th at 1:00 p.m.

HEALTH KITS

WELCA will be assembling health kits again for the disadvantaged. Needed items are:

- bath towels & washcloths
- bath-size bars of soap
- combs
- finger nail clippers
- toothbrushes & toothpaste
- dental floss
- regular-size bottles of shampoo (not trial size)

They will be collecting through September 30th. If you can pick up a few items for those in need, it would be greatly appreciated.

Save the Date!

MILNOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCA FALL BAZAAR

SUPPER, SILENT AUCTION, BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 AT 5:00 PM

Letters and quilt tickets have been mailed.

MLC MEMORIALS

In memory of Ruth Jenson

From: David & Connie Robbins (ML Cemetery)
Alice Wehlander (Sunday School)
Marlene & Orvin Hogness (Sunday School)

In memory of Rafy Warner

From: Debbe Ellefson (ML Cemetery)

In memory of Shirley Hogness

From: Bruce & Dayna Speich (Sunday School)

In memory of Gary Speich

From: Mervin & Karen Wohler (MLC)

Milnor Lutheran Sunday School

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

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

- Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 8th, at 10:30 a.m.
- Bibles will be presented to third graders & new pre-k students on September 22nd during worship.

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

Sunday School Lunches

September 8 - Holden Y, Avyn H, Kail H,
Vaiah & Hailyn B, Cannon F



**Confirmation classes begin on Wednesday, September 25th, at 3:30 p.m.
Rick will be contacting students and parents soon.**

Acolyte Schedule

September 15th	Henry Lunneborg & Braylon Wyum
September 22nd	Greyson Arth & Brooks Hogness
September 29th	Miley Lien & Allison Yagow

Please be at the church by 9:20 a.m.

Luther League Lunch Schedule

September 15th	Cidnie & Carter E, Avery Y, Myah & Ashlynn S
September 22nd	Sophia H, Charley & Brooke H, Reese H
September 29th	Greyson A, Cece, Shiloh, Rhiannon & Ramona J, Emilee B



Immanuel Lutheran Church

September Usher: Kevin Moxness

September Altar Guild: Heidi Moxness

No service September 1st

Beginning September 8th:

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.; Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Communion: September 15th

Potluck Dinner following worship on Sept. 8th

Immanuel Lutheran Council Minutes

July 23, 2024

The council met on Tuesday, July 23rd at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Present were Tanner Martinson, Kevin Moxness, Derek Martinson, Paul Mund, and Mindy Hogness. Tanner called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Derek, seconded by Paul. The Treasurer's Report was read and a motion to approve was made by Paul, seconded by Kevin.

Committees:

- **Education:** We're gearing up for Vacation Bible School which will be held Tuesday August 13th & Wednesday August 14th. Enrollment forms for the 2024-2025 Sunday School Year are due on August 1st. The first day of Sunday School will be September 8th at 10am. 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
7/23 Update: Roof was repaired first & paid for. Plaster project is on hold until after the Kelly-Mund wedding.
 - Cement cracks/unlevel on the south side of church – Derek Martinson/Paul Mund
7/23 Update: Tanner will ask Jay Enderson to evaluate.

- Adding gravel out front – Paul Mund
7/23 Update: Paul dropped it off; Derek will spread it this week or next ahead of the Kelly-Mund wedding.
- Seeding grass around the church – Mike Martinson/Pastor Rick
7/23 Update: On hold until gravel is spread and until later in the season.
- Cement under the shed – James Martinson
7/23 Update: James leveled it off; we'll see if more is needed this fall.
- Water leaking to basement –
7/23 Update: Kevin volunteered to evaluate it further this week.

New Business:

- Property:
 - Flag: Randy Odegard graciously donated a new flag for the flagpole. The council replaced the existing one following the meeting.
 - Lights: Existing overhead sanctuary lights were observed flickering. Dawn volunteered replacing the light fixtures (TBD if wiring will be replaced too) ahead of the Kelly-Mund wedding.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mindy, seconded by Kevin. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will take place on September 11th at 6pm.

**Mindy Hogness
Council Secretary**