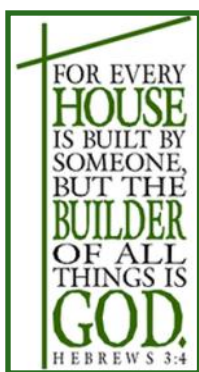




# Emmanuel News

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## From Our House to the Synod House



In the March 2015 Newsletter, we listed all of our special monthly benevolence offerings for this year. The month of August was designated for the Montana Synod House. If you are not yet familiar with this project, here is one paragraph from a brochure called the Synod House Case Statement.

“The Montana Synod Assembly has voted (in 2009, and in 2013) to build a new Synod House, as a center for mission for the congregations and ministries of the Montana Synod. The current building, built in the 1970’s, is no longer adequate for today’s and tomorrow’s needs. A task force studied options including remodeling, re-locating and building on the other end of the lot that we already own. Their conclusion was to build. The Synod House is not an end in itself. It is a means by which we can do ministry together.”

Individuals and congregations from the Montana Synod have been asked to help support the Capital Fund which is seeking to raise 1.2 million dollars to complete the project. That amount includes a biblical tithe that 10% of our gifts will go to our Mission Venture Capital Fund, which will be used for grants to new and innovative ministries within our partnering synod congregations.

Pastor Mark and President of the Congregation, Kristianne Wilson, discussed our contribution to this project. We are suggesting an alternative to the August Special Offering. We will receive a special offering in August for our Food Pantry and at the same time begin a mini fundraising campaign called “From Our House to the Synod House.” What we are proposing is that between now and November, individuals, families, and groups within the congregation, think of ways that they can raise money to donate to the Synod House. Here are a couple of examples:

Do you have extra garden produce (like all those zucchinis)? Head to the Farmer’s Market in Huntley, sell them and donate the money to the Synod House. Or maybe you purchase something new for your house, say a new couch. Sell your old one and donate the money. Perhaps you can make a quilt or some other craft, sell it and donate the money.

We would then bring our offerings to Worship on November 8<sup>th</sup>. On that Sunday, Jeanne McCoskery, the Synod Campaign Coordinator will be with us to receive the offering and let us know how the Synod House project is coming along.

Use your imaginations and we can make a wonder gift from Our House to the Synod House!

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

It's hard for me to believe that we are already in the month of August! School will be starting in just a few weeks, cooler weather will be coming (hopefully!) and our fall activities will be in full swing. There were many things I wanted to get accomplished this summer and many are still unaccomplished; but, that is nothing new.

I've been here at Emmanuel a little over a year now and "officially" will have been your pastor for a year com September 1<sup>st</sup>. I'm feeling "settled in" now and have learned the flow of things. I've intentionally tried not to change too many things over this first year so that you wouldn't decide that you wanted me to leave right away.

I have been thinking about a few things and had a discussion with the Church Council last month. Most of the changes I've been thinking about revolve around worship.

I've received some feedback that I have been picking some unfamiliar hymns. While I think learning new hymns is a good thing, I also don't want to frustrate you with worship music you don't know. Every congregation seems to have a collection of hymns they know and have sung for many years. Every congregation's collection is different. Hymns I am familiar with and grew up



From the  
Pastor

with and think everybody knows, may be unfamiliar to you. One solution is to get some help choosing hymns. I try to choose hymns that relate to the theme of the day. If you have some familiar hymns you would like to sing, let me know and I will try to work them in.

I also discussed our liturgy with the Council. Their feeling was that if I want to add or subtract some elements of the liturgy I could go ahead and to that. This fall we may try some different things. Please give me your feedback.

The final thing I discussed with the Council in regards to worship is our frequency of communion. For many years now congregations have been encouraged to return to the historical practice of offering the sacrament at every service. The Council would like congregational member to think about this and then have a discussion about it at our Annual Meeting in January. Since we are in John's gospel and reading the Bread of Life discourse from chapter 6 through Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, I have decided that we will have communion on each of those Sundays in August. This will give us a little taste of what it is like to feast on the Bread of Life each week.

God's Blessings!



Women  
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## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The Montana Synodical Women's Organization will be holding their biennial convention in Great Falls, September 25 to 27th, at the Holiday Inn. We need a delegate from Emmanuel, and if you are interested in attending this event, the registration deadline is August 15th. The delegate's fees will be paid. Please contact Dawn Petty, 373-6673, for more information.



# COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Hello August!  
June said you would come.  
Because you are here,  
Means summer's almost done.

"Enjoy it while you can!"  
Comes the wife's nightly yell.  
Something tasty she's fixing,  
Is all I can smell.

Your weather is great!  
Too hot though for most.  
"Just look at my tan",  
All the youngsters will boast.



So don't worry, Dear August,  
If I sound too forlorn.  
I know the bounty you bring  
Is this summer's sweet corn!

Yes, returning to school,  
A fact they must face.  
Shop, shop till you drop  
Will be the annual race.

"Shuck, Boil, Butter, Eat"  
Is my mantra today.  
Enjoy it while you can,  
Mrs. T.C. likes to say!

The older I get,  
The faster you travel.  
Seems like summer just started,  
But now has unraveled.

Hello, August! June said you would come!  
Emmanuel's Poet Laureate,  
T.C. Mouse

## Church Membership Records

THANK YOU to the following people who have turned in their information for the membership records computer update. If your name isn't on the list, please pick up forms in the back of the church (they can also be mailed if you notify the office) and return them to the office. Thank you!

Carol Bennett  
Lauris & Nancy Byxbe  
Shane & Emilie Christman  
Daisy Eddy  
Mary Ann Emmons  
Bill Green  
Mark & Connie Halvorsen  
Ed & Sue Hawthorne  
Terri Hensley  
Jon & Connie Herberg

David & Jill Hoffman  
Lori & Eileen Johnson  
James & Tracy Kern  
Carol Kramer  
Gene & Dianne Lundhagen  
Glen & Lindsey McCloud  
Willa McSweyn  
Bill Moen  
David & Jody Nelson  
Charles & Laurel Noland

Ricker Olson  
Howard & Judy Osmundson  
Dawn Petty  
Vivian Pierce  
William & Holly Reitler  
Alan Sleaford  
Chuck & LuAnne Super  
Craig & Kristianne Wilson

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

## July 8, 2015

The Church Council met after the Wednesday evening BBQ, with 8 members present. Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions and a Bible study from "Opening the 'L' Word".

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor said we are getting returns from the Membership Information surveys, which are being recorded. He also said that Pastor Kelly Addy from Huntley Methodist Church, will soon be leaving and taking a job in the Flathead Lake Area. There will be a combined church service in Barkemeyer Park at Huntley on Sunday, August 2nd, with a potluck to follow the services. Pastor has been doing regular visits to the nursing homes. He has begun planning for Sunday School this fall, also for a Confirmation class. . He will be gone on Sunday, July 19th, to perform the baptism of his granddaughter up at Seeley Lake. Dawn Petty will fill in for him at the worship service.

**Treasurer's Report:** The weekly offerings have been holding steady for the summer months. She reported on the special offerings taken so far this year, and that is working well. At this point, in January, \$421.00 was taken in for Prison Bibles; February the offering for Lutheran World Relief totaled \$176.75; in March, \$91.61 was taken in for St. John's Ministries; in April, the Family Promise Group took in \$116.00; and in May, the Youth Ministries gathered \$361.00.. The Youth Fundraising projects and the amounts raised are as follows: sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Day, \$564.50; Easter Breakfast was \$218.00; and the spaghetti dinner totaled \$590.00. The June Garage Sale brought in \$963.63, (Thrivent no longer matches the fundraising) which goes to the Building Fund. The funds received from the summer community BBQ's is going into the food pantry. The Treasurer's report was accepted as printed, and held for audit.

**Secretary:** The minutes were approved as printed.

**The Deacons Report:** a thank you will be sent to Norm Haaland for the donation of hamburger for the

BBQ'a, and a thank you to Project Meat for the generous discount given on the purchase of the hamburger patties. The program " God's Work, our Hands" project for Sept. 13th was discussed, and a suggestion was made to see some of the Lions' Club members about helping with the building of the community center. Bob Fritz and Matt Beddes are going to be contacted before our August council meeting to get some ideas of where we could help.

The problem with the persistent bats was discussed, and Terri Hensley will either get the plans to build one, or she will buy a completed one. The Family Promise hostesses from Emmanuel for this rotation included Terri, Dawn Petty, Jenny Ingram and Kristianne Wilson. The next rotation will be in 10 or 12 weeks.

**The Trustees' Report:** David Nelson reported that he and his family will be moving to North Dakota, to the Hillsboro area, but he will be here for several months more. He also said that the monies donated to the Youth Gathering from our Women's Group, were turned over to Pastor Asselstine, who will take it to the convention.

In a report on the status of the garage remodel, into a food pantry, that was our first priority. He did say that he heard the parsonage was to be moved down to the "project" area.

**Old Business:** Once the parsonage is moved, a letter will be sent to members about the amount of monies in the building fund, what activities are needed to be completed in renovating the garage, etc. to keep our members updated on this process. More detailed plans about the parsonage replacement will be discussed at our annual meeting in January 2016.

**New Business:**

The Council Retreat is tentatively set for September 18th and 19th, and the agenda includes reviewing our missions and vision, need for additional church policies, and setting longer term goals. A "draft" agenda for this retreat will be brought to the August Council meeting. We plan to have group discussion and feedback on the pastoral evaluation at the

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# SERVICE

## Church Council Minutes (continued from page 4)

September meeting. We will be needing to train a new person for the financial secretary position.

Terri made a motion to renew the "flock" base program used to record giving, seconded by Jim McKenney. Our next meeting will be August 12th. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Petty, Secretary

Counters Communion Helpers

July 12 Laurel

July 19 Sharon Sharon

July 26 Terri

Aug. 2 Community churches gathering at  
Barkemeyer Park

Aug. 9 Dawn



**Treasurer's Report** Our garage sale on June 6 was a big success and thank you to all the people who helped. We were able to sell lots of items for a total of \$960.63. The monies have been added to the Building account. The unsold items were taken to the Barkemeyer Park sale in Huntley.

This year our congregation has been generous with the special offerings each month. Emmanuel Lutheran Church has contributed a total of \$1293.80 towards Bibles for Prison Ministries, Family Promise, Lutheran World Relief, St Johns Ministries, Lutheran Social Services, and our Youth Ministries.

Our BBQs have collected about \$600 during these six weeks. These funds are helping support our community Food Pantry.



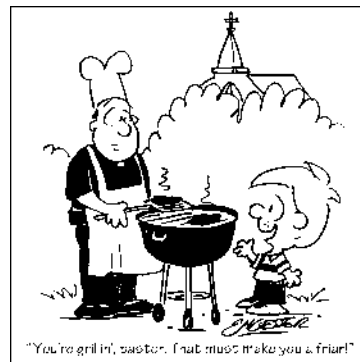
## Emmanuel's Food Pantry

COMMUNITY BBQ's are going well, there has been a larger group of people, Pastor Mark is doing the grill work ( and is wearing a "Chicago Cubs" apron!); Daisy Eddy is playing dinner music on her harp during the meal..a big THANK YOU to her! We are enjoying the socializing and meeting people from our community.



Community BBQ's

Won't you join us? Wednesday evenings, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, through August 26th....See you there!



"You're grillin', pastor. I just must make you a friar!"



**Special thanks to the following for hosting the families in**

**July: Terri Hensley and Jennie Ingram who stayed at the Peace Lutheran Church for the "overnite" hosts; and to Dawn Petty and Kristianne Wilson who provided the meals for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Our church shares the week with Bethlehem, Messiah and Peace congregations and the schedule for the next rotation begins October 17th. Please consider sharing this time with the homeless families.**

# CARING RELATIONSHIPS

## Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates



**Members:** Laurel Noland's sister-in-law Cindy, gradually failing, getting weaker every day; Terri Hensley's brother on chemo for cancer; Tracy Kern's step-father Ernie Reynolds still on chemo treatments; Esther and Bill Green; Clarence Beddes, scheduled for 3 bi-passes on August 6<sup>th</sup> and Agnes Beddes wearing a heart monitor; Brad Green walking with a cane, much improved; Connie Herberg's mother, Lois Sneva, returned home and doing therapy there; Cathy Peil's brother-in-law, Mike LaSorte has pancreatic cancer; Kevin Kincheloe recovering at home after surgery; Doris Martin (Debbie Cossitt's mother) starting cancer treatments; Virgene Steadman, health issues.

**Children:** Andrew Green, tumors on internal organs.

**Friends of the Congregation:** Cliff Sanchez, cancer; Shirley Sept, cancer; Darlene Robillard very ill with cancer; Katie Rightmire ALS; Mary Elizabeth Aude, friend of Lori Johnson, multiple back surgeries; Paul LeClaire, friend of Bobbi Smith, in hospital with severe head injuries and seizures; John Barta, cancer; Parker Richard, 18 yr. old had heart surgery in June.

*(If you have anyone you want on this list, please call Dawn Petty.)*

### Community Living:

#### St. John's:

Eva Swenson, *Vista*; Charles Pederson – Dorothy Haaland's father;  
Esther Green, *Jensen Cottage* & sister Aggie at *Fisher Cottage*

**West Park Village:** Lenora Weist, Esther Bengtson

**Yellowstone County Jail:** : Chance Mavity, Anthony Allen, now out of jail, but still in the "system supervision" living with relatives in Wisconsin.  
Rob Larson, MN



08/02 Glen McCloud

08/03 Jody Nelson

08/06 Bill Moen

08/09 Judy Osmundson

08/17 Melanie (Sherseith) Miller

08/19 Bill Green

08/21 David Hoffman

08/28 Pr. Maryann Morgenstern



**08/06 David & Jody Nelson**

**08/17 Craig & Kristianne Wilson**

**08/31 Glen & Lindsey McCloud**

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Emmanuel Lutheran is called  
by God  
to joyful worship  
caring relationships and  
loving service.

**We have a vision . . .**

to “follow God’s plan for us  
to grow in faith, family,  
building and community.”



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