



Emmanuel News



2015

From Our House to the Synod House Sunday — November 8, 2015

We will be observing “From Our House to the Synod House” Sunday on November 8. That is the day that the Synod House Campaign Coordinator, Jeanne McCoskery will be with us during worship to update us on the progress of the Synod House Campaign and also receive our November Special Offerings and the other



monies that the members of the congregation have raised to support the Synod House. Please be with us to celebrate on November 8th. If you have money for the Synod House, please write a check to the Montana Synod and put “Synod House” in the memo line.

MISSION RIDGE PRESENTS ART *for the* AGES

*A charitable event benefiting the
St. John's Center for Generations*

ART SALE & EXHIBITION

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
NOV. 20 & NOV. 21
2015

All events held at Mission Ridge • 3840 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT

Friday, November 20th
**Art Sale &
Artist Reception**
Tapas/No Host Bar
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 21st
**Art Sale &
Exhibition**
Gallery Open
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

No charge to attend Art for the Ages.
For more information please contact Events Coordinator, Margie Prokop
at 607-5218 or email margie@missionridge.org

Harvest Dinner — November 1, 2015

A History of the Harvest Dinner Events

The Harvest Dinner and Bazaar was started here at Emmanuel many years ago, when the women’s group was still called the “Ladies Aid”. It seemed there often was a shortage of funds for various needs around the church and the ladies decided to put on a dinner and bazaar. The bazaar items were always hand made, crocheted or knit and a quilt was sewn for a raffle. A variety of baked items were also made by the ladies. For the past 35 years or more, the dinner menu has included the traditional roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, squash, coleslaw, freshly baked dinner rolls and pies.

The ladies (now called the ELCW or Emmanuel Lutheran church Women continue to prepare this

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Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

This past week while I was doing my work as a relief chaplain at St. Vincent's Hospital, I spent my night and early morning ministering to two families. Both families were experiencing grief and loss as the matriarchs of their families were nearing death. I was called to the room of one of these women and prayed and sat with here while waiting for her family to return to the hospital. I couldn't help but think that on the coming Sunday we would be celebrating All Saints Day. All Saints Day has been traditionally a time to give thanks to God and remember all those people of faith who have gone before us and are now at rest in the loving arms of our Lord.

While All Saints Day is a celebration, it also has a bit of a dark side to it. All Saints Day also reminds us that we are mortal and we may very well hear the echo of the words that were spoken to us on Ash Wednesday; "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." There are many rituals throughout the world that take place on All Hallows Eve, October 31st, Halloween being just one. The pagan festival embodied the belief that the dead rose to mingle with the living on that date, and any ghosts who visited the houses were greeted with tables loaded with



food. Of course, in our day, Halloween has become a secular holiday that has become one of the biggest commercial holidays, second only to Christmas.

It may be appropriate that All Saints Day occurs at the beginning of November as the days grow short and nature around us (at least in the northern hemisphere) goes to sleep.

It also occurred to me, that while November begins with All Saints Day and a remembrance of the who have died, it come to an end with the beginning of the season of Advent. Advent is the beginning of the new Church year and the time that we prepare to celebrate birth; specifically the birth of Jesus. Jesus is God, come in the flesh to bring healing and new life to the world. Jesus, born into the darkness and death of our world, gave his life that the power of sin and death would no long have the last words over our lives.

So, during November we celebrate endings, and new beginnings; indeed the beginning of new and eternal life through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus; most certainly a reason to celebrate. Thanks be to God!

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The afternoon Bible study and brief business meeting will be held Thursday, at 1:30PM, November 12th at the home of Louise Bischke. Pastor Mark will lead the Bible study. As of now, the women are busy preparing for the Harvest Dinner, which will be held on Sunday, November 1st. We will also be helping to prepare the Thanksgiving Baskets which are given out later this month....the



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Lions' Club has a list of families in the community and school that need help, and this has been an annual project for us to work on together.

Nancy Byxbe will also be setting up the "Angel Tree" in the church, which has names of children to buy Christmas gifts for.

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Dear Friends and Neighbors:

With Harvest Dinner being the focus for November, and all of the activity surrounding it, I seem to have this jingle stuck in my head. I feel the need to share it with you. Same melody as "Winter Wonderland", so here we go. Check, check....mic check....

All day long, I've been looking,
For roast beef, that's been cooking.
A beautiful sight,
They cook it just right.
It's Harvest Dinner time at church again.

Oh the squash, that they're squashing,
Leads to pots, that they're washing.
People working all day,
They're happy to say,
It's Harvest Dinner time at church again.

In the basement is where it happens,
The biggest annual feast to hit this town.
He'll say: "Are you finished?"
I'll say: "No man!"
I've been waiting for so long to just chow down.

Later on, if I'm able,
I'll be at the dessert table.
So many pies, I can hardly decide.
It's Harvest Dinner time at church again.

Up the stairs, I hear the auctioneer,
Calling out the bids so loud and clear.
Many great deals and buys,
But I'll just be bidding on the pies!
It's Harvest Dinner time at church again.

Roast beef dinner, all the trimmings,
Rich brown gravy, 'taters swimming,
A feast for the day, at minimal pay,
It's Harvest Dinner time at church again.

See you at church. I'll be there with a song in my heart....how about you?

Your Faithful Friend,
T.C. Mouse, In Residence at Emmanuel



The monies raised have provided appliances for the church and parsonage, painting, carpet, special needs and often used to help pay the annual benevolences for the church. The menu is a popular meal and anticipated by people from the Billings churches and neighboring communities.. Bazaar items are still donated by our members and for



the last four or five years we have also had an auction of various unique items, which is very entertaining. Matt Walsh is our auctioneer.

Plan to take part in this popular event, which will be held on Sunday, November 1st from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You will be glad you did!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

October 14 , 2015

The Church Council met on Wednesday evening, October 14, 2015. Devotions were led by Pastor Mark with discussion from "Reclaiming the 'L' Word". President Kristianne had summarized the retreat held for the council members in September, the evening of the 18th, and morning of the 19th. The retreat was felt to be beneficial to all who attended, and could be used on a yearly basis. It was suggested to put a greater effort into creating a greater participation of church members. The goals will be shared with the congregation at the annual meeting.

Standing Reports:

Secretary: Minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer: The special offerings taken several times a month are working well. Presently, we are behind in our benevolence giving, but otherwise everything else is current. The report will be held for audit.

Deacons: Laurel suggested that we share with other churches , the things we have done here to raise funds for the "Synod House" project . As to the need for "school supplies" , the school had been contacted and they have sufficient supplies in their inventory now for needy students, perhaps something extra may be needed at holiday time. Terri Hensley, one of the deacons, submitted her resignation from the council, and from the church. Laurel made a motion, seconded by David Nelson, to accept the resignation, and the motion passed.

The Vacation Bible School was discussed, and the council felt there should be more involvement with other churches in the area, and that will be

the goal for the future.

Trustees: David Nelson reported that Matt had already purchased some of the materials for remodeling the garage for a food pantry. Kristianne will visit with Matt about getting Ostermiller Movers to get the parsonage moved this fall.

David will be moving from the area this next spring, and will have to resign as one of the leaders of the Youth Group. He will get the contact list to Melissa.



Pastor's Report: He will be attending the Bishop's Conference He requested the weekend of October 25th to be gone, and it was granted. The Thanksgiving Eve service on November 25th, will be held here at Emmanuel. The Advent season begins on November 29th. As to Confirmation class, there are just

two students for now: Tracy Kern's daughter and Pastor's grandson.

Our next council meeting will be held on November 11th. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Petty, Council Secretary

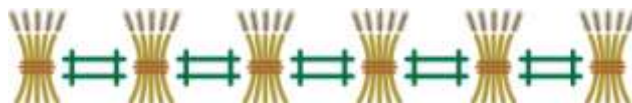
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LOVING SERVICE



The Emmanuel Lutheran youth group meet during the month of October to discuss ideas for community service projects as well as fun activities that we will be doing throughout the year. The youth will be helping the Women's Group (WELCA) again this year with serving at the Harvest dinner. They will also be donating two baskets to be auctioned off during the live auction. Plans are also underway to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas on December 6th and to do gift wrapping for the Angel Tree gifts on December 13th.

All Jr. High and High School youth are invited and encouraged to join us for these times of service and fun!



The Special offering for the month of November is for **The Montana Synod House Campaign**. We will receive the special offering during worship on Sundays November 1st and November 8th.



Family Promise always has a current wish list. This includes things that new families are in desperate need of and things the office and day center are in need of. Sometimes this can be a stroller and sometimes it is dishes for a family's new transitional housing apartment.

- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Paper Towels
- Women's Bras
- Unused Women's Makeup
- Brushes
- Pony Tail holders, bobby pins, etc.
- Flash Drives
- Fingernail/Toenail clippers
- Umbrellas
- Hair products (African American)
- Gift Cards

Haircuts
Payless Shoes

- White plastic hangers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Gently used swimsuits for Men, Women, & Children
- Portable DVD player (used or new)
- Disinfectant Spray
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Deodorant (Men & Women)
- Twin Size sheets
- Lotion
- Brooms/Mops
- Dish sponges
- Bath Towels
- Kitchen towels
- Folding chairs

ALL ITEMS DONATED ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE. If you have questions please call our office at 406-294-7432

Target
Walmart
Holiday gas station

CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates



Members: The family of Laurel Noland's sister-in-law as they mourn her death; 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, at home recovering from surgery and Agnes Beddes, Cathy Peil's brother-in-law, Mike LaSorte has pancreatic cancer; Doris Martin (Debbie Cossitt's mother) starting cancer treatments; Virgene Steadman, health issues; Ron Quanbeck who has a hip infection; Carol Kramer's grandson, Riley Barta who has begun active duty in the national Guard; Holly Reitler's great Nephew Trey Reitler, 3 months old and in need of heart surgery; Rita Pickerd, Jim McKenney's mother, recovering from surgery on Oct. 19th; the family of Eric Poor as they mourn his death.

Children: Andrew Green, tumors on internal organs.

Friends of the Congregation: Cliff Sanchez, cancer; Shirley Sept, cancer; Darlene Robillard's cancer is now in remission; 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; Susan Schmitz (friend of Lori Johnson) who is in the final stages of pancreatic cancer; Tom Weichel, cancer.

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

Community Living:

St. John's:

Eva Swenson, Esther Green

West Park Village: Lenora Weist, Esther Bengtson

Yellowstone County Jail: Chance Mavity, Anthony Allen in county jail in Wisconsin.

Rob Larson, MN



Raedawn Pasco 11/07
Shirley Whittman 11/04
James Malchow 11/09
Randy Vanberg 11/13
Jon Herberg 11/14
Charles Noland 11/22
Sharon Wolske 11/22



Louis & Rachelle Garcia 11/10
Jim & Linda Hinckle 11/11
Mark & Connie Halvorsen 11/27



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We have a mission . . .

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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