



Emmanuel News



THANK YOU!
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The church council has regretfully accepted the resignation of council member Scott Green.

We are so thankful for Scott's service to our country church and will miss him tremendously.

GOT FEEDBACK??

The church council would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of the support we have received during these challenging times.

Please know that we would LOVE to hear your thoughts, concerns, suggestions, and feedback.

Navigating through a pandemic is a new experience for all our us and we appreciate your opinion and welcome your insight!

Blessings

Meagan, Jill, Laurel, Liz, Ricker,
Dawn, Patty, Robyn, & Linda



2020 has been quite a year and 2021 will be here before we know it!

With our new ELCA constitution, we have term limits for several key positions on church council that will need to be filled.

If you are interested in serving our country church as part of the church council, please contact Jill Hoffman or another council member.

Many hands make light work!



As you may recall the Call Committee completed our Ministry Services Profile in February and submitted that document to the Montana Synod. It was approved and posted on the ELCA website.

Pastor Jason Asselstine at the Montana Synod office is our contact and he will work on our behalf to identify candidates. Given Covid-19 guidelines the process has been slowed, however he is working on our behalf to identify individuals and other congregations in the area that might be willing to 'partner' with Emmanuel on a new pastor.

In approving the budget for 2020 and the salary package for a new pastor the congregation and Church Council is aware that a new configuration with another congregation is likely. We have shared our willingness to consider relationships with other rural churches that are ecumenical partners of the ELCA as well as Lutheran Churches in Billings.

Kristianne Wilson

Call Committee chairperson

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

It certainly seems like ages since we have all been together, worshipping, cooking, studying or whatever. This virus certainly has changed things for us, but it makes me think that while we are all staying at home, this would be a good time to do some constructive projects like quilting, craft work, and all those "jobs" we have put off a long time.

I keep thinking of our annual Harvest Dinner, Auction and Bazaar that we always scheduled for the first Sunday in November.....will this virus still be playing havoc with all of us by then? You know, our church is well known for those delicious roast beef dinners that are held on that day, too. Well, if we have to postpone that event, we could have the dinner, etc. in January, or February or March.....any of those times would work well. We just couldn't call it our "Harvest" dinner, just "Our Famous Roast Beef Dinner", right?

Anyway, ladies, keep the craft and homemade projects going....we will need them one of these days. Until then, wear your masks in public, remember the social distancing, and stay well.

God bless you all.

Dawn P.



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COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

June flew by like the lighted fuse of a firecracker and we are already into the first full week of July. I hope everyone enjoyed the 4th of July celebrations and that you all came away safe and sound. There sure were a lot of boomers and bangers going off on the 4th, which really affected my normal sleep patterns. Not to worry though, as an afternoon nap on the 5th put me right as rain.

I managed to make it out fishing on the river a week ago and caught some beautiful fish. I was working this nice hole on a bend in the river, casting about ten different times without a bite, when my son walks up and says "Let me show you how to catch a fish out of here." Two casts later, he hooks this nice 17 inch Brown Trout! We both got a good laugh out of that one and he bragged about it for the rest of the day.

My asparagus patch is still going strong, especially after all of the good rain that we have had. The church garden is looking great too. Everything is growing like crazy, so we should have some good veggies to harvest down the road.

I try to make my rounds every evening, checking things out and getting a little exercise after dinner. Even the grape vines seem to be doing well. |

wonder how long it will be before we actually get grapes out of the small vineyard. I hope that I can be involved in the wine making process, as my natural rhythm would make for a good grape stomper. Of course Mrs. T.C. would tell you that I have the moves of a Sloth at day break, but I think she is just jealous of my internal mental juke box.

The corn fields seem to be right on track too. Knee high by the 4th of July was verified by yours truly. Every time I walk through the corn, I tell those beautiful stalks to grow baby grow. Can't wait for some fresh corn on the cob. Pair that with some barbequed chicken and you have the perfect social distancing situation. Even in normal times, my wife knew not to get too close to me when I'm munching on the corn. That's a good way to lose a finger!

Well, that's enough of my crazy thoughts for now. Much to do around the house. Everywhere I look, it seems that a coat of new paint is needed, so I'll put on my painter hat and get to work. Stay safe and healthy. I'll see you around the church.



Your faithful friend.

In residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse

Hear ye! Hear ye!

To the good people of Emmanuel Lutheran!

One and all are cordially invited to visit one of the few vineyards in the Yellowstone Valley.

The rows are spaced 8 feet apart so social distancing is already being practiced.

Stretch your legs and experience some of the beauty of California **right here!**

The Governor
MT Vine and Wine
7347 Hwy 312
Billings, MT



Ricker Olson

MT VINE AND WINE



ELC Council Meeting 6/10/2020

Present: Patty McVay, Linda Oberg, Ricker Olson, Jill Hoffman, Liz White, and via Zoom video: Laurel Noland, Robin McCafferee, and Meagan Malchow

Reflection: Jill -Proverbs 16:3

Secretary's report Discussion was had by the group regarding the three meetings we had in May regarding opening and the regular council meeting. These minutes will be reviewed and voted on at the July meeting. Meetings included May 13th/regular council meeting, May 20th/Do we open?, and May 27th/Final prep to reopen church

Treasurer's report With fewer bills going out. The insurance for the year has been paid as well as two benevolence payments, which keeps us on track for the year. Big Sky Exteriors has been paid. E-Giving and mailed checks are sustaining the church at this time. The only thing left to cover is whatever repairs we need to do to the food pantry and the window wrap. The Treasurer's report was approved by Patty and seconded by Liz. Motion carried.

Call committee report

Liz will contact Kristianne regarding any new updates.

Old business

Construction updates

All windows and wrap have been completed. Siding has been completed. Ricker to look into interior door to the church furnace room. Gutters installed. Roof completed. North side door- will discuss next meeting. We need to double check the soffit on the north side of the church. Todd with BSE said he would fix this. It is not done. Ricker and Liz will look into getting the louvers on the bell tower replaced. Carpeting is tabled for now

Lay Pastor Update- Liz will contact lay pastors and fill in the rest of the summer schedule through Labor Day weekend (Google sheet made and shared with council).

Music Committee- tabled

Keys- Everyone has one that needs one.

Computer Installation- Linda gave feedback on the new computer. It works great! The internet speed is still way too slow. We have Century Link and pay \$75.00/month. Laurel will check into getting better speed.

Blood drive- Patty has a potential date of July 9th

reserved for the blood mobile. This may change due to our Covid-19 status. Patty will let us know.

Covid 19 Guidelines

Feedback on the first outdoor service was great! Everyone enjoyed it. The music was good and everyone could hear everything. There was a request for music with words instead of just instruments and we need to remember to ring the bell!!!! We will try to bring a couple of plastic chairs from the garage for folks that may have forgotten their lawn chair. We can wipe the chairs down before use. We will try to make an announcement at services to get help with the lesson readings.

Cleaning bids- Jenny's Cleaning Company cancelled at the last minute with cleaning our church. Meagan visited at length with several members of the council and Dawn Petty about possible options. They agreed to trial one of my former Girl Scouts, Lilli Merritt. Lilli has cleaned the church once with Meagan, once with Dawn Petty, and this last week on her own. She has met approval with Dawn Petty, Jill Hoffman and Meagan. There will be a vote to propose hiring Lilli Merritt moving forward to clean the church using the same prices set forth by Jenny's Cleaning Service.



Second collections- tabled

Work day- tabled for now. The Boy Scouts did get the swing set painted. It looks great!

Garden Update - is mostly planted except for the corn. Thanks to James Malchow! :) Liz will start a Water Sign up with Google sheets. This will be sent via email to the prayer line list for members to sign up on. She will include instructions on what to do. New hoses are needed for the garden as the old ones were hauled on.

Community BBQ- will be tabled until the Governor releases Phase III.

New Business

Chair Lift- Laurel received correspondence from the Bureau of Codes. We are in violation because our chair lift has not been inspected as it should be. It will need to be done by June 26th. Laurel has paid the violation and will contact Juros to get the chair inspected. We will add this to our annual church maintenance list.

Garage Sale - tabled until Phase III.

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LOVING SERVICE

Christikon Clips

July, 2020

Information for our Congregations



To: Campers/Guests registered for Christikon in 2020

Fr: Pastor Mark

Re: Camp Preparation & Travel

COVID-19 changed much in our lives and world. As we prepare to welcome you to camp this summer, we need your help to minimize the risk of infection by following the recommendations below prior to and while attending camp. If you have any illness symptoms before departing for camp, please do not board the bus or travel up to camp until they clear and you have spoken with me.

For 2 weeks prior to arriving at camp:

Please take and record your temperature daily, and bring that log with you to camp. Minimize your exposure to others by staying at home as much as possible and avoiding large group activities (more than 10), and wearing a facemask when you do go out.

While at camp and/or riding the bus:

Wear a facemask, and bring another with you. We do have a good supply up here, but not enough for all guests all summer.

If you can, please bring your own bottle of hand sanitizer.

Summer staff have followed the same process before they arrived, and commit to spending the entire summer up at camp and not heading to town during breaks.

Our Park County Health Department and camp physician believe that having both staff and guests follow these protocols will greatly minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission, and will help all campers to arrive at camp healthy and ready to go. We understand they involve some sacrifice on your part, and may affect other summer plans or activities.

As you know all too well, this is no ordinary time. We take these steps in addition to following all other reopening guidelines (local, state, American Camping Association, etc.) as we prepare for the season. Our hope is that by all doing these things we can feel confident everyone is healthy and ready for camp.

Remember to pray for the staff and campers.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ – exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Members:

Our congregation's financial situation, Meagan Malchow's various health issues, Monty Mavity's battle with cancer. Mary Cossitt (who is doing very well at home now) reported that Debbie (Jerry Cossitt's wife) needs prayers for her mother Doris Martin, who has colon cancer and will have surgery soon. Also Debbie's dad, Al Martin, is suffering with severe dementia and cannot be left alone. The Martins live in the Lockwood area. Mary Cossitt also requests our prayers for her grandson Carter Dodson, age 29, (Claudia's son) who has MS. That family lives in Virginia. Mary had a doctor's checkup this past week, and he was pleased that everything is going well for her. She is glad to be at home after several years in the Tender Nest facility. Please keep Gene Lundhagen (Dawn Sherseth's father) in your prayers. He is now home from the hospital.



Friends of the Congregation:

John Mark Owens has stage 4 pancreatic cancer; Glen Ray has Parkinson's and dementia; Dixie Cozzens, Kelly Mack's mother in therapy at Aspen Meadows; Tonya Sullivan; Brittany Reinhardt waiting for a kidney; Lesa Rekdal has cancer. Jon Martin on chemo for fast growing lymphoma; Jacquie Schleder for endurance. Cindy Weber, Dawn Petty's nephew's wife, on chemo for breast cancer. Bob Fritz is home and recuperating from his surgery earlier this month. Betty Wester had a heart attack and spent some time in the hospital, and had a stint put in. She has improved, and should be coming back home in a day or two. (Betty is Georgia Wagenman's mother)



Community Living:

St. John's United: Inez Oberg

Minnesota State Prison System: Rob Larson

Local Youth Serving in the military:

Dan Johnson and Matt Grandpre deployed to Iraq; Taylor Green, Jacob Wagenaar, Tucker Wilson, Brooke Nebel Bohrer, Brandon Bohrer and Thomas Aigner. Please keep these soldiers in your prayers that they may return safely home.

- 03 Jeremy Stahl
- 10 Abbey Emmons
- 11 Carol Bennett
- 14 Kristianne Wilson
- 15 Laurel Noland
- 19 Olivia Plath
- 28 Lynda Newell
- 29 Mark Morgenstern
- 29 Kyle Reitler



- 03 LaDonna & Millard Hultgren
- 04 Matt & Stacie Grandpre
- 07 Wade & Meagan Malchow
- 20 Bob & Sharon Wolske

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Church calendar- There has been a concern with using the paper calendar in the office as the church calendar. If someone calls Abbey and wants to schedule something, she has to drive to the church and check the date. Also, there are things added without letting Abbey know, which may then cause a scheduling conflict. There was a motion made by Liz to move the church calendar to an electronic one that anyone can view anytime. Meagan seconded the motion and it passed. Ricker will work with Abbey on this. It can potentially be put on our church website.

We discussed adding a new agenda item for next month. Is there anyone in the community that may need extra benevolence during these

difficult times? We need to stay true to our mission and values of Emmanuel Lutheran and remember those in need in our community.

Our next meeting will be July 8th.

God bless you all and keep you healthy!

Liz White

Secretary

Emmanuel Lutheran Church



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Bloodmobile

Vitalant is providing COVID-19 antibody testing on all complete donations. Donors will be able to get results 10-14 days after their donation.

To make your lifesaving appointment today, please call Patty at (406) 839-1430 or go online to www.bloodhero.com, sponsor code: B759.

We ask all donors to complete their health survey online on the day of their appointment by going to www.vitalant.org/health

The Bloodmobile will be at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Wednesday, Aug 5, 2020 / 1:00pm to 5:30pm / 5515 Carey Ave, Shepherd, MT

For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877.258.4825 or visit vitalant.org



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