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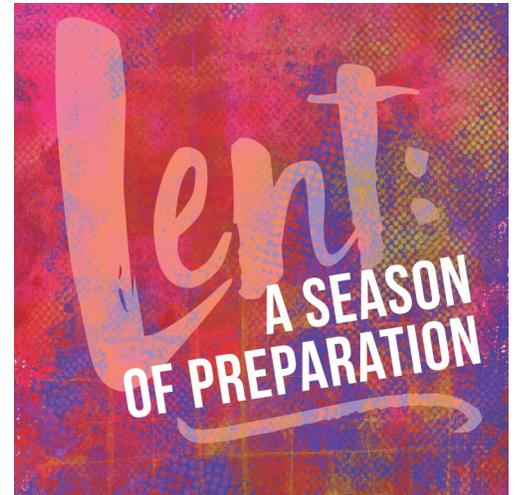
March



Don't Forget!!



March 8, 2020



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women

We received an invitation to a WELCA Spring Luncheon from the Atonement Lutheran ladies. It is for women of all ages, and will be held on Saturday, March 14th, from 11:00AM to 1:00PM, at the

Atonement Church, 1290 Sierra Grande Blvd. The guest speaker will be Stacey Brown from Family Services, and an offering will be taken. The invitation reads: "Come! Join Us! Eat good food, learn more about the work of Family Services, share in the fellowship...and perhaps win a door prize! And Bring a friend! "

So, ladies, let's make a plan to take this event in....we can car pool. Let me know if you are able to join us, thanks. Dawn Petty 373-6673

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: Wednesday evenings at the home of Dawn Petty, 6707 Bret

Lane W., Shepherd, Mt....2 1/2 miles from church. We will have a variety of soups, breads, cheeses, desserts, etc. from 6:00 PM.....when we have finished eating, we will gather in the living room for a Lenten service: liturgy, a message, and communion, and then you will probably be on your way home by 7:30PM. This event is for the whole family. Join us for the camaraderie, good food, and listening to God's Word.



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The Soup Suppers and Services will be held for five Wednesdays, from March 4th thru April 1st. The following week, Holy Week, we will have the traditional Seder meal, to celebrate the Passover, and that will be held on April 9th, in the church dining room at 6:00PM. There will be sign-up sheets passed around previous to this event, so we have a count of how many will be attending. We need to have adequate seating, and table settings as part of the ritual. This is always an event that is well attended, the food is great (roast leg of lamb, roast turkey, and all the trimmings) and no charge for the meal. Mark your calendars and Enjoy the Seder Meal!

February ELC Council Meeting Minutes

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council was called to order on February 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm by President Meagan Malchow. Council member present included: Meagan Malchow, Scott Green, Dawn Sherseth, Patty McVay, Ricker Olson, Linda Olberg, Robin McCaffree, and Jill Hoffman. Liz White and Laural Noland were excused. Patty McVay led a devotion to begin the meeting.

Standing Reports included the following:

- The ELC Annual meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Dawn Sherseth to approve the minutes, motion was seconded by Robin McCaffree, and approved by council.

- The ELC Council January meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott Green to approve the minutes, motion was seconded by Dawn Sherseth, and approved by council.

- The Treasurer January Reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott Green to approve the reports, seconded by Dawn Sherseth, and approved by council.

- An update was provided by Meagan Malchow on the Call Committee Report.

Old business:

- Meagan Malchow provided an update on the hailstorm construction. Big Sky Exterior Designs began windows on February 11, 2020. As of 2/11 they had completed 3 basement windows and 2 upstairs windows. The work will continue for the next week. A few concerns were noted including the new glass not matching the old glass. The council will ask Dave Hoffman to help work with the insurance adjuster and the contractor to request insurance to match all of the sanctuary windows. There was also a concern about the trim on a basement window that we will look into as well. The siding, gutters, and roof work will occur later this spring during warmer weather. There were 4 bids reviewed for the carpeting from World Famous Carpet Barn including the alter, basement, sanctuary, and stairs. The council will review the estimates and discuss in the future. The basement bid includes the columns and edging. The stair bid includes removing and reinstalling the chair lift. Mario DeLaCruz is our contact with Carpet Barn, the measurements completed on 12/10/19.

- Lay Pastor arrangements were discussed. We will confirm Liz White is taking over the pastor arrangements.

- Ash Wednesday services were discussed. A motion was made by Jill Hoffman to rotate leading the services amongst council members, Dawn Sherseth seconded the motion and it was approved by council. Meagan Malchow will lead the March 4th service.



- Scott Green provided an update on the music committee. They are looking for one more committee member. Various suggestions were made by the council for the committee to investigate. Patty McVay complemented Dawn Sherseth on the recent music selection. The committee led by Scott Green will reach out for resources by 3/18.

New business:

- The altar railing was discussed. Scott Green took the old railing to Stanley Swenson of Shepherd Stainless to build a new rail. Thank you to Stanley for donating the railing! A thank you card will be sent.

- Meagan Malchow will give a list of council members needing a key to Abbey Emmons.

- Ricker Olson will meet Brian McNeil to give us a bid on electrical work to light switches.

- The Church bulletin modifications were discussed. The February changes were well received. Bolding of some of the prayers were discussed.

- Scott Green has requested bids on new electronic sign(s) for the church.

- A new computer has been purchased for the church. Jim and Linda are going to set up the computer next Sunday (2/10/20). We will also ask Jim to look at the router as well.

- Linda noted that several emails came back when sending out the monthly newsletter. The council agreed to take the returns off the distribution. Linda will also contact a few of the area churches to get current emails.

- General feedback was discussed on the annual meeting. It was noted that attendance was similar to last year, but we still wish it was higher.

- Discussion occurred to review the church member listing and will be added to the agenda next meeting. Guidance is provided in the constitution.

- Restarting "second collections" was discussed. We discussed getting member more information about the selected agencies. It was suggested to use envelopes for the collections since the second collection basket during offering is confusing. We will reestablish a monthly giving calendar and restart the collections in

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April. Meagan Malchow will bring list to discuss at the March council meeting.

- Patty McVay will start exploring a blood drive to occur early summer.

- A church workday will occur on May 2nd from 9am to Noon. We will develop a task list over the next few council meetings. The list should include the cleaning the garage, the furnace room, and the office/council room. The Boy Scouts will take care of painting the swing set.

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· It was also brought up to ask more people to sign up for weekly service duties such as reading, treats, communion bread, etc.

· Ricker Olson suggested hosting a food cook off contest. The idea was supported and a target for June was determined. This should be a community event. Potential dates will be discussed at the next meeting.

· Seder dinner will be held on April 9th at the church.

Communion Helpers and Counters:

2/16/20 – Meagan Malchow

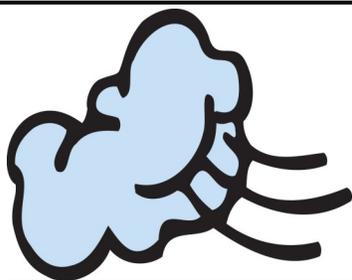
2/23/20 – Ricker Olson

3/1/20 – Dawn Sherseth

3/8/20 - Jill Hoffman and Robin McCaffree

The next council meeting will occur on TUESDAY March 17th at 7:00 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer



Christikon Clips

March, 2020

Information for our Congregations

Bus Attendants needed for 2020 – Would you or someone you know be willing to ride with youth on their way to Christikon? Yes? Please call Kerry in the office at 406-656-1969 or email at secretary@christikon.org for details. It pays a daily rate as well!

Don't miss out on the Early Registration Discount for youth campers: Register by March 15 and save \$25 in any youth session. If you don't have the camp brochure mailed to you, pick one up at the church, or register online.

Christikon is an extension your congregation's ministry.

Adults and families: Check out the special focus for each of the family/adult weekends next summer at Christikon: work projects, faith formation, and Bible study will be woven together with worship, meal fellowship, re-creation, folk dancing, and much more. Family/adult brochures will be mailed by the end of February and are available at churches in early March, or check out camping for adults and families online at www.christikon.org.

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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COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

March is here, which means Spring is right around the corner. What is the old saying about March? "In like a lion, out like a lamb." "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." "It's better to eat ribs alone, than to not eat ribs at all." I'm not sure, but I think one of those pertains, if not all three. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, so this year I decided to change it up a bit. Instead of my usual pledge to give up eating cheese for Lent, this year my plan is to give up eating smelly cheese for Lent! Much more achievable from my standpoint if you know what I mean. What are you giving up?

We get to mess with the clocks again, as Daylight Saving Time begins on the 8th, so remember to spring forward your clocks before you go to bed Saturday night the 7th to ensure that you don't miss Church service on Sunday.

I did that once, forgot to change the alarm clock, showed up for service at what I thought was the correct time, only to see everyone else making their way to the basement for post service coffee and treats.

On the 17th, the Irish in all of us comes out, as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Time for wearing of the green and for me to search out some corned beef and cabbage for lunch. My cousin in Butte goes all out for this day. You could say that he trains all year long to obtain the stamina required to last all day with the big celebration up there. I joined him one year and we pub crawled until the cows came home, but I paid a heavy price for my over indulgence and was quite sick for the better part of a week. I tried to tell Mrs. T.C. that my illness was most likely due to some form of hantavirus, but my wise wife knew I suffered from the green beer flu. Yep, I learned my lesson.

Spring chimes in on the 19th, which really seems surprising. This winter hasn't been as tough as those in the past, so I really haven't found myself yearning for spring. All of the

spectacular. I misjudged the depth of snow when I came off the top of the mountain, thinking that I would just float through the powder like the professionals do, but my tips sunk in deep and I went head over heels into the white abyss. Luckily my son was along to pull me out and after some struggle, we made it back to a groomed surface and brushed ourselves off. We stayed out of the deep powder and rode the corduroy, groomed slopes, for the rest of the day.

Well that is enough for now.

Happy March. Happy St Patty's Day. See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T.C. Mouse



CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Members:

Randy Vanberg, Nancy Byxbe, our congregation's current financial situation; Meagan Malchow's various health issues, Monty Mavity has cancer;

Friends of the Congregation:

Gary Noland with kidney cancer; John Mark Owens has stage 4 pancreatic cancer; Glen Ray has Parkinson's and dementia; Dixie Cozzens, Kelly Mac k'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; Bob Fritz at home again after surgery for pacemaker. Jacquie Schleder for endurance. Jon Martin, who is starting chemotherapy treatments for a fast growing lymphoma.

Community Living:

West Park Village: Lenora Wiest,
Minnesota State Prison System: Rob Larson



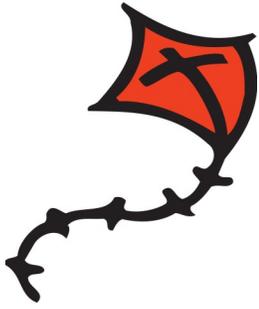
Local Youth Serving in the military: Local Youth Serving in the military: Dan Johnson and Matt Grandpre deployed to Iraq; Taylor Green, Jacob Wagenaar, Tucker Wilson, Brooke Nebel Bohrer, Brandon Bohrer, and Thomas Aigner....please keep these service people in your prayers, that they may return safely back home



16 Clinton Byxby



21 Gene & Dianne Lundhagen
26 Mark & Maryann Morgenstern
30 Rob & Abbey Emmons



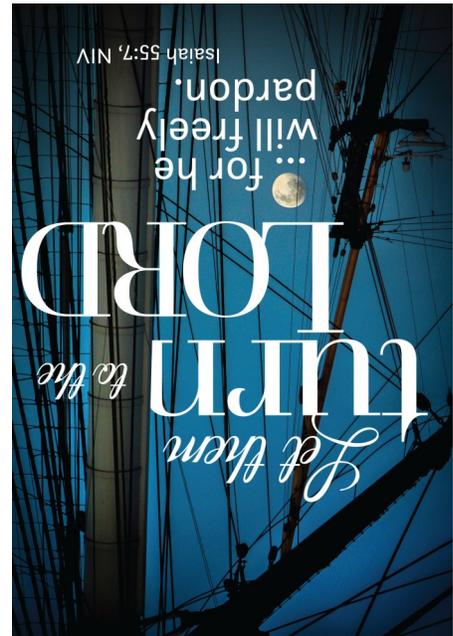
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We have a vision . . .

“We will follow God’s plan for us
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