



Emmanuel News



2015

Montana Synod Assembly — 2015



The Montana Synod Assembly is being held June 5-7 at Great Falls. Emmanuel's voting members at the assembly will be Pastor Mark and Liz White.

Our theme this year is the Montana Synod's second benchmark:

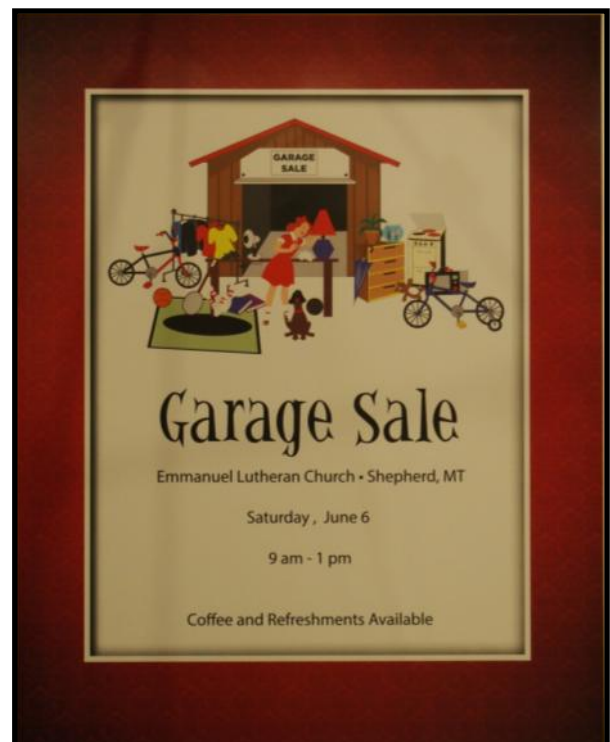
**“Serve the World,
Especially the Poor and
those in Need:”**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16-17)

We will be able to articulate how everything that we do, everything that we advocate, everything that we commit time and money to will serve the world, remembering that the Gospel of John tells us that God so loved the world as to give Jesus, for the whole world. Through direct action, advocacy and cooperative work, we will minister to the poor, the poor in spirit, the forgotten and neglected. Realizing that this mission field is limitless,

we will encourage coalitions, cooperation and establishment of meaningful priorities.

In partnership with the ELCA Global Mission, we will explore different ways the gospel is being lived out across the globe. And we will look for ways to strengthen our global awareness and engagement. The Rev. Justin Eller, serving the ELCA as coordinator for Latin America out of Buenos Aires will be our keynote speaker. Justin and his wife Kari previously served in Bolivia, one of our companion synods. Tammy Jackson, the Program Director in Global Mission, will be our Churchwide Representative.



Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

The month of June marks another time of transition. On June 21st we transition from Spring to Summer. The recent rains we have received have finally jump-started the growing season. I don't know about your lawn, but mine needs to be mowed about every four days! I hope it lasts.

The seasons of the Church year also make a transition this month. As we move into June (actually May 31st) we move from the Season of Easter to the Season of Pentecost—the Season of the Holy Spirit. Just as summer time is a season of growing, so the Pentecost season is also about growth—Spiritual growth.

I believe that sometimes we think about the months of summer as the time when the church goes into a partial hibernation. Sunday School is suspended until the fall. Many churches change their worship schedules—sometimes moving the service time earlier to allow for more recreation time on Sunday and churches that normally have two services on Sunday mornings often cut back to one because attendance at worship drops during the summer months.

Of course, the church (that's us—we, the people are the church) does not go into any kind of hibernation at any time of the year. You see, there are always people who long to and need to hear the gospel and participate in the sacraments. There are always people who are sick and in need of healing and visitation. People die throughout the year and need to be comforted and accompanied in their grief. There are always people who need us to reach out to them with the good news of the Gospel through our words

Pastor's Post



and actions. While some of the programs of the church may take a break during summer, the work of the church goes on. And thanks be to God that God's presence and support in our lives never take a break.

I would suggest that during the Pentecost Season (which actually goes until November) this season of growth, that we pay attention to our Spiritual gardens and growth, just as we attend to our lawns, gardens and fields—even in these summer months when church schedule may not be so busy. Here's some suggestions:

- If you are traveling or camping on the weekend, find a church where you are to worship. Worshipping in a new place can be enlightening and uplifting.
- Think about what needs to be attended to in your "Spiritual Garden" or "Spiritual Attic". What needs to be weeded out? What needs to be pruned? What needs to be cleaned out and taken to the dump?
- Think about what needs to be watered, nourished and nurtured.

I could go on, but hopefully you get my drift. If you need some help with any of these activities or if you need comfort and nurturing yourself, don't forget that your church (i.e. us—the fellowship of believers at Emmanuel) are here and we will be gathering around Word and Sacrament every Sunday—like usual.

God's blessings to each of you as you grow in your faith, trust and relationship with our Lord, Jesus this summer.

Pastor Mark

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Our group met at Louise Bischke's home on Thursday, Pastor Mark lead the study on "Transforming and Reforming the Church" and it was very interesting. We always learn so much history and background in these lessons. This next month, we begin a three month summer session on giving: of ourselves, volunteering, financially and learning that giving is an act of discipleship. We meet on the 2nd Thursday afternoon of



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each month at 1:00PM for our Bible study and brief business meeting. If any of you are able to join us, we would be delighted. Our June meeting will be in the church basement on June 11th.

The Harvest Dinner, our biggest fundraiser of the year for the ladies, will be Sunday, November 1st. It's not too early to start working on craft items, etc. for the bazaar and auction.

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

Hello June! A month by any other name is just a month, but June is a special one to me! I know a very special lady named June. Oh, the jokes she can tell and the laughter that follows, have made for many fond memories. Sometimes she will just call me out of the blue, just to tell me her latest crazy joke, and I laugh until it hurts. You know that I'm a very good listener, and perhaps that is why she calls me. Now Mrs. T.C. would have a completely different opinion on my listening abilities....says I have selective hearing, but I disagree. I hear what I want, and want what I hear! Oh my, this is starting to sound little Seussy, and I feel that I am beginning to digress.

Anyway back to the month of June. We have Flag Day on the 14th of June, so be sure to fly Old Glory proudly from the front of your castle. My flag is in great shape, as some nice lady gave me a new one last June, shortly after I commented on the sorry state of my previous flag. Then on the 21st, we have a double whammy. It's Father's Day, and summer begins as well. I hope you can spend some quality time with dear old Dad on that day. Fire up the grill and throw on some steaks or shrimp or fish. Then pull up a shady seat, with a frosty mug of your favorite beverage and just talk

for a while, staring at the smoke billowing from the grill. Wow, sure makes me think of the summer BBQ's down at the church. I wonder what the Mrs. has planned for dinner? I really shouldn't write on an empty stomach. Again my mind wanders....like a chipmunk searching for nuts....or a ship at sea with no power, drifting and bobbing. Speaking of bobbing, it would be a good time to get out fishing in June. Perhaps a fishing trip with Dad to celebrate Father's Day! Anyway, Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers out there. May your grates be clean, flames be tame and smoke be hickory!



I've been seeing a little activity out in the church garden area near the garage...it's about time! I've been hankering for some greens and a tasty radish or two. They had better get some corn planted, too. It's a good place for my kids to play Hide and Seek, besides corn is my favorite food. Did you know that on a quiet night, with your ear to the east, you can hear the corn growing? Try it sometime! Of course, my ears are pretty big for my size, and that makes a difference. Well, enough of all this....it's a kind of Babylon, as I tend to babble on. Enough said....so I'll see you in church.

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



Church Membership Records

We are beginning the process of putting our church membership records into a computer database. In order to do this accurately we would like up update everyone's records. There will be sheets available to do this on the table in the back of the church. Please fill out one sheet for

each member of the family. You don't need to re-enter address and phone information for the children. Please pick up the sheets at worship and return them as soon as possible. Your help with this update is very much appreciated. Thanks!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 12, 2015

The Church Council met on Wednesday evening, May 13th, with 8 members present. Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions from "Reclaiming the 'L' Word". Pastor Mark had attended a meeting of the pastors the previous week where the agenda included discussion on the Evangelical Mission Strategy for the Billings with discussion around the question/ need for a new "mission" church? He also reported on the need for us to update our membership records; confirmation class for fall with a possible group of four students; he is also a corporate delegate with a three year term to Pacific Lutheran University; the Shepherd Staff, the church membership database, has been installed. He would like to have a Council retreat for longer term planning in the fall with a gathering from 5:00 PM to 8:00PM on a Friday night and continuing on Saturday morning from 8:00 AM to noon. He asked Council members to look at their calendars so we can select a date. We also have a new family, the Malchow's, that have joined the congregation, and give them a hearty welcome. Pastor will be on vacation from June 15th to the 23rd, also June 29th, 30th and July 1st.

The Treasurer's financial report was discussed, and Jim motioned to accept it, seconded by Liz. Motion was carried.

Deacon's Report: Laurel Noland will help with the Family Promise program and the church calendar for weekly volunteers. Terri Hensley will help with the Community BBQ's this summer, and mentioned that Norm Haaland will donate the meat for those events. Terri also volunteered to help with the church garden, and put an ad in the Yellowstone Co. News to see if anyone wants to use a share of the garden space. She also suggested having a "church shower" in January or February to have

people bring items for needy families in the area.

Trustees Report: Matt had shared his thoughts regarding the garage remodel- to start with the garage, do a metal roof and soffit, and then possibly cover the entire building with metal siding. The interior needs to be divided with a partition and remodeled to handle the food pantry and storage. If we hear of anyone interested in the parsonage, contact him right away. The ELCA has some "World Hunger" grants, and we will research them to see if we'd qualify to receive help in preparing the garage for the food pantry. Jim McKenney reported on the website which is up and working:



ELCShepherd.org He plans to add additional content, such as the Council members, various profiles, church history, etc.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as printed.

Old Business: David Nelson reported on the Youth group: the spaghetti dinner and raffle brought in \$590.00 and was very successful. The BBQ's will be starting again on Wednesday evenings, beginning June 17, for the summer months from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The garage sale date has been moved to June 6th, as there will be a number of garage sales throughout the area that day, and we will have more traffic. Jim made a motion to have the garage sale proceeds go to the Building Fund, seconded by David, motion carried.

Matt had drafted a letter on getting the "pledge" drive started again for the building fund. Kristianne will re-write the letter with more explanation in the introduction, etc. and our plan to communicate to the congregation this fall, by Harvest Dinner time.

The Council felt that we need to show some action on the garage, parsonage removal and parking area before we communicate this to the congregation.

New Business: The Synod Assembly agenda was not out at this time. One of the elected delegates

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SERVICE

Church Council Minutes *(continued from page 4)*

from Emmanuel is unable to attend. Liz White will attend, as will Pastor. One of the responsibilities of the Council, as outlined in the organizational bylaws is pastoral evaluation. Kristianne shared a tool that she and pastor had sourced for consideration. After discussion, it was decided the council would complete the tool initially and use their experience to design a process for future evaluation cycles. Additional discussion on the tool and process will occur at the June Council meeting.

Our next meeting date is Wednesday evening, June 10th. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Petty, Secretary

Counters / Communion Helpers

5/17 Terri Hensley

5/24 Sharon Wolske

5/31 Jim McKenney

6/07 Kristianne Wilson



The Special Offering this month is for **The Lutheran Center** in Billings. We will receive the offerings on June 7th and 14th.

The Lutheran Center serves medical patients and their families with an affordable and comfortable home during their hospital stay or outpatient treatments. The house offers physical and emotional respite during stressful times.

The ranch style home has five guest rooms including one with a private bath. Common areas include a living room, dining room, kitchen, two full baths and family room. A chair lift is available for guests with limited mobility. Off street parking is available and laundry facilities are available free of charge. Guests are responsible for cooking their meals and cleaning their rooms at the end of their stay. Wireless internet is also available.

Board members of The Lutheran Center are comprised of individuals living within Billings and the primary areas we serve – Montana and northern Wyoming. Board officers include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Board members also serve on standing committees such as Marketing, Event Planning, Investments, Auxiliary, Fund Raising and Property Management. We are always in need of enthusiastic and energetic individuals to serve on our board. Currently we are recruiting for individuals with experience and backgrounds in legal, marketing and fundraising.

Community BBQ

Emmanuel will be hosting Community Barbecues again this summer beginning on Wednesday, June 17th. The barbecues will be held every Wednesday evening through August 26th. We can use your help and there will be sign-up sheets available in worship so you can choose your day or days to volunteer.



Community BBQ's

Invite your family and friends to join us on Wednesday evenings this summer for a time of community food and fellowship!

Concert &

Candlelight Reception

to benefit

The Synod House

Montana Synod
ELCA

Guest Pianist

Dr. Ken Hoppmann

Thursday Evening

June 18, 2015

Half past Seven - 7:30 PM

American Lutheran Church
5 Lewis Avenue - Billings

\$25

Minimum donation suggested

FOR EVERY
HOUSE
IS BUILT BY
SOMEONE,
BUT THE
BUILDER
OF ALL
THINGS IS
GOD.
HEBREWS 3:4

CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church



Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Members: Laurel Noland's sister-in-law Cindy, stage 5 cancer; Terri Hensley's brother on chemo for cancer; Tracy Kern's step-father Ernie Reynolds has liver cancer; Esther and Bill Green; Agnes and Clarence Beddes, dealing with numerous medical problems; Brad Green recovering from surgery; Connie Herberg's mother, Lois Sneva, doing well at St. John's; Cathy Peil's brother-in-law, Mike LaSorte has pancreatic cancer; Kevin Kincheloe recovering at home after surgery; Linda Welch, now home recovering from brain surgery in Salt Lake; Noah Smelser, son of Stacie Grandpre having treatment for issues of depression.

Children: Andrew Green, tumors on internal organs.

Friends of the Congregation: Cliff Sanchez, cancer; Stephanie Lunder, end stage liver disease; 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 having 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



June 02 Louis Garcia
June 15 MaryAnn Emmons
June 18 Noah Smelser
June 24 Stacey Grandpre
June 15 Brad Green



June 12
Brad & Dawn Shersteth



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

FREE MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Friday, June 12th
at Dusk (9 pm) on the Townsquare
on the campus of St. John's Lutheran Ministries

Movie: Night at the Museum



CONCESSIONS & PARKING AVAILABLE

BRING YOUR BLANKETS AND LAWN CHAIRS

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2015

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM
OPENERS BEGIN AT 6 PM

ON THE CAMPUS OF
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN MINISTRIES & **MISSION RIDGE** LUTHERAN LIVING

FRED & MARIE MILLER PAVILION
CORNER OF RIMROCK & SHILOH

June 25TH	ELLEN & THE OLD SCHOOL <i>Opener: Michael & Cierra Myers</i>
July 2ND	JOHN ROBERTS - Y PAN BLANCO <i>Opener: Will Sappington</i>
July 9TH	CLUMSY LOVERS <i>Opener: Jessica Lechner</i>
July 16TH	THE COLD HARD CASH SHOW <i>Opener: Jerod Birchell</i>
July 23RD	MIDLIFE CHRYSLERS <i>Opener: Chuck Holland & Al Jordan</i>
July 30TH	GUTHRIE BROWN & THE FAMILY TREE <i>Opener: Callista</i>
August 13TH	THE MUSIC OF PATSY CLINE <i>Sung by Lysa Fox • RED LODGE, MT</i>

What is a dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

—Unknown



Christikon Clips

June, 2015



Information for our Congregations

It's not too late to register for camp this summer! Space remains in most youth sessions and in those for families and adults. You can register online at www.christikon.org or use the forms distributed with the youth and family/adult brochures in your congregation. Or call us at the camp office for further information.

Christikon covers the full costs for each at-risk kid participating in Sojourners Camp. (We expect to have 24 this summer) We invite individuals, congregations and their auxiliaries to consider special giving for camp scholarships this summer.

Special guest speakers become part of the Christikon life this summer during sessions for adults and families. During Mountain Weekend 1 (July 10-12) we feature **Lindean and Grant Barnett Christenson, pastors of Christ the King in Bozeman.** During the **Continuing Education Retreat (August 3-6),** we are joined by **Kathryn Schifferdecker, Associate professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, and Jessica Crist, Bishop of the Montana Synod of the ELCAI.** Come spend a few days of relaxation, learning, and faith growth with us. **Mountain Weekend 2 (August 7-9), sessions will be led by Mark Donald, Director of Christikon**

Check out our Spring Trailblazer on our website. Use the link below:

Newsletter link: <http://christikon.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Ckon-Newsletter-spring-2015-final-corrected1.pdf>

Remember to pray for your congregation's ministry through Christikon this summer, for the summer staff, and for all who join in the Christikon life.

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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Abraham in retirement



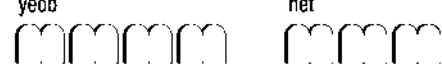

Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.

WORD BANK	ask do eternal If good good Why
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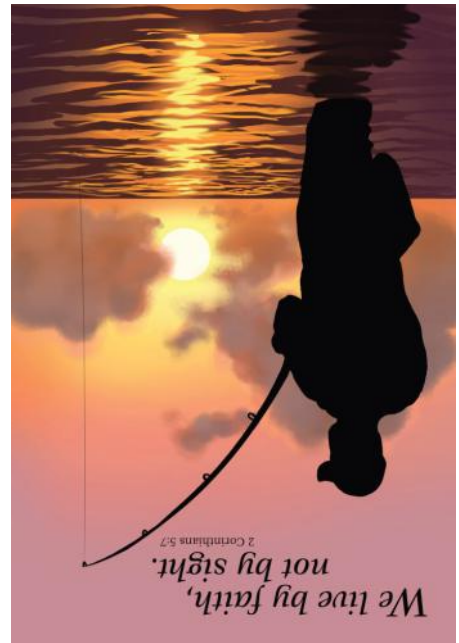
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Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commandments."

June 2015

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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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