



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Emmanuel News

October 2015

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**HARVEST DINNER,
BAZAAR, RAFFLE
AND AUCTION**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST 2015

11:30 - 2:00 P.M.

**ROAST BEEF DINNER
WITH TRIMMINGS.**

ADULTS: \$8.00

CHILDREN: 6-12 \$4.00

CHILDREN: UNDER 6 FREE

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

The month of October has always been a favorite month for me. As a child, I couldn't wait for Halloween to arrive. Of course, I liked the candy. Even more, however, me liked dressing up as some character (have I mentioned that I was a theater major in college?).

I don't ever remember buying a costume; I always made my own. They usually weren't scary characters, but rather were tramps, clowns, old mining prospectors and the like.

I have outgrown my Halloween dress up phase (well . . . at least for the most part), but October is still my favorite month. Now it's my favorite because I think of October as "Lutheran" month. It is related to Halloween. I was on All Hallows Eve that Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. It was this action that set the Protestant Reformation into motion. Every year Lutherans around the world celebrate the Reformation on the last Sunday of October, even though Reformation Day is actually October 31.



That's why I think of October as "Lutheran" month. That is especially true as we approach the year 2017. The year 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation and Lutherans around the world are preparing for a big celebration. You will be hearing more about that in the coming months.

Lutherans are not the only Christian denomination. We are not the only true and/or right Christian denomination. Lutherans are not the only chosen people of God. We are but one of many expressions of the Christian faith which God loves and redeems, supports and upholds. During this month of October I invite you to consider what's important and unique about being Lutheran. I hope your reflections include contemplating Paul's statement in his letter to the Galatians, particularly Chapter 2 verses 15-21 (look it up!).

God's Blessings to you during this "Lutheran" month!

Pastor Mark

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

We will be having our Bible study and business meeting on Thursday afternoon, October 8th. With the Harvest Dinner and Bazaar coming up on November 1st, we need to do some planning. The leaders of the work group lists will be doing the calling about the middle of this month, to let each of you know what needs to be donated for the meal and where we will need your help. You know we depend on each of you to make this event the success it has always been....it's the biggest fundraiser for the



year. The monies we take in are used to purchase necessary items for the church kitchen, to send youth to camp, to help finance special causes, and often to help our congregation pay their benevolences to the Synod. We will have Bazaar tables of items for sale (crafts, canned goods, baked goods, etc.), an auction of special items, a quilt raffle and lots of camaraderie.... If you have any special ideas for this event, and can't wait to be called, let me know! Dawn Petty, 373-6673.

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

Fall Ho! October is finally here and with it comes the many changes of the season. The leaves are starting to change color. The weather is changing from hot to not so hot. The daylight is changing, as every day the amount of sunlight that we have gets shorter and shorter. So many changes that you know there must be something big on the horizon. I've always said that "the only constant in life is change, so just go with the flow and embrace it." A wise old sailor always used to say " If you can't stand the roar of the big guns, get off the main deck!" So true. I guess if you can't stand the changes that are coming, you better pack your bags and head south for the winter. As for me, I am staying put and will embrace the changes. Bring it on October!

This month , we have

Columbus Day on the 12th.

An important holiday for the government and banker types, but the rest of us will have to work it just like every other Monday. In all of the stories that I have read about Columbus and his adventures, they never mention the mice that were on board. I know there must have been quite a few of my distant relatives involved in that long sea crossing. Wow, what a journey that would have been!

My better half, Mrs. T.C., has a birthday this month. Yes, she is a Scorpio which may explain her feisty side, but she truly is the apple of my eye. I'm very lucky to have such a special lady in my life. Happy Birthday, Darling! (Makes me

think of the song going through my head "You don't have to call me darling, Darling. You never even call me by my name.") Yeah, my mind wanders a bit, thinks of crazy stuff all the time. Focus, T.C., focus! I'll have to find a special way to help the Mrs. celebrate her big day. Twenty-nine and holding! Just between you and me, I think she has been celebrating her 29th birthday, for 23 years now.

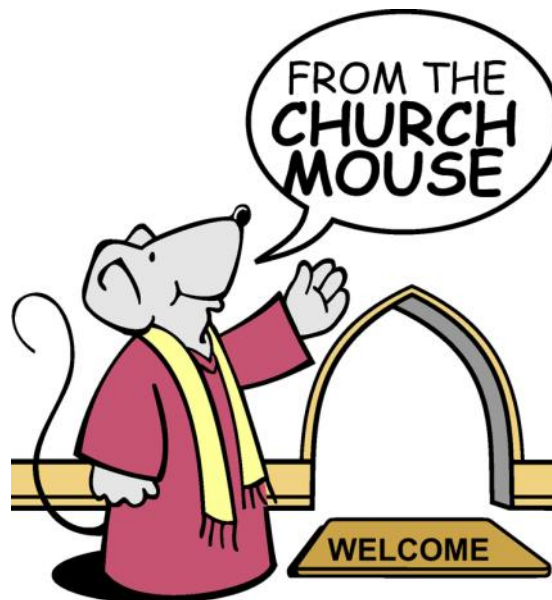
At the end of the month, we have Halloween. A favorite time for all of the kids, and the kids at

heart. Such fun to dress up as something or someone and act a little crazy for just one night. I'm still trying to figure out a costume for myself. Can't decide if I should go as a Jersey Cow or a Super Mouse. You know I can pull either off quite well. I know the Mrs. will be busy helping the kids round up stuff for their costumes, and perhaps trying to get me to dress up in one of her ideas. One year she decided to

dress up as Little Bo Peep. Yeah, you guessed it. She was expecting me to be the sheep! Almost pulled the wool over my eyes, but I put my foot down and said that was a baaaad idea. Anyway, however you go, enjoy your Halloween. Be safe out there,. Then be sure to take in that tasty roast beef dinner the next day at the church...yeah, it's Harvest Dinner time again. I can lay up lots of goodies for the winter! See you there!

Your Faithful Friend,

T.C.Mouse, In Residence at Emmanuel



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

September , 2015

The church council met on Wednesday evening, September 16th, for a brief meeting. In attendance were Pastor Mark, Kristianne Wilson, Sharon Wolske, Liz White, Matt Walsh and Dawn Petty. Devotions were led by Pastor Mark with discussions on "Proclaiming the 'L' Word".

The business agenda began with standing reports:

Secretary's minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's report was reviewed, showing less offering for the summer months due to lower attendance at the services. Pastor reported that there will be an annual fee for the chair lift inspections of \$100.00 plus the yearly license amount of \$90.00. Liz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Matt, and it was passed.

Deacons' report: Various ideas to raise monies for the "Our House to the Synod House" campaign were mentioned: recycling aluminum cans and other metal objects, raffles, selling hand made items, etc. Jeanne McCoskery, the Synod House Campaign Coordinator, will be with us on Sunday, November 8th to update the congregation about the campaign and answer questions about the plans for a larger building for offices, receptions and storage space. We will also present her our financial gifts on that Sunday.

Trustees Report: we need to inform the congregation regarding the removal of the parsonage this fall. There is a buyer for the parsonage, and a down payment has been made. Some workers from Ostermiller House Movers have been doing some preparation work before the parsonage can be moved. Now we must begin work on the garage and get it ready to have the Food Pantry moved into half of that building. More detailed infor-

mation about replacing the parsonage will be given out at the annual meeting of the congregation.

Pastor's Report: Pastor has been very active in attending the Community events, such as the weekly Senior Citizens luncheons and the summer BBQ's which are now ended for this year. He does the hospital visitations, and works as a chaplain at St. Vincent's several nights of the week. He has just returned from the board meeting at PLU, and will be going to Great Falls for a seminar on September 24th and the Bishop's Convocation on September 25th and 26th. The confirmation class

this year will be small, with two or three young people. He will be attending the Luther Lectures at Chico on October 22nd and 23rd. Pastor reported that Terri Hensley stopped in his office this afternoon and gave him his resignation from Council. She called during the meeting to speak with the Council over speaker

phone and explain her reason for resigning. It has to do with some policies of the ELCA.

Old Business: Sharon reported that she will contact someone about the problem with getting the sanctuary windows open and closed. Kristianne is waiting to hear back from a Shepherd School representative about school supplies that may be needed by some of the youth.

New Business: Kristianne and Pastor will compose a letter that will be mailed to members of the congregation regarding the status of the parsonage removal, replacement, parking area and food pantry site.

The Pastoral Evaluation forms given to the council members have been returned and summarized. A discussion was held and we were able to give him very constructive feedback. The Council had no problems with his performance. The Council will be attending a retreat on Friday evening the 18th of September at the Wilson's home, and continuing on Saturday morning, the 18th at the church.

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LOVING SERVICE

Church Council Minutes *(continued from page 4)*

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next Council meeting will be held on October 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Petty, Secretary

Counters Communion Helpers

Sept. 20 Liz White Liz White

Sept. 27 Liz White

Oct. 04 Kristianne Wilson Kristianne

Oct. 11 Sharon Wolske



Our church will be hosting the families on October 13th and 14th, at Peace Lutheran Church, with the evening meal and overnights. We need two people each night to stay with them. There are cots and air mattresses provided, so you need your blankets and pillow, and you have a private room to stay in. Over-night hosts are needed in case of an emergency, so one can remain in the building, and the other can take a sick person to the hospital. Evening meals are simple, and we will be told of any food allergies for the families in advance, so we can prepare accordingly. Can you help? Call me to volunteer, Dawn 373-6673.



Northern Rockies Institute Of Theology

Sundays October 4th and 11th

MISSION STATEMENT:

Northern Rockies Institute of Theology is a continuing theological education ministry of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. NRIT exists to provide and promote lifelong learning for the people of the Montana Synod (and their neighbors), for the purpose of equipping them in their lives of ministry.

CONTINUING EDUCATION and LIFELONG LEARNING

The Lutheran Church has always valued education, both for its clergy and for its laity. Martin Luther was a professor who advocated not only a learned ministry, but also a well-informed laity. Lutheran congregations are centers of learning and mission. NRIT assists congregations in their teaching of the faith. NRIT offers courses and events that are specifically geared to the congregational level. NRIT offers courses that help the teachers and pastoral leaders of the church in their teaching role. All NRIT courses are open to everyone. If you have any question about a course, contact us.

ELCA pastors, AIMs and diaconal ministers (rostered people) are expected to do 50 hours of continuing theological education annually. As part of the compensation package, congregations are asked to grant two weeks of time for continuing education annually, in addition to funding. This time is not vacation, and the money is not the same as a book allowance. Congregations are encouraged to work with the pastor / AIM / diaconal minister and the synod to provide opportunities for sabbatical, as well.

NRIT is the Montana Synod's program ministry for clergy and laity, and is accountable to the church. We love to work with you to help put on programs, bring in speakers, address the issues that are at the heart of your community. We are your ministry.

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 Cindy 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; the family of Zach Kirkpatrick as they mourn his death.

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; Tom Weichel, cancer.

(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



10/05 Jennifer Ingram
10/09 Jackson Plath
10/10 Lauris Byxbe
10/10 Louise Nunemaker
10/12 Brad Sherseth
10/18 Susan Quanbeck
10/20 Robert McSwayn
10/21 Carol Kramer
10/28 Nancy Byxbe
10/29 Tanner Emmons
10?30 Esther Bengtson
10/31 Hailey Hoffman




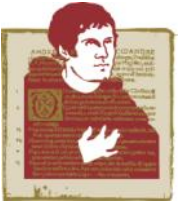


10/08 Bill & Esther Green
10/09 Greg & Heather Plath
10/10 Brad & Lisa Strecker
10/18 Howard & Judy Osmundson
10/24 James 'Skeet' & Tracy Kern



OCTOBER 2015

Sun Mon Tue 1. Wed Thu Fri Sat

September 2015							November 2015									1	2	3
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11	8:45 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	12	6:00 <i>Shepherd Pioneers</i>	13		14	7:00 Church Council @ Church	15	<i>Football Team Dinner</i>	16	<i>Cross Country Team Dinner</i>	17						
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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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