



Emmanuel News



2016

WORSHIP

OUTDOORS



SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th, 10:30 a.m.

HUNTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LAWN

Potluck Lunch Indoors (To keep the yellow-jackets away!)

Immediately following worship

Bring Your Own Chairs & Tableware

Beverages will be provided!

Sponsoring Churches:

Ballantine Church of Christ

Bethlehem Church of Christ of Worden

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Shepherd

Huntley United Methodist Church

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

While browsing Facebook I can across a post lauding Oklahoma for a number of laws and amendments the state has supposedly passed defying Federal Government. The first action was that Oklahoma has passed an amendment to place the Ten Commandments on the front entrance to the state capital. The last line of the paragraph said, "Hey this is a conservative state, based on Christian Values . . .!"

My first reaction was: is that so? Hum! It reminded me of a member of one of the former congregations I served. He was a businessman in the community and every customer received a business card sized copy of the Ten Commandments when they paid their bill. His reasoning? If people just follow the Ten Commandments we will become a moral community and nation again.

I don't think his passing out the Ten Commandments did much good. The community was still at least 40% unchurched. You could hear people taking God's name in vain on the streets and in the businesses every day. Attendance at worship was only about 20% (on a good Sunday) of the official membership of the congregation. Farmers still worked in their fields on Sundays. Children disobeyed their parents and Adults were not always respectful of people in authority, (teachers, police, etc.). There were plenty of burglaries in town. Every so often there were murders. Both men and women committed adultery on a regular basis—even among church members. Gossip was rampant and there was a goodly amount



of coveting going on.

Passing out the Ten Commandment Cards didn't do much good, just as posting the Ten Commandments in front of state capital building and City Halls don't do much good. People still sin and our cities and country have not become more moral. Posting the Ten Commandments in public places or passing an amendment to allow prayer in schools won't create good morals. I'm not saying that the Ten Commandments or prayer are a bad thing; I am saying that the only thing that can create an increase in moral behavior is a changed heart—and Jesus is the only one who can change the heart.

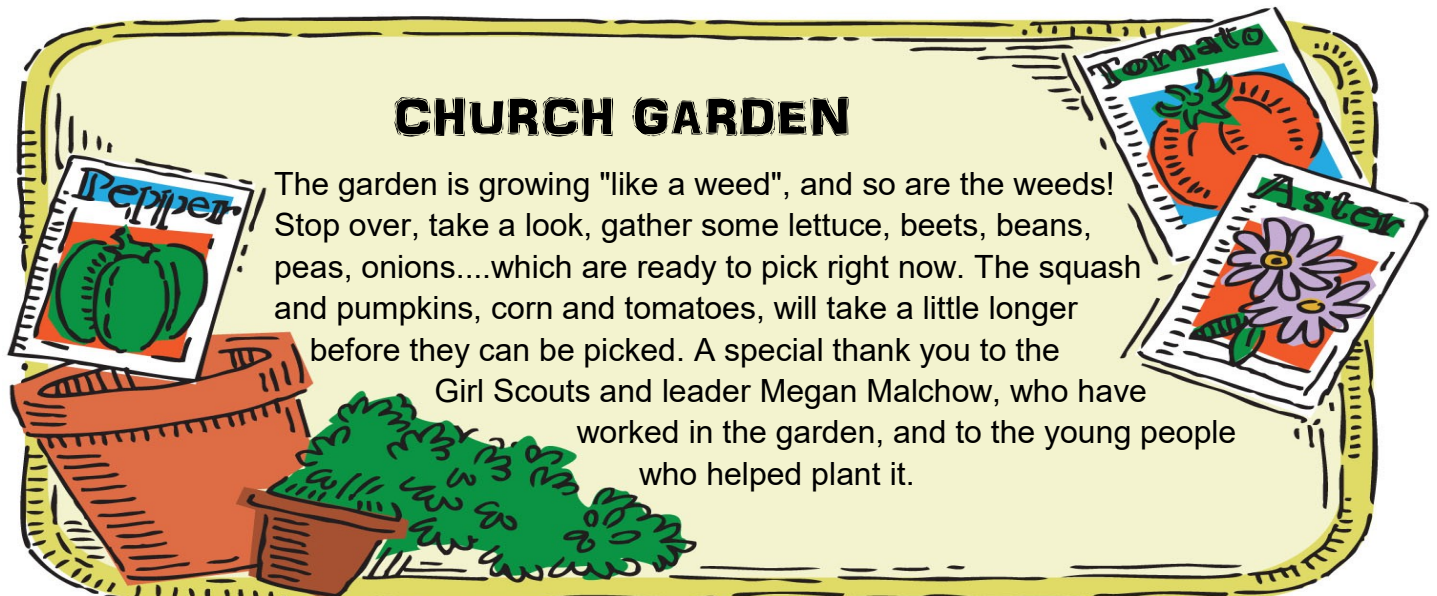
I believe that it is when we realize and incorporate into our lives the reality that God loves us, in spite of our sinfulness and that through Jesus God has wiped the slate of our sins clean—then our hearts are changed. It is then that we may start incorporating into our lives and behaviors the values of God's Kingdom. The apostle Paul lists a few of these values in Galatians 5: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, fidelity, gentleness and self-control. These are different than the values of the kingdoms of the world; hate, greed, jealousy, pride, conceit, and all the other things that the Ten Commandments urge us to avoid.

We don't need to post the Ten Commandments or pray in school, we need to allow Jesus to change us and start living by the values of God's Kingdom rather than living by the values of the kingdom's of the world.

Pastor Mike

CHURCH GARDEN

The garden is growing "like a weed", and so are the weeds! Stop over, take a look, gather some lettuce, beets, beans, peas, onions....which are ready to pick right now. The squash and pumpkins, corn and tomatoes, will take a little longer before they can be picked. A special thank you to the Girl Scouts and leader Megan Malchow, who have worked in the garden, and to the young people who helped plant it.



COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Dear Friends and Neighbors:

August is here, and it seems to have brought out the poet in me. Enjoy!

ODE TO THE KERNEL

Sweet Golden Kernel
I do love you so.
In far away fields
I watch as you grow.

Starting out as a sprout
Then quickly knee high.
With love, hope and water
You reach for the sky.

The Dog Days of Summer
Force your tassels to show.
But now your attention
Is focused below.



You grow sweeter each day
Tucked safely in an ear.
Now August is upon us,
And the end is quite near.

Your journey's now over
But mine's just begun.
I can't keep from drooling
On my first sweet corn run.
Shuck, boil, butter, eat...

My mantra you see.
Come join me my friends,
There's too much for me
Sweet Golden Kernel

I do love you so.
Thank God for the farmers
Who help you to grow!

Your Faithful Friend,
T.C.Mouse

Women ^{of the} ELCA

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Summer is flying by, and it will soon be Harvest time, which brings to mind: Our annual Harvest Dinner! We will again do our famous roast beef dinner, along with a Bazaar and Auction on the first Sunday in November, the 6th. Be thinking of items for the Bazaar, start your crafting and sewing now. We will have our monthly Bible study and business meeting beginning on September 8th, and hope to have you join us.

Community BBQ

Our weekly BBQ's are going to continue through the month of August. Each week our attendance is growing, and the camaraderie is great, as is the food! We enjoy the potluck dishes, and the fabulous desserts....and Pastor Mark cooks a "mean" burger! For our last BBQ in August, we will again have chicken, which is always a treat. We serve between 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, but come early, get a seat, have some cool refreshing drink and good conversation. Listen to the soothing music which Daisy Eddy plays on her harp. And you won't have to cook! Just relax and enjoy! (Proceeds to the Food Pantry).



Community BBQ's

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 6/8/16

Vision: We will follow God's plan for us to grow in faith, family, and community.

Mission: ELC is a welcoming church, in a rural community, called by God to joyful worship, caring relationships, and loving service.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Mark, Kristianne, Laurel, Liz, Carol, Sharon, Matt, and Karen

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Mark read a passage from "Whistling in the Dark" by Frederick Buechner that talked about anxiety which fits in with the recent events in our world. Have peace in heart and mind through Christ and Rejoice Always. See Philippians 4: 4-7.

SECRETARY: Minutes from June were approved as printed.

TREASURER: Motion was made to accept the financial report for June. Motion passed. Received \$400 more for the parking lot but still owe \$15,000. Talked about options and a motion was made to take out a commercial loan in order to pay off the parking lot. Motion carried. Any monies received for the Building Fund or the Parking Lot will be paid toward the loan. Will see change in budget as we will have to account for the loan payments. Sharon and Carol will handle getting the loan and checking on any other fees associated with the loan or early payoff. Will be adding reminders to the bulletin and newsletter requesting contributions. May also see some adjustments to the pension/health insurance for Pastor Mark for a couple months until things get adjusted now that Pastor Maryann has left her call.

DEACONS: ELC Community Day September 11, God's Work, Our Hands Day. Would like to see about painting the Community Center for our project. Planning our event for Saturday 9/10. Pastor is going to check on this to see if it will be ready to paint. Thrivent offers a kit for these work days that includes posters and debit card for \$250 to purchase supplies. Need to get request to Thrivent 21 days in advance. Liz will be bringing the cart back for groceries and back-to-school drive. Will be doing a Backpack Blessing

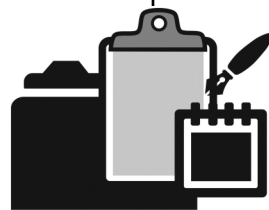
on August 21 during worship for all of the kiddos going back to or starting school. Include reminder in Newsletter and bulletin prior to this event.

TRUSTEES: Matt presented information and a bid for the line painting in the new parking lot. A motion was made to approve the line painting and the bid received. Motion carried. Matt & Melissa are donating the funds to get the painting done. Thank you!!! Workday on July 23 starting at 8am. Many things to do: saw cuts in the parking lot need to be caulked, sealant needs to be sprayed over the concrete (all supplies in the garage to complete this), church foundation needs to be painted, freezer needs to be picked up from Bill Green's place, Girl Scouts will be painting the ramp, and if the doors for the "new" pantry come in, they will need to be installed. Brianne Malchow needs a project for Girl Scouts and would like to take on completing the swing set area by putting in the rubber boundary and small pebbles as well as repainting the swing set. Discussion of putting in a French drain from behind the garage out to the road but it was tabled at this time as we want to see how it drains before making any decisions.

PASTOR: Has been busy with Senior Citizen group, a baptism for the Joe Lockwood family, St Johns Worship, had a final premarital meeting, and God & Family Award w/James Malchow.

Community BBQs have been well attended. August 7 is the date for our Worship in the Park service that is normally at Barkemeyer Park but it will be held on the lawn at Huntley United Methodist Church with the potluck to follow in the basement. Sunday School will be starting soon. Needing to talk to Jill about age of kids she would like to see attending. Also checking to see how many of the older children might be ready for Confirmation. Will be having the Council Retreat on 9/16 & 9/17. Might see if we can do the Friday evening portion at the Community Center and finish up Saturday morning at the church.

OLD BUSINESS: Carol and Sharon are still working on getting the members data base updated. Need to update the communion steward duties list which is on the inside of the



Church Council Minutes

LOVING SERVICE

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door where the communion supplies are stored. Liz said she will work on this. Will be getting information out about our next Congregational Meeting that we have scheduled for November 13th. Need to get the information we will be discussing at the meeting out to the congregation before the meeting so everyone has time to review and come prepared with their questions/concerns.

NEW BUSINESS: Need to discuss our topics for the Council Retreat. Will be revisiting our Food Pantry Ministry. Youth Ministry: have a 3-year goal to get more children involved and expand ministry with the children we currently have. Discuss parsonage vs. housing allowance and what we want to present to the congregation at the Congregational Meeting to be held November 13th. Also planning to do Pastor's annual evaluation which will take place sometime in September or October.

Counters/Communion Helpers

7/17 Liz

7/24 Carol

7/31 Sharon

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be August 10 @ 7:00pm. Mission Cornerstone update with Liz and the backpack program.

Respectfully, Karen Vanberg, Secretary

Special OFFERING

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

The Synod House

The offerings will be received on August 14th and August 21st



We had a good work day on Saturday, July 23rd. Several tasks were completed including moving the freezer that was donated by Bill Green from his home to the new location of the Food Bank in the garage. The land on the east end of the new parking lot was also cleaned up. We still need to get the saw cuts in the concrete caulked. Meagan Malchow and the girls from Girl Scout troop 2245 scraped and repainted both the ramp to the back door the new swing set that was donated by Matt, Melissa and hunter Walsh (see the pictures above and below). Thanks to the Girls Scouts for the great job they did!



Backpack Sunday August 21, 2016

In preparation for the new school year we are having a blessing of backpacks on Sunday, August 21st. All school age youth are asked to bring their school backpacks to worship for the Service of Blessing. We will also do a blessing of teachers and students that Sunday so we are asking all of you (teachers and students) to be present.

CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates



Members: Tracy Kern's step-father in his final days after a long battle with cancer; Ernie Reynolds (and his family) as he approaches the end of life; Esther and Bill Green; Eileen Johnson's niece, Jeanie Schyultz, in California on chemotherapy following cancer surgery, Eileen Johnson, at home again, very tired and weak, and a change of medication; Meagan Malchow with various health issues; Phil Garnett (Meagan Malchow's father) who has been placed in hospice care for congestive heart failure and renal failure); Roxanne Powell, Linda Hinkle's niece; Sandy Green, recovering from a broken arm; Clarence Beddes is having various issues with his heart again after stint; Barbara Cooper, for her broken ankle to mend—it has been in a cast for two months, and is not healing from surgery.

Children: Andrew Green, tumors on internal organs.

Friends of the Congregation: Shirley Sept, cancer; Katie Rightmire ALS; John Barta, cancer; Tom Weichel, cancer; Kynzee Cooper, continuing to recover from her accident; Hailey Irene Knickerbocker, infant daughter of Kerry Knickerbocker recovering from heart surgery; Eileen Harbaugh struggling with numerous health issues; Wesley Barnes; Lana Richards, acquaintance of Dawn Petty, who is in treatment for cancer; Henry Strecker and his wife, Dit, now moved into Morning Star facility, He has dementia, and she has Alzheimer; Kamrey Leiser, 5th grade student at Shepherd injured in a camp accident; Georgia Wagenman Clark will be having heart surgery in the near future; Brittany Reinhardt (Judy Smelser's granddaughter) having a kidney removed due to numerous tumors on August 16th; Judy Smelser is having a hip replacement on August 29th; Nicole Hall, with a brain bleed, black eyes, loss of equilibrium, after being robbed and beaten on Hwy. 87; Spencer Beddes, with kidney problems; Joe Welch diagnosed with cancer; Lisa Strecker diagnosed with 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,

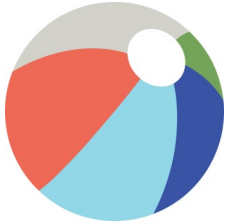
Rob Larson, MN



08/02 Glen McCloud
08/06 Bill Moen
08/09 Judy Osmundson
08/17 Carla Leligdowicz
08/19 Bill Green
08/20 Wade Malchow
08/21 Dave Hoffman
08/28 Maryann Morgenstern
08/29 Emilie Christman



08/17 Craig & Kristianne Wilson
08/31 Glen & Lindsey McCloud



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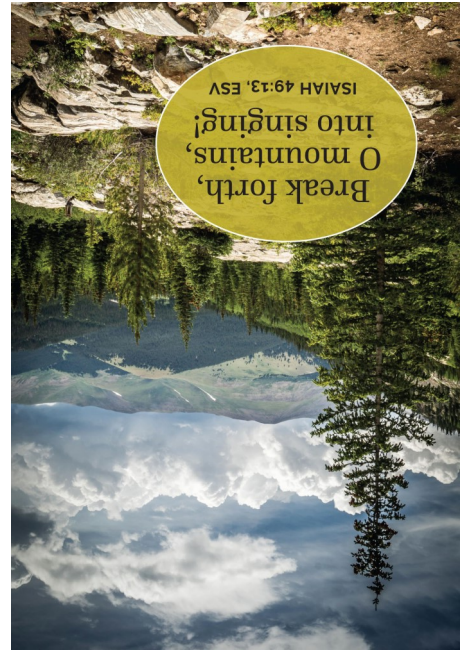
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“We will follow God’s plan for us
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