



Emmanuel News

JULY 2016

Changes at Emmanuel

Things have been happening here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The church house was moved to a place east of Ballantine. The move from Shepherd took two days.

A new concrete parking lot has been completed. The contractor was Top Notch Concrete from Billings. The bid for the project was \$48,000 and when the lot was finished, the project total came to \$50,660. The tree stumps needed to be taken out and that raised the cost. We have been able to pay the contractors \$35,660 and have \$15,000 remaining.

So now we are asking for extra funds to finish paying the contractor. The more we can get now in the next two weeks will keep the request for a bank loan lower.

Can you help with this request? Please make a "Parking lot" notation on your check. Checks can be mailed to Emmanuel Lutheran Church at P.O. Box 66, Shepherd MT 59079.

Thank you for your continued support of our church. God Bless All of You!!

Sharon Wolske, Treasurer



Just in case you have been at the lake, on vacation, or just wrapped up in summertime life, swing on by the Emmanuel Lutheran church sometime and see what is going on! The old house is gone and new parking is done, and clean up continues, it is a big project with a hefty price tag so any and all help with funds are greatly appreciated.

As you are looking around the front of the church please peak around the back and take a minute to watch the youngsters on the playground set, they had a good time last Sunday morning, climbing, sliding, swinging and it even has a steering wheel. The playground set will also be getting some safety precautions around it with rubber curbing and a safe material placed on the inside to protect our youngsters as best we can.

We will be having a workday on July 23rd, things that need to be done are seal the concrete, caulk the saw cuts of the concrete, paint the ramp, paint the playground set, paint the church foundation, clean out the garage, put shelving together and organize the garage, and maybe with a little luck we can go grab the freezer from Bill Greens place, he donated one to the food pantry (always a pleasure Bill and thank you). More to come on what is going on, maybe even a play by play someday, any who come on down for the Wednesday evening bbq's or the Sunday morning service for all and any new folks to the area, we would love to have you!



Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

We are living in anxious times. This week the world has experienced another terrorist attack—this time in Istanbul, Turkey. It has left in its wake not only the deaths of at least 41 people and many others who are injured, but also chaos in the world's financial markets. Of course, fear and anxiety are what terrorist attacks are all about. We now wonder when the next terrorist attack will take place. We wonder where it will take place. We become anxious and fearful about travel. Likewise, we are anxious and fearful about our financial futures (at least I am) as we see the stock market drop and our retirement funds shrink away in a matter of hours. When the electronic media continues to bombard us with anxious and fearful "news" and we let that anxiety and fear take us over, then the terrorists have won.

The use of anxiety and fear seems to be a favorite tactic of those seeking political office, from local races to the race for the highest political position in our nation. "Make them afraid if they vote for my opponent." "The county, the state, the nation will fall apart if my opponent is elected." Vote for me and I will give you security and certainty about your future." It only it were so!

The writer of Psalm 146 reminds us:

*Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.*

That leaves us in a quandary; Where do we turn to for help. How can we have some certainty in this life?



My experience in life has been that there are very few certainties. As Benjamin Franklin reminded us "Nothing in this world can be said to be certain, but death and taxes." That's not completely true, but is a point well made. Life is filled with uncertainty and if we let that consume us then we live our lives each day with anxiety and fear and they take a terrible toll on our lives and health.

What is the solution? What can we know for certain? The writer of the Letter to the Hebrew says in Chapter 13, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.*" God's love for us is certain—remember John 3:16-17: *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.* The apostle Paul writes in Romans 8: "*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*"

In these anxious times, rather than listening to the voices of terrorism or the voices of the rulers of the world, let's listen to God's voice. God's voice and God's certain promises take away fear and anxiety and give us peace. Of that we can be Certain! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Mark

CHURCH GARDEN

It is looking good....should be a bountiful harvest. Somethings are ready to be picked now, such as radishes, lettuce, Swiss chard.....this is a community and food pantry garden, so please help yourselves to the produce. Special thanks to Meagan Malchow and her Scout groups, for setting out the vegetables, doing the weeding, watering and roto-tilling. Pastor Maryann and Pastor Mark roto-tilled last week, also. We all have a feeling of "ownership" with this project, and more people are taking part.

[see T.C. Mouse's Picture of the garden in his article.]



COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Dear Friends and Neighbors:

"Pop, Bang, Boom....Oooo, Ahhhh! Do these noises sound familiar? If so, you must be getting old as well, since this is what I hear all of the time when rolling off the couch following an afternoon nap. The pop, boom, bang comes from my aging joints, knees, elbows, back, you name it. Yes, I'm getting old, even for a mouse. The Oooo's and Ahhh's typically come from Mrs. T.C., who seems to enjoy watching me roll off the couch and struggle to attain some sort of vertical stature. Everyone's a comedian, but I keep telling her not to quit her day job just yet! I keep thinking that I should invent something that will allow me to nap standing up, then when I wake up, I wouldn't have to go through all of the fanfare of standing up. I just unstrap and walk away, feeling refreshed! I tried the contraption that allows you to hang by your feet, which was supposed to be good for the back, but I felt too much like my cousin, the bat, and all of the blood rushed to my head giving me a headache. Not a good way for me to nap.



Anyway, as to the month ahead, our nation's birthday is upon us, as we celebrate Independence Day on the 4th. I'm sure there will be a lot of fancy firework displays going off that evening and you will hear those familiar sounds. Be sure to fly the flag at your place. I know that mine will be up all weekend long. Whenever I see the flag and hear the fireworks, I think of Francis Scott Key writing "The Star Spangled Banner", while on a ship outside of the harbor at Fort McHenry. I once had the pleasure of touring the old fort, and take in all of the history that goes with it. Wow,

that September evening back in 1814, when Francis Scott Key penned the poem "Defense of Fort McHenry", which was later set to music and renamed "The Star Spangled Banner". If you ever get out to Baltimore, you really need to visit Fort McHenry. Happy 4th of July everyone!

The church barbecues are off to a good start, and there was quite a good showing the first week. I think that once the word gets out, the weekly attendance will surely grow. Nothing better to me than the smell of an active barbecue and the sound of lively conversation as people from the community gather once a week for this summer tradition. You know, you can grill most anything. Believe me, I've tried. If it doesn't fall through the grates, I usually try to grill it. Cheese seems to be the exception. It didn't fall through the grate at first, but quickly melted when faced with the heat, so that experiment failed! Now I



know why they put cheese on top of something, like a burger or hot dog. Lesson learned!

Check out the church garden while you are down there....it's growing well, so are the weeds...my wife and I help with the weeding by chewing them off at the ground level...whatever works, right? The lettuce is great, the green peas are blossoming, and in due time, we will have corn to munch on. We are looking forward to seeing all of you...in church, at the barbecues, in the garden....hoe....hoehoe.

Your faithful friend,

T.C. Mouse, In Residence at Emmanuel

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, Matt, Jim, Wade, Liz, Sharon, Kristianne (via phone)

Devotions: Pastor read a devotional message written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, titled 'Tomorrow is better than Today', and linked to Scripture Hebrews 13: 15-16

Secretary: Minutes from the May meeting as printed in the June newsletter were approved.

Treasurer: Expenses and offerings in May were at budgeted levels. Motion carried to accept the May financial report.

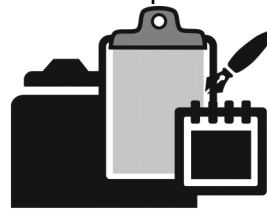
Deacons: We are recruiting volunteers and children participation in the VBS program offered at Brea Baptist Church, 6/27-7/1. Deacons will respond to questions and coordination.

Trustees: Discussion regarding the need to purchase asphalt curbing and mulch for the donated children's playground equipment as recommended by our insurance agent. We will share this anticipated new expense and plans for installation at an upcoming Sunday service.

Pastor: Participation in Shepherd seniors meeting, pastor's text study, officiate at recent wedding and continued pre-marital counseling for August wedding. Montana Synod participation, see detail in the June newsletter concerning member and Council involvement in the ELCA process, Called Together in Christ.

Old Business: Sharon and Carol have reviewed the information provided to date in the membership database and compared with old records created during Pastor Linda Rose's tenure. Progress has been made to identify gaps in the tally of

approximately 80 families associated with ELC. They will present in July a plan to complete the project, involving Council member outreach. Discussion concerning the ecumenical services offered throughout the year. Suggestions were made that participation might increase if the opportunities weren't holiday services that may conflict with travel and vacations, i.e., the August church service in Barkemeyer Park is the best attended ecumenical event. Pastor will take this feedback to an upcoming Pastors meeting. Sparse Lenten service/soup supper attendance was discussed as well. No decisions/conclusions reached. Pastor took the comments and will reflect on options for next year. Input provided on the draft copy of Usher's Duties. Sharon will incorporate suggestions to create a succinct document that she'll present for adoption at our July meeting. It is our intention to use the updated usher duties to recruit additional member participation in this role. Liz offered to work over the summer with ushers to reinforce our desired continuous communion procession process. Council will set a date at our July meeting for a Fall congregational meeting concerning past discussion regarding future parsonage and funding.



Church Council Minutes

New Business: None

Next meeting July 13, 7 pm following community BBQ

Communion steward/Counter

6/12 - Liz/Sharon,

6/19 - Wade,

6/26 – Kristianne,

7/03 - Sharon,

7/10 - Kristianne

Mission Cornerstone—Caring Relationships- Food Pantry relocation – Matt in July

The Council adjourned following the Lord's Prayer

LOVING SERVICE

Christikon Clips

July, 2016

Information for our Congregations



We are grateful for all the hard work that our Work Weekend crew accomplished!

Thank you!

Remember to pray for the staff and campers.

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.

Christikon has registered many newcomers to Christikon and we would appreciate **gifts towards scholarships** if you are able! Wonderful problem to have!

Special guest speakers become part of the Christikon life this summer during sessions for adults and families. During Mountain Weekend 1 (July 8-10) we feature **Jim Datchuk**, pastor of King of Glory in Billings. Continuing Education Retreat (Aug 1-4) speakers are **Professor Lois Malcolm** and **Pastor Tim Westermeyer**, and Mountain Weekend 2 (Aug. 5-7) to be announced. Come spend a few days of relaxation, learning, and faith growth with us.

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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Lutheran Social Services Of Montana



The next rotation for Emmanuel to host at Peace Lutheran Church, is the week of July 31st through

August 7th. We will need volunteers to prepare meals for Tuesday and Friday night, and to spend the overnights there on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you are able to help in anyway, let Dawn Petty or Laurel Noland know.



C H U R C H GARAGE SALE

Just a note about the garage sale from June 11th: We raised \$605.08 in the four hours the sale was open. Thank you to all who came and helped and thank you to those that brought items for the sale – especially the bigger ticket items!

As a person who thinks too much, I already have some ideas for the sale in 2017 but I need your help. Does anyone in the congregation know who was in charge or know anyone that helped organize the Shepherd Summer Fair just west of us? If you do, please get a hold of me at church or by phone. I think our church will benefit from planning our sale on the same day as theirs. We had a lot of traffic come by and I think working hand in hand with them would benefit both of our causes.

CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates



Members: Terri Hensley's brother on chemo for cancer; Tracy Kern's step-father, Ernie Reynolds (and his family) as he approaches the end of life; Esther and Bill Green; Holly Reitler's great Nephew Trey Reitler, 3 months old and in need of heart surgery; Nancy Byxbe having thyroid issues; Eileen Johnson's niece, Jeanie Schyultz, in California on chemotherapy following cancer surgery, Eileen Johnson's niece, Darlene Robillard's cancer now in remission and Ron Robillard's cancer now in remission; Eileen Johnson, at home again, very tired and weak, and a change of medication; Louise Bischke at home and doing better; 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.

Children: Andrew Green, tumors on internal organs.

Friends of the Congregation: Shirley Sept, cancer; Katie Rightmire ALS; John Barta, cancer; Tom Weichel, cancer; Sandy Green's brother's mother-in-law, Leta Lytton, who is in her 90's has fallen and broke her pelvis. Recovery is expected to be very long; Kynzee Cooper, continuing to recover from her accident; Judy Fetler, friend of Dawn Petty with stage 4 lung cancer; Hai-ley 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, Bit, now moved into Morning Star facility, He has dementia, and she has Alzheimer; the families of Todd Wilson and Faye Wilson on the loss of their mother and father; Kamrey Leiser, 5th grade student at Shepherd injured in a camp accident.

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



July 10 Abbey Emmons
July 11 Carol Bennett
July 14 Kristianne Wilson
July 15 Laurel Noland
July 19 Tom Plath
July 25 Howard Osmundson
July 27 Olivia Plath
July 28 Brad Strecker
July 29 Kyle Reitler
Pastor Mark
July 30 Esther Green
Paul Super



July 4 Brad & Sandie Green
July 4 Matt & Stacie Grandpre
July 9 Jon & Connie Herberg
July 20 Bob & Sharon Wolske



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