



Emmanuel News



7715 12 Mile Road Shepherd, MT 59079
Vacation Bible School

June 26– June 30

From 6:00 PM to 8:15 PM Welcome to GALACTIC Starveyors at Berea Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School where the exciting Galactic tour begins. Children ages 5 through 12 are invited to attend.

Snacks are provided every evening

Games
Food
Music
Learning

Parents night:
June 30th at 7:00

For More Information or
Pre-arranged transportation call:
Pastor Jerry Williams 689-8983
If no answer, please leave a message.



Email: pastorjerry51@centurylink.net
www.bereabaptist.cc

Food Pantry Reopened



The Food Pantry is now reopened in the garage. Work will begin soon on replacing the roof and residing the garage. Thanks to everyone who helped with remodeling the garage, moving food and getting the Food Pantry back into service!



Some new creatures have showed up in the Community garden! Stop by and check them out!

The youth of Emmanuel are invited again this year to participate in the Vacation Bible School to be held at the Berea Baptist Church.

Berea is also needing some adult volunteers to help with the Bible School. If you are able and willing to help out, please give Jerry Williams a call at 406-689-8983.

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

I've become increasingly concerned about the amount of violence that has become associated with the political process and elections in our country. We saw this throughout the nation in the November election and we have seen it again in Montana during our special election.

There is not doubt that our world is a violent place and becoming more so by the moment. What is being called extremist Islamic terrorism is a concern reality and a concern throughout the world. Nations and their leaders throughout the world are working to contain and finally bring it to an end.

I am just as concerned about the violence in our country which is being perpetrated by those who call themselves and promote themselves as Christians. I am not promoting or condemning one political view. It is happening around all political candidates; Democrats, Republicans and Independents alike. What I am condemning are political candidates who promote themselves as Christian in order to get elected and then resort to violence against those who oppose or disagree with them.

For the past couple of years the press has become a target for politicians. Perhaps this is not really anything new, but it just seems that the antagonism is more visible and becoming more acceptable now. Politicians have the right to disagree with reporters, but reporters also have a right to ask questions and point out inconsistencies in a candidate's statements and behavior. What is not acceptable is for a reporter or a candidate to resort to violence. I become particularly concerned when such violence is justified because the other is labeled as the enemy.



Jesus lived in violent times as did the early Christian community. Jesus lost his life due to unjust violence as did many of Jesus' followers in the 1st and 2nd centuries. I've searched the New Testament writings and cannot find

anywhere where Jesus or any of the Biblical writers promoted or justified violence. There are plenty of places where Jesus and others speak against violence:

³⁸"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also." (Matt. 5:38-39)

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matt. 5:43-44) ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Rom. 12:19-21) These are just a few examples, but the thought is clear. Christians are not to resort to violence.

Extremist Christian violence is just as bad as extremist Islamic violence. As followers of Jesus we are not to live by the ways of the world, but by the values of the Kingdom of God. We who follow Jesus must hold our elected representatives and those who seek to be our representatives accountable, especially if they promote themselves as Christian. Violence is not acceptable. We all must strive to love one another as Jesus has loved us. That is always acceptable behavior.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering
"All Anew"
July 13-16, 2017
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Montana Synodical Women's Organization Convention

"Behold the New Has Come"
September 22 - 24, 2017
Hilton Garden Inn, Billings, Mt.

Remember that each church unit needs to choose your Voting Members (Delegates). Special offerings will be taken for "The Pool of Living Waters" and the Bibles for the Homeward Bound at the Women's Prison.

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Dear Friends and Neighbors:

June is here and the weather so far has been fantastic! Do you remember the song "A good year for the roses." by George Jones? I've been thinking of that a lot lately, but for me it's been "A good year for the asparagus"! Boy, O boy, my asparagus patch has been growing faster than I can eat it or give it away. I often feel like I'm reliving the scene from Forest Gump, where Bubba is telling Forest about all of the ways you can fix shrimp. I think I'm filling the Bubba shoes while Mrs. T.C. is filling the Forest shoes, as I try to get creative with my fixing of the delightful sprigs. There's boiled asparagus, steamed asparagus, baked asparagus, grilled asparagus, asparagus on toast, asparagus in the omelet, raw asparagus.....the list is endless! I kind of get stuck in a rut, so I've been experimenting with new ways. My favorite is baked.

On the 14th we have Flag Day, so be sure to dust off Old Glory and raise the flag at your place. Sometimes I raise the flag, just to honor a day off. My neighbor has a light on his, so he never takes it down. Then on the 18th we have Father's Day. I hope you enjoy the day with your Dad and do something fun. Maybe the rivers will be fishable by then, if not you will have to head to a lake. Or you can just hang in the backyard with family and friends, enjoying a

fantastic barbeque. Hey you could toss some asparagus on the grill with the burgers or dogs or steaks. Speaking of the barbeque, I wonder when the Church summer barbeques will start up? I guess I'll have to check the news letter to see what the plan is.

Summer officially begins on the 21st and I feel that it will be a busy, busy summer. I hope to get out and play more this summer, but the forty hour a week job keeps getting in my way. Then all of the honey do chores on the weekend and I don't

seem to have much free time for fun. Yes, I tend to complain about the honey do list, but she, Mrs. T.C., really is a special lady to me. Do you know that this month is 26 years of marital bliss? Yep the nest is empty and we have more free time for each other, than we know what to do with. Happy Anniversary Pooky.



Well that is all for now. All this talk of food has my tummy rumbling.

Note to self, eat dinner first, then work on putting you monthly thoughts on paper. Better check the asparagus patch before it gets dark.

See you in Church.

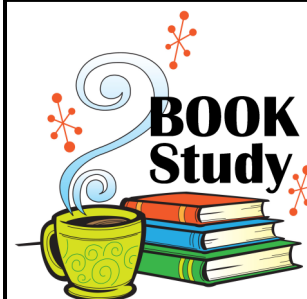
Your faithful friend.

T.C. Mouse, In Residence at Emmanuel



Mistakenly left out of last month's newsletter:

Meagan Malchow graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.



If you are interested in participating in a book study this summer please contact Maryann Morgenstern (698-5811). It will meet on Wednesdays following the BBQ.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

05/10/2017

Members present: Pastor Mark, Randy, Laurel, Wade, Matt, Kristianne, Carol, Liz, and Karen - Meagan Malchow joined us to talk about the garden and playground plans

DEVOTIONS: Studied the Lord's Prayer from the Catechism

SECRETARY: April meeting minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER: Would like to see more E-Giving, especially during the summer months when attendance is typically lower. The parking lot loan was taken out for \$15,000 and our current balance is \$9,648.50. Thrivent Match Choice Dollars will match fundraising funds (garage sale, BBQs, etc.) so we will be looking in to this for our upcoming fundraisers. The garden and playground cost was \$2188.11. Will have special offerings and an additional basket at the back of the church to help fund some of these projects. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and the motion carried.

DEACONS: Locks have been changed and keys need to be switched. If you have an old key, please see Abbey Emmons about getting them switched out. Due to the recent break-in, we need more wine as the thieves stole all that we had in storage. Garden weeding/watering is covered through June. Thank you to all that have donated their time!

TRUSTEES: The steel siding/roofing for the pantry has been ordered from Home Depot and as soon as it is in, a work day will be planned. Matt and Randy spent an entire day getting the pantry ready. Lights are in, shelves are up, floors have been swept, etc. Shepherd School K-12 is hosting a food drive on Friday 5/12 @ 2:30 and will need extra bodies to help move the food to the pantry. Looking in to a new security system as the one we have did not capture any of the recent vandalism/break-in activity. Matt will be checking prices and we will discuss this at our June meeting. Meagan will work with the Girl Scouts and Yellowstone County News to get something in the paper once the pantry is done.

PASTOR: Seder Meal went well. We had more people RSVP than attended but the turnout was pretty good. Good Friday service went well. Easter went well except we found out that the emails and

Facebook notices about not having service at Bill Green's pasture was not seen by all and one person that we know of showed up and waited at the gate. Next time, we will make sure someone gets a sign hung up to notify if plans have changed. Attended a continuing education service titled "Peace for Billings." The speaker's name was Pablo Sanchez and was great to listen to. Officiated Dick Bertrand's funeral. Pastor George Karres, MT Synod staff and Director of Evangelical Mission with MT Synod, will be preaching on Sunday, May 28th. Pastor Mark and Maryann, Brianne Malchow, and Liz White will be attending the Synod Assembly. This year, the offering will go toward the Intermountain Children's Home which helps troubled and hard to place youth. Council voted to send \$100 with this group as offering from ELC. Garage sale is June 3 from 9a-1p. Kids clothing will be welcomed this year. Matt will be getting info for us regarding Vacation Bible School at Berea Baptist again this year. Community BBQs start June 14th and run through August 23rd.



OLD BUSINESS: Looking at the 2nd or 3rd week of July to have a group the head to Great Falls and help the ELCA Mission Builders on the new MT Synod House. Will start having "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" at the end of service on Youth Sunday. Funds from the garage sale will be going toward the garden/food pantry. Special offering from Sunday 5/7 was \$390 and was in the bulletin as Youth Ministry. An announcement was made about garden funds so we voted to put \$100 toward youth ministry and the rest toward the garden.

NEW BUSINESS: On behalf of the Constitutional Review Committee, Kristianne shared that in reviewing the Model ELCA Constitution that it is typical to have a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer as elected officers of the church. Emmanuel historically has not had a Vice-President as an elected officer and it is recommended to either add that office or have the church bylaws reflect a process for having another officer chair the meeting in the President's absence and during Council meetings should the President wish to participate in the discussion on issues. In addition, it is more typical in the ELCA to have the remaining council positions be elected as positions without specific role designation as opposed to Emmanuel's practice to electing deacons and trustees. The Council discussed the pros and cons of these options, adding a new officer

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LOVING SERVICE

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position – Vice President and electing Council positions without role designation and using instead a Council committee/task groups structure to match Council member interest to Council responsibilities. The Council agreed that the Constitutional Review Committee should include these model constitution provisions and will review at a future Council meeting.

Counters/Communion Helpers

5/14 Karen
5/21 Randy
5/28 Carol
6/04 Laurel
6/11 Wade

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next council meeting is June 14 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully, Karen Vanberg, Secretary



Our Summer Community Bar-B-Q's will begin on June 14th and run through August 23rd. We begin serving at 6:00 p.m. each night.

As in the past the Church provides the meat and you are asked to bring potluck if you like. There is no charge for the meal, but a free will offering will be received to help support the Community Food Pantry.

Invite your friends and join us for a great time of food and fellowship!



June 2017



The Lutheran Center In Billings

Christikon Clips



June, 2017

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.com 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 youth participating in Sojourners Camp. (We expect to have 24 this summer) We invite individuals, congregations and their auxiliaries to consider special giving for this camp or for general **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 7-9) we feature **Pastor Steve Schmidt**, Senior Pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman, MT. During the Continuing Education Retreat (July 31-Aug 3) and Mountain Weekend 2 (August 4-6), we are joined by **Rev. Dr. Karyn L. Wiseman** is the Associate Dean for First Theological Degrees and Associate Professor of Homiletics at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and singer-songwriter **John Hermanson** is a member of the acclaimed duo, and a regular guest performer on NPR's. Come spend a few days of relaxation, learning, and faith growth with us. Register now!

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

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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CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Members:

Esther and Bill Green; Meagan Malchow with various health issues; Clarence Beddes, at home; Lee Borgen, Doreen McKenney's father, has various health issues following total knee replacement; Rita Pickard, Jim McKenney's mom is back home and has been diagnosed with stage IV breast cancer; Monty Mavity, who is quite ill with cancer; Nancy Byxbe; Avias Schulz, age 19, Dawn's granddaughter in Qatar recovering well from surgery; Laura Vanberg's niece, Fawne McCleary who has been diagnosed with breast cancer; Colleen Garberg, mother of Rachelle Garcia in now at Tender Nest Assisted Living; Vivian Pierce and the family of her sister, Joan Cain, as they mourn Joan's death; Jenny Ingram's Son, John Ladd in critical condition at a San Jose, California Hospital with a brain hemorrhage.



Friends of the Congregation:

Katie Rightmire ALS; John Barta, cancer; Kynzee Cooper, continuing to recover from her accident; Spencer Beddes, with kidney problems; Caitlyn Beley, a woman in her 30's with brain cancer; Ali McCarty, daughter of Greg and Vicky McCarty, in rehab following a horse accident; Eileen Harbaugh has difficulty walking, problems with her legs, and other difficulties; Debra Ruona; Geeta Allen, a 40 year old woman with brain cancer; Georgia Wageman, recovering from open heart surgery recently in Salt Lake City; the family of Richard Bertrand (son-in-law of Leonard & Jackie Schleder) as they mourn his death; Lori Widhalm of Broadview suffering from brain cancer; Cheri McNeily of Laurel scheduled for surgery for a brain aneurysm; the family of Pastor Bill Tibbs Bethlehem UCC Church in Worden) as they mourn his death; Ardis Hanson of Shepherd, in rehab at St. John's Transitional Cottage, after having recent open heart surgery.

Community Living:

St. John's:

Eva Swenson; Esther Green, *Jensen Cottage*

West Park Village: Lenora Weist, Esther Bengtson

Yellowstone County Jail: Chance Mavity

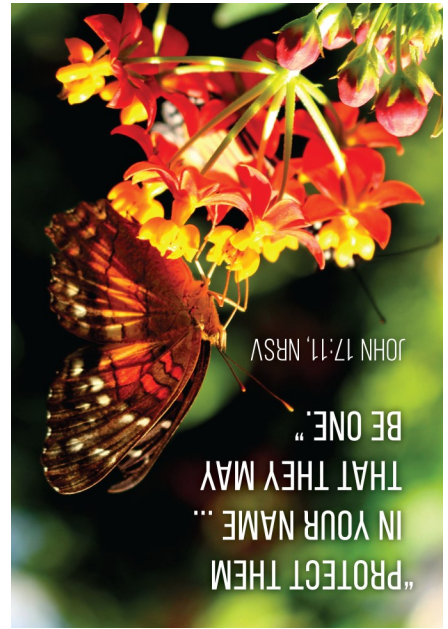
Rob Larson, MN



- 05 Lori Johnson
- 06 Joe Leligdowicz
- 08 Greg Plath
- 11 Daisy Eddy
- 15 Mary Ann Emmons
- 18 Noah Smelser
- 19 Dianne Lundhagen
- 19 Sari Stahl
- 22 Shane Christman
- 25 Stacie Grandpre



- 12 Brad & Dawn Sherseth
- 20 Ed & Sue Hawthorn
- 26 Jeremy & Sari Stahl



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

We have a vision . . .

“We will follow God’s plan for us
to grow in faith, family,
and community.”

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