



# Emmanuel News



## HOLY WEEK



March 25  
Worship — 10:00 a.m.  
Procession with Palms

March 29  
Seder Meal  
6:30 p.m.



March 30  
Worship — 7:00 p.m.  
Ballantine United  
Church of Christ



7:00 a.m. at Bill Green's  
pasture (weather  
permitting) Alternate  
location: Church Lawn

Easter Breakfast  
8:30 a.m.  
Church Basement



Easter Festival  
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Ladies, you are invited to the Third  
Annual "Church Shower"

Date: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Time: 12:00 (following  
church)

Theme: Mystery  
Dinner & Games  
All gifts will honor our  
amazing church and



## LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES AND SOUP SUPPERS

We have been meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM, at the home of Dawn Petty, for soup suppers, followed by a service and communion starting about 7:00 PM. Families are welcome, and the kids enjoy taking part. We will have a soup supper on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.....then the week before Easter, Holy Week, we will meet at the church in the dining room at 6:30 PM for the traditional Seder Meal, the Passover which Jesus and his disciples were celebrating and Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion. There will be sign up sheets passed around the church in a few weeks, for the people who plan to attend the Seder Meal....you can certainly bring guests, we just need to have a count, so we set enough places for each of you. There is no charge for the meal....a free will offering can be taken, and perhaps some of you will like to help by contributing some of the items on the menu. This event is very meaningful and inspiring, so plan to take it in....families are welcome. For more information call Dawn Petty , 373-6673, or call Pastor Mark.

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

This month I'm turning my Pastor's page over to a message from Bishop Crist in one of our recent Synod Newsletters.

*From  
the  
Pastor's*



prayer. And I ask you to open your hearts and your wallets to help the Northern Cheyenne now. Please send checks to the Montana Synod and write "disaster" on the memo.

Thank you for your generosity.  
Jessica Crist, Bishop

**Words from the Bishop —  
Serve the world, especially the poor and  
those in need**

This has been a tough winter. Many congregations have had to cancel services on one or more Sundays. We Live in hope that the higher than normal snowpack will lead to good harvest and provide relief from last summer's fire season.

As you know, people living in isolation and in poverty have been adversely affected by the snow. They are running out of food and fuel. Some of you may have read of the needs on the Blackfeet Reservation. Our full communion partners, the United Methodists, have provided a grant and are coordinating response.

The Montana Synod is working to provide food and firewood to the Northern Cheyenne. We have sent a semi of food, enough to feed 600 families for 5 days. We need to raise \$5000 to pay for the food and transportation. When Montana was on fire last summer, other synods sent us disaster assistance. Now we need to ask you, the congregations of the Synod, to reach into your pockets and help our Northern Cheyenne neighbors.

Why the Northern Cheyenne, you may ask? Dick Deschamps, our Montana Synod Disaster Coordinator, has access to information on all the disaster areas in the state, and where the greatest need is. The greatest need, with the fewest resources is the Northern Cheyenne.

I ask you to keep the Northern Cheyenne and all others experiencing hunger and deprivation in



If you would like to help provide Easter Lilies to decorate the church for Easter Sunday, please fill out this form below and return it to the church by March 25<sup>th</sup>. Lilies will cost \$12.00 each.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lilies you would like \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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# COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

March is here and as I type this up, I see that it is snowing outside again. It seems like this winter will never let up. Looking back, I feel responsible for this never ending snow fall. Back in December, I prayed for snow. I wanted to have a white Christmas and wanted snow in the mountains for some good skiing, so I put in a request for snow to the Man upstairs. I think my request was a little open ended, or non-specific, as we have received snow beyond all my expectations. Perhaps it was a slow request day, or just that my request was too vague, but I believe my prayer was answered! I've often heard the Pastor talk about the power of prayer and now I'm a believer. I wonder now if it is too late to cancel that request? I guess we'll just have to ride it out and keep the snow shovel handy until sometime in May.

This month we get to adjust all the clocks in the house, as we spring forward on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to adjust your alarm clock when you go to bed Saturday night, so you are in synch with the rest of the clock changers and don't end up missing church on Sunday. I also need to remember to change the batteries in the smoke detectors, as the firemen are adamant about changing out the batteries when we change the clocks, which is great advice. Then on the 20<sup>th</sup> Spring begins. It will be interesting to see if all of this snow will have melted away by then or not. On the 30<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday, which typically is the time that all of the Old Timers say you should plant your potatoes. Again, I don't know if we will be able to even find the garden with all of the snow on the ground or that the dirt will have thawed enough to

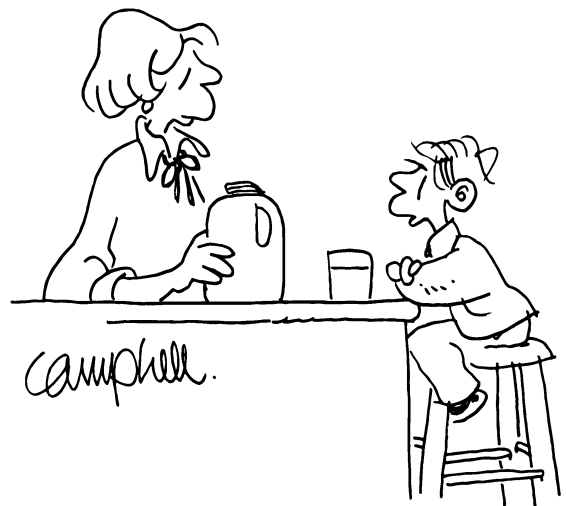
dig a hole or two. Time will tell I guess. On the 17<sup>th</sup> we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, where everyone is Irish for the day. I bet my cousin up in Butte will have quite the celebration this year, as the wearing of the green falls on Saturday, so things will really be hopping in Butte. I myself am just happy to enjoy a good meal of corned beef and cabbage, forgoing the green beer.

Something about that green beer that seems to get me running on the wild side, which is strictly frowned upon by Mrs. T.C. Anyways, Happy St. Patty's Day to you all. That's about all the time I have for now. Time to shovel the front porch and walk again. Who knew the power of prayer?

See you in Church.

Your Friend in residence at Emanuel.

T. C. Mouse



"I'm playing a crowd member in the Passion Play. I was going to play Pilate 'til I found out I'd have to wash my hands."

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**02/07/2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by newly installed president, Meagan Malchow.

**Members Present:** Pastor Mark, Meagan, Dawn Sherseth, Carol Kramer, Brenda, Liz, Laurel and Scott Green. Wade and Shane were absent.

Pastor read a wonderful devotion about “fasting” which had nothing to do with food, but rather fasting from distractions and temptations such as impatience and anger and focusing instead on care and service.

Sharon and Bob Wolske were in attendance to present several large projects that Sharon completed. When we had the flood, Sharon took home a full car load of boxes containing old meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, and photographs. She consolidated them down into three boxes by combing through the paperwork and organizing the minutes from various committees and groups dating back to 1930. After disposing of duplicates, she scanned in over 6900 pages onto a hard drive that she presented to the council. She also presented one large tote with the hard copies organized by year and group. Sharon also put all of the photos and newspaper clippings chronologically into albums. These are currently in the council room, but will be made available to the congregation to enjoy. Finally, the contents of the time capsule that was opened on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary were presented. The council will decide about reinterring the contents at a future date.

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the January meeting were read, and approved as written with a motion from Carol and a second from Liz.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Laurel presented the treasurer’s report for January 2018. We ended the month in the red, but as of the meeting date were back in the black. Laurel stated that e-giving remains pretty steady at between 22-25% of the total giving each month. There was discussion about having Jim McKinney possibly present a short tutorial after an up-coming church service to show people how to sign up for e-giving. Pastor Mark will reach out to Jim with this request. The benefit to the church is that there is a more steady cash flow. When the weather is bad in the winter, folks don’t attend church and the giving is

low. The same is true during the summer when members are on vacation. With more members signed up for e-giving, the gifts are more steady and it’s easier to carry out the financial work of the church. The report was approved with a motion from Brenda and a second from Scott.

**Deacons Report:** Liz reported that the grant letter has been written and will be mailed on 2/8/2018. Liz also went through the storage unit in response to last month’s meeting suggestion to try to sell items that are in the unit via Facebook or other social media. However, Liz said she couldn’t find anything that was really worth advertising. She will check with Matt to find out if the clothes washer in the storage unit works. The deacons will meet as a small group to go over their duty list and make any necessary suggestions for changes or updates.

**Trustees Report:** As Wade and Shane were not in attendance and this was Scott’s first meeting, there was not much to report. The list of current projects was discussed. Meagan offered man power from the Boy Scouts and 4-H groups when it comes time to seal the cement and parking lot. The fire extinguishers have been installed and Wade put in the new door locks. Jon Herberg has built bat houses, and these will be put up when the weather permits.

**Old Business:** In order to renew our insurance policy, there is moss on the roof that needs to be removed. There was some discussion about installing a metal roof so this issue does not re-occur. Pastor Mark stated that it has been traditional for the communion assistant to be a council member. However, this is not a requirement. When members are signing up to help with the church service, they will be able to sign up to be the communion steward – who just sets up communion, and cleans up after – and/or to be the communion assistant who actually assists Pastor in distributing the sacrament. Liz will speak at the next few services on this to let people know there will be a sign-up for communion set-up and one for serving communion.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor performed Shirley Wittman’s funeral at Smith Chapel, and has made several hospital calls. He also attended a meeting with area pastors to discuss plans for the combined

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## **Council Minutes**



# LOVING SERVICE

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Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services that are shared with area churches. He shared the Easter season plans which entail: Ash Wednesday services at 7:00pm at United Methodist Church in Huntley, Lenten Soup and devotions each Wednesday at Dawn Petty's, The Seder Supper on March 29<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday services at Ballantine at United Church of Christ at 7:00pm, Easter Dawn services at Bill Green's pasture – weather permitting and the youth breakfast between the sunrise service and regular morning service. The theme for the Lenten devotions will be around the "I Am" sayings from the Gospel of John. Finally, Pastor will be out of town February 22-26, 2018. Dawn Petty will preside over the church service on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** Meagan presented a very lengthy list of topics for discussion, seven of which were tabled, and several of which were just touched upon. The council members agreed to continue meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, except for March, due to Lenten services. Carol will pass out the Member Directory at church the next few Sundays to allow members to update their formation. When we feel it is more accurate, new directories will be printed. The council has the authority to appoint the audit committee. Kristianne Wilson will be on it, and Jon Herberg has agreed to participate. Cindy Glinwood is also being approached to join the committee. We discussed promotion ideas to let the community know about our food pantry as well as our church services. The council agreed to help pitch in on a shared Gazette

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ad for Easter services. Liz discussed using Facebook to get the word out about the food pantry. Meagan then discussed learning of the various talents among our church members and ways they can be used for service. For example, Meagan volunteered to provide blood pressure and diabetic testing at the summer bar-b-cues. Finally, an agreement was passed around and signed by all council members to donate \$4,000 to the Synod. This is a standard annual donation.

### Communion Helpers/Counters:

02/11/2018 - Dawn Sherseth  
02/18/2018 - Brenda  
02/25/2018 - Laurel  
03/04/2018 - Liz  
03/11/2018 - Carol Kramer

Next Council Meeting: March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
e meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm and ended with The Lord's Prayer.

**Submitted by Secretary: Brenda Emerick**



Behind the organ in the back of the sanctuary is an "In Memorium" board. On this are small engraved plates of the names of people that are honored by our church because a memorial was given in their name to Emmanuel. The people were not necessarily members of our congregation. However most were at one time. A friend of our congregation, Joe "Mick" Hogg was the gentleman who made this memorial board, as well as both of the hymn boards in the front of the sanctuary. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Billings. Beautiful, beautiful woodworking skills; and time-consuming! Also FYI—thank you to Sharon Wolske for keeping the plates up-to-date.

# CARING RELATIONSHIPS

## Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

### Members:

Bill Green; Meagan Malchow with various health issues; Monty Mavity, who is quite ill with cancer; Laura Vanberg's niece, Fawne McCleary who has been diagnosed with breast cancer; Bud Sherrod, father of Shawna Calentine, recovering from a stroke; Sharon DeRudder, Brenda Emerick's mother, having various health problems; Rachelle Garcia; Lynn Douglas (Dawn Petty's Daughter) in Dallas is very sick and being treated for cancer in the lymph system; Willa McSweyn recovering at home following pacemaker surgery; Chisum Green dealing with a virus that is causing the sack around his heart to swell; Kim Ehnes of Columbus (husband of Jamie, Dawn's step-daughter) recovering from injuries from an accident at the Stillwater Mine; Abbey Emmons recovering from hip replacement; Gary Noland (Charley Noland's brother) starting treatment for a tumor on his kidney; Julia Spotts, (Esther Bengtson's great granddaughter in Denver) is doing better, tolerating new antibiotics, and is back at school.

### Friends of the Congregation:



Katie Rightmire ALS; Virjean Steadman is recovering from a stroke; Bessie Millard is being treated aggressively for colon cancer; Brady Rink from Huntley (age 8) and his family, Brady at Children's Hospital in Denver being treated for leukemia; Tonya Sullivan, Bill Biehle's daughter, in rehab at Eagle Cliff following a horse accident; La Mae Mitchell, (mother of John and Pat Mitchell of Shepherd) is at the end of life; Lynette Hjorth, Lori Nedbalek's sister, who is in St. V's, and very ill with respiratory problems.

### Community Living:

**St. John's:** Eva Swenson

**West Park Village:** Lenora Weist, Esther Bengtson

**Aspen Meadows:** Howard Osmundson

**Yellowstone County Jail:** Chance Mavity

Rob Larson, MN

**Local Youth Serving in the military:** Taylor Green now training at Pensacola, Florida; Jacob Wagenaar serving in the U.S. Navy; Tucker Johnson and Brooke Nebel serving in the U.S. Air Force.



# March

BIRTHDAYS

16 Clinton Byxby



# March

ANNIVERSARIES

21 Gene & Dianne Lundhagen  
26 Mark & Maryann Morgenstern  
30 Rob & Abbey Emmons








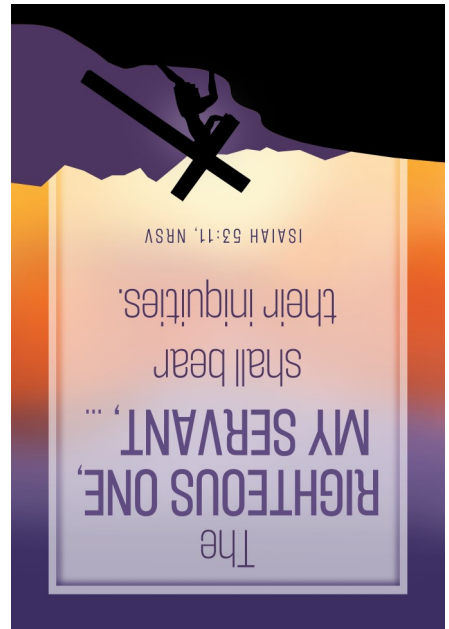
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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

## We have a mission . . .

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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