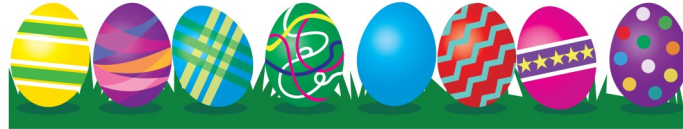




EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Emmanuel News



APRIL 2019

Worship Schedule for HOLY WEEK



April 14
Worship — 10:00 a.m.
Procession with Palms

April 18
Seder Meal
6:30 p.m.



April 19
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.

Shepherd and Beartooth Clusters

Spring Gathering
May 4, 2019

"Open Our Eyes to Awareness of Human Trafficking"

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Shepherd, MT
9-9:30 am Registration and Coffee
10-11:30 am Penny Ronning, keynote speaker
Noon Lunch and Basket Raffle
2 pm Closing Worship and Installation

Be Our Guest



Q&A SESSION

On Sunday April 7th members from the Shepherd Community Education Committee will be available after church during coffee hour to provide

information and answer questions about the upcoming school bond. More information can be found at the following website as well:

www.weareshepherd.org.

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

It's difficult to find the words to express how grateful I am to be a part of the Communion of Saints at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The last two months have been a bit trying. I am so thankful for your prayers before, during, and following my two surgeries. Thank you also for your patience with me during this time of healing. I want to say a special thanks to Dawn Petty for filling in for me on the Sundays I wasn't able to be in worship. Thank you also to Willa Jean & Peggy McSweyn for running off the bulletins while I was sitting in my chair at home.

Maryann and I are also very touched by your expressions of care, love and sympathy at the



death of her mother. While we knew it was coming, it is still difficult when it happens. Your loving support means so much to us!

Somehow, this almost seems fitting that these things have happened during the season of Lent. Our journey to the cross of

Jesus is drawing to a close and in a couple of weeks we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. In Jesus' death and resurrection we do receive forgiveness, healing and hope. We can rejoice and live each day knowing that no trial and not even death has the final word over our lives.

Thank you again and God's blessings as we complete our journey to the cross and celebrate Jesus' resurrection

Pastor Mark

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The ladies will be helping with preparing soup for the Lenten Soup Suppers each Wednesday night during Lent, and during Holy Week, we will not have a Wednesday night service at the home of Dawn Petty, but will be preparing the Seder Meal, the Passover Dinner, which has always been well attended. That will be held on Thursday evening, April 18th, at 6:30 PM, in our church dining room. Sign-up sheets will be passed around in church on Sundays, so we know how many people to plan for, and



what foods they can contribute. There is a ritual to follow regarding the food that can be served, as there can be no leavening, and no dairy products. But we will have lamb and turkey for the meats, baked potatoes, salad, vegetables and fruit for dessert. Pastor will lead us in the ritual, and there will be communion. We often have members of the community that attend this event, and enjoy the tradition. You will be contacted for your help in a few weeks.

Thank you. Dawn Petty

SHEPHERD AND BEARTOOTH CLUSTER SPRING GATHERING

Emmanuel is the host church for this year's spring gathering for the women of these two clusters. The event will be held here on May 4th, beginning with registration and coffee hour at 9:00 AM. Our keynote speaker will be Penny Ronning, Billings City Council member, who will be talking on the problem of Human Trafficking. Penny is the co-founder and co-chair of the Yellowstone County Area Human Trafficking Task Force. She has worked with Tumbleweed, the FBI, the Police and Sheriff's Departments, and is very aware of what is going on in Billings and around our state. She is an amazing speaker, and will help to make us aware of this huge problem, and what "signs" to look for, to eliminate it.

We will have a salad lunch at noon, and are asking for



"theme baskets" to be raffled off at lunch time....and we will also have a "Rubbish" table of items to help raise funds for this task force. There will be a brief meeting of the clusters after lunch, and then the day will close with a worship service and installation of new officers. Our work group ladies will be asked to help put on this important event, and to help with the lunch, and to contribute salads, etc. We will invite teachers from our school, and interested community members to join us to hear the speaker, who will be talking from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, in our church sanctuary. If they would like to stay for lunch, they would certainly be welcome. We will have a meeting of group leaders in several weeks to make plans for this event.

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

April is upon us! Yes, I know that I failed to meet the newsletter deadline for the March edition and my words of wisdom were forever lost. Oh well, I blame it on winter and all of the snow that we had in February. If that seems like a cop out, try one of these other excuses: "My fingers were frozen to the keyboard. Snow covered the windows, and I was in the dark for the whole month, so I just slept and slept and slept. I spent all of my free time, darning the holes in my overused long johns. Mrs. T.C.'s constant nagging to shovel out the front door, sent me into a deep state of denial and depression." Anyways, we made it through winter and Spring has sprung. Won't be long now until everything begins to grow. Looking forward to the grass greening up and the flowers providing a bright pallet of colors on the this brown landscape that winter left us. Funny how even an afternoon in the fifties seems like a heat wave compared to the below zero temperatures that we had to endure.

The 1st is April Fools' Day, so be extra careful around all of your prankster friends. Some folks plan for this day all year long and really come up with some clever pranks. I myself stay away from the pranks and games, since I don't enjoy being

the receiving end of them. You know what they say, "What goes around, comes around.", so I steer clear. On the 21st, we celebrate Easter, so the Church will be buzzing with activity. Should be interesting to see what the weather is like leading up to Easter, which in turn predicts where we are able to hold the Sunrise Service. Will we be inside the Church, or out on the lawn? Perhaps it will be nice enough to journey back to Green's pasture and the cross on the hill, in front of the big sandstone rocks. I'm sure once we get close and things are decided, the Pastor will let us know in Church what to expect. I guess the main thing is for all of us to join together Easter morning to boldly proclaim, "He is Risen. He is Risen. He is Risen indeed."

Enjoy April everybody. I have to run. The sun is out and there is much to do outside.

See you in Church, no excuses.

Your Faithful Friend.
In residence at Emmanuel.
T.C. Mouse



You are invited to the Fourth "Annual Church Shower"

Guest of honor: The Church

Date: April 28th, 2019

Time: 12:00 (following church)



We are planning a pot-luck style luncheon. The overall "theme" is to share our talents by bringing a food dish that is a "family favorite" or something that you are famous for!

We will be taking a "shower gift donation" and a food

pantry donation as part of the fund raiser. (Please see the invitation for further information)

Invitations will be mailed Monday 3/31. If you did not get an invitation, please know that it was NOT intentional!

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME! There are extra invitations in the back of the church and please help yourself.

If you are bringing a pot luck dish, please fill out the recipe sheet as well and bring it with you. We plan to share the recipes with the group after the party. Food, friends, gift giving, raffle prizes, and games— what more could you ask for? See you there! Questions or RSVP's, please contact Laura, Liz, Laurel, or Abbey.

Church Council Meeting Minutes – 3/13/2019

Submitted by Secretary: Brenda Emerick

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm by president, Meagan Malchow.

Members Present: Meagan, Brenda, Ricker, Laurel, Linda, Dawn, Jill, Patty and Pastor Mark

Members Absent: Scott, Liz

Pastor presented the devotion for the Lent services prior to our meeting.

Meeting Minutes: The February meeting minutes were approved with the change from plastic to steel pipe regarding the ramp, per Ricker. Jill made the motion to approve with the amendment with a second from Dawn.

Treasurer's Report: Laurel provided the February Profit & Loss Statement, as well as a YTD P&L. For the month of February, we were in the red with negative net income of \$1,903.86. We have had poor attendance over the past couple of months which contributes to fewer offerings. Laurel stated that we still have not received the check from Thrivent to put towards the scholarships. Laurel also reported that we need to add Louis and Rachel Garcia as signers on the Shepherd Area Food Pantry bank account. This will enable them to have a debit card in their own name. They are the shoppers for the Shepherd Area Food Pantry, so it is important for them to have access to the funds. Dawn moved to approve Louis and Rachel as signers on the account. Jill seconded the motion and it passed. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Brenda and a second from Dawn.

Old Business: Our goal for completing the fund raising for our raise the roof campaign is to have the funds by January 2020. This would require that we raise the equivalent of about \$2,000 per month. Ricker suggested that we look into improving our sound system and incorporating hidden speakers along the sides of the sanctuary at the ceiling level. Everyone agreed that this is a fantastic idea. We will need to look into finding someone to do the installation in conjunction with the ceiling project.

Ricker said that he did some research with a concrete

company and they stated there is really no value to 're-sealing' the parking lot where the cars are parking. The only place it may help at all, is where we have been putting down de-icer.

Dawn said that Brad will apply for the YVEC grant again for the Shepherd Area Food Pantry. The funds are available quarterly. Hooligans told Brad that they are in process of updating their fundraising calendar, and the Shepherd Area Food Pantry will be added for the near future.

Dawn said that Brad suggested along with widening the doorway to the bathrooms, that we just widen the first bathroom door. This would alleviate the concern for the tight quarters into the current women's bathroom. We will make the bathrooms be unisex, with the current men's room becoming the wheelchair accessible bathroom. The council members felt we could get the work done with our own congregation volunteers. At the most, we may need to hire someone for drywall. We agreed to have the goal of completing the door widening project by September

1st. We will need to also install railings and a taller toilet.

Clint McCaffree will weld a section of the wheelchair ramp to make it sturdier, after the weather clears.

Jill reported that she received the proposal from Tetrtech to inspect the ceilings for asbestos. The bid came in at \$655.00, but Jill has a sponsor who will cover this cost for us. Laurel made a motion to accept the Tetrtech bid under the condition that Scott Green approves it from a legal standpoint. Brenda seconded the motion and it passed. Jill will get the proposal to Scott.

The council retreat is scheduled for Friday night, April 5 from 6:30-9:00 pm at Brenda's house, and Saturday morning, April 6th at the church from 8:30am – 12:00 noon. We will go over the expectations of the council members, and work on creating/updating our council handbooks to include maintenance details, and other specific duties.

The council had previously agreed to have representatives from the school bond committee come to a coffee hour to present the reasons for the need for the bond and answer any questions. The

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LOVING SERVICE

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date has been set for April 7th, which is also youth Sunday.

Jill said she spoke with Dawn Petty about the ladies funding the (4) four confirmation kids' trip to Christikon this summer. Laurel reiterated that our budget has funds for Youth projects that could be put towards this as well, if needed.

With Pastor out, we missed a couple of Sundays of special offering. We should have been collecting for St. John's Lutheran Ministry (which has been renamed to St. John's United). We still have to come up with a donation for the month that was previously tagged for the Shepherd Area Food Pantry.

New Business: Meagan said that she has tentatively scheduled a spring work day for the Boy Scouts and some 4-H kids to do some outside work, if the weather permits. They will work on preparing the garden and doing some early planting, pull up the landscape timbers that are currently serving as the curb around the church, and any work that needs to be done around planting the grape vines. Ricker said the vines have been ordered, and he may need some help prior to the May 11th date to get the ground/fences prepared and plants planted.

Meagan stated that some additional suggestions had been brought forth for 'Giving Back to our Community' projects. An Eagle Scout candidate is building a book nook at Barkemeyer Park and would like donations of children's books to put in it. The Shepherd's Lions Club has requested help with installing a sprinkler system at the community center. We could possibly do this as a God's Work Our Hands project, even if we do it this spring, rather than the traditional September date. More to come on these two opportunities.

Ricker stated that Lauris Byxbe does a lot each morning before church to prepare for the services. He shovels and puts out de-icer, if needed, puts up the hymns on the hymn boards, turns up the heat, etc. The council agreed that we should send him a Thank you and get him a gift card. Megan will get the gift card.

April 2019

Special OFFERING



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Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark was on vacation February 8 – 18, 2019. He had foot surgery on February 28th. Willa Jean McSweyn volunteered to run off the church bulletins while Pastor is on crutches. Pastor was able to visit Judy Osmundson a couple of times while she was hospitalized and performed two home communions. He has surprisingly not had a lot of pain post-surgery so he plans to preach the church services this Sunday but will need someone else to give communion due to the step situation.

Mission Cornerstone: None at this time.

Weekly Offering Counters:

3/17/2019 – Laurel
3/24/2019 – Linda
3/31/2019 – Dawn
4/7/2019 – Brenda
4/14/2019 - Megan

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm and ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: April 11, 2019 at 7:00pm at the church. We agreed to meet on Thursday next month to avoid conflicting with Lent services.



There will be an
Easter Egg Hunt
during the Youth
Breakfast on Easter
Sunday!

March Financial Report

Income: \$ 10,880.00
Expense: \$ 9,216.84

Net Income: \$ 1,663.16

CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Members:

Meagan Malchow with various health issues; Monty Mavity, cancer; Sharon DeRudder receiving radiation treatments; Gary Noland (Charlie Noland's brother) has kidney cancer; Nancy Byxbe, ongoing medical issues; Warren Peterson, nephew of the Osmundson's having medical issues; Louise Bischke on hospice care; Jim McKinney's sister's grandson, Triton, has a liver pancreas match. He is going through testing now to make sure he is strong enough for surgery; Tom Mitchell with various health issues; Durene Green, continuing to recover from her surgery on March 21st.

Friends of the Congregation:



Bessie Millard treated colon cancer; Tonya Sullivan, Bill Biehl's daughter, rehabilitating from a horse accident; Agnes Beddes's great-grand-daughter is at home now, but will go back to Denver Children's Hospital for more surgeries in March; Richard Schüttler ongoing health issues and Allen Habermann (Cystic Fibrosis) both are friends of Collin Wilson; Kelly Stokes (friend of Cindy Glenwood) recovering from accident; Rosemary Neumiller scheduled for heart surgery in March; The family of Mary Ann Cox (Maryann Morgenstern's mother) as they mourn her death; Brittany Reinhardt (daughter of Toni and Rob McCann, the granddaughter of Judy Smelser), having her only kidney removed on April 18th at a hospital in Denver.

Community Living:

West Park Village: Lenora Weist

Tender Nest: Mary Cossitt

Minnesota State Prison System: Rob Larson

Local Youth Serving in the military:

Taylor Green (US Navy) is assigned to the USS Abraham Lincoln and will be deployed as of April 1st to do a world tour for a year; Jacob Wagenaar (US Navy) is stationed in San Diego on the USS Nimitz and will also be deployed this summer; Tucker Wilson is assigned to Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, Brooke Nebel Bohrer (US Air Force) and Brandon Bohrer (former US Marines) are stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California. Thomas Aigner US Navy Reserves is home now but looking to go on active duty.



- 01 Barbara Cooper
- 01 Dawn Petty
- 03 Cole Hoffman
- 04 Meagan Malchow
- 05 Agnes Beddes
- 08 Brittany McKenney
- 09 Peggy McSweyn
- 10 Mary Cossitt
- 11 Derek Reitler
- 17 Rob Emmons
- 18 Matt Grandpre
- 19 Ricker Olson
- 20 Roseanne Plath
- 27 Autumn McSweyn
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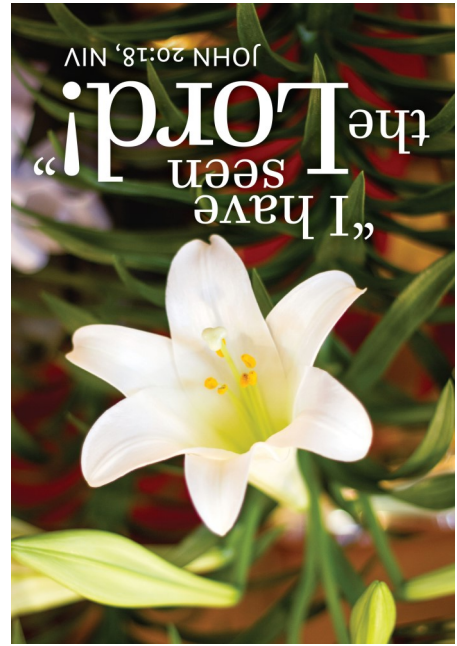
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



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