



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
JOYFUL † CARING † LOVING

Emmanuel News

August 2018

Work Day 2018

**Thanks to
all who
came out to
help!**



**Happy 100th
Birthday to Howard
Osmundson —
Emmanuel's oldest
member!**



September 9th
Mark Your
Calendars

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

First of all, thank you very much for the Birthday Wishes, cards and singing at Church last Sunday. I appreciate you remembering me on my birthday each year. I am also very honored and grateful to be your pastor!

We are now in August and the "Dog Days" of summer as the weather is heating up. Every year I hope that August will bring some down time before the busyness of the fall season begins, but it doesn't look like that will happen again this year. On Friday, August 3rd, Maryann and I will be flying back to Nebraska for the 125th Anniversary of a former congregation I served — Christ Lutheran Church in Pickrell, Nebraska. The congregation is out in the country between Beatrice and Lincoln. It will be good to see old friends again. I can't believe it's been over 30 years since I served there. We will also have a chance to visit with our son Curt and our daughter-in-law Talisha and their family (four grandkids!) while we are there.

Pastor's Post



Then it will be back home to be at the August Church Council meeting, wrap up the final three Community Barbecues and get ready to begin Confirmation

instruction in the fall. I will be leaving following worship on the first Sunday in September (Labor Day Weekend) to head to Tacoma, Washington for the yearly Corporate Meeting of Pacific Lutheran University. So much for a slow down in August!

I hope some of you will be able to get some down time for recreation and rest before September rolls around. It's amazing how fast time seems to keep moving. I think I can already smell the roast beef cooking for the Harvest Dinner! Well . . . Maybe not quite, but it will be hear before we know it.

God's Blessing to you all!

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The leaders of the three work groups met a week ago to re-work the calling lists, and make them more equal with names of people who are able to work for various events and contribute food items for a luncheon or reception. We want to get more of the women involved, and decided we have to make a procedures manual explaining what needs to be done, and in what order, to have a successful event. This manual would detail the needs for communion preparation, funeral and wedding receptions, Harvest Dinner, the Seder (Passover) meal, summer BBQ's, etc. Connie Herberg has made an on-line survey, which will ask for the feelings of women regarding church service, and how they are willing to help. We will get the survey in the newsletter, and also make it available at the church service, so all of you ladies can fill it out.



Women
of the
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA

We also decided to have a ladies' night out in September, with a gourmet meal, and an

opportunity for fellowship, where we can discuss some of these ideas. Perhaps some of you ladies would like to have an evening Bible study offered, or an afternoon one. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know.

I did have several women ask me what WELCA stood for.....it is an abbreviation for Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America....the national women's group. We, here at Emmanuel, have called ourselves ELCW, Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women. just a way to shorten it up.

If you have any questions, call me.....I'd be happy to hear from you.

Dawn Petty 373-6673

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

August is upon us and the strange voices are getting louder. Mrs. T.C. says the voices are all in my head, but I beg to differ. Every evening I go for a little walk to get some exercise to try and stay in shape and make the fall routine of walking my rifle through the woods or mountains a little easier. I usually walk the same route, down the street and past the corn field. It is there, by the corn field, that I hear the voices the loudest. Hundreds of little voices calling out to me. "T.C. we're almost ready. Stock up on butter now! T.C. we're on the home stretch. Pace yourself. T.C. we're ear for you!" I think the corn is calling out to me, letting me know that those sweet, juicy, yellow kernels will be ready to eat at the end of August. I can hardly wait! The barrage of voices is a little concerning, but if they get too bad, I guess I could wear my noise cancelling head phones.

Speaking of voices, there was a lot of conversation going on during the Church work day, as a flurry of activities was happening around the Church. Scraping, painting, cleaning, sweeping and even spraying of the concrete parking lot. Wow, what a sight to see. I worked myself to tidy up my living space, as I couldn't just sit back and watch everyone else hard at work. It truly is amazing to see what can be accomplished when everyone works together. I also inspected the Church garden, which is really growing good. Won't be too long and things will be ready to harvest out there too.

The weekly barbeques are still going strong, as a lot of people show up every Wednesday for burgers, brauts and hot dogs, along with a bunch

of wonderful side dishes. So far the weather has cooperated too. Nothing like sitting around with everyone on a nice summer evening, enjoying food right off the grill and listening to all of the stories. Again lots of voices, but none directed specifically at me. I wonder why nobody else hears the voices in the corn fields. Maybe they do, but are just too shy to talk about them. Maybe it's just me, maybe I'm half crazy or something. Perhaps I need to lie down on the couch and think about this for a while. A little self-help psychiatric session. I'm sure I'll feel better when I wake up. Well, that's enough of my babble for now. See you in Church.

Your faithful friend.

In residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse



Worship in the Park

Don't forget this year's Worship in the Park on Sunday, August 5, 2018 beginning at 10:30. It will be held at Barkemeyer Park in Huntley. Please bring your own chairs and table settings for the pot luck that will follow the service. This year's offering will be split between the Shepherd Area Food Pantry and the Ballantine UCC After School Program.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

7/11/18 – submitted by Secretary: Brenda Emerick

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by president, Meagan Malchow.

Members Present: Meagan, Scott, Brenda, Liz, Carol, Dawn, Laurel and Pastor Mark.

Members Absent: Wade, Shane

As trustee, Scott had to leave early, we moved the agenda item of the work day to the beginning of the meeting. The work day is set for Saturday, July 21st from 8:00am – 12:00noon. Scott and Shane will power wash the parking lot and foundation on Monday, 7/16/18 at 6:00pm. This will allow adequate dry time prior to sealing and painting. Dawn Petty volunteered to purchase the gray paint for the foundation. Meagan will let her know to buy 2 gallons. Meagan will buy 4 gallons of red paint for the ramp, landscape timbers, and play set. The boy scouts and any other volunteers will begin painting the red paint areas on Wednesday, July 18th. Pastor reported that Laurel V. had volunteered to bring railroad ties to replace the landscape timbers. The council agreed to keep the current timbers since the plan is to put in cement curbs next year. Meagan will let Laurel know.

Pastor led a devotion.

Meeting Minutes: The June minutes were approved as written with a motion from Carol and a second from Laurel.

Treasurer's Report: Laurel provided the June Profit & Loss Statement, along with a 6 month profit & loss and a 6 month summary showing a net loss for each month from January through June. For the year, we are \$9,360.36 behind budget. This shortfall is after adding the full income from the garage sale of \$1,633.82 to the general fund, along with \$6,985.00 from the memorials from the Green family. We have had to borrow from the memorial fund to pay bills and the general fund now owes the memorial fund \$3,000. The food pantry ran short in February and April, so the general fund was used to cover those shortfalls for a total of \$1,450.00. We have not had any unexpected expenses so far beyond propane. We budgeted \$2,000 for the year, and have already

exceeded that by \$221.10. That line item will continue to be above budget. Once we obtain 501 C3 designation for the Food Pantry, we will be able to obtain funding for it which will relieve the general fund from helping out as needed. We will also save on propane and electricity. The balance on the parking lot loan is down to \$3,528.96. That will be paid off by December. Brad Shereth obtained a check for \$5,000 for the food pantry. Brenda moved to reimburse the general fund from that check for the \$1,450.00 that was given to the Food Pantry earlier. Dawn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. That still leaves a very healthy sum which should easily tide the pantry over for months to come. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Brenda and a second from Carol.



Council Minutes

Deacons Report: Dawn reported that we are low on communion wine. She stated that Ricker has volunteered to bring some chokecherry wine that he made. The council agreed to try it. Liz read a letter from Town Pump. They have invited us to participate in a Food Pantry fund raiser from September 1 – November 30, 2018. If we can raise \$2,500, they will give us matching funds. The council discussed some fund raising ideas. Pastor suggested that we invite the Huntley Methodist church and UCC to join with us in our fund raising efforts. Liz is also working on a stewardship letter to be sent out next month.

Trustees Report: As no trustees were in attendance at this point, there was no discussion.

Old Business: Scott and his office volunteered their time to complete the paperwork for the 503(C) designation for the food pantry. Meagan will be sending it all in tomorrow. The first harvest from the garden is going into the food pantry tonight. Meagan is working on an ELCA foodbank grant. After the water lines for the garden have been installed, the painting and parking lot sealing have been completed, Meagan would like to have a couple of signs made for the Food Pantry and community garden. When these are complete, she will invite the TV and newspaper folks out to promote our food pantry and church.

Pastor's Report: Pastor has attended pastor

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LOVING SERVICE

meetings and has begun preparing for confirmation this fall. He stated that the community barbecues are going well and have had good attendance. He had a trip to Stevensville and one to Rapid City. He has been invited back to Nebraska to help celebrate the 125th anniversary of his church there. He will be gone from August 3 – 6, 2018. Since that weekend is the Barkemeyer Park church service, we will not need to find a stand in for the Sunday service. We may need someone to volunteer to read on Aug. 5th at the park service. Pastor requested ideas for our “God’s work, our hands” community volunteer day on September 9th.

New Business: We discussed trying to add some special music back into the services. It’s always good to have kids participate, and to have congregation members share their musical talents. Meagan will encourage some of the new band students to prepare some music for during offering and/or communion.

Mission Cornerstone: Need volunteers to help with Work Day on July 21st.

Weekly Offering Counters:

7/15/2018 – Brenda

7/22/2018 – Carol

7/29/2018 –

8/5/2018 – None needed – park service

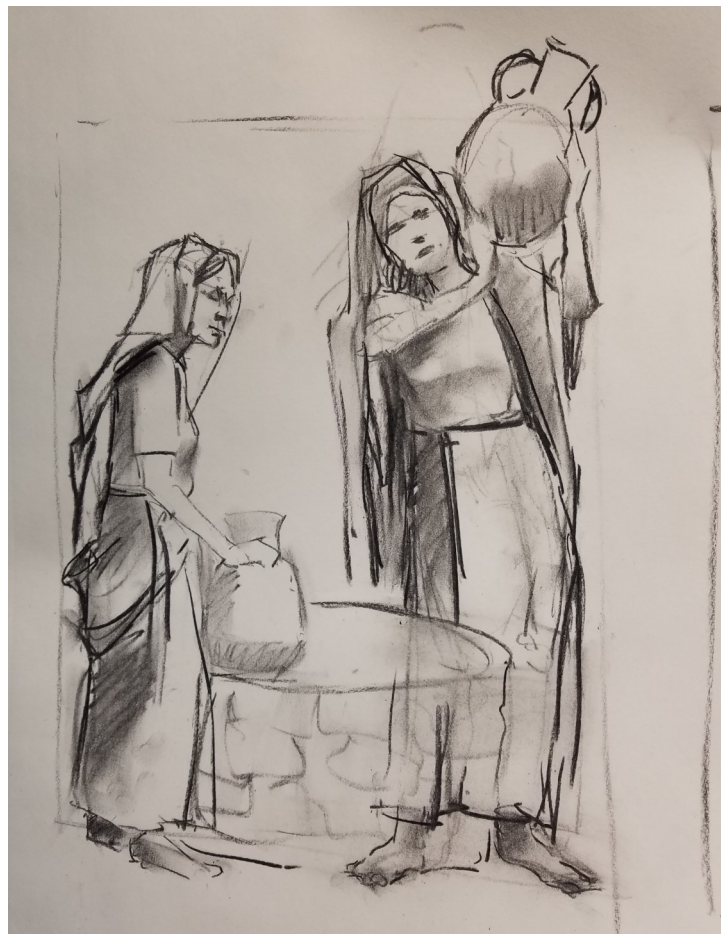
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FOR EVERY
HOUSE
IS BUILT BY
SOMEONE,
BUT THE
BUILDER
OF ALL
THINGS IS
GOD.
HEBREWS 3:4

The Synod House

The special offerings will be received on August 12th and August 19th.



As you know, the women of the church has paid for a new well to water our Community Garden. Blocks have been put around the pump to resemble a well. Connie Herberg has made this preliminary sketch of some figures that will be painted and cut out to put by the well. These will be known as Emmanuel’s “Women at the well.”



“Ethel, take a leap of faith!”

CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Members:

Meagan Malchow with various health issues; Monty Mavity, who is quite ill with cancer; Bud Sherrod, father of Shawna Calentine, recovering from a stroke; Sharon DeRudder, Brenda Emerick's mother, having various health problems; Gary Noland (Charley Noland's brother) treatment for a tumor on his kidney was unsuccessful; Mary Cossitt has moved to Tender Nest on 4040 Parkhill; Nancy Byxbe, ongoing medical issues; Dennis Vidic (Dawn Petty's son-in-law recovering from surgery at home; Warren Peterson, nephew of the Osmundson's having medical issues.



Friends of the Congregation:

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, rehabilitating from a horse accident; Agnes Beddes' son, Bryan, recovering at home from bi-pass surgery; ; Agnes Beddes's great-granddaughter, Jesslyn Fleming, age 3, was injured in a bad car accident and was air-lifted to Denver Children's Hospital Amanda St. John (friend of the Byxbe family) following surgery for cancer; Clinton Welch, son of Joy and Joe Welch, has extensive health issues; Taylor Hoppel (whose Mom is a friend of Liz White's) who was in a motorcycle accident; Glenn Clark (Georgia Wagenman Clark's husband) who suffered a heart attack and has had by-pass surgery; Austin Schlosser has numerous health issues.

Community Living:

West Park Village: Lenora Weist, Esther Bengtson

Aspen Meadows: Howard Osmundson

Tender Nest: Mary Cossitt

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.

04 Tierra Oberg

06 Bill Moen

09 Judy Osmundson

17 Carla Leligdowicz

20 Wade Malchow

21 Dave Hoffman

28 Maryann Morgenstern

29 Emilie Christman

31 Phyllis Stahl



03 Shane & Emilie Christman

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women Survey

Emmanuel Church Women, please complete this survey and return it to Dawn Petty as soon as possible. Thank you!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church WELCA Survey

1. Are you aware of the function of the Women's Group within the church?

- No
- Yes
- Somewhat

*2. On a scale of 1 lowest to 5 highest, how valuable do you think the Women's Group is to the church?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

*3. One of the services the women of the church provide is the Harvest Dinner each

fall. Do you currently contribute either goods or service to the event?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

*4. In the past the women of the church have been asked to bring various items for the Harvest Dinner Meal. Would you like to see the process change somewhat to give you an option to either prepare food or contribute money as an alternative?

- I would like to bring food, as we've always done
- I would rather contribute money
- Other suggestions

*5. Would you be willing to help with the elements necessary to produce the Harvest Dinner? Please check each box that applies.

- Shopping
- Food Preparation

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women Survey

- Food service
- Clean up
- Baking pies

*6. Would you be interested in an evening or afternoon bible study?

- Not at all
- Afternoon
- Evening
- Other (please specify)

*7. Would you be likely to attend a fun social night dinner just for the women of the church? It would include a gourmet dinner, and entertainment.

- No it doesn't interest me
- Maybe
- Sounds like fun, count me in

Any other comments or suggestions

8. Any other comments or suggestions

DONE



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