



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Emmanuel News



January 2019



One Starry Night Christmas Program 2018



ANNUAL MEETING

**The Annual Meeting of
Emmanuel Lutheran
Church will be held on
January 27, 2019
following worship at
11:15 a.m. A Pot-luck
will follow.**

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

As the seasons change, I find it interesting so see what the retail stores feature and encourage us to purchase. For example, almost immediately after the little ghost and goblins of Halloween have gone to bed with their bags of treats, the store shelves change from Halloween Candy to Christmas decorations.

Every year, when I walk into Costco for the first time in January, I'm greeted with a large selection of exercise equipment. This is to help people fulfill their New Year's resolutions to lose weight and get their bodies into better shape. These are worthy resolution, but often times, by the end of February these exercise machines are either gathering dust or up for sale in the want ads.

I'm not again making New Year resolutions. They remind us that as we begin a new year (and indeed and we begin each new day) we have the opportunity to start over to make ourselves and the world in which we live a better place. Given the current state of our nation and our world I believe that this year we should probably make some resolutions that have more to do with our spiritual lives that with our physical bodies.

The Apostle Paul gave some good suggestions to the new Christians living in the area of Galatia. He told them that rather than living by the works of the flesh—enmity, strife, jealousy, anger quarrels dissensions, factions—just to name a

PASTOR'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

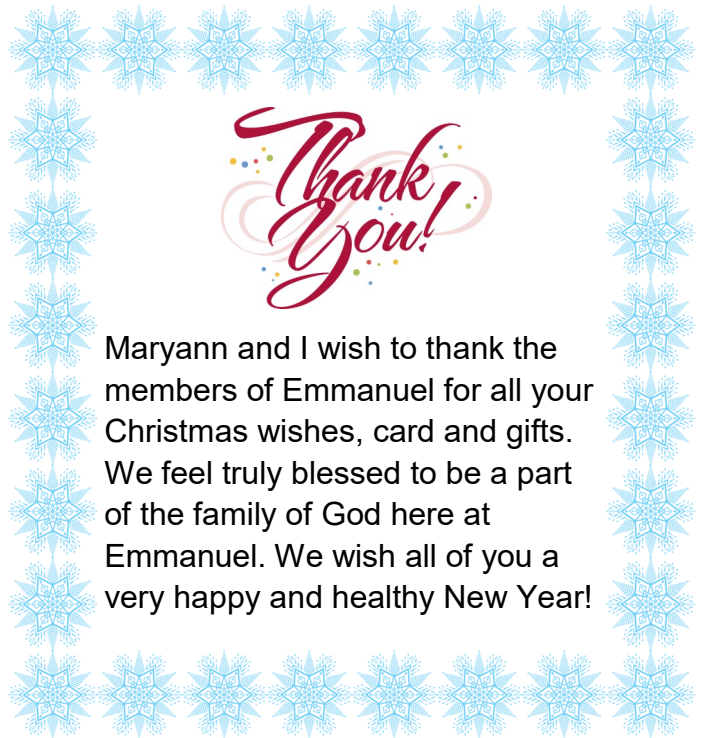


few; He suggests that they fill their lives with the fruit of the spirit: *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,*

gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. (Galatians 5:22-23). Imagine what our nation and our world would look like if we lived by and put these Spiritual Fruits into practice each day. A resolve to do this, not just in January but each day for the rest of our lives would be a very worthy and healthy resolution indeed!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Mark



Maryann and I wish to thank the members of Emmanuel for all your Christmas wishes, card and gifts. We feel truly blessed to be a part of the family of God here at Emmanuel. We wish all of you a very happy and healthy New Year!

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

As we begin a new year, we will make a few resolutions: re-organize the kitchen cupboards, touch-up chipped paint on woodwork in the church, etc. We will be hosting the spring gathering for the Shepherd and Beartooth Cluster women after Easter, and need to be making plans for that event. Perhaps it is time to re-do wall



hangings and decorations in the dining room, or move them around to a different wall. There are more books that have been added to our church library, too. Look them over. If you have any suggestions to make our facility more inviting, we would like to hear them. God bless you all....it is gratifying to be a part of our ELCW.

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Yes a new year is upon us and time once again to come up with some meaningful resolutions or changes that we wish to make in our lives. What are you hoping to change this year? I myself will forgo the usual resolution of cutting down on cheese, as that clearly is something that I just can't seem to do. Instead I think that I will focus on eliminating clutter in my life and get rid of some things that I no longer use. First stop is my closet, as it is packed full of clothes. I need to go through everything to see what I can get rid of to make more space for some really cool shirts that I got from Santa. I think the old saying is "if you haven't worn or used something in the last year, then get rid of it". I already practice something similar with my footwear, as I told myself a long time ago, that if I get a new pair of shoes, I must get rid of an old pair at the same time. Anyways, that is my plan for 2019. Tackle my closet first and then move on to the garage to see what we need to get rid of out there.

Well it now looks like winter outside, with the recent snow fall, so my mind keeps drifting towards the ski slopes. I need to make a concerted effort to get out and enjoy the winter instead of complaining about it. Maybe take the kids out sledding on the weekend. Definitely plan a couple ski trips once the slopes get a good amount of fresh powder to play in. What will you do for fun this winter? I hope you too can get out and enjoy the snow. Perhaps start a new tradition.

On the 21st we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which is a good time to remember the past and try to learn from it. We have come so

far, but yet there is so much to do, as far as getting along with each other. Seems like we need to work harder on treating each other with respect and compassion. Perhaps walk a mile in your neighbors moccasins, so to speak. Everyone one has the same goals, wishes and desires, but as a world of people we just need to get along better. I have a dream that we will focus less on the crazy politics of our great nation and work towards more harmony amongst each other. I think that is what Martin Luther King, Jr. was trying to tell us in his speech so very long ago.

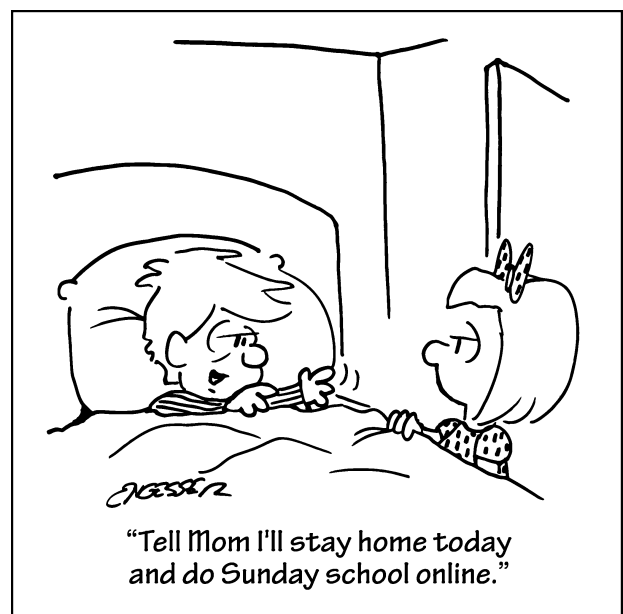
Well I better jump off my old soap box and get to work on simplifying my life. So much to do and only a year to get it accomplished. I'll have to work on my resolution a little bit at a time, as the task is truly overwhelming.

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope 2019 brings out the best in all of us.

See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse



Church Council Meeting Minutes – 12/12/2018

Submitted by Secretary: Brenda Emerick

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

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

Members Absent: Shane, Liz

Pastor showed a video with a Christmas devotion from Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

Meeting Minutes: The November meeting minutes were approved as previously amended with a motion from Laurel and a second from Carol.

Treasurer's Report: Laurel provided the November Profit & Loss Statement, along with a YTD P&L statement. For the month of November, we are in the red with negative net income of (\$850.43). Our YTD net income is at \$15,771.52, but this total includes the Memorial Funds and the Food Bank donations. Laurel has paid the parking lot loan in full. The Food Bank reimbursed the church general fund for the Food Bank electrical bills. The total amount raised for the Food Pantry during the recent Town Pump fund raising campaign totaled \$3,866.00. Town Pump is mailing the matching check for \$2,500.00 on December 14, 2018. Laurel was finally able to remove the second phone line that was on our Verizon statement that no one could account for. That saves \$40.00 per month. Laurel also reported that the propane was down to 1%, so she called for a refill. Rocky Mountain Propane from Huntley came out and went through the whole system. The filter was plugged, and we had some leakage. Laurel suggested that we try to keep the same propane company to provide consistency in service. The audit committee provided a letter to the council stating they met with Laurel on November 17, 2018, and found no discrepancies in any of the invoices, check register or checking accounts. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Scott and a second from Wade.

Deacons Report: The deacons had nothing new to report.

Trustees Report: Wade reported that when he was changing the ballasts in the alter area, he noticed there is a lot of debris that needs to be vacuumed out of the side lights. We need to find a vacuum with an attachment that can get into the small area to clean it

out. He also said that we need one additional leg for the ramp. Scott said that he has one, so they just need to find someone who can weld it on. Wade will work on the maintenance manual, as he is going off of the council after elections in January.

Old Business: The Ceiling Fundraiser was presented a couple of weeks ago by the kids. There is already a great response to the change jars. We will have to create a full report for presentation at the annual meeting in January. Since we are not going to actually do any work on the ceiling until after the money is raised, we do not expect any opposition to this new fund raising effort. The Eagle Scout project that the council approved to make a fire ring on church premises in memory of Tim Garcia has been completed. The Family Tree Services Christmas Tree sold for \$600.00 at the

Festival of Trees. Carol stated that she asked several people if they would consider serving on the church council. Linda Oberg said that she would. Meagan said that Ricker is considering it, as is Jill Hoffman. We will need 3 new council members and

one person to serve as the Vice President. The officer terms need to be staggered so that we maintain some continuity and don't have to have switch out all of the officers at once. We agreed to have the President and Treasurer renewals together and the Vice President and Secretary renewals together. While we completed Pastor Mark's evaluation at the last meeting, we did not discuss changing his salary. Meagan suggested that we give him the difference from the cost reduction in his insurance. Laurel will verify the amount and bring it to the next meeting for a vote. Pastor's housing allowance will go from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in 2019. This had been previously voted in.

New Business: We agreed to hold the annual meeting after church on January 27, 2019. We will have a potluck after church and conduct the meeting right after lunch. The agenda includes: Presentation of the ceiling project and fund raiser, the new updated constitution for the Endowment Fund, 2019 budget approval and voting in 4 new members to the council – one of whom will fulfill the newly created position of Vice President.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark attended his regular pastor meetings, text studies, Sr. Citizens meetings, and confirmation classes. He also performed a memorial service for Howard Osmundson. We have several church members who have trouble reading the small print in the hymnals and the bulletins. Pastor created a

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Council Minutes

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3-ring binder that he inserted with enlarged copies of the bulletin and hymns for last Sunday. The one parishioner that used the binder was extremely grateful and stated that she could actually read the larger print. Pastor asked to be reimbursed from the memorial fund for 2 large print hymnals at a cost of \$80 each. He will use these to continue to make weekly binders for anyone needing the larger print. Scott so moved, and Carol seconded the motion.

Mission Cornerstone:

Weekly Offering Counters:

12/01/2018 — Liz

12/23/2018 — Meagan

Christmas Eve Communion Helpers: Dawn, Brenda

12/30/2018 — Carol

01/06/2019 — Dawn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm, and ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: January 9, 2019 at 7:00pm.

January 2019



Freedom in Christ Congregation at the Men's Prison in Deer Lodge



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On Wednesday, January 9, 2019 the Shepherd Area Food Pantry was presented a \$5,000.00 check by the Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative. We thank them for their generous support of our food ministry to our community.

O God, you give the winter's cold,
as well as summer's joyous rays.
You warmly in your love enfold,
and keep us through life's wintry days.

—Samuel Longfellow

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; Sharon DeRudder; Gary Noland (Charley Noland's brother) treatment for a tumor on his kidney was unsuccessful; Nancy Byxbe, ongoing medical issues; Warren Peterson, nephew of the Osmundson's having medical issues; Kara Friesz, Brad & Sandie Green's daughter diagnosed with cancer; Kathy Bertrand and Lorraine Schleder undergoing treatment for cancer; Tierra Oberg, experiencing complications with her pregnancy; Christine Mitchell (daughter of Patty McVay & Tom Mitchell); Judy Osmundson recovering from a broken hip at Aspen Meadows; the family of John Herberg as they mourn his death; the family of Esther Bengtson as they mourn her death.

Friends of the Congregation:

Bessie Millard is being treated aggressively for colon cancer; Tonya Sullivan, Bill Biehl's daughter, rehabilitating from a horse accident; Agnes Beddes's great-grand-daughter, Jessalyn Fleming, age 3, was injured in a bad car accident and was air-lifted to Denver Children's Hospital; Taylor Happel (whose Mom is a friend of Liz White's) who was in a motorcycle accident; Dawn Petty's Neighbor, Jodi Hendrich now recovering at home; Richard Schüttler (friend of Collin Wilson) with health issues; Collin Wilson's friend Allen Habermann diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis; Kerry Martin Farman, Pat Martin's daughter and a former resident of Shepherd, diagnosed with cancer; Kelly Stokes (Cindy Glenwood's friend's son) recovering from a serious accident; Emma Brown, Kristianne Wilson's relative, recovering from surgery.

Community Living:

West Park Village: Lenora Wiest,
Aspen Meadows: Judy Osmundson
Tender Nest: Mary Cosset
Yellowstone County Jail: Chance Cavity
Rob Larson, MN



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



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“We will follow God’s plan for us
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