



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
JOYFUL † CARING † LOVING

# Emmanuel News



March 2019



Dear Members of Emmanuel,

Due to my foot surgery this coming Thursday, the March Newsletter is going to be a condensed version this month. I wanted to be able to get it out before the surgery. My hope is that I will be able to be up and around a bit and be at worship by the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. Thank you to all who are helping during this time and to all of you for your prayers.



We begin the Season of Lent next week. Lent is a time of repentance, meditation and prayer as we prepare to again walk through Holy Week to the Cross of Jesus and then wait the three days to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter morning. I invite you join me in our Lenten disciplines and in our Lenten worship opportunities again this year.

Blessings to you all!

*Pastor Mark*

## Living sacrifices

To search our souls, to meditate, will not suffice for Lent.

To share the cross, to sacrifice; these are the things God meant.

—Jane McKay Lanning

## Don't Forget!!



March 10, 2019

## LENTEN Schedule

### Ash Wednesday Worship

March 6, 2019 — 7:00 p.m.



@ Huntley United Methodist Church



**Our Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship** will be held again this year at the home of Dawn Petty. We will begin serving soup at 6:30 p.m. and

Worship will follow at about 7:00 p.m. Our theme this year is *Open My Life, Lord*.

**Week 1:** Open My Eyes, Lord (Mar. 13), **Week 2:** Open My Hands, Lord (Mar. 20), **Week 3:** Open My Ears Lord (Mar. 27), **Week 4:** Open My Heart, Lord (Apr. 3), **Week 5:** Open My Life, Lord (Apr. 10).



April 18, 2019 — 6:30 p.m. watch for sign up sheets at worship.



### Good Friday Worship

April 19, 2019 — 7:00 p.m.

@ Ballantine United Church of Christ

Please plan to make these worship opportunities a part of your Lenten observance this year.

## Church Council Meeting Minutes – 2/6/2019

Submitted by Secretary: Brenda Emerick

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

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

**Members Absent:** Patty, Scott

Pastor presented the devotion and the meeting began with a prayer.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Laurel provided the January Profit & Loss Statement. For the month of January, we were in the black with net income of \$4,352.53. However, this includes \$1,065.02 for the Raise the Roof Campaign, \$4,913.82 for the Shepherd Area Food Bank and \$1,680.00 for Memorials. None of these funds can be used for general church expenses. Removing these income items from the report leaves us in the red at -\$3,306.31. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Brenda and a second from Jill.

**Old Business:** Jill reported that she met with representatives from Tetratex at the church this past Monday. They will provide a bid by the end of this week for testing our ceilings for asbestos. This needs to be done in advance of performing the ceiling improvements. Even though the current plan is to simply cover up the existing tiles, we will need to open some up to get to the electrical wiring. Members of the council gave Meagan some additional names of potential contractors to obtain additional bids from, per the congregation's request at the annual meeting. These included Paul Ferguson, Shawn Maddox, and Mark Beeler.

**New Business:** Meagan requested ideas/suggestions for projects to be completed in the coming year. Ricker pointed out that while we have a ramp and a stair lift to accommodate wheelchair bound visitors, our doorways are not wide enough to allow a wheelchair to access our bathrooms. He

suggested that we widen the doorway to the bathrooms, and each bathroom door. We will ask the contractors who are bidding our ceiling work to also bid this accessibility project. We had Clint McCaffree look at welding a section of the wheelchair ramp to make it sturdier. Ricker suggested that we may be able to accomplish the task with some steel tubing and self-tapping screws. If the welding option is not feasible, we will try Ricker's suggestion. We still need to caulk the seams in the parking lot. We also need to replace the canopy on the playground equipment and we plan to have the cement curbing installed around the church this spring. Another topic of New Business was a "Giving Back to Our Community" suggestion from James Malchow as presented by

Meagan. He thought we should collect sleeping bags, coats, gloves, hats and socks and donate them to HUB in Billings. The council suggested that we should look into this collection effort, but check with the Shepherd School to determine if we have youth/families in the Shepherd area that could benefit from these items. If so, we will give them the donations. If

there is not a need, or a way to distribute the items locally, we will then give them to the HUB. We do not have room in the Food Pantry for clothing, and when we have allowed clothing donations in the past, many items were not usable. We discussed having a council retreat. This would allow us to bond together, but also learn more about our ministry opportunities, as well as more fully flesh out long term church goals. The retreat is scheduled for Friday night, April 5 from 6:30-9:00pm at Brenda's house. We will reconvene on Saturday morning, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the church from 8:30am – 12:00noon. Jill Hoffman, on behalf of the Shepherd Community Education Committee requested to have this group come to the fellowship hour after church one Sunday to discuss the bond issue coming up on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Jill moved and Liz seconded the motion to allow this outreach to occur. Motion carried. Jill requested that the church council fund the (4) four confirmation kids' trip to Christikon this summer. Pastor stated that the ladies' group raises funds for just this type of request. He suggested that Jill speak with Dawn Petty to verify the process of applying for scholarships to Christikon. Laurel also stated that our budget has funds for Youth



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# LOVING SERVICE

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projects that could be put towards this as well, if needed. With the new constitution, the council is now required to appoint the Sunday School Leader and the Financial Secretary. These are no longer elected positions. Laurel moved to retain Jill Hoffman as the Sunday School Leader, and Abbey Emmons as the Financial Secretary. Dawn seconded the motion and it passed. Finally, Pastor presented the list of monthly Benevolence Offerings. We need to remove the Shepherd Area Food Pantry from November, since it is now able to obtain grant money. A few suggestions were brought forward, but the council agreed to table our final decision until the next meeting. This will give us time to do some research to find a local need.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mark attended his regular pastor meetings, text studies, and Sr. Citizens meetings. The confirmation classes have restarted, but Sundays are proving a little difficult with students being involved in sports that have weekend tournaments. Pastor performed one home communion, and attended the endowment committee meeting last week. The committee awarded college scholarships to Brienne Malchow and Melissa Sherseith. Pastor Mark attended the Shepherd area pastors' meeting to plan the Passion season services. Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup> and services will be at Huntley Methodist Church. We will have our traditional Seder Supper on Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services will be in Ballantine. Dawn Petty has volunteered to once again host the Lent services at her home. Pastor is on vacation the afternoon of February 8 – 18, 2019. His church services will be covered by Dawn Petty. Pastor will have foot surgery on February 28<sup>th</sup>. He will need a volunteer to run off the church bulletins, as it will be difficult to get into the church basement with crutches. He will attempt to preach the church services, but will need someone else to give communion due to the step situation.

**Mission Cornerstone:** Liz will speak about our community outreach effort to collect sleeping bags, coats, gloves, hats and socks for donation to a group to be determined. She will also get the word out about a volunteer to help with the bulletins.

## March 2019

Special  
OFFERING

ST. JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

### Weekly Offering Counters:

2/10/2019 – Meagan  
2/17/2019 – Laurel  
2/24/2019 – Dawn  
3/03/2019 – Liz  
3/10/2019 – Linda

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

Next Council Meeting: March 13, 2019 at 8:00 pm.



Our Emmanuel Youth are pretty awesome! They are involved at church, school and community. Here are three Sunday School friends playing basketball at the Billings YMCA on February 23.



# 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; Kathy Bertrand and Lorraine Schleder undergoing treatment for cancer; Judy Osmundson was hospitalized and has returned to Aspen Meadows to rehabilitate from her most recent fall; Louise Bischke on hospice care; the family of Chance Mavity as they mourn his death; the family of Lee Borgen (Doreen McKinney's father) as they mourn his death; 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.

### 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; Mary Ann Cox (Maryann Morgenstern's mother) on hospice care.

### Community Living:

**West Park Village:** Lenora Wiest,  
**Aspen Meadows:** Judy Osmundson  
**Tender Nest:** Mary Cosset  
**Yellowstone County Jail:** Chance Cavity  
**Minnesota State Prison System:** Rob Larson



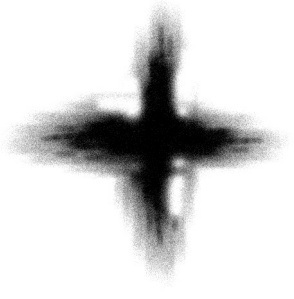
**Local Youth Serving in the military:** Taylor Green (US Navy) is assigned to the USS Abraham Lincoln and will be deployed as of April 1<sup>st</sup> to do a world tour for a year; Jacob Wagenaar (US Navy) is stationed in San Diego on the USS Nimitz and will also be deployed this summer; Tucker Wilson 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.



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21 Gene & Dianne Lundhagen  
26 Mark & Maryann Morgenstern  
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**6** **ASH**  
WEDNESDAY  
7:00 Ash  
Wednesday  
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7:00 *Shepherd  
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**13**  
6:00 Lenten Soup  
Supper &  
Worship @ Dawn  
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8:00 Church  
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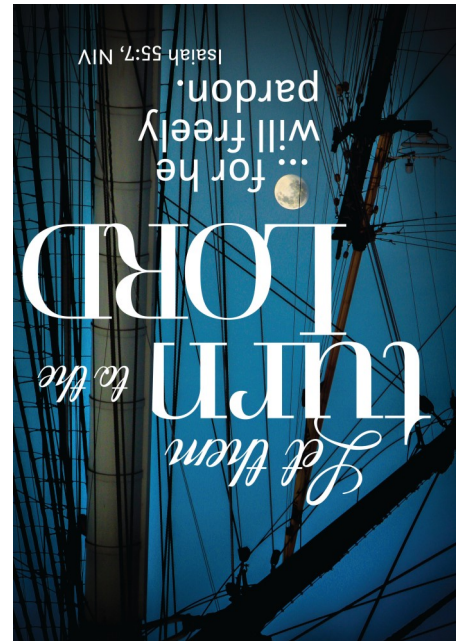
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