



# Emmanuel News



## The Third Annual Church Shower was a success!

Thank You



for your Kindness

Our donation grand total was \$1016 with 43 ladies in attendance: product donations to the church totaled over \$700, food pantry received \$200 cash/checks, and \$100 in donated groceries.

The church budget thanks you!

## I am proud to be a member of this amazing little church!

Thank you to our chef's, Randy Vanberg, Wade Malchow, and Kyle Newell! Just so you know, we changed your title from "chef" to "chaos control". You gentlemen had your hands full with 10 munchkins running amok in the kitchen! Your willingness to help us with this fundraiser was amazing!

**Speaking of munchkins**, those young men really stole the show! I cannot believe how well they did and how well they behaved! I promise you, I didn't even hear any complaining! At one point, they set down their half-eaten pizza, paused their movie, and washed their hands (again), to serve the third course. You boys rocked!

**Another thank you** goes to everyone that stayed after the party to help clean up and organize all of the donations. We cleaned an entire party up in ONE hour!

**The final thank you goes to the party team.** Laura Vanberg, Liz White, and Laurel Noland were spectacular! The time each of these ladies spent helping me is nothing compared to the time they spend helping this church! We are very lucky indeed!

--Abbey Emmons



Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

It's good to be back from vacation! Thank you for allowing me the time away. We enjoyed our time in Mexico. It was enjoyable not to have any kind of schedule and to be able to have time to just sit on the patio above the beach and watch the ocean.

Our neighbors to the south are a very kind, generous and talented people. We always felt welcomed and the people we met were always helpful when we stumbled to communicate with them with out limited knowledge of the Spanish language. One item for my bucket list is to learn enough Spanish to be able to communicate on my next trip to the south of the boarder.

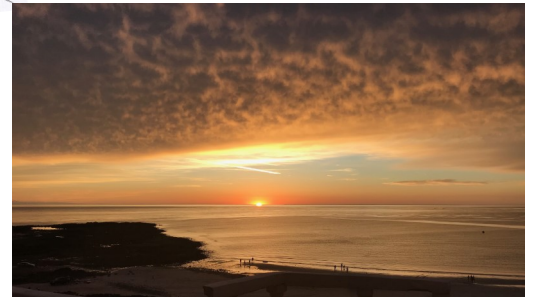
I was fascinated on this trip as I watched the tide come in and out each day. Choya Bay (also spelled Cholla Bay) has the second largest vernicle difference between high and low tide in the world—almost 24 feet at the full moon. The water in the bay is always moving and it is teaming with life. Shrimp are abundant as well as scallops and many species of fish, whales, and dolphins. I was reminded again about how important our oceans are to the ecology of our



world. Healthy oceans make for a healthy earth. The ocean also provides a home for a diverse variety of life forms. God has created an amazing world for us to live in! Part of what makes the world so amazing is its diversity.

That is why I am thankful that I had this opportunity again to travel outside of the United States. Sometimes I get too focused on Shepherd, or Montana or the United States. I need to be reminded again that we live in and on a very large and diverse planet. The variety of different geographies, oceans, animal and plants make our lives rich. The same is true for the wide variety of peoples and cultures. God created us all and we are all a part of the great "bay of life" that we call the plant earth. God is good—all the time!

*Pastor Mark*



## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The Beartooth-Shepherd Clusters Spring Meeting was held in Laurel at the Our Savior's Lutheran Church on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Sharon Wolske, Kristianne Wilson and Dawn Petty attended the event which included a Bible study, noon luncheon, church service with communion and joint cluster meetings. It was decided to invite Pastor Al Erickson of the Adults Saving Kids organization to give seminars on Human Trafficking, etc. to some of the churches in our area and in northern Wyoming, and possibly include a talk at a school.

It is always good to get together with

representatives from all these churches, listen to what they are doing, what works well for them to strengthen their organizations, and what goals the churchwide organization has for us. Connie Hausauer, our current president of the Montana Synodical Organization, has been filling in as President for the Shepherd Cluster for the past year, and asked for someone else to take over that cluster job until the next election. Dawn Petty will be president for the remainder of this term. Emmanuel Lutheran church will host the Shepherd, Beartooth Cluster Spring Gathering next April.



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# COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

May is finally here and I feel confident that I can finally hang up my snow shovel and begin to focus on the spring honey do list. There is always so much to do come spring. Rake up the leftover leaves. Prep the weed eater and mower. Clean out the asparagus patch. Rototill and plant the garden. Prime the pump and check out the sprinklers, fixing those that seem to stop working over the long winter, when they didn't have anything to do to begin with. Scrape and paint the porch. Wow, the list really seems daunting and that is before Mrs. T.C. starts adding her items to the list. Oh well, what's a Mouse to do. Can't worry about the list too much, so I'm thinking a quick nap will be in order to give me some drive.

Mother's Day is on the 13<sup>th</sup>, so may I be the first to say "Happy Mother's Day to all of the Mom's out there". I know that I sure appreciate everything that my Mother has done for me. You could say that I wouldn't be here without her! She has taught me much over the years, which is why I sometimes refer to her as Old Wise One. I hope everyone can enjoy a special day with their Mother.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Memorial Day, which is the first three day weekend of the summer. This is always a good time to fire up the grill and cook up a feast. I would like to go fishing too, but I'm afraid with all of the snow this past winter, that the rivers will still be too high and unfishable. I think most of the lakes will still be too cold for boating, so I may have to just stay around home and work on the dreaded list.



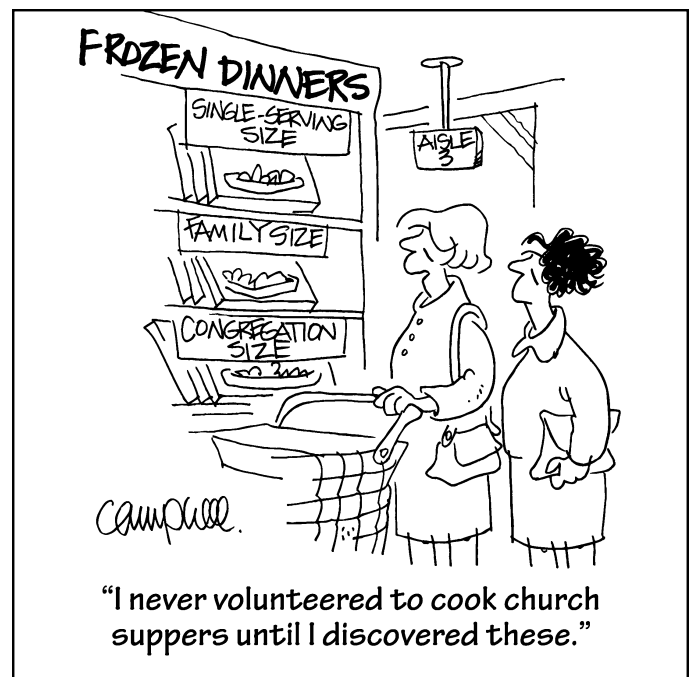
I did notice the other day that my asparagus is starting to pop up, so that is a plus. Won't be long and we'll be eating fresh asparagus for dinner. I think the Morel mushrooms will also start to appear once we have some warm weather, so that will be a fun adventure for the family. The kids love to hunt for Morels, as it is kind of a treasure hunt. Downside of all this nature stuff is dealing with those bothersome ticks. You find one and then you feel creepy crawling the whole evening. Well, I've babbled on long enough for one day. I have a list to work on and the Mrs. is really a strict task master. Happy May to everyone.

See you in Church.

Your faithful friend.

In residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse.



## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**04/11/2018**

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

**Members Present:** All council members were present.

Pastor read a devotion about Easter from a book by Frederick Buechner and started the meeting with a prayer.

**Meeting Minutes:** Brenda noted that Abbey's name was spelled wrong and has amended the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were approved as amended with a motion from Carol and a second from Scott.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laurel presented the treasurer's report for March 2018. The e-giving was at 27% of the total giving for March. Laurel spoke with the bank to request a refund on at least some of the over-draft charges from the debit card. She said the bank refunded some, but not all. Laurel has also let the Garcias know that this issue continues to happen. They agreed to call Laurel to check the balance before they go shopping. We ended the month of March \$513.44 in the red. Quarter to date, we are \$471.96 in the black. Laurel included a detailed report of the total cost of running the food pantry in 2017. It was \$4,181.36. If we are able to obtain a 503(C) designation, we will be able to receive grants that will pay for the running of the food pantry. This will free up funds to be used in other areas in the church. Wade requested a budget line item report by quarter so that we can quickly see how our expenses and income are trending throughout the year. Laurel stated she could pretty easily put that together and will provide the report at the next meeting. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Brenda and a second from Carol.

**Deacons Report:** Dawn stated that Jim McKinney has shown her how to update our website. She was just having a problem with obtaining a password, which kept sending to Pastor's phone. They will coordinate with each other to get the password. Brad has not heard back from Hooligan's about a date for our fund raiser. Dawn will keep us posted. The 2018-2019 Membership Directory has been updated, and Pastor will run off copies to be available at church this Sunday.

**Trustees Report:** Wade suggested that the trustees create a maintenance checklist and keep a binder so

that things are not missed, especially in transition from out-going trustees to incoming folks who are new. For example, he was trying to check the furnace filters, but didn't see a way to get to them. None of the current trustees knew the last time batteries were changed in the thermostats. They will schedule a walk through for Sunday after church (April 22<sup>nd</sup>), hopefully with Rob, Randy and Matt. The idea is to make sure no maintenance issues are missed and to get information on where things are, what vendors we've used in the past, and how to do various things (i.e. Change furnace filters). Due to a phone call to Brad Sherseth from the fire department regarding a strong propane odor in the church, the furnace has now been thoroughly serviced with new filters. We lost a full tank of propane due to a malfunctioning thermostat. Wade replaced the light switch at the bottom of the stairs, as the previous switch

was quite loose. The gutters and downspouts were emergently replaced on two sides of the building. Meagan called G&L Enterprises to fix them as one gutter had fallen off, and resulted in flooding in the basement commons

area. Meagan has called Top Notch Cement twice about the flaking on the new cement of the parking lot. She has received no response, so will now reach out to Schaff Concrete. Shane stated that he can bring a Vactron from work to power wash the cement prior to resurfacing it. We will need to do this on a Sunday and block off the lot until the sealant is dry. Wade said that Sprague Roofing came to look at replacing our roof per the insurance agent's directive. Gary from Sprague said the roof is actually in great shape and does not need to be replaced. He saw no evidence of moss, and stated it is very rare in Montana, especially in our area. He stated that if it is indeed a problem, we can put copper sheeting under the first few rows of shingles and not have to re-do the whole roof. The copper will leach out any moss growing organisms before they can latch on. Meagan did obtain a bid for a metal roof, and it would be about \$8,897.00. Wade will schedule a meeting with Gary and our insurance agent on premises so it can be determined if we really need a new roof or not. Abbey researched fiberglass options for our entryway doors. She sent her findings to the meeting. There were several options to choose from, and the council all agreed that if we were to buy any, we would choose the option with the small windows at the top in a walnut stain. After the trustees do their walk through and prioritize projects, we will look at when/if we can replace the doors and how to fund them. It will cost about

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## **Council Minutes**

# LOVING SERVICE

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\$2,000.00 for 2 fiberglass doors and hardware. Meagan had G&L Enterprises look at the replacement of the ceiling tiles in the sanctuary when they were on site to fix our rain gutters. They will give us some options and pricing. They suggested using wainscoting, sheet rocking the ceiling, or lining it with fir or light oak. Ray Gorham will look at it this Friday and give us bids as well. We need to have an idea of the cost so that we can begin some fund raising with the hope of having the necessary funds in 2019 to complete the project.

**Old Business:** The audit committee has been confirmed and they will meet in May or June. Kristianne Wilson will attend the first meeting to get the group pointed in the right direction. Laurel will participate as needed since she is our treasurer. The other members are John Herberg, Cindy Glinwood, and Meagan stated there is a third member, but did not have the name at the meeting. The E-Giving Program promotion is on track. Flyers were placed in the pews, and Jim has put the information on the church website. Dawn will update Facebook as well. The work of obtaining a 503(C) designation for the Food Pantry has been tabled until May or June – after tax season. We currently have about \$5,000 in our Memorial Fund. Pastor suggested using some money to buy a Paschal Candle to be used for Easter and Baptisms. Another suggestion was fixing or replacing our yard sign. After the Trustees do their walk through, we will prioritize projects that need additional funding.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor performed two funerals in March. He visited the Senior Citizens and attended all of the Lent Soup/Supper devotions. He had several hospital visits and participated in the Seder Supper and the Good Friday services at Ballantine. Pastor said the attendance at the Good Friday service was the best it's been since he became our Pastor. The Easter Ad in the Billings Gazette was \$265 and the council members will absorb

this cost. Pastor's cell phone died. He has obtained a replacement, but the number remains the same. When Pastor is on vacation April 23-29, 2018, Dawn Petty will preside at the Sunday church service.

**New Business:** There was no new business discussed.

**Mission Cornerstone:** If Laurel is in town this

Sunday, she will speak about Family Promise. We need volunteers for this ministry service.

## Weekly Offering Counters:

4/15/2018 -The Malchows  
4/22/2018 - Dawn  
4/29/2018 - Laurel  
5/06/2018 – Liz  
5/13/2018 – Carol  
5/20/2018 - Brenda

Scott moved and Dawn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. The motion passed and the meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer. Next Council Meeting: May 9th at 7:00pm.

Submitted by Secretary: Brenda Emerick

## May 2018



### Emmanuel Lutheran Youth Ministry

## VOLUNTEERS

### Emmanuel Lutheran to 'Sponsor' St. John's Summer Concert - Thursday, July 12

Join other volunteers as we 'staff' the opening concert of 2018 – Mission Ridge 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert featuring High Country Cowboys.

Emmanuel needs 14 volunteers to fill positions such as parking lot attendant, dining services cashiers and drink servers, golf cart driver. There are opportunities for kids ages 12 and older, so this could be a family affair. Volunteers need to arrive at 4:30 at St. John's to begin their volunteer roles. Carpooling from our church will be available. A free BBQ dinner is provided for volunteers. Come enjoy some great outdoor music and help us represent Emmanuel Lutheran, an ownership congregation of St. John's Lutheran Ministries, at this fun event.

Contact Kristianne Wilson at 373-6215 home, 406 696-9080 cell/text if interested in volunteering!

# 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; Rachele Garcia; Gary Noland (Charley Noland's brother) starting treatment for a tumor on his kidney; Mary Cossitt rehabilitating at Eagle Cliff; Judy Carroll, Lindsey Reynolds' mother, who is being treated for cancer; Nancy Byxbe, ongoing medical issues; the family of Meagan Malchow as they mourn the death of her step mother.



### 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, rehabilitating from a horse accident; the family of Mary Jo Schindler as they mourn her death.

### 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.



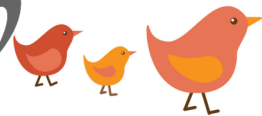
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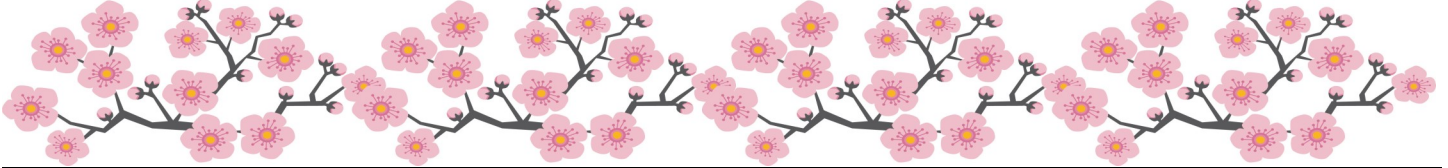
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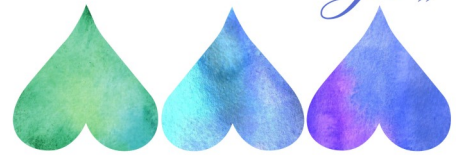


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JOHN 13:12, 13

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