



Emmanuel News



The Fourth Annual Church Shower was a success!



Thank you so much for your support of our church! The 4th Annual Church Shower exceeded my expectations! The raffle & jewelry sale money was donated to our "Raise the Roof" campaign and I am proud to say that we raised \$875!

There was also over \$750 in gifts and money that was donated to the church and the food pantry! Those donations help the church budget more than ever!

[Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!](#)

Laura, Liz, and Laurel, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for everything you did to make this shower a success!

If you have pictures, please send them to me so that we can add them to the church FB page.
--Abbey



Four young people from our congregation will affirm the promised God made to them in Baptism on Sunday, May 12th:

Roman Glinwood Samantha Leligdowicz
James Malchow Marc Newell



Stacy Emerick, daughter of Shaun and Brenda Emerick graduates with a Masters in Health Administration from MSUB on May 4, 2019.

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

Maryann and I have just returned from scattering her mother's ashes in the ocean off the coast of central California. Immediate and extended family gathered for the occasion. While Mary Cox was not a perfect person—as none of us are—her family expressed their love for her and their thankfulness for the love and nurture that she brought to their lives.

This month we celebrate Mother's Day. A friend of mine used to say that Mother's Day was invented by the greeting card companies as an excuse to sell more cards and make more money. It's roots actually go back to the 1600's in England, celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent and called "Mothering Sunday" to honor the mothers of England. Of course, Mother's Day has gone through many changes since then; now celebrated on the second Sunday of May by many nations throughout the world. But the intent is still the same; to give thanks for and to honor



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

our mothers for their nurturing love for us.

It is interesting to note that in scripture there are many references to God as a nurturing mother. Here are just a few:

For thus says the Lord: . . . "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem." [Isaiah 66:13]

Thus says the Lord: . . . "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget YOU." [Isaiah 49:15]

[Jesus said:] "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" [Matthew 23:37]

As we give thanks this month for the nurturing love of our birth mothers, it is also appropriate for us to give thanks to our God for God's loving and nurturing care us—the Children of God!

Happy Mother's Day!

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

As you know, we are hosting the Spring Gathering for the Shepherd and Beartooth Clusters at our church on Saturday, May 4th. The day begins with registration and a coffee hour from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM, and then our keynote speaker, Penny Ronning will talk on "Human Trafficking" from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. As you already know, the Billings Gazette has had feature articles on Human Trafficking in nearly every newspaper lately, so our speaker will be talking about awareness of trafficking, what signs to look for, and how we can help to eliminate it. Penny Ronning, who is a City Council Member, has been involved with the Tumbleweed Program, the FBI, the Sheriff's Department and the Billings Police Department. and knows what is going on in Billings and around our state



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There are no charges for attending this event, nor for the luncheon. We are asking attendees from the various churches to bring a theme basket to be raffled off at noon, and items for a "rubbish" table....the proceeds from these projects will go to help combat the human trafficking in our area. We have invited teachers from the school to attend the lecture on trafficking, and are encouraging people to bring a friend or neighbor along to this event to increase awareness of this growing problem. We will also invite members of the Shepherd Seniors Group to take part in this event.....and to spread the "word". Hope to see you there!

Any questions....call me please.

Dawn Petty, President of ELCW 373-6673

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

May is here and the hunt has begun. Yep! During my daily rounds I passed through the asparagus patch and was pleasantly surprised to see quite a few tender stalks were up, reaching for the sun and ready to be harvested. I kindly obliged Mother Nature and fixed up some fresh asparagus for dinner that night. Good, good stuff. Now we just need some nice warm days after all of this moisture and then I can go on the hunt for the elusive Morrel mushroom. I can hardly wait.

Lots going on this month. First off is the Kentucky Derby on the 4th. I really like to watch the horses run and all the people dressed up, wearing big floppy hats and sipping Mint Juleps. I think I would have made a good jockey, considering my size and all, the horse really could run away with me! Of course Mom told me to find a job I love and I'd never work a day in my life, so I pursued a life as a Cheese Connoisseur. I'm pretty good at tasting and eating cheese, if you know what I mean. Anyway someday I'll have to go see the Derby first hand. I think that I'd look good in a big floppy hat and I do like mint too.

On the 12th we celebrate Mother's Day, so I hope you do something special for the Mom in your life. I have to thank Mrs. T.C. for being a fantastic Mom to our kids this whole time. A special thank you to my Mom for all of the good advice and guidance that she gave me growing up. I know everyone out there has the best Mom in the world and I feel the same way too. Happy Mother's Day to all of the Moms. I hope you enjoy your special day.

On the 27th we celebrate Memorial Day, which is a special day to remember all of those who paid

the ultimate price serving our country. I really enjoy attending the morning ceremony that is held in the field of granite stones behind the Church. Often there is a military speaker and someone playing Taps on the trumpet. Of course this is also the first three day weekend of the summer, so a lot of families get together for a big family feast of grilled everything. Yes, cleaning up my barbeque grill will be the first

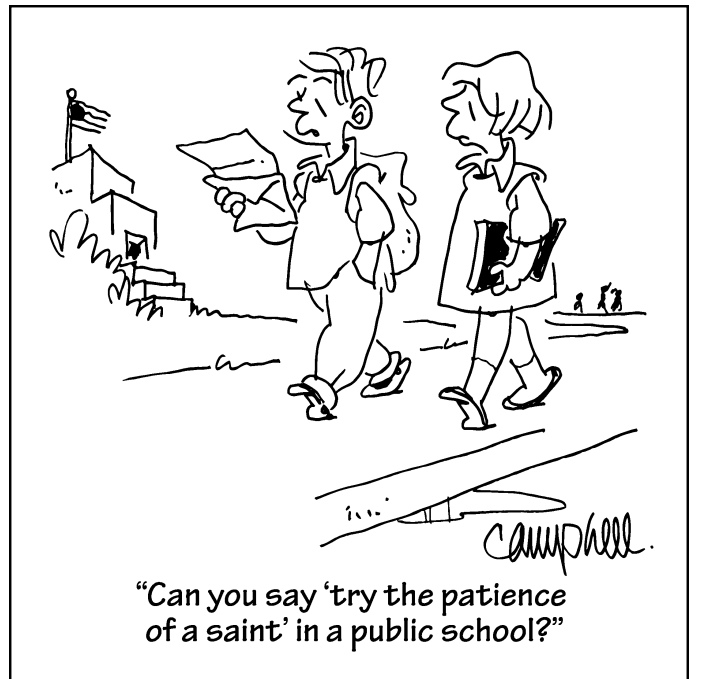
thing on the honey do list this month, so I'm ready to grill my best. So you see my own list is growing: eat asparagus, look for mushrooms, clean the grill, and shop for Mom and Mrs. T.C. All of this before I even look at the list that the Mrs. has put together for me.

Enough for now. Lots to do.

See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T.C. Mouse



Church Council Meeting Minutes – 4/11/2019

Submitted by Secretary: Brenda Emerick

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by president, Meagan Malchow.

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

Members Absent: Scott, Liz, Laurel, Linda

We began the meeting by assembling our council handbooks. Pastor presented the devotion, and we began with a prayer.

Meeting Minutes: The March meeting minutes were approved. The April Retreat minutes were approved with the addition of the movie in the park topic. Dawn made the motion to approve both sets of minutes with the amendment to the retreat minutes. Motion was seconded by Jill and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Laurel was absent from the meeting but provided the March Profit & Loss Statement. We did not have a YTD P&L due to Laurel's accident. For the month of March, we were in the black with net income of \$1,663.16. The total net income was \$3,701.48. However, we have to subtract out the income for the Raise the Roof campaign, food bank donations and memorials. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Brenda and a second from Dawn.

Old Business: Meagan said that Wade is working on a list of maintenance topics that he encountered when he was on the council. When he completes that list, we will have Scott, Randy, Lauris, and possibly Matt look at it to be sure we have not missed anything. Dawn will check with Carol Kramer to verify that she is continuing to do the Thank yous. If not, we will put that opportunity back on our council list. After we feel we have compiled an exhaustive list of obligations, we will form ministry teams to oversee that all the duties are being completed timely.

Confirmation Sunday is May 12th. We discussed previous traditions of having the students make their stoles and a banner with their name and the bible verse they chose.

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. We currently have around \$5,000 towards our goal. Jill received the report back from TetraTech regarding the asbestos inspection. We have a clean bill of health, aside from a small amount detected in the wall – ironically enough where the "Raise the Roof" blue goal and stars are currently displayed. This will make the project less expensive since we will not be dealing with removing asbestos in the whole ceiling. Meagan will give our current bids to Jill. Jill will create a formal RFP so that we can compare apples to apples. We still need to obtain at least 2-3 more bids for comparison.



The cement curbs around the church will be installed in May.

The church spring work day is May 11th from 9:00am – 12:00 noon. We need to obtain some scaffolding to paint around the stained-glass window. We will seal the parking lot in the spots that need it. We will also begin work on creating the

handicap bathroom with a goal of completing the project by June 19th. Brenda will call Shawn McNeil at C&L Electrical to ask his opinion about moving the heater in the west wall of the bathroom to potentially open a new door for even easier access. The Boy Scouts will work at the church on May 10th to pull up the wooden curbs, paint the swing set and install the new awning on it. Whatever they don't finish, we will do on Saturday.

Clint McCaffree finished welding a section of the wheelchair ramp to make it sturdier. Thank you, Clint!

Ricker has plotted the area for the grape vines to be planted near the garden. He has called a locator who will come out next week prior to Ricker digging post holes for the vines.

New Business: In follow-up to Liz's suggestion at our retreat to have a 2-day VBS this summer, Dawn stated that you can get program packets inexpensively. They contain all the Bible lessons, craft and treat ideas and music. It makes it easier overall and less expensive to provide the program. Pastor will use our ELCA and MT Synod resources to search for options.

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LOVING SERVICE

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No dates were discussed.

Meagan requested feedback on the community garden sign, since it will be on church property. All agreed that a permanent sign would be best. Meagan will ask the Shepherd Vo-ag class if they would like to build the sign.

We discussed getting a sign for our BBQ's - which will have additional attractions this summer. We need something sturdy that we could add to and change based on the additional attraction for that night - whether it is a UBS blood drive, wellness checks, or a seminar on 5 Wishes, etc. Ricker suggested that we put a sign of some sort at the flashing light on Shepherd Road. Patty also stated that a sign at 5 Corners and possibly flyers on the bulletin board in the Liberty station would be seen by more people. We will look into these options.

Meagan suggested a sign like the Dancing Oven Bakery. She will get a picture of it to show us all for consideration.

Updating our digital presence was a priority identified at our retreat. Ricker called his contact at Go Daddy and reported that it will cost about \$200.00 per year for our domain name and website. Ricker said it is very easy to create the website and update it timely. Pastor Mark will call Colter the MT Synod office for his input on how best to proceed with our website.

The church garage sale will be on Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 9:00am - 2:00pm. We will set up starting on Friday, May 31st at 9:00am. We will need a trailer or two for after the sale to haul anything left into Goodwill.

Giving Back to the Community: The Lions Club have asked for help installing an underground sprinkling system at the Community Center. They want to do the work on Memorial Day Weekend. Meagan will announce this at church.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark was recovering from his surgery most of March. He attended the Lent services and was happy with the congregation attendance as well. He had one hospital visit. Pastor & Marianne will be gone April 25-30 to California to scatter Maryann's mom's ashes with family. Pastor

May 2019



Emmanuel Youth Ministry

is working on getting a replacement Pastor for the 28th. We will have confirmation on May 12th. Pastor will participate in the Baccalaureate at Shepherd on May 16th.

Weekly Offering Counters:

4/14/2019 - Meagan

4/21/2019 - Jill

4/28/2019 - Brenda

5/5/2019 - Dawn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm and ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: May 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the church.



The 6th Grade Confirmation class has completed the "Getting Started with the Bible" unit of the *Here We Stand* confirmation material. The unit was an overview of the Old and New Testament.

After scheduling conflicts in the Fall the parents and students agreed to finish the year with an on line process. Material was turned in, parents involved, and unit completed, congratulations! The class included: Alex Donnes - parents Janelle and Darren; Cole Hoffman - parents Jill and Dave; Nate Reynolds - parents Lindsey and Buckley; Hank Rossow - parents Chrissy and Aaron.

Thank you to the parents for their support and the students for their on-line work. See you next year!

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 hospitalized following surgery; 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; Brad Sherseth having heart issues.

Friends of the Congregation:



Bessie Millard being 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 covering from heart surgery; Brittany Reinhardt (daughter of Toni and Rob McCann, the granddaughter of Judy Smelser), had her only kidney removed on April 18th at a hospital in Denver; Bob Fritz continuing treatment for cancer; Ben Spotts, the husband of Kristianne Wilson's niece undergoing treatment for cancer; Lesa Rekdal, Shepherd teacher diagnosed with cancer.

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.



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29 Duck Holtgren

15 Clinton & Brandie Byxby

25 Ed & Linda Oberg





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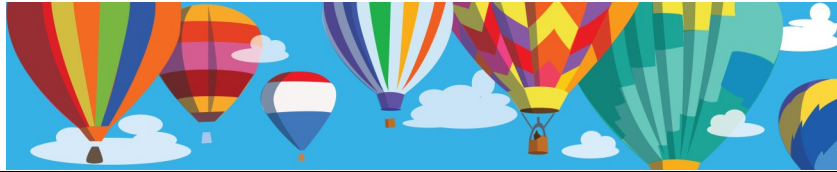
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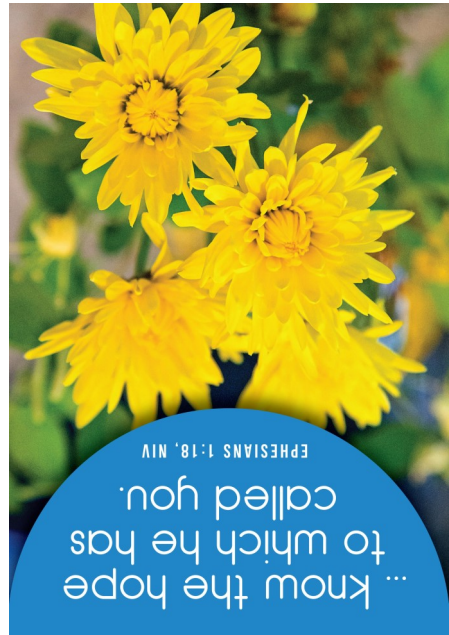
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