



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Emmanuel News



SHEPHERD EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

HARVEST DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

**11:30AM - 2PM AT THE CHURCH IN SHEPHERD, MT
BAZAAR * RAFFLE * AUCTION**

ROAST BEEF DINNER

WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS AND PIE

**ADULTS \$8
CHILDREN 6-12 \$4
CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE**

MISSION RIDGE PRESENTS
ART *for the* AGES

*A charitable event benefiting the
Seeds of Kindness Annual Fund*

ART SALE & EXHIBITION

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
NOV. 9 & NOV. 10
2018**

All events held at Mission Ridge • 3840 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT

Friday, November 9th
**Art Sale &
Artist Reception**
Tapas/No Host Bar
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 10th
**Art Sale &
Exhibition**
Gallery Open
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*No charge to attend Art for the Ages.
For more information please contact Event Coordinator, Margie Prokop
at 655-5218 or email margiecp@sjlm.org*



Thank you to the Green family for donating the metal handicap ramp from Bill's house to

replace our old and rotting wooden ramp. It is a huge improvement and offers more safety and less maintenance.

New Handicap Ramp



Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

We begin this month of November with All Saints Day and bring it to a close with Christ the King Sunday on the 25th. Of course, in between we celebrate a national day of Thanksgiving. I am reminded of Paul's words to the church in Philippi when he writes to them saying:

"⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:4-7

In one sense, I think Paul is saying that our lives as Christians should be characterized by thanksgiving. On All Saints Day we give thanks to God for all those people of faith who have gone before us and are faithful witnesses to Jesus. It is truly a time to remember and give thanks for those people who have been instrumental in the development of our faith lives. I can think particularly of my parents, grandparents and a couple of very special pastors. I encourage you to take some time now at the beginning of the months to thank God for similar people in your life. If you are fortunate to have some of those people still alive this might



be a good time to thank them personally.

On November 22nd our nation will observe a day of Thanksgiving. This is a national holiday not a religious one. Its original intent was to pause and give thanks to God for the blessings God has bestowed on the nation. Now it seems more an

excuse to overindulge in eating, watch football and begin our consumeristic indulgence leading up to Christmas. In many places (even here at Emmanuel) Thanksgiving worship services have been discontinued or are very poorly attended. Perhaps we need to regain our focus of thanking God for the blessings we have received. I believe this would be extremely important and helpful at this point in our nation's history. There seems to be so much discord and discontentment among Americans. We need to remember how blessed we have been by God and start being the kind of nation God would want us to be.

We close out the Church Year with Christ the King Sunday. This festival declares that God is the ultimate authority in our lives and not the rulers of this world. The declaration—"Jesus is Lord of all"—can perhaps get us back on the right track. We have reason to give thanks because in Jesus has made us right with God and we can live our lives confidently in God's love and forgiveness. In everything give thanks! *"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Our annual Harvest Dinner, Bazaar, Quilt raffle and Auction is scheduled for Sunday, November 4th. We will begin serving our famous roast beef dinner at 11:30 AM, and it will be available until 2:00 PM. All our ladies have been very willing to help with the event, from setting things up on Saturday, the 3rd, to



Women
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serving in the dining room on Sunday, and contributing to the bake sale and bazaar. Chuck Super will again help with carving the roasts, while Randy Vineberg and Pastor Mark will be the auctioneers upstairs, all helping to make this a successful event. Dinner tickets are again \$8.00 for adults....see you there!

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

I think I found the cure to writers block. Brownies! I tried to sit down and put my thoughts to paper, but nothing sensible seemed to flow. All I could think about was brownies, so I took a little time out and whipped up a batch. Halfway into the mixing of ingredients, I noticed the subtle changes to be made for high altitude. Oops, too late now. Good thing I'm baking in the basement, which convinced me to not worry about high altitude nonsense. An hour later I was in Brownie heaven, eating my fill and feeling inspired, so I could get back to work.

Two important things happen on the 4th. First we get to mess with the clocks again, as Daylight Saving Time Ends, so be sure to Fall Back your clocks an hour before you go to sleep Saturday night. We also have the annual Church Harvest Dinner on the 4th, so plan to attend that. Roast beef and all the fixings, with a plethora of pies for desert. Yes, I said plethora. Never underestimate the power of a brownie!

On the 6th we get to vote and put an end to the barrage of crazy political information that is sent our way. Wow, I can't believe all of the money that is wasted on these elections, trying to influence us to vote one way or the other. One thing is certain, we should be free from this nonsense for a while starting on the 7th. On the 11th we have Veterans Day, so take some time to thank a Veteran for their time and service.

Last but not least, we celebrate Thanksgiving on the 22nd. What a wonderful opportunity to spend time with friends and family, centered around a scrumptious meal of turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy. Lots of gravy. Then when you think

that you can't eat another bite, the pumpkin pie with whipped cream is brought out. Just thinking about this is causing me to drool excessively. Time for another brownie.

In between all of these big meals, I have plenty of work to do, as the fall honey do list is quite large. First thing on the list is to get these leaves cleaned up and gutters cleaned out before snow begins to fall. So with that said, I better get back to work. With brownie in hand, I'm off to find my rake and shovel.

See you in Church.
Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T.C. Mouse



NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

As we celebrate National Adoption Month this November, please, consider giving thanks through your supportive generosity to

 **Lutheran Social Services**
OF MONTANA

Go to www.lssmt.org to send your gift of hope, dignity and love.
Checks may be mailed to:
St. John's Foundation, 2429 Mission Way, Billings, MT 59102

Church Council Meeting Minutes – 10/10/2018

Submitted by Secretary: Brenda Emerick

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

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

Members Absent: Shane, Wade, Liz

Pastor led devotions, and the meeting began after a prayer.

Meeting Minutes: The September meeting minutes were approved as written with a motion from Carol and a second from Scott.

Treasurer's Report: Laurel provided the September Profit & Loss Statement, along with a YTD P&L statement. For the month of September, we are in the black with net income of \$1,860.46. We have already raised \$2,770.00 towards the Food Bank/Town Pump fund raiser. There is a spaghetti dinner after church next Sunday to raise additional funds, and the quilt raffle is still on-going. We have \$1,500.00 left to pay on the parking lot loan, which should be paid off by the end of the year. Laurel stated that the estimate for the curbing around the church will be honored at the same pricing next spring. It should cost around \$400. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Scott and a second from Brenda.

Deacons Report: The Harvest Dinner is November 4th. It has been advertised on our Facebook page, and posters are going out now. Raffle tickets are already being sold for the quilt, and auction items are being brought in.

Trustees Report: Scott tabled his report until the October 13th work day agenda item.

Old Business: Meagan stated that the Food Pantry building needs rain gutters so that we don't have ice built up around the doorway. Since the pantry is now its own entity, and has its own board, that group will have to decide about paying for the work, and getting someone to do it. Since the building is still owned by the church and is on the church property, Meagan just wanted to make sure the church council had no objections to the Food Pantry board adding the rain gutters, and locks for the garage. No objections were given, so Meagan will let the Food Pantry board know that they can proceed. Meagan stated that the reporter from YCN forgot about their appointment, so no article was put in the paper about the community garden and the food bank. Meagan will continue to work on this. Phil Ehler needs to mortar the bricks on the well, and is just

waiting for good weather to complete that project. Laurel reported that our commitment to Family Promise has been reduced to just one night, instead of 2 nights. This should make it easier for us to get volunteers going forward. Pastor gave a summary of the proposed changes to the Endowment Fund constitution that was handed out at our previous meeting. After discussing the changes, Laurel moved to accept the changes and present them to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting. Carol seconded the motion and it passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark attended his regular pastor meetings, text studies, and Sr. Citizens meetings. He had two nursing home visits. Confirmation has started after church services, and is going well. Pastor went to Great Falls on October 2nd for a continuing education class, along with Dawn Petty. He reported that up-coming events include our work day on Saturday, October 13th and the spaghetti dinner on the 14th after church. Pastor Mark will be attending the Bishop's convocation in Helena on Friday, October 26, 2018. Finally, Pastor reported that we will need new candles for the Christmas Eve service. The council agreed to have him go ahead and order what is needed.

New Business: Grant Armstrong, an Eagle Scout candidate, made a presentation to the council for his proposed Eagle Scout Project. He presented various options for making a fire pit on church grounds as a memorial to Tim Garcia. Tim was extremely active with the Scout troops, and they want to honor him with the fire pit. It can be used by the church, and will also be used by the Scouts, especially when they are working on their fire safety badge. The council agreed that a brick fire pit, that is raised up from ground level would be best. It will be fueled by wood, and will have a metal grate on the top. There will be a memorial plaque in the brick to honor Tim Garcia. There will be a gravel barrier that will measure about 16-17' in diameter around the pit. Grant will also make wood benches for seating. The work group will stake out a spot on the northwest side of the back yard at the work day on Saturday. Brenda moved to accept Grant's proposal as stated above. Scott seconded the motion and it passed. The fall work day has been scheduled for October 13th, weather permitting. It will definitely not be warm enough to caulk the parking lot. We will have to table that project until next spring. We will be installing the metal ramp that the Green family is donating to the church from Bill's house. If it's warm enough, we have one window left to paint. We will clean out the garden and dig potatoes. Bob Wolske has also asked if the group could pick up sticks/leaves under the cottonwood trees. Pastor stated

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Council Minutes

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that there is a light not working right in the altar. We will also look at what is needed to fix that.

In reviewing the officer/deacon/trustee terms, it was stated that Wade and Carol are both going off of the council, and we will need to find replacements. Meagan asked if she should continue a second year, and all agreed that she is doing well, and should continue. Dawn Sherseth was finishing a term for a previous Deacon, but agreed to stay on for a new three year term. Our constitution now requires that we have a vice president, so we will need to nominate three positions for 2019. The nominating committee consists of Wade, Carol and Dawn Petty. The deacons and trustees need to get their maintenance lists and duties to Brenda before January. We want to maintain a handbook of the work these groups do to maintain continuity.

Brenda will reach out to Kristine to find out if there is a form already in place to conduct the Pastor evaluation. If so, she will get it to Meagan to send out to all council members.

Laurel stated that we will need to find a replacement for the auditing committee, with Jon Herzberg being in the hospital. Laurel will work on finding a replacement, as the audit is scheduled to be done in October.

Mission Cornerstone: Meagan will lift up the Town Pump fund raiser.

Weekly Offering Counters:

10/14/2018 – Carol
10/21/2018 – Dawn
10/28/2018 – Scott
11/04/2018 – Laurel
11/11/2018 – Brenda

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

Next Council Meeting: November 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

November 2018



Shepherd Area Food Pantry



Help patients, visitors and staff in just 4 hours a week. We are looking for

“people” people who are quick to smile and like to visit, help others and have fun! Training and benefits provided.

Volunteer opportunities are available in Surgery Waiting, our Gift Shops



VOLUNTEERS: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

and Guest Services. Please call us today at 237-3377 or visit our website at www.svh-mt.org for more information about how you can join our healing ministry Thankyou for your consideration!



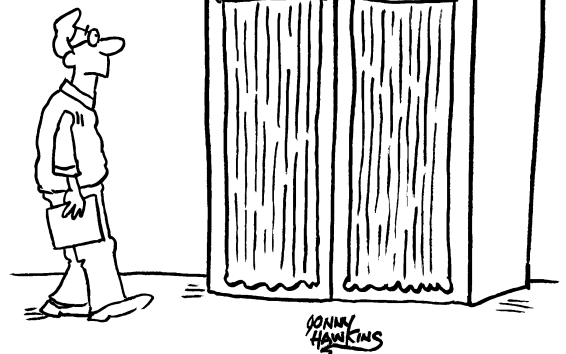
Foreword by David Limbaugh

I Don't Have Enough
FAITH
to Be an
ATHEIST



Norman L. Geisler
Frank Turek

You're invited to attend the video and discussion night on this interesting book by Frank Turek. He is an American Christian author, public speaker and radio host. The time together will be sharing the Foundations of Christian beliefs. We will meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., November 7, 14, 21 and 28. Join the study anytime no preparations or book necessary.



CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Members:

Meagan Malchow with various health issues; Monty Cavity, who is quite ill with cancer; Sharon DeRudder; Gary Noland (Charley Noland's brother) treatment for a tumor on his kidney was unsuccessful; Nancy Bybee, ongoing medical issues; Warren Peterson, nephew of the Osmund son's having medical issues; Jon Herzberg at St. John's Rehab.

Friends of the Congregation:

Bessie Millard is being treated aggressively for colon cancer; Brady Rink from Huntley (age 8) now recovering at home; Tonya Sullivan, Bill Biehl's daughter, rehabilitating from a horse accident; Agnes Beddoes'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 improving following a serious horse accident has been flown to a Denver Hospital for specialized treatment; Richard Schüttler (friend of Collin Wilson) with health issues; 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.

Community Living:

West Park Village: Lenora Wiest, Esther Bengtson

Aspen Meadows: Howard Osmund son

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.



03 Sierra Stahl

07 Rae dawn Pasco

09 Daniella Lipidomic

09 James Malchow

13 Randy Vineberg

14 Jon Herzberg

22 Charles Noland

22 Sharon Wolske

10 Louis & Rachelle Garcia

11 Jim & Linda Hinckley

27 Mark & Connie Halvorsen





November 2018



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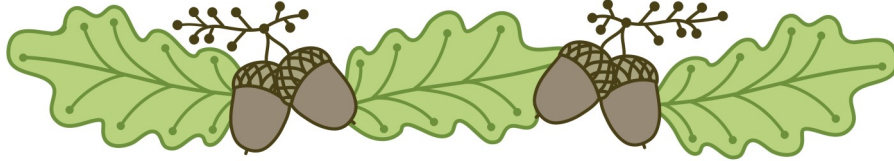
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Emmanuel Lutheran is
a welcoming church in a rural
community, called by God
to joyful worship
caring relationships and
loving service.

We have a vision . . .

“We will follow God’s plan for us
to grow in faith, family,
and community.”

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