



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Emmanuel News



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Shepherd, Montana

Harvest Dinner

Bazaar, Raffle

And Auction

Sunday November 5th 2018

11:30 - 2:00 P.M.

Roast Beef Dinner

With Trimmings

Adults: \$8.00

Children: 6-12 \$4.00

Children: Under 6 Free



The Harvest Dinner and Bazaar was started here at Emmanuel many years ago, when the women's group was still called the "Ladies Aid". It seemed there was often a shortage of funds for various needs around the church, and the women decided to put on a dinner and bazaar. Bazaar items were always hand made, crocheted or knit, and a quilt was sewn for the raffle. A variety of baked goods were also made for sale. For the past 35 years or more, the dinner menu had included the traditional roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, baked squash, coleslaw, relishes and homemade dinner rolls and pies.

The ladies (now called the ELCW, or Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women) continue to prepare this event each fall as our biggest fundraiser of the year. The monies raised in the past have provided appliances for the church and parsonage, painting, carpet, special needs, and often used to pay for the annual benevolences for the church. The menu is a popular meal, and anticipated by people from neighboring churches and communities, including Billings. Bazaar items, and theme baskets, are still donated by members, plus items for the auction, which is very entertaining.

Please join us on Sunday, November 4th, after the worship service. The dinner is served from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. See you there!

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

*<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*

*Ephesians 2:4-10*

These words of Paul, along with Romans 5:9, 6:5 and 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 led Martin Luther to post 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church on October 31, 1517 to begin discussion of the Church's practice of selling indulgences for the forgiveness of sins. Luther hoped this discussion within the Roman Catholic Church that would led to reform and the end of this practice. We know that this led rather to a the Protestant Reformation and finally a breakaway



from the Roman Catholic Church. Luther had hoped this wouldn't happen and he certainly didn't want one of the resulting denominations to be named after him.

Now, here we are, 501 years later— Lutherans, still holding to this truth that Martin Luther so vigorously taught and adhered to as the guiding principle of our understanding of the Christian faith. We are saved by God's grace through faith, now through works of the law. As Paul writes in Ephesians, good works are to be our way of life, but done not in order to be saved but as a grateful response to the love of God freely poured out to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

As we mark another anniversary of the Reformation, it is good to remind ourselves that we are to be about the task of doing good works to benefit our neighbors, the works of truth and justice in response to the loving Grace of God.

Here we stand! Have a good month of October.

## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

This will be a busy month, preparing for our Harvest Dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November, which is the 4th.. We are re-doing the work group lists to up-date them, before we start contacting everyone for their contributions and scheduling the shifts that we will need them to help prepare for that event. This is also a reminder for the ladies to think of what each can contribute for the bazaar, auction, bake sale and dinner.

We will be having a quilt raffle for the bazaar....the quilt is in the process of being made by Rose Fritz and the Pineview Club.....it will be on display soon and there will be raffle tickets available, at the same price: \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00.

Sharon Wolske has arranged for the carpets to be cleaned in the dining room before the dinner....we are having them done commercially, and we ladies will be paying for the job.. As you know, due to our fund raising dinner, etc. we are able to help financially with various needs at Emmanuel.

Perhaps you will have some items ready ahead of time for the bazaar and auction, and these items can be brought to the church, and placed in the nursery, to be inventoried and listed in our program. Laura van Berg is already working on some new decorations for the tables in the dining room. What will you be able to help with, to make this event a big success again? Any questions....call Dawn Petty 373-6673.



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IN AMERICA

# COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

October is here and already the weather has changed rather quickly. The weather expert is telling me to expect snow this weekend, but fall has just begun. I thought the leaves fall first and then the snow falls, but it appears that Mother Nature has a mind of her own. On the 8th we celebrate Columbus Day, which really is just an excuse for government and banker types to get the day off, while the rest of us working stiffs continue to work. I still believe we should go to a four day work week and have a three day weekend all year long, so we can have more time to get stuff done around the house. Perhaps I should send my idea to POTUS for review and possibly a presidential proclamation. I'll let you know how that turns out.

Have you ever noticed in a social setting that people, upon learning your specialty or profession, always try to get a free on the spot diagnosis? We've all done it before. I met a mechanic once and immediately started to tell him about the funny noises my car makes and asked him what he thinks it could be. A farmer must know everything about plants and growing of things, so I feel compelled to ask him questions about why my watermelons don't grow as big as my neighbors. I ran into my dental hygienist out and about once and curiosity forced me to bring this subject up. (Yes, even a mouse needs to go to the dentist on a regular basis!) Anyways, I told her about the mechanic and farmer situation and wanted to know if she too, runs into the same problem. Does a complete stranger, upon learning she works in the dental field, open wide and say "What do you think the problem with this here tooth is?" Laughing out loud, she told me that it happens all the time! Funny how predictable people can be. Anyways, now you are prepped for my latest inquiry. I know a little about a lot of stuff. I know a lot about a little stuff. I'm very tuned into time. I don't like to be late to anything. A teacher in my youth once told me "To be five minutes early is to be on time. To be on time, is to be late. To be late is never

to be heard." I really took this to heart and I'm often fifteen minutes early to everything, as I'd rather wait than be late.

So my friend recently commented on my punctuality and said that I'm really into time. She said her friend is having problems with her Grandfather Clock and wanted me to look at it. Fix it if I could. Without any self-awareness, my eyes got big and my mouth dropped open. I kind of stuttered in my reply. "I, I, I, well in my youth I've run around inside of a Grandfather Clock a time or two, but I'm really no expert at the internal workings of a clock!" Still she persisted in her request, so now I have some reading to do, so I possibly by some stroke of luck, can help her out. How do I get myself into these situations? I wanted to tell her the obvious, that even a broken clock is correct twice a day! I guess I'll see what I can do. Now you know what keeps me up at night.



Mrs. T.C. is celebrating another big birthday this month. Double nickels, if you know what I mean. I must come up with something fun and special to help her celebrate. I'm thinking some kind of cheese cake for her birthday cake. The candles are going to represent a forest fire! Maybe a night out on the town. Anyways, let me give her a shout out, Happy Birthday honey! Perhaps we can visit a thrift store to find stuff for our Halloween costumes. I need to get going on those ASAP, as the 31st will be here before we know it. My options are endless. I could be a mechanic, farmer, dentist or a Horologist (clock maker)! LOL

Enough nonsense for now. Happy Halloween everybody. Keep some Snicker bars on hand, as they are my favorite.

See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.  
T.C. Mouse



## **Church Council Meeting Minutes – – 9/12/2018** **– Submitted by Secretary: Brenda Emerick**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by Pastor Mark.

**Members Present:** Brenda, Liz, Carol, Scott, Laurel and Pastor Mark

**Members Absent:** Shane, Wade, Dawn (Meagan arrived at 7:20pm and resumed presiding over the meeting.)

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

**Meeting Minutes:** The August meeting minutes were approved as written with a motion from Carol and a second from Liz.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laurel provided the August Profit & Loss Statement, along with a YTD P&L statement. For the month of August, we are in the black with net income of \$5,738.26. Laurel has been able to pay back money owed to the Memorial Fund that had been borrowed to cover operating expenses. We no longer "owe" any accounts. The balance in the Memorial Fund is \$7,098.91. We discussed Pastor's insurance allotment for 2019. The new rates came in at less than the current year's rates. Brenda moved to continue with the Gold Level insurance plan at the reduced rate for 2019. Scott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Scott and a second from Carol.

**Deacons Report:** Liz will send letters out this week to various community businesses and churches, asking for their help in raising funds towards the \$2,500 needed to receive matching funds from Town Pump for the Food Pantry. Laurel has set up a sub account at Western Security Bank for people to donate to in conjunction with the Town Pump grant. We did receive a check from the Barkemeyer Church service for over \$400.00 towards this fund raising effort. Liz stated that she approached Connie Herberg about creating a logo for the food pantry. Connie said that she would not be able to get to it until after the new year. We may consider other options to get this done earlier. The stewardship letter went out last month. Brenda suggested that we

use church letterhead for the next mailing. With the Harvest dinner coming up on November 4<sup>th</sup>, Pastor stated that we need to get the word out about requesting donations for the auction and craft sale.

**Trustees Report:** Scott stated that the deck is broken. We will need to put tape around the hole, or cones to alert people to the defect. We agreed to set the next work day to October 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00am. Items scheduled to be completed include: fix the deck, paint one window, clean out the garden and caulk the seams on the parking lot.

**Old Business:** Abbey did not present her fund raising ideas for the ceiling replacement project, as we already have a fund raising project this fall with the Food Pantry and Town Pump matching funds campaign. She will present at the October meeting. Meagan is meeting with a reporter from YCN next week to share the good news about our community garden and the food pantry. Scott brought the

paperwork for the 501(c)3 designation for signatures from the board members. Liz and Meagan will get the signatures and return the paperwork to Scott to be sent in. The God's Work/Our Hands project last Sunday was a success. We had a nice potluck after church and 17 church members went to the Scandia cemetery to put in plot markers. The kids helping out had fun finding and digging up pincushion cactus. Everyone enjoyed "visiting" old friends buried there, like Elmer Quanbeck. The project was done by 1:30pm.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mark attended his regular pastor meetings, text studies, Sr. Citizens meeting and Wednesday night bar-b-ques. He made a nursing home visit, a hospital visit and a home visit last month, as well as participated in the God's Work/Our Hands volunteer day on September 9th. The Morgensterns had a trip to the PLU corporate board meeting in Tacoma on Labor Day weekend. Confirmation will start next Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Mark will have four 7<sup>th</sup> graders working on the catechism and Maryann will instruct the six 6<sup>th</sup> graders after church services. Pastor will be performing the St. John's Chapel service on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in the evening. He is considering going to Great Falls on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for a continuing

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## **Council Minutes**

# LOVING SERVICE

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education class. Dawn Petty may join him on the trip.

**New Business:** Laurel reported on the Family Promise volunteer commitment. The facility is located at Peace Lutheran Church at 1301 Avenue D in Billings. Our current obligation is to provide dinner and host an overnight stay for 2 days per quarter. Since all of the other churches who help with this service are in Billings, Laurel is going to propose that we are only obligated for 1 night per quarter. She will report back with the results of this request. Pastor provided copies of the proposed changes to the terms and conditions of our Endowment Fund. Currently, the Endowment Fund committee meets just once a year to award scholarships as requested. Pastor stated they likely need to meet at least quarterly to research if there is a better fund to invest in to more quickly/steadily increase the fund amounts, and to determine ways to let the congregation know of the existence of the fund, as well as how to donate to it. The council members all took a copy of the by-laws home and will review them on their own. We will discuss them at the next meeting.

Pastor stated that we will need to add the topic of Officer Terms to New Business for the October meeting, in order to complete the necessary work prior to elections.

**Mission Cornerstone:** No items were lifted up at this time.

## Weekly Offering Counters:

09/16/2018 – Laurel  
09/23/2018 – Brenda  
09/30/2018 – Brenda  
10/07/2018 – Carol

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. The meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: October 10, 2018 at 7:00pm.



## October 2018

*Special*  
**OFFERING**



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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 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Art Sale &  
Artist Reception**  
Tapas/No Host Bar  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
**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 [margiepj@sjlm.org](mailto:margiepj@sjlm.org)

# 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, Brenda Emerick's mother, having various health problems; 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; Linda Welch recovering at home following heart surgery; Charlie Noland continuing treatment for unknown illness; Jon Herberg at St. John's Rehab.

### 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) now recovering at home; Tonya Sullivan, Bill Biehle's daughter, rehabilitating from a horse accident; Agnes Beddes's great-grand-daughter, Jesslyn Fleming, age 3, was injured in a bad car accident and was air-lifted to Denver Children's Hospital; Clinton Welch, son of Joy and Joe Welch, has extensive health issues; Taylor Hoppel (whose Mom is a friend of Liz White's) who was in a motorcycle accident; Glenn Clark (Georgia Wagenman Clark's husband) who suffered a heart attack and has had by-pass surgery; Austin Schlosser has numerous health issues; Dawn Petty's Neighbor, Jodi Hedrich improving following a serious horse accident has been flown to a Denver Hospital for specialized treatment; Richard Schottler (friend of Collin Wilson) with health issues; Gayle Breeding of Billings, former Montana Synod Women's Organization Board member recovering from surgery; Kerry Martin Farnam, Pat Martin's daughter and a former resident of Shepherd, diagnosed with cancer; Kelly Stokes (Cindy Glinwood's friend's son) recovering from a serious accident.

### Community Living:

**West Park Village:** Lenora Weist, Esther Bengtson

**Aspen Meadows:** Howard Osmundson

**Tender Nest:** Mary Cossitt

**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.



01 Jennifer Ingram	21 Carol Kramer
09 Jackson Plath	24 Ellie Stahl
10 Lauris Byxbe	28 Nancy Byxbe
10 Louise Nunemaker	29 Tanner Emmons
12 Brad Shersteth	29 Samantha Leligdowicz
18 Susan Quanbeck	30 Esther Bengtson
20 Durene Green	30 Heather Plath
20 Robert McSwayn	31 Hailey Hoffman



09 Greg & Heather Plath  
10 Brad & Lisa Strecker  
18 Howard & Judy Osmundson



# October 2018



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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

## We have a mission . . .

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 . . .

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