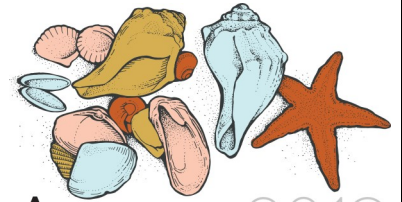




EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Emmanuel News



August 2019



Community Christian Concert in the Park Featuring Homeward

August 4th at 10:30am
Barkemeyer Park in Huntley

Pot Luck Afterward
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2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Special Congregational Meeting



The Church Council is calling a Special Congregational meeting for Sunday, August 25, 2019 immediately following worship. We will be discussing and making

decisions about the future plans for Emmanuel. This is an important meeting. Please make every effort to be in attendance.



Emmanuel's Garage Sale will be held on September 7th from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Be watching the bulletins for more information.

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

Well . . . I've just celebrated my 67th birthday. There have been times in my life when I never thought I'd live this long, but here I am. My mind tells me that I'm not really that old. My body on the other hand seems to be challenging my mind on that issue a little more each year. Such is life. Sometimes it's easy to get caught up in the pessimism of the teacher in the book of Ecclesiastes: "Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanities." (Ecc. 1:2) And: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die." (Ecc. 3:1) Well . . . enough of that!

I do usually do some reflection on my life and experiences when my birthday rolls around. I've experienced many joys over the years as well as some difficult times. God has seen me through them all. I am blessed with a loving and gracious spouse, Maryann, five wonderful children and 13 delightful grandchildren.

I'm in my 41st year of ordained ministry and have many good memories of people who have touched my life during those years. Much has changed in the church

Pastor's Post



since I first entered seminary. My first year, 1970, saw the ordination of the first woman in the Lutheran Church. My seminary class was filled with many women seeking ordination and still fighting discrimination against women in ministry. Several of these women we elected bishops and one was the first woman bishop elected to serve in the ELCA. I have witnessed the merger of three Lutheran denominations to form the ELCA. As a denomination we have had our challenges over the years and like all mainline denominations we have experienced a decrease membership and continued struggle with finances on the National, Synodical and congregational levels.

One thing that hasn't changed is our mission to proclaim the gospel of Jesus and to share the love, grace and forgiveness God has poured out to us in Jesus. As I celebrate 67 years, I count it as a privilege to continue to share this mission and ministry with the faithful saints of Emmanuel Lutheran church. I pray that God will continue to bless us and give us the will, courage and strength to continue our calling in this place.

Pastor Mark

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Our women's group, the ELCW, is made up of all the women in our congregation, and we are organized into three workgroups: Group A, B, and C, with approximately 25 in each group, of which two are the "leaders", and do the calling when help is needed for receptions, etc. We provide the refreshments and the personnel to prepare for the receptions after funerals and other gatherings. For an example, our women prepare the food and serve it. Our Harvest Dinner and Bazaar in the fall of the year is our largest fund raiser for the women. We traditionally have roast beef dinners for this event, with home made rolls, and pies.

Through the years, our ELCW has contributed financially to many areas in our church, and we are grateful for the opportunity to do so. We help to pay for the church benevolences, some of the camp scholarships for the young people, and some of the youth programs. We bought the office laptop,

kitchen ranges, refrigerator, freezer, etc. Sixty chairs and eight tables for the dining room were purchased by us, as was the kitchen tile, and carpeting for the building. We have helped with stocking the food pantry, and aided in the "emergency fund" that was in operation before we had the food pantry. We always pay for the carpet cleaning to be done, and this last year, we



Women
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women arranged to pay for the new well to be dug, a pump to be installed, and have it functioning near to the garden area. As you can see, our ELCW is an important part of the outreach for Emmanuel, obvious indeed when we see how our contributions add up. From the year 2000 through 2018, our ELCW has spent \$38,074. Now, what is our next project? God willing, we will continue to raise funds for necessities, and delight in doing so. When you ladies are called to help, or contribute some food item, or crafts for the Bazaar, may you respond graciously and willingly. God bless you all.

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

August is here and the days have been heating up. I guess summer is finally here weather wise and I've been running my fan at night to help me sleep. I seem to sleep better with a little cool breeze circulating around. The annual Montana Fair kicks off on the 9th and I hope to spend a few days down there exploring the animal barns and all of the rides on the Midway. I'm kind of looking forward to getting some of that fair food as well. Mrs. T. C. always has a good laugh when she sees me scarfing down a foot long corn dog! Perhaps I'll see some of you down at the Fair too. Look for me in the animal barns, hanging out by one of those big fans.

The school year starts up on the 22nd and we are busy, busy, trying to get the kids ready for their first day back. New clothes and backpacks full of supplies really puts a strain on the monthly budget.

Seems like the list of supplies that each child needs to bring gets longer every year. At least the kids seem excited to get back to school and see all of their friends. I'm hoping that in between the hallway antics and locker side chats that they actually learn something too. I know that when I was in school, I didn't appreciate all of the wonderful knowledge that was laid out before me until several years after I was out. I actually was able to use some of that Algebra in real life and was amazed and thankful at the same time.

It sure was neat to see all of the people at the weekly barbeques. Last week we even had some folks from the newspaper come out for a firsthand look so they could write a story about the Church and the community. Pretty cool to see Pastor Mark on the front page of the paper. I was quite fascinated with the photographer that

was snapping all of the pictures and thought that I would have been good at a job like that. Of course I was soon reminded by Mrs. T. C. about my height or lack thereof and how all of my pictures would be of people's shoes due to my vertically challenged perspective! Doesn't hurt to dream, right? Oh well, I'll continue with my usual rounds and report back on what I see around the Church. Speaking of reports, the sweet corn is right on track. The ears of corn appear to be nice and big this year with all of the moisture, so I expect some tasty corn on the cob towards the end of the month. I can hardly wait.

FROM THE
CHURCH
MOUSE



Well, that is enough for now.

See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T.C. Mouse



Church Council Meeting Minutes – 7/10/2019

Submitted by Secretary: Brenda Emerick

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by president, Meagan Malchow.

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

Members Absent: Scott, Liz

Pastor read a devotion from the Living Lutheran magazine, and we began with a prayer.

Meeting Minutes: The June meeting minutes were approved as amended with the clarification that Ricker will be reimbursed for the materials used for planting the grape vines when our finances allow. Motion from Dawn and a second from Laurel.

Treasurer's Report: The June Profit & Loss Statement as well as a YTD P&L were handed out. For the month of June, we were in the black with net income of \$327.90. The total net income for January through June is in the red at -\$6,673.87. We did not have to borrow more money in June from the Memorial Fund to cover expenses, but we owe that fund almost \$6,000. Laurel reported that the E-Giving has not gone down as much as she originally thought. The deposit e-mails were going to her Spam folder, so she did not realize until she balanced the check book that this income source is still maintaining. Since the Food Pantry is solvent, Meagan stated she would consult the board to determine if they could make a monthly donation back to the church. She believes they could donate around \$250 per month. The council agreed that at this point, every little bit helps. Dawn stated that she has looked into grants. Most all require a specific project. We asked Dawn to move forward with this research and we could use the ceiling as one project, and the wheelchair accessible bathroom as another. We had a difficult discussion about how to maintain solvency with our current church attendance. A brain storming session brought forth the following suggestions: Reduce music at services (possibly go without accompaniment a couple of weeks per month). Reduce cleaning services (possibly go to every 2 weeks as opposed to weekly cleaning). Ask the Synod for financial help (Pastor stated they are struggling too and would not likely be able to



contribute to us). Encourage building use donations from the Scouts, 4-H, Food Pantry, etc. Give the BBQ donations to the church instead of the Food Pantry (at least temporarily. The donations have been around \$100 per evening – even with higher attendance). Have a garage sale this fall. Combine with another church to share a Pastor. Find ways to bring in new members: Have a progressive couples' dinner and invite friends who are not currently members as well as members who have not been attending regularly. Invite neighbors to church. Continue with Wednesday night youth activities year around to bring families in. Create a brochure and hand deliver it to sub-divisions in the area. Get our Website updated and keep it current. Liz and Laurel

will write a letter to members stating the programs we have in place and the need for members to contribute what they can in order to keep our little country church going. We will also ask Dawn to add our financial situation to the Prayer Line. After we have done more research on our options, we will have a congregational meeting to present alternatives to members and allow for more ideas to be brought forth and then voted upon.

Old Business: The VBS program on June 28th and June 29th was successful. Fifteen children attended both days of the school and almost all of them attended the church service on the following Sunday to perform songs they had learned. Dawn said that we can reuse the music and games for Wednesday night children activities. Liz and Dawn felt that an improvement for next year would be to plan farther ahead and make sure to have more help.

Meagan said the new community garden sign will be delivered to the church on August 3rd. She will call One Call Locate before having the 2 post holes dug. The portable sign for advertising the BBQ's has only been out once that council was aware of. Meagan will call Rachel Garcia to ask her to put it out in the mornings when she opens for Food Pantry and then bring it in a night when she closes.

Pastor Mark spoke with Colter at the MT Synod office today regarding updating our website. Colter suggested having a video chat first to determine what

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our goals are for the website. Then he will come to Shepherd from Helena to get it set up and train us on how to update it. Meagan suggested that we ask Kyle Newell if he would like to help with this project. Pastor Mark and Ricker will also be on the committee. Ricker reported that Rob has stopped taping sermons as it was too difficult to download them from his camera to the computer. The committee will ask Colter if there is a better way to do this.

Patty reported that the Blood Mobile is coming out on Wednesday, August 7th from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. They need a guarantee of at least 24 donors. Patty will have a sign-up at church on Sunday. We will also put the flyer on our Facebook page and posters at the post office, the Liberty station, etc. Pastor Mark will get a poster to the United Methodist church as well. The contact is Sherry Houston – Donor Recruiter. (800)365-4450 ext. 8110. Her email is: shouston@vitalant.org.

Jim Shaules, the Shepherd Cemetery District caretaker is mowing our lawn for us. He charges \$25 per mow. We received an anonymous donation of \$100 towards paying for lawn mowing. Laurel, Liz and Patty have contributed as well to cover this expense.

The community BBQ's started on June 19th. The first two were rainy, but about 40 people attended. Tonight's BBQ had about 75 people in attendance. Meagan will be at the BBQ next week in her RN role and will provide blood pressure checks, pulse, height and weight checks.

New Business: Phil Ehlers is going to take all the bricks down from around the garden pump and re-do this project. He will put sand down to level the area and then restack the bricks. He will not cement them in case we need to get to the pump.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that he attended his usual text studies and Senior Citizens meetings. He performed three home visits, two home communions, and two funerals. He was on vacation at the end of June.

August 2019



The Synod House

Weekly Offering Counters:

7/17/2019 - Linda
7/21/2019 – Dawn
7/28/2019 –Ricker
8/11/2019 – Brenda

The meeting went into executive session at 8:05 pm and adjourned at 9:30 pm. We ended with The Lord's Prayer. Next Council Meeting: August 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the church.

CONVENTION GATHERING

The Montana Synodical Women of the ELCA will have their fall gathering in Great Falls on September 27th and 28th, 2019, at the Bethel Lutheran Church. The theme for this event is "Baptized and Set Free". Each congregation is entitled to a voting member, and the deadline for registrations is Sept. 6th. The gathering is a one day event, and participants are invited to come a day early and attend the Friday business convention.

The featured speaker, Rev. Julia Seymour from Big Timber Lutheran, has written many articles for the "Gather" magazine and did the 2017 Bible study on the Apostles' Creed. She was also a contributing author to the Whirl Story Bible. She had previously served a congregation in Alaska for 10 years.

Perhaps we can car pool up to this event, share hotel rooms, and enjoy fellowship with other Montana and Wyoming women. Registration forms are available...call me at 373-6673, Dawn Petty for more information.

CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Members:

Our congregation's current financial situation, 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 undergoing chemotherapy; 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, being treated for cancer; James Simpson's nephew, John Mark Owens being treated for stage 4 pancreatic cancer; Connie Halvorsen receiving radiation treatments; former pastor Ron Hovic diagnosed with liver and lung cancer; Agnes recovering well from surgery to remove pins in her hip.

Friends of the Congregation:



Bessie Millard being treated colon cancer; Tonya Sullivan, Bill Biehl's daughter, rehabilitating from a horse accident; 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), waiting for a kidney donation; Bob Fritz recovering at home from a heart attack and surgery to put in two stints; Ben Spotts, Lesa Rekdal, Shepherd school secretary diagnosed with cancer; Lee Brumley being treated for thyroid cancer; Rosie Neumiller recovering from surgery on her foot and big toe.

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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- 06 Bill Moen
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- 20 Wade Malchow
- 21 Dave Hoffman
- 28 Maryann Morgenstern
- 29 Emilie Christman
- 31 Phyllis Stahl



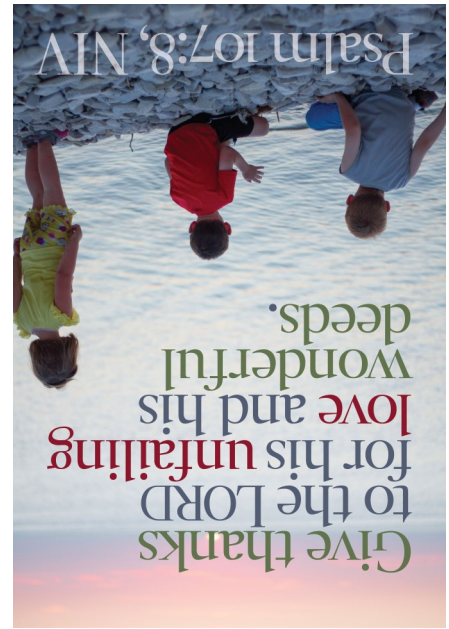
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