



Emmanuel News



July 2019

The Montana Synod has a New Bishop

At the Montana Synod Assembly the voting members elected the Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling as the new Bishop of the Montana Synod on the fifth ballot.

Pr. Jungling is a native of Montana. She graduated from Montana State University, and Luther Seminary. After serving a call in rural South Dakota, she enrolled in a PhD. program at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, where she also served as campus pastor at PLTS.

While completing her dissertation, she served as Interim Director of NRIT. She then taught ethics and religion at Augustana Religion in Sioux Falls, South Dakota for six years, until financial cutbacks eliminated her position.

Since then she has served in interim ministry in the Montana Synod in the following congregations: Redeemer Lutheran in Great Falls; St. Paul's Lutheran in Cutbank; Hope Lutheran in Powell, Wyoming; Gold Hill Lutheran in Butte.

In the Synod Newsletter on June 12th our Bishop Elect wrote the following:

Dear Friends in Christ,

"I dream of a Church bubbling with people who are excited about their trust and commitment in the new life already given to us in Jesus Christ. I dream of a Church that lives a responsibly risky faith, trusting in the promised gift of God's



amazing grace, following Christ's journey into the changing future. I dream of a Church that says to Jesus again and again, "Yes, we can!" rather than, "No, we won't."

These are just a few of the words I shared with the Montana Synod Assembly during my speech on Saturday, June 1st during the election of the new bishop. Later that day, the Holy Spirit through the amazing work of the assembly changed my life in ways I never expected. I am honored and humbled by the vote of confidence your delegates showed in me as they elected me to be the synod's bishop.

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In one congratulatory note, someone told me that as bishop, I would never be bored. While that is a little scary, I am comforted by the knowledge that I won't be alone in this role. Some of you have wondered about upcoming changes to the synod staff. I am so grateful that most of the staff have agreed to stay in their current positions for at least a year after I start my call as your bishop. This will make the transition much smoother for me and for you. Susan Hedahl, who is ready to retire, has agreed to stay through September and is willing to help train her successor as needed. Her presence and work in the office will be deeply missed. I also want to thank Bishop Crist who, over the last twelve years, has exemplified for me what a really good bishop is and does,

and who is offering her much needed guidance through this transition process.

As we move forward together, I ask for your prayers. I ask for your participation in the life of the synod. I ask for your support in whatever ways you are able to provide it. I cannot be bishop alone and none of us can be followers of Christ alone. We need each other for we really are "Church Together." Thank you for this opportunity to serve Christ with you as a sheep and a shepherd, as coach and teammate, as pastor, leader and prophet. May God bless us with the new life of Christ as we journey forward into the Spirit's future.

Your Bishop-Elect, Pastor Laurie Jungling

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

We have renewed the subscription for the "Gather" Magazine, and be sure to pick a copy of it up to read the monthly Bible study and interesting articles in it. I know some of you personally subscribe to it already.

We will have a meeting of the work group leaders in July to re-do the calling lists for our church women....they need to be updated with new phone numbers, new members, etc. I will call the leaders to set up the date.

It is hard to believe that it is time again for the convention gathering of the women in our Montana synod....the date is September 27-28, 2019, and it will be held in Great Falls at the Bethel Lutheran Church, which is within walking distance of the Heritage Inn, where we will stay for several nights. The theme for the event is "Baptized and Set Free". Friday is the Business meeting of the convention, where we will be voting for our 2019-2021 Board, also

the voting members for the Triennial Convention in 2020, our budget and any resolutions that are submitted.

Saturday is our Gathering, in which we will be collecting our change for the Pool of Living Waters, meet with Lois Bylund, our Churchwide Rep, hear our main speaker Rev. Julia Seymour, hear about women's Health issues, do a book study and meet with other women from Montana and Wyoming. Hopefully, we can get a car load of women from Shepherd to travel to the event. We have been sent registration forms for the convention, and for our official delegate (one person from each congregation), and forms to nominate someone for an office. Please make an effort to take part in this....you would find it inspiring and educational. Let's make our plans to attend, and I have the registration forms for participants also. God bless you all. Dawn Petty



COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

July is here and that means we get to celebrate our country's birthday on the 4th. Time to break out the flag and hang it high, fire up the grill and cook up a storm! Then in the evening with our bellies full, we get to kick back and enjoy the light show. I sure love to watch all of the big fireworks going off, but the booms and bangs are a little too much for my sensitive ears. I need to remember my ear plugs this year. Happy Birthday USA! Happy 4th of July to all of you. I hope you get to spend some quality time with family and friends. Keep it safe out there and watch over the little ones.

Well the Church barbeques kicked off last Wednesday and there was a stellar turn out for our first cook out. I'm not sure if everyone was just hankering for the famous Pastor grilled burger or looking for a little congregational company, but it was wonderful to see all of the people show up. It just goes to show, "If you grill it, they will come!"



The Church garden is looking good and growing like crazy with all of the rain that we have had. My secret asparagus patch has been keeping me well supplied this spring. I've almost had my fill of asparagus for the year. My evening strolls through the corn field have been quite positive. Knee high by the 4th of July and it looks like we are right on track. Of course I can't judge this against my own knee, since I seem to be a little

vertically challenged, but I watch the farmer walk through there and those beautiful green stalks are up to his knees. Let it grow, let it grow. I'm looking forward to some tasty corn on the cob in August.

Well, all of this talk about food has my stomach grumbling. Time for a snack and then maybe a nap. Enough of my rambling for now. See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse



Dear sisters and brothers at Emmanuel,

Next week we celebrate our nation's birthday on the 4th of July. The second lesson for June 30th is from Paul's letter to the Galatians. He writes: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

I believe these are good words for us to hear not only as individuals but also as a nation as we celebrate the 4th of July. We often think our freedom means we can do anything we want. Paul cautions us not to use our freedom for self-indulgence, but as an opportunity to love our neighbor. Were we to truly follow the commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself," we might go a long way toward healing the divisions not only in our nation, but throughout the world.

Have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July and remember to love your neighbor as yourself!

From the Pastor

Pastor Mike

Church Council Meeting Minutes – 6/6/2019

Submitted by Secretary: Brenda Emerick

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

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

Pastor presented the devotion, and we began with a prayer.

Meeting Minutes: The May meeting minutes were approved as amended with the correct spelling of Maryann's name. Motion from Jill passed with a second from Dawn.

Treasurer's Report: The May Profit & Loss Statement as well as the YTD P&L were handed out. For the month of May, we were in the red with net income of -\$2,097.36. The total net income for January through May is in the red at -\$8,926.48. We had to borrow more money in May from the Memorial Fund to cover expenses. There is only \$2,847.80 left in the Memorial Fund, so one more month like these last two will leave us unable to pay our bills. The council looked at expenses to determine if there is anything we can cut out. There really are no expenses that we can remove, so we need to look at bringing in new members. Pastor encouraged the council to invite friends and neighbors to church in hopes they will become members. We did pick up a few new members from our barbecues which will start again on June 19th. The E-Giving has gone way down, and we have lost members who were large donors. Since the Food Pantry is solvent, Meagan stated she would consult the board to determine if they could sustain a rent payment to the church. She believes they could pay around \$250 per month. The council agreed that at this point, every little bit helps. Liz will write another 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. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Brenda and a second from Scott.

Old Business: Jill will obtain at least 2 -3 more bids for comparison for the Raise the Roof project. So far, \$6,549.40 has been raised.



The cement curbs around the church were installed by Aspen Curbing at no charge to the church. The owner, Hal Pavelis stated that one of his employees used our food pantry over the winter when he was laid off, so Hal was happy to give back to our church. Laurel sent him a thank you note.

The Boy Scouts painted the swing set and rototilled the garden. Between the Scouts and several church volunteers, about 2/3 of the garden has been planted. There are a few plants sitting out that still need to be planted. A watering sign-up sheet will be available starting this Sunday. The well puts out a lot of water, so it does not need to be turned up full blast. Doing so will blow out the drip system. Liz will include some instructions with the watering sign-up sheet. Ricker donated a lot of time and materials to set the posts and dig holes for 24 grape vines. All have been planted and Ricker will water them.

With our dismal finances, the council agreed to postpone painting around the stained-glass window and re-sealing the parking lot until this fall. We hope to have a garage sale in July or early August with the proceeds to go towards these two projects. Brenda will research pricing for the wheelchair toilet and sink, as well as drywall, flooring, a door, trim and electrical work to change the Men's bathroom into a wheelchair accessible bathroom. Both bathrooms will then be either sex bathrooms. After we have a firm budget for this project, we will look at ways to raise the money to accomplish it.

Our VBS is going forward on Friday evening and Saturday morning – June 28th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm and June 29th from 9:00am – 12:00noon. An e-mail flyer went out to the congregation already. Dawn and Liz plan to put flyers out at the daycares and have Pastor give them to our area churches that he meets with. Dawn and Liz will let us know what they need for donations for treats and craft projects.

Pastor Mark will work with Colter at the MT Synod office to update our website and get it set up so that any of us can update it. Currently, only Jim McKenney has access, so we don't get it updated as frequently as we would like. We all agreed that any of us are able to post to our Facebook page, and that we should all do that as much as possible. Meagan

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LOVING SERVICE

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will post pictures of the Scouts planting the garden. Ricker will add photos of the crew planting the grape vineyard. Liz will add information about VBS.

Meagan showed a photo of the new community garden sign that Hayes Nydegger made for us. It's a metal sign that will require 2 posts for support. Ricker suggested an all-weather backing to allow the words to stand out more. Meagan will look into options.

Patty reported that the Blood Mobile is available on Wednesday, August 7th from 2:00pm – 6:00pm. They need a guarantee of at least 24 donors. Patty will have a sign-up at church starting this Sunday.

New Business: We need to find a way to get our lawn mowed. Brenda will ask the new cemetery caretaker if he will do it for \$25 per mow. If so, Laurel volunteered to pay for the first month and Liz will pay for the second month. If he is unable to do this we will need to create a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help. We do have a push mower in the garage that could be used. Brad Shersteth, Robert McSweyn and Wade Malchow have all taken a turn mowing this spring. Thanks so much to these volunteers!

Pastor reported that there was a snafu with multiple church members asking for tables and chairs for graduation. There were no tables left in the garage, so one family took all the tables from the basement. We do not want these tables going out. The council agreed that for future reference, only Pastor and the Emmons can approve the use of church tables and chairs. If a council member is asked, they need to refer the church member to these folks.

Giving Back to the Community: The Lions Club have asked for help installing an underground sprinkling system at the Community Center. They are meeting next Monday to finalize their plans and will let us know when they want to do the work. This will serve as our "God's Work, Our Hands" project.

Meagan and Brenda provided some information on pricing for our Movie in the Park idea that was proposed at our retreat. We couldn't find a good Friday night for the movie, and with the expense

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Special OFFERING

Lutheran Social Services
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involved, we agreed to table this idea for now.

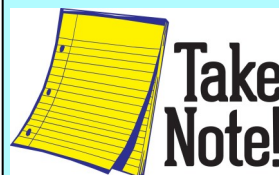
Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that he attended his usual text studies and Senior Citizens meetings. He performed two home visits, one wedding, one baptism and one funeral. He also participated in the Baccalaureate at Shepherd on May 16th and attended the Synod Assembly May 31 – June 2nd. He will be on vacation at the end of June and will ask Dawn to cover for him at the church service on June 30th.

Weekly Offering Counters:

06/09/2019 – Liz
06/23/2019 – Brenda
06/16/2019 – Linda
06/30/2019 – Dawn
07/07/2019 – Laurel

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44. We ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: July 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the church.



We have been having some confusion with people wanting to borrow table and chairs from the church. It seems that people are contacting several different people to ask permission and there is no communication between those who are being asked. In the future if you want to borrow tables and chairs you should only contact Abbey and Rob Emmons or Pastor Mark. Your corporation is greatly appreciated!

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 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; Carla VanCleve, Tierria Oberg's mother, is struggling with post surgery complications and pneumonia.

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 Neumillerre 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; the family of Paul Sherman and his girl friend Maddie Marema as they mourn his death.

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.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



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10 Abbey Emmons
11 Carol Bennett
14 Kristianne Wilson
15 Laurel Noland
19 Olivia Plath
28 Lynda Newell
29 Pr. Mark Morgenstern
29 Kyle Reitler



03 LaDonna & Millard Hultgren
04 Matt & Stacie Grandpre
07 Wade & Meagan Malchow
20 Bob & Sharon Wolske



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