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Emmanuel News







# **Emmanuel Lutheran Vineyard**

Ricker and Mandy Olson and Brenda Emerick and Linda Oberg have completed planting our vineyard on the north side of the Community Garden. Hopefully in a couple of years we will be making our own communion wine!









There will be a Memorial Service for Howard and Judy Osmundson who died earlier this year, on Saturday, June 8, 2019 beginning at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow the service in the church basement.

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

Tomorrow, Maryann and I, along with Abbey Emmons and Laura Vanberg, will be heading to Great Falls for the Annual Montana Synod Assembly. This year's assembly is an important one as we will be electing a new Bishop. The process by which we select a new Bishop is called an Ecclesiastical Ballot. Any ELCA ordained minister is eligible to be nominated on the first Ballot. There can be up to 5 ballots as the field of nominations is narrowed down and one candidate receives the required percentage of the voting assembly to be elected. I ask your prays for our Assembly this weekend as we do this important business. We also give thanks to Bishop Jessica Crist as she completes 12 years of faithful ministry to the Montana Synod as our Bishop.

With the arrival of the month of June, we also begin our Community Barbeques for another year. The barbeques will begin on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and

continue each Wednesday through August 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet in worship in the near future where you can volunteer with preparation and/or cleanup for a particular week. Please plan on

joining us for food and fellowship with our community this summer.

While summer brings many fun and exciting activities, don't forget to include worship among your summer activities.

I also want to call your attention to the May financial report when it appears in the bulletin. Our offerings for May were \$5,591.04 which is far below our monthly need and we are now running a substantial deficit. Please give generously as you are able to help with our financial needs.

God blessings to each of you!





### **EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

Thank you to all the ladies and guests who attended our Spring Gathering for the Shepherd and Beartooth Clusters here at Emmanuel earlier in May. We had an awesome speaker, Penny Ronning, of the Billings City Council, and the co-founder and co-chair of the Yellowstone County Area Human Trafficking Task Force. Her theme was "Open Our Eyes to the Awareness of Human Trafficking", and it certainly did that. We learned so much about this problem in our area and around our state, and what we can do about it.

Thank you also to the ladies who helped with the delicious luncheon, by contributing salads and desserts, and serving the meal.

You were all a great blessing. It is a pleasure to work with you, and your willingness to help. You made that day a big success!

There is another event coming up in late June, from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and hopefully some of you ladies will make the effort to take that in, also. The Gathering for Region 1 will be held in

Hillsboro, Oregon at the Embassy Suites in Hillsboro. Hillsboro is west of the airport and downtown Portland. The theme for the Gathering is "Your Faith Journey", and the presenter will be Sharon Garlough Brown, the author of the "Sensible Shoes" four book series. The books

follow four characters as they work to discover God's plan for them and develop relationships with each other.

Oregon in June is beautiful and has many attractions and adventures....the Oregon Coast, Wine Country, and Mt. Hood to name a few. Being together with women from Region 1(Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and northern Wyoming) is rewarding, and one makes some good

friends from these new contacts. Consider taking part in this event...and if you are going to go, contact me for the registration form and schedules.

Dawn Petty, 373-6673

# **COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE**

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

June is here and I'm hoping that sunny weather comes with it. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining about all of the rain, but I would like a couple days of sun to dry out a bit. I've been busy scouting about, harvesting asparagus and mushrooms. During my rounds I noticed that the Church garden is really taking shape again. It sure is fun to see

the colorful tires and creativity that the youth put into the garden the last couple years. I like to sit on the edge of the orange tire and watch the sunset, taking in the peace and quiet of the area.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Flag Day, so be sure to display Old Glory proudly from your front porch. Currently my flag is in the drying stage after all of the rain

that we had on Memorial Day. It was raining so much that we had to have our ceremony in the maintenance shed by the field of large granite stones. On the 16th we celebrate Father's Day, so I hope you get to spend some quality time with Dad, doing Dad type stuff. Fishing comes to mind, as long as the rivers have gone down enough to safely navigate. Of course we also have to fire up the grill again too. I love to grill everything and anything, as long as it doesn't fall through the grates. I think my love of grilling is directly proportional to my hate of washing dishes. I figure if I can grill it, then there is one less pan to wash up after dinner.

Summer officially begins on the 21st and I wonder what we will be in for this year. Is it going to heat up quickly and dry everything out or will we stay on the mild side. I'm hoping for

Goldilocks weather. Not to hot and not too cold, just right. The kids are out of school and will quickly get bored, so I feel it is up to me to keep them entertained. I have to plan some great adventures. Day trips, weekend trips, little excursions exploring all of the sites that our great state has to offer. Of course in between these outings, I still need to work on the honey do list. No rest for the wicked, as they say.

I'll have to see what the schedule is for the Church Community Barbeques too, as they should be starting up. It sure is nice to see all of the people gather each week to enjoy a tasty meal. So much to do and so little time. I better run and get something done. See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T.C. Mouse

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the word 'school' out of it?"

### Church Council Meeting Minutes – 5/8/2019 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 and Pastor Mark **Members Absent:** Scott

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

**Meeting Minutes:** The April meeting minutes were approved as amended via e-mail with a motion from Dawn and a second from Laurel.

Treasurer's Report: The April Profit &

Loss Statement as well as a YTD P&L Church were handed out. For the month of April, we were in the red with net income of Council -\$946.60. The total net income for January through April is in the red at Minutes -\$5,333.87. We have had to borrow some dollars from the Memorial Fund to cover expenses. The income presented here does not include the income that we cannot use to run the church – Raise the Roof donations, Food Bank donations, the full Memorial fund donations. Council members asked for clarification on some expenses and how the e-Giving works. It was reported that the website is currently not working. Pastor will check into the problem. We have lost members of our church this past year who were large donors. The Food Pantry account is solvent at \$11,672.92. The Raise the Roof campaign has brought in \$5,613.65 through April 30<sup>th</sup>. The council agreed to personally pay for our portion of the Easter ad in the Gazette. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Dawn and a second from Liz.

**Old Business:** Meagan will give our current bids for the Raise the Roof project to Jill. Jill will create a formal RFP so that we can compare apples to apples. Jill will work to obtain at least 2 -3 more bids for comparison.

The cement curbs around the church will be installed in the next couple of weeks. Ricker suggested that we put curb around the ramp as well, to keep grass out from under it. Liz made a motion to extend the curb. Dawn seconded the motion and it passed.

The church spring work day was scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00 noon. However, there are too many conflicts with the council members, and most are not able to make this date. The work day has been postponed. Brenda, Ricker, Patty and Linda will put in the grape vines the afternoon of May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The garage sale was also postponed from June 1 to either July or this fall. We need to be sure the majority of the council is available, and too many had conflicts on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pastor did not meet with the area Pastors in April, so

was unable to present our VBS idea to them and invite their churches to attend. He will make the presentation at their next meeting. Liz suggested running the program on a Friday evening and Saturday morning – June 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and then Saturday morning, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Pastor suggested that Liz check the ELCA.org website to search for programs

that may have already been done and would be available to us.

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. Pastor Mark has not yet had time to call Colter at the MT Synod office for his input on how best to proceed with our website. Since its currently not working, it is even more imperative that we come up with an alternative solution that we can better manage ourselves.

Meagan contacted Mr. Nydeggar at the High School to make a sign for the community garden. A senior student is creating a design which will be done by May 13<sup>th</sup>. Meagan will send the design to the council members via e-mail if possible.

Brenda purchased a chalkboard sign for our BBQ's. We will ask the Garcias to put it out each day and bring it back in when they are at the food bank. The sign will advertise our BBQ, as well as any additional attractions for that night – whether it is a UBS blood drive, wellness checks, or a seminar on 5 Wishes, etc. We still need to look into the options of putting a

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sign of some sort at the flashing light on Shepherd Road and possibly at 5 Corners as well as hanging flyers on the bulletin board in the Liberty station. Liz will bring a portable vitals machine to the BBQ's. Meagan requested that we get a digital scale if anyone has one they are not using.

**New Business**: Laurel bought flowers for Mother's Day and will have some of the kids help her hand them out in church.

Ricker stated that a member asked why we do not ring the church bells at the start of service anymore. Council members reported that we DO indeed, ring the bell. Pastor will provide the full protocol for ringing the church bells at our next meeting. We will consider any changes at that time. For now, most people are ringing it 3 times right at the start of the service. We will make sure the doors are still open during the ringing so maybe members sitting in church will hear it better.

Ricker also stated that a member requested that we have an uplifting song to sing at the end of the service. They enjoy being able to continue to hum it as they leave church and start their week. Pastor stated that we have to be considerate of our accompanists and that he does try to have a more upbeat hymn at the end of church. Dawn volunteered to work with the kids to have them do some contemporary songs as we leave church.

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, but we have not received any details. We will announce in church as we hear the exact plans.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that he attended his usual text studies and Senior Citizens meetings. He performed one home visit and one hospital visit. He also presided at the Seder Supper during Holy Week and attended the Good Friday services. Pastor Mark and Maryann were gone April 25-30 to California to scatter Maryann's mom's ashes with family. We will have confirmation on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will participate in the Baccalaureate at Shepherd on May 16<sup>th</sup>, will perform a wedding on







"Iwas a stranger and you welcomed me" Matthew 25:35

Center The Mission of Luther's

Formerly known as The Lutheran Center, The Mission of Luther's Lodge is "to provide a facility and appropriate services for a Christian ministry of caring to medical patients, their families and their friends."

May 18<sup>th</sup> and will be attending the Synod Assembly May 31 – June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will ask Dawn to cover for him at the church service on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Weekly Offering Counters:**

5/12/2019 - Dawn

5/19/2019 - Linda

5/26/2019 - Dawn

6/02/2019 - Brenda

6/09/2019 - Liz

Brenda moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm and Dawn seconded the motion. We ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: June 12, 2019 at 7:00pm at the church.



# **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 preparing for 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. Thoughts and Prayers

#### 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 (Cyctic 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 continuing treatment for cancer; Ben Spotts, the husband of Kristianne Wilson's niece undergoing treatment for cancer; Lesa Rekdal, Shepherd school secretary diagnosed with cancer.

#### **Community Living:**

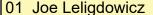
West Park Village: Lenora Weist

**Tender Nest:** Mary Cossitt

Minnesota State Prison System: Rob Larson

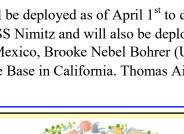
#### **Local Youth Serving in the military:**

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.



- 06 Greg Plath
- 09 LaDonna Hultgren
- 11 Michael Grandpre
- 15 Daisy Eddy
- 15 Mary Ann Emmons
- 18 Noah Smelser
- 19 Dianne Lundhagen
- 19 Sari Stahl
- 22 Shane Christman
- 25 Stacie Grandpre





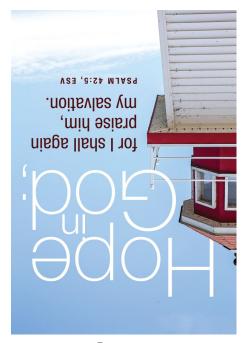


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