

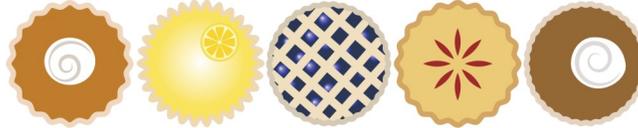


EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Emmanuel News



November 2019



SHEPHERD EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FALL HARVEST DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

Last Sunday I printed a thank you to the congregation for the Pastor Appreciation gift you gave to Maryann and Me. I know that not everyone was present in worship that day so I'm reprinting it here.

Dear Sisters & Brothers at Emmanuel,

Maryann and I want to thank you for your unbelievable generosity, kindness and love with your Pastor Appreciation gifts. We are truly blessed to have been a part of the Emmanuel Community of faith for the past five plus years. Your care for us means a great deal to us. We wish you God's every blessing and we'll be seeing you around.

In God's love,

Pastor Mark and Maryann

I got though last Sunday without any really emotional moments. Good thing because I



From
the
Pastor's
Heart

probably would have lost it! Many of you have expressed your gratitude to me, that my ministry at Emmanuel meant a lot and how much you will miss me. Please know that I have the same feelings for you.

My ministry at Emmanuel over the last five years has been a true blessing to me. I am so thankful that I was able to finish my ministry here. You are truly a loving and caring community of faith and that love and care was extended in generous amounts to Maryann and myself. There are not enough words to express my thanks for you.

Please know that Maryann and I hold you all in our hearts and prayers. We look forward to seeing you around the community. May God richly bless you as you continue your faithful ministry to the Gospel in Shepherd.



Pastor Mark

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Special thanks goes to the women of the work groups who helped prepare and serve the meals for the two funerals we had recently. They did a fantastic job, and were very willing to help. It takes some of the burden off the grieving family members, when someone else takes care of the meal. You ladies were a great blessing.

On the topic of funerals, I was called to the Yellowstone Co. News office, to meet with Jonathan McNiven, in regard to "Obituary Submissions". Sharon Wolske and I visited with him this afternoon, and want to pass the information on to all of you. As many of you know, submitting an obituary to the Billings Gazette is extremely costly, and they keep going up in price. Mr. McNiven is notifying all the churches in the area, and the funeral homes, about the simple, easy, timely and affordable way to submit the notices. He has sent brochures to each of the funeral homes and the churches about their rates,



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etc. As he says, handling the death of a loved one is never an easy task. He has put together a brochure to assist families and funeral homes in submitting the death notices and obituaries to the Yellowstone Co. News, and it also goes online, in a quick and easy manner. He will make the posting of your obituary and death notice as easy as possible for friends and loved ones to see and share....and can be called at 406-672-5941 even after hours or on the weekend.

You can email the obituary to: obits@yellowstonecountynews.com, include your name, phone #, and relation to your loved one, and let them know if you want it in the newspaper, online or both. You can view your obituary online at the Yellowstone County News website or go directly to: www.BillingsFuneralServices.com. The value of submitting to the Yellowstone County News, is not

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COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

It's that time again. Time to fall back, reminds me of some old trust building exercise where you blindly fall back in the arms of a team member who is supposed to be there to catch you. I tried this with Mrs. T.C. one time. She went first and I expertly caught her in my arms saving her from harm. Then it was my turn. I was quite apprehensive about the whole thing, but I gave it a shot. She assured me that she was ready to catch me. I started to fall back and the phone rings. Right before I slammed to the floor, I remember hearing Mrs. T. C. say "Hello"! Oh well, so much for trust building. Anyways we turn back the clocks on the 3rd, so be sure to adjust your clock prior to going to bed on Saturday night.

The annual Harvest Dinner at the church is fast approaching. I can hardly wait for the dinner of roast beef and all the fixings. The vast array of pies for dessert is my favorite part. I also look forward to the auction of items in the church that happens in tandem with the Harvest Dinner. There is always a lot of great things to check out and bid on. Of course there are a few pies that are auctioned off too. I hope to see you there.

Last Sunday we had a pot luck meal after church in honor of Pastor Mark's retirement. Sure was a good turnout and lots of great food. Kind of sad for me, as I wonder what I'll do now that Pastor Mark is leaving. Who will I follow around throughout the church? Who will I look up to? Who will lead me in song and keep me in tune? Who will man the barbeque this summer for the weekly church barbeques? So many questions and so few answers. It just goes to show that my old saying holds true. "The only constant in life is change." I'm sure going to miss Pastor Mark, as I know you will too, but I'm happy that he finally

gets to retire and enjoy some of the finer things in life. What new adventures will he and his wife embark on? I hope he stays in touch to let us know what he has been up to, while the rest of us non-retired types trudge on.

Finally on the 28th, we celebrate Thanksgiving. Another great feasting opportunity. Turkey, stuffing and all of the fixings. It is always great to get everyone in the family together around a table full of food. An extra day or two away from work is nice too. I hope you enjoy the holiday with your friends and family, spending some quality time together. We really do have a lot to be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Well, enough for now. Lots to do on the fall honey do list before the snow starts piling up. See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T.C. Mouse



Church Council Financial Meeting Minutes 10/9/2019

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

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

Members Excused: Dawn, Scott

Guest Present: Todd from Big Sky Exterior Designs

To allow Todd to leave, we requested that he start the meeting with his presentation regarding the insurance estimate vs. what he saw needed to be repaired. He stated that he would give us four separate contracts for the 1) windows, 2) roof, 3) siding, and 4) Food Pantry building. He found some discrepancies in the square footage estimated to tear off and replace the roof, vs. the actual square footage. He also wants to clarify the siding square footage as it does not appear that the insurance estimate allowed for inside corner posts or detaching lights. Also, the wrap was not specified in the estimate as just plain wrap vs. 1" foam. Finally, the drip edge square footage does not match to actual. We thanked Todd for his presentation and told him we would get back to him after we discussed the claim and made some decisions. Todd then departed the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Pastor presented the devotion.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved as amended to add Laurel as being present, and to change the organist from Laurel to Laura. Liz made the motion and it was seconded by Jill.

Laurel presented the September Profit & Loss Statement, as well as the YTD P&L. We ended the month in the black with Net Income of \$2,924.53. Laurel paid back \$2,000.00 to the Memorial Fund. We still owe the fund \$4,000.00. Meagan stated that an anonymous member has said they will match up to \$2,000 in "over-and-above" donations to the general fund. She will also announce this opportunity at church. Brenda moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jill seconded the motion and it passed.

Old Business: Liz stated that we again have the opportunity to raise funds for the Shepherd Area

Food Pantry and will be matched up to \$2,500 by Town Pump. She will bring rugs to church to sell with the proceeds going to this fund raiser. Jill said she can also get the Phillips 66 grant for \$500 to put towards this. The offering from the Barkemeyer Park Church service was just given to us and was \$160.00. This will also go towards the fund raiser.

Ricker reported that our web site is up and running. He encouraged people to contribute content – pictures, articles, upcoming event notices, etc. These can be sent to either Jim McKenney, Ricker or Kyle. We should probably have people sign photo releases before uploading their photos to the website. Pastor said it might be best to hold off having Colter come to

Shepherd to train others how to update the website until after a new pastor has been called. Ricker suggested changing our logo. He said there is a great photo of TJ Green holding his cowboy hat and looking at the cross in Bill Green's pasture. The council was interested in pursuing this and asked Ricker to track down the photo and obtain permission to use it. Jill stated that Robin McCaffrey may be able to help with the graphics.

Attendance at the Family Fun Night has been low. The council agreed to go to just one Wednesday night per month, and picked the First Wednesday to have Family Fun Night going forward.

New Business: Meagan suggested having volunteers fix the Food Pantry building. Volunteers from our congregation re-sided and roofed it previously. Doing so again would save us a lot of money that could be put towards bolstering our budget. Liz moved to do this work as a "God's Work, Our Hands" project. Laurel seconded the motion and it passed.

Meagan contacted four different contractors to find someone to fix the hail damage to the church. After listening to Todd from Big Sky Exterior Designs, the council agreed that the most pressing repair is the windows. We are leaking warm air out. Meagan bought plastic to put up on the interior of the windows to help seal them at least somewhat. Laurel moved to hire Big Sky Exteriors for the church repairs. Liz seconded the motion and it passed. It will take at least 8 weeks before the windows will be completed.

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Ricker amended the motion to hire Big Sky for the window contract only. If that goes well, we may hire them for additional repairs.

Meagan stated that Sharon Wolske has said she and the ladies group will get the downstairs carpets cleaned before the Harvest Dinner. The carpets will all be replaced as part of the hail damage bid, but that can't be done before the dinner.

Laura Vanberg will present a Giving Tree at church on Sunday. The tree will have leaves on it that each have an item needed for the Food Pantry. People can take a leaf and bring back the items on it. If folks also bring in their receipt, these donations could be included in the Town Pump matching fund raiser.

The council discussed our budget for Pastor salary for 2020. We feel that we can only afford \$59,500 per year, which would include housing, insurance, etc. With that in mind, it's likely we cannot afford a full time Pastor. 1st English Lutheran Church in Billings is in a similar financial situation as we are. When Pastor Rose retires at the end of the year, they likely won't be able to afford a full time Pastor either. We may approach them and determine if we can work out sharing a full time Pastor. Jason Aselstein will be here this Sunday to meet with the Call Committee. Liz and Meagan will attend the meeting and share this option. Linda Oberg has volunteered to put together the bulletins and do the monthly newsletter. Brenda presented that we have pulpit supply coverage so far as follows:

November 3 – Open
November 10 – John Goodheart, LPA
November 17 – John Hanson, LPA
November 24 - John Hanson, LPA
December 1 – John Goodheart, LPA
December 8 – Open
December 15 - John Hanson, LPA (or Christmas Program)
December 22 - John Hanson, LPA (or Christmas Program)
December 24 - Open
January 5 - John Hanson, LPA
January 12 – John Goodheart, LPA
January 19 - Open
January 26 – John Goodheart, LPA
February 2 - John Hanson, LPA
February 9 - Open

February 16 - Open

February 23 - Open

Several retired pastors, a deacon and several more lay pastors have been approached. Deacon Catherine Card has said she will serve 2 Sundays per month, but has not given us her schedule yet.

Counters:

10/13 – Meagan

10/20 – Liz

10/27 – Laurel

11/03 – Jill

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Brenda Emerick, Secretary



Financial Scholarship Opportunity

The Endowment Fund Board has announced the availability of scholarships for 2020. To qualify applicants should be members or friends of Emmanuel Lutheran Church seeking financial support for undergraduate education. Applicants should have completed at least one semester of college and a GPA of 3.0 been maintained. Scholarship applications can be found at www.elcshepherd.org or forms are available in the back of the church sanctuary and the next page of the newsletter. Deadline to receive applications is January 10, 2020. Scholarship awards will be made in February.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Parents/Guardians Name _____

Parents/Guardians Address _____

1. Name of post-secondary institution of higher education you are planning to attend or are attending _____

2. Academic Standing

a. Current Transcript

3. Leadership

Activities _____

4. Church

Involvement _____

5. Volunteer

Activities _____

6. Three Letters of Recommendation

A Current School faculty member

A member of your church

A person of your choice

7. In a 500 word essay share your plans for the future. Please take into consideration what Martin Luther said about our baptismal calling; "That we are all called to serve God and our neighbor through our vocation."

Return your application to:

Endowment Committee

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 66

Shepherd, MT 59079

Deadline: January 10, 2020

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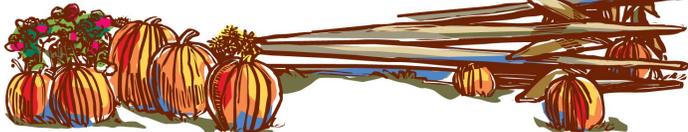
only that it is the most affordable newspaper in the county, but the best value for online., and it is timely and with personal service. The obituaries are uploaded for genealogy research, and also archived in the Billings Library files, also, the newspaper has 7 days a week submission and service. For cost example: \$17,50 is the price to post your death notice online and in this newspaper. To publish in the newspaper, it is \$35.00 for the first 400 words, and for each additional 100 words, it is \$10.00. It costs \$20.00 to publish it online the same day for the full obituary, regardless of length, and includes a picture. Mr. McNiven showed us a comparison for a recent obituary published by the Billings Gazette, which cost over \$1300.00, and the same one published by his newspaper for just over \$100.00.

We will bring some of the brochures to our church, and also to the Seniors Meeting at the Community Center, for your information and future use. Thank you. Dawn Petty 373-6673



We are looking for a Volunteer or Volunteers to help take charge of seeing that the decorations in the church get changed

with the changing seasons of the Church year. If you are willing to help, please contact Laura Vanberg or Abbey Emmons.



Christikon Clips

November 2019

Information for our Congregations



The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday November 3rd at Big Timber Lutheran Church beginning at 3:30pm.

Your appointed Delegates and Pastors will be hearing about this past summer and the plans for the 2020 season, construction, and much more.

Thank you to Big Timber Lutheran Church for hosting!

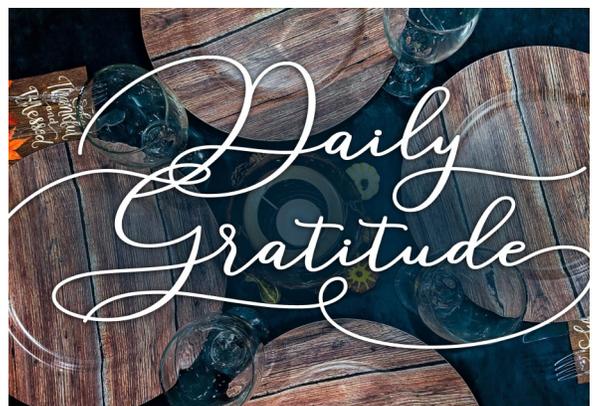
We look forward to seeing you all there!

Our staff wishes you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ— exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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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; Gary Noland (Charlie Noland's brother) has kidney cancer; Warren Peterson, nephew of the Osmundson's having medical issues; 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; Laurel Noland's son-in-law Andy Dean's Dad, Dale, who has begun treatment for lung, liver and bone cancer; Pastor Mark's brother-in-law, Glen Ray diagnosed with Parkinson's disease with related dementia complications; the family of Bill Moen as they mourn his death; Sandie Green's aunt, Dixie Cozzens, Tylor Green and Jake Wegenaar; Nancy Byxbe has been released from the hospital and now is in rehab; Connie Herberg's mother, Lois Sneva, had a stroke and now is at Williston's Bethel Home Rehab; Spencer Beddes has been at the Mayo Clinic in Minneapolis this week for evaluation, to see if he would be a candidate for a kidney transplant.

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; Brittany Reinhardt (daughter of Toni and Rob McCann, the granddaughter of Judy Smelser), waiting for a kidney donation; 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; Randy Fabor in ICU with diabetic shock; Glenn Lockwood medical issues; AJ, Shauna Calentine's cousin's little boy medical issues.

Community Living:

West Park Village: Lenora Weist

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.



- 03 Sierra Stahl
- 07 Raedawn Pasco
- 09 Daniella Leligdowicz
- 09 James Malchow
- 13 Randy Vanberg
- 22 Charles Noland
- 22 Sharon Wolske



- 10 Louis & Rachelle Garcia
- 11 Jim & Linda Hinckle
- 27 Mark & Connie Halvorsen



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