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Emmanuel News



Annual Meeting

**The 2021 Annual Meeting
of Emmanuel Lutheran will
be January 24, 2021
following worship at
11:00AM**

Hope to see you there!

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Thanks to all the people who have purchased items in our "Bazaar", and there are still some crocheted scarves, etc. remaining, plus some pints of jams and jellies. I have just added some lovely handmade wooden crosses, decorated with beads, buttons and gems that were to be put out for display at a bazaar. These have hangers so they can be put on your wall. Perhaps these will be something you would like.

As you know, we have been selling the cross rib beef roasts that were to be used for the Harvest Dinner, which was never held. There is one 13.4 lb. roast remaining in the freezer, and two large banana



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squash and one smaller one left. If anyone is interested, you can call me at 373-6673. The squash are not frozen, but stored in my basement.

Pastor Al Erickson from "Adults Saving Kids" and "Human Trafficking" featured speaker at our cluster conventions over the years, has been sending out pod casts to be shared around the synods, since the gatherings were not held during this pandemic. I will send the links over the prayer line addresses to reach more people, so check them out. I will also have them added to our newsletter information. Thank you.

Dawn Petty



Christikon Clips

January, 2021

Information for our Congregations

Watch this month for Christikon brochures on opportunities for youth. It's not too early to start thinking about this summer. Youth brochures will be mailed to every young person in grades 4-12 in our congregations this month. Those brochures will detail some very special deals for registering early for camp. We hope to serve even more people from our member congregations in 2021! Early registrations have been very strong so get registered earlier than later!

Save the date: Christikon Benefit Auction is scheduled for April 18th.

Too few of our nation's young people (not to mention adults) have significant outdoor experience. Christikon combines spirited outdoor experience with a community experience that helps open people to the life of faith. Think about joining the Christikon life this coming summer. It can do a world of good...

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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CHOSEN

(Jesus went up the mountain and called to Him those whom He wanted. Mark 3:13)

Modern pop culture blockbusters celebrate the idea of a "chosen one". Think Star Wars or Harry Potter. In these stories, heroes are set apart from birth, gifted with extraordinary talents and destined to do incredible things. But on their way to greatness, they often have to overcome internal conflict and self doubt. Just because you are chosen doesn't mean you always believe it.

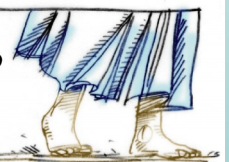
A ragtag bunch of fishermen, laborers, and even a tax collector went up the mountain with Jesus. They had been chosen, but I'm not sure they believed it either. They certainly didn't *look* like they were destined for greatness. All they seemed to have going for them was one thing: Jesus had called them. He saw things in them that they probably never imagined of themselves. Like those disciples, you have been chosen, called, and claimed as part of God's family. Do you believe it? And if so, what great things might Jesus have in mind for you?

Jesus, I am humbled to be counted among your disciples. Help me to follow faithfully.

Amen

From Christ in Our Home, January, February March 2021
Augsburg Fortress, 8401 Marquette Ave, Minneapolis, MN

"FOLLOW ME."



COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Well, a whole new year is upon us and you can say that the slate is wiped clean. I'm putting my problems of the past year behind me and looking forward to everything that 2021 has to offer. Of course, the annual tradition has us making a New Year resolution and Mrs. T.C. wouldn't allow me to use the old "I resolve to not make resolutions that I won't keep anyways.", so I had to get a little more creative. I reverted back to my main vice in life, which is cheese. Oh, how I love it! I pondered this conundrum while munching on a couple slices until I came up with a reasonable solution. My resolution is to forgo all yellow cheese for as long as possible. Kind of a win-win for me, since I get to work on something which will decrease my consumption of that beautiful dairy byproduct, yet I still get to enjoy the snack that I've really grown to love. I just have to focus on the white cheese now. Yes, the options are endless. What did you resolve to change in your life?

Kind of a slow month as far as holidays. We celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on the 18th, which I believe is a government and banker type holiday. I'm sure with all of the past years' unrest in the country, this holiday may hold a bit more importance for all of us. I always love to listen to the "I have a dream" speech. I too have a dream, which usually occurs every evening about an hour after I lay

down my head and close my eyes. Man, do I have an active mind! Sometimes I even remember enough the next morning to share the experience with Mrs. T.C. I think that I might talk in my sleep too, but she never tells me what I say. I wonder if I reveal any secrets in my slumber?

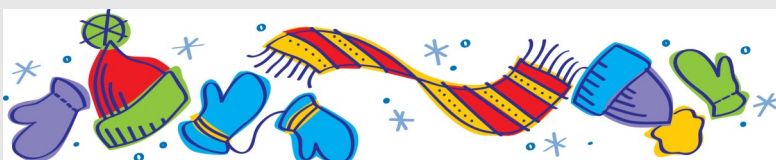


Well, I hope we can get a handle on the pandemic this year and I eagerly await my turn to get the vaccine when it comes available. I think that I'm pretty low on the list, since I'm not essential or elderly or even human for that matter, but I still feel that my existence is definitely worth a shot or two in the arm. I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe. Please do your part to stop the spread, as I want to see all of you back in Church and at the summer barbeques, when the time comes to gather again.

See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse



ELC Council Meeting 12/9/2020

Present: Linda Oberg, Patty McVay Jill Hoffman, Dawn Sherseth, Laurel Noland, Meagan Malchow, Liz White, Ricker Olson

Devotions “Here I am, Lord”

Secretary’s report

Everyone has read the minutes from the November meeting. Patty made a motion to approve the minutes and Dawn seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s report

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Dawn made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report from November. Patty seconded. Motion passed.

Call committee report

Liz had reached out to Kristianne regarding any new correspondence from the Synod, which there has been none. Meagan will reach out to the Synod and will work with the call committee to look towards some possible ecumenical partners.

Old business

Nominating Committee

The committee which consists of Laurel, Dawn, Meagan, and Jill, brought forth their nominations for the annual meeting for the positions needing to be filled. The positions and nominations are as follows:

President: Jill Hoffman

Vice President: Liz White

Treasurer: Sharon Wolske

Secretary: Dawn Petty

Council Member: Greg Plath

Council Member: Meagan Malchow

These nominations were voted on as to be presented at the annual meeting. Dawn made the motion to approve the nominations and Laurel seconded it, motion passed.

Eagle Scout projects- discussion tabled until a later date

Youth

Jill reported that all of the Angel tree angels were spoken for. All presents will need to be brought to the church by Sunday, Dec 13th for distribution.

Christmas service

There was much discussion regarding the best way to go about safely having our Christmas Eve Service. The final decision being we will have two services, at 6PM and 8PM, with cleaning in between.

There will be council members present at each service to monitor the number of attendants at each service and mask compliance. We will

utilize both the sanctuary and the basement. It will be a first come first serve basis, with candlelight at both services. Daisy will play at both as well. This information will be put in the December newsletter, on Facebook, and in the newspaper. The 6PM service will be on Facebook live.

New Business

Cleaning Schedule, Guidelines, and Pay Discussion

The council discussed the need for cleaning guidelines and schedule for our janitor, whomever it may be. We will need weekly cleaning, preferably on Friday or Saturday. There will be a weekly and monthly checkoff sheet that will be laminated and posted. Jill will work on these lists. The janitor is paid for 52 weeks of the year, which is prorated at a monthly rate.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting has been scheduled for January 24th, 2021. All reports will be due Sunday January 10th, 2021.



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Service coverage (counters, readers, music, set up/cleanup)

December 13th	music-Laura	service-Linda
December 20th	music- Jill	service-Jill
December 27th	music-Laura	service-Laurel
January 3rd	music-Daisy	service-Dawn
January 10th	music-Laura	service-Liz

Next council meeting will be January 13th @ 7PM, via zoom or Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

The council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

God bless you all and keep you healthy!

Liz White
Secretary

Catch Me If You Can

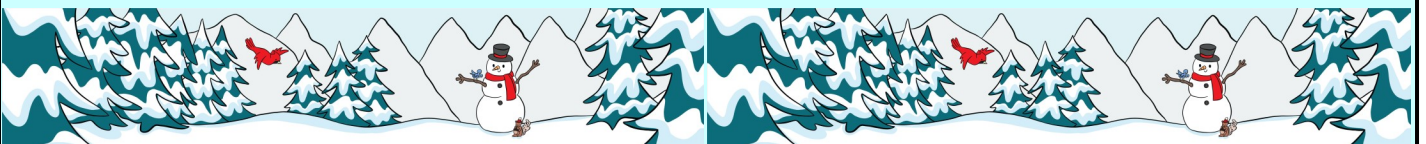
Frank William Abagnale Jr. (born April 27, 1948) is an American security consultant known for his career as a con man, check forger and imposter when he was 15 to 21 years old.

He became one of the most notorious impostors claiming to have assumed no fewer than eight identities, including an airline pilot, a physician, a US Bureau of Prisons agent, and a lawyer. Abagnale escaped from police custody twice (once from a taxiing airliner and once from a federal penitentiary) before turning 22 years old. He served fewer than five years in prison before starting to work for the federal government. Abagnale is currently a consultant and lecturer for the FBI academy and field offices. He also runs Abagnale and Associates, a financial fraud consultancy company.

Abagnale's story inspired the Academy Award nominated feature film, *Catch Me If You Can* (2002), starring Leonardo DiCaprio as Abagnale and Tom Hanks as the FBI agent pursuing him.

There are many scams out there waiting for you. There are telephone scams, banking scams, census related scams, government grant scams, investment scams, lottery and sweepstake scams, charity scams, pyramid scams, ponzi schemes, ticket scams—the list is endless. Frank Abagnale shares his insight and knowledge on a video you can find on youtube. Search for “Catch Me If You Can / Frank Abagnale / Talks at Google” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsMydMDi3rI>).

This is a video that will tell us much about running a scam, about credit cards, about cyber crime, about being a father, about the value of a good wife. It will help us all start to understand more of the reality of deception. Some good questions at the end.



CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Members:

Meagan Malchow's various health issues, Monty Mavity's battle with cancer, Mary Cossitt's grandson Carter Dodson, age 29, has MS. Patty McVay's adopted granddaughter, Keeva, age 4, is again having issues with diet & eating causing much discomfort. Vivian Pierce is doing better, she hasn't blacked out since being hospitalized. Mary Beddes had developed an infection, and had to go back to surgery, but is at home now and recovering slowly, besides having very little use of her left arm right now. Susan Swenson Crawford, daughter of the late Frank & Eva Swenson, was diagnosed with breast cancer and had surgery. She will start aggressive chemo and radiation therapy mid December. Rob Emmons was in the hospital due to an infection so the recently installed hip had to be replaced with a temporary one, until the infection is gone. Then he will have another surgery to re-do the hip again. Rob came home Tuesday. He has 36 infusions (antibiotics) to do daily and then after that time frame, he will be without meds to make sure the infection is 100% gone. At that time, he will move forward to another hip surgery date. Dawn Petty's daughter-in-law, Nina's parents in Panama have both contracted COVID and sadly both have now passed away. Dawn Sherseth's father, Gene Lundhagen, continues to have health issues with no improvement. He is scheduled to see a neurologist.

Friends of the Congregation:

John Mark Owens has stage 4 pancreatic cancer; Glen Ray has Parkinson's and dementia; Tonya Sullivan; Brittany Reinhardt has received a new kidney, Sari Stahl and family are having a bad time, no details other than that, but asks for our prayers. Jon Martin, a friend of Kristianne Wilson, had a stem cell transplant for lymphoma and is improving. Donna Mullen's sister, Linda Ernst, who has been waiting for a donor for a kidney due to PKD (polycystic kidney disease). Evagene and Jerry Emmett, as Jerry fell and ruptured a disc in his back and had to have surgery.

Community Living:

St Johns United: Inez Oberg

Minnesota State Prison System: Rob Larson

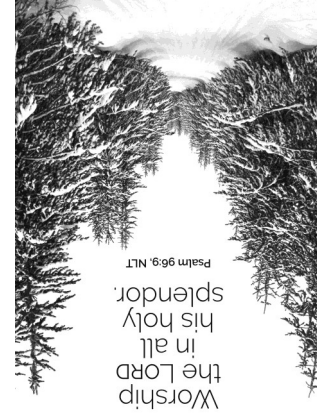
IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Local Youth Serving in the military:

Dan Johnson and Matt Grandpre deployed to Iraq; Taylor Green, Jacob Wagenaar, Tucker Wilson, Brooke Nebel Bohrer, Brandon Bohrer and Thomas Aigner. Please keep these soldiers in your prayers that they may return safely home.



- 01 Willa McSweyn
- 06 Connie Herberg
- 08 Ashton Christman
- 12 Vivian Pierce
- 23 Jackson Christman
- 26 Seeley Christman



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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 . . .

“We will follow God’s plan for us
to grow in faith, family,
and community.”

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