



Emmanuel News



March 2021

Calling All Youth and Sunday School Children and Family!!

Greetings, Emmanuel Lutheran! I am trying to get an assessment of how many Sunday School aged children and youth we have in our congregation. With the pandemic, it has been difficult to get together for youth worship and Sunday School. We are hoping to do more activities moving forward.

I would like to know: 1. How many children we have for Sunday school?

2. How many youth would like to help with Sunday school and participate in youth activities and possible Vacation Bible School?

3. Are there parents or adults who would like to assist with any of these activities?



If anyone has any information, please email, call, or text Liz White at 406-690-8317 or party lizard81@gmail.com

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

We are launching into Lent, coming off a year of phenomenal political turmoil, and almost all of us know someone who has been stricken by, or has even died of a virus none of us had even heard of just a year ago. The last twelve months have been tough! During this season of Lent, we are invited to reexamine our lives, and realign them with the way of Jesus. This is the perfect time to rekindle the excitement of our faith. We need to work toward realigning our lives with what Jesus has asked us to do and to be. Dear God, we know we are not the first of your children to be in a difficult place. Like our ancestors in faith, we struggle with all these issues...we fret...we work to make things clear as a bell, but too often they are not. Sometimes the challenges we find ourselves

caught in are not of our own making, which is even harder. We pray: surround us God, with your angels of hope, justice, and mercy. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and courage to respond to your messengers, in Jesus' name. Amen.



Women
of the
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
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IN AMERICA

Our ladies in the Pineview Quilting Club will be gathering at the church to work on some quilting projects, beginning Monday, March 1st. We can do much of the machine sewing at our homes, but it is easier to spread out the quilts to hand tie them on the long tables in the basement. There are usually only 6 or 8 ladies that come, and we can social distance easily. We have numerous quilts that are going to be lap robes, etc. for various nursing and assisted living facilities, and shelters here in Billings.

February ELC Council Meeting Minutes

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council was called to order on February 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm by President Jill Hoffman. Council members present included Sharon Wolske, Robin McCaffree, Linda Oberg, Liz White, Dawn Petty, Meagan Malchow and Patty McVay

Devotion: led by Patty McVay

Secretary's report: Sharon made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Dawn, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Liz made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Dawn, motion passed.

Call Committee Report: Megan and Liz reported the possibility of getting an intern for one year beginning August 1, 2021 through July 21, 2022. Pay would be a stipend, plus mileage fees, social security and health insurance; possibly \$33,700. The committee will continue researching this.

Lay Pastor Update: Liz will continue to fill the Sunday Services for this next year.

Church cleaning update: A list of cleaning duties has been given to the new cleaning lady and will also be posted.

New business:

Worship Service Guidelines, such as music and singing: we will keep all in place for now with wearing masks, singing with mask on if desired, services will be put on Facebook.

The Boy Scout Eagle award project proposals will be worked on by Meagan Malchow and her son James. Landscaping around the church will be done by James. A new church sign will be made by Roman Glinwood.

Easter and Lent preparations: It was decided not to do Lenten services this year nor soup suppers, the Passover Dinner or Good Friday

services. Jill will check with the churches at Huntley and Ballantine about the possibility of joining them for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services. She will also check on having a Sunrise Service for Easter. She has ordered palms for Easter. People will be able to sign up to buy Easter lilies in memory or in honor of someone. Forms will be in the March newsletter.

Council Appointments: Abbey Emmons is Financial Secretary currently and is willing to continue. Sharon Wolske moved to keep her on, seconded by Liz, motion passed. Youth Ministry and Sunday School leader has been tabled for now and the need put in the newsletter,

hopefully we will have a volunteer.

Liz will check with Dawn Sherseth to see if she will be the Director and Music Committee leader. The Council retreat is tabled for now and will be held once we have a pastor or intern to work with. The Treasurer's position is shared now by Sharon Wolske and Robin McCaffree, with

help from Laurel Noland.

Sunday Service Attendants: February 14th will be Jill Hoffman, February 21st will be Liz White, February 28th will be Linda Oberg and March 7th will be Sharon Wolske.

Next council meeting will be March 10th at 7pm via Zoom or at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Petty



March 14, 2021



CHRISTIKON BENEFIT AUCTION

ATTENTION: Quilting groups, artists and all other interested in helping to support Christikon!

It's time for the annual Christikon Benefit Auction with a twist! The auction will be held this year with a Facebook Fundraiser. We believe that we will not be able to safely meet in person at the old depot for a both a live and a silent auction, plus a delicious dinner as in the past, due to the pandemic. Once again, we are inviting Christikon enthusiasts to donate items for this event. We need the help of quilting groups in congregations, youth groups, and any other supporters who have items they would consider adding to the exciting auction items. We feature beautiful quilts, and additional items such as tickets to sporting events, vacation get-aways, hand-crafted items, theme baskets, original artwork, jewelry and other items are encouraged to attract interest (and bidders!)

Items will be featured on our Facebook Fundraiser beginning March 15th with new items added though early April, and will culminate with an online gathering with Director Mark Donald and crew on April 18th.. Watch for the notice that the fundraiser goes live on the website or facebook, then let the bidding begin. Please deliver donated auction items by March 1st and March 15th to the Christikon office (located in Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Billings) Please call ahead to deliver as hours are limited, and some of the people are working from home. You can call the Christikon office 406-656-1969. Thanks for considering a contribution to the Christikon Benefit Auction. Check for more details at our website www.christikkon.org and facebook.

Contribution forms are available at Emmanuel....pick one up there to go with your contribution.

Christikon Clip

March, 2021 *Information for our Congregations*



Christikon is an extension of your congregation's ministry.

Bus Attendants needed for 2021 – Would you or someone you know be willing to ride with youth on their way to Christikon? Yes? Please call Kerry in the office at 406-656-1969 or email at secretary@christikon.org for details. It pays a daily rate as well!

We are grateful for a successful season in 2020 and registration is open for 2021. We are thankful for the chance to have camp again this summer!

Don't miss out on the Early Registration Discount for youth campers: Register by April 1st and save \$25 in any youth session. If you don't have the camp brochure mailed to you, pick one up at the church, or register online.

Adults and families: In lieu of brochures this year check out the special focus for each of the family/adult weekends next summer at Christikon: work projects, faith formation, and Bible study will be woven together with worship, meal fellowship, re-creation, folk dancing, former staff reunion and much more. Check out camping for adults and families online at www.christikon.org.

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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COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

March is here and the cold and snow is quickly becoming a distant memory. Wow that week of below zero temperatures really got my attention. I found drafts and leaks in my house that I never knew existed and I ended up sleeping under a pile of blankets on my bed.

On the 14th we have our biannual mess with the clocks adventure as Daylight Saving Time Begins. Yes, we spring forward in the middle of the night or early morning of the 14th, so we lose an hour of sleep. This is also a good time to change out the batteries in the smoke detectors according to fireman Phil, so I plan to do that too, while I change every time keeping device in my home.

On the 17th we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, so everyone is Irish for the day and the green beer flows like water over the upper falls of the Yellowstone River. My favorite part of the whole day

is the corned beef and cabbage that all of the restaurants serve up. I'll be sure to find me some this year, since it was just a year ago when the city shut everything down because of the Covid mess. How time flies. We've been messing with this virus for over a year now.

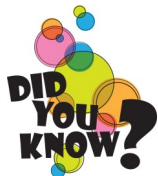


Finally on the 20th, the calendar says that Spring Begins. We will just have to wait and see what Mother Nature has in store for us, as I don't think that winter is done yet. At least there is light at the end of the tunnel. I'll have to dig out my shorts and flip flops, as the weather will be heating up before I know it.

Happy St Patty's Day to everyone. Happy spring to us all! I hope to see you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse



Making pretzels is a Lenten tradition. Pretzels are shaped like arms folded in prayer and can remind us to pray to God for our needs and the needs of others. Choose some people beyond your household to pray for by name each week. Make or buy pretzels to give to them as a sign that you are praying for them.



Homemade Pretzels

Ingredients:

- 2 pkgs active dry yeast
- 1 ½ cups warm water (110°-115°)
- 4 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 4 tsp baking soda
- ½ cup cold water
- Coarse salt

Directions:

1. In large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add flour and salt; stir to form a soft dough. Turn onto floured surface; knead 4-5 times. Cover and let rise in a warm place for 15 minutes.
2. Punch dough down and divide into 20 equal pieces. On a lightly floured surface, roll each piece into a 15 inch long strip; twist into a pretzel shape. Combine baking soda and cold water; brush over pretzels. Sprinkle with coarse salt.
3. Place on greased baking sheets. Bake at 450° for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown.



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. Vivian Pierce is doing better; she hasn't blacked out since being hospitalized. Mary Beddes had another surgery. Susan Swenson Crawford, daughter of the late Frank & Eva Swenson, was diagnosed with breast cancer and had surgery and is undergoing aggressive chemo and radiation. Rob Emmons hip replacement concerns due to infection and will need another hip surgery. Dawn Sherseth's father, Gene Lundhagen, continues to have health issues with no improvement and has been in and out of the hospital. He is scheduled to see a neurologist. Dawn's grandson and wife, David and Taylor Larson, are asking for your prayers, as they have started the IVF process, to help them start a family. They have been married almost six years, and are anxious for a little one. They would make very good parents. Patty McVay's granddaughter continues to improve.

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, has now been home 2 months, his hair is growing back and he's gaining weight. He will be back to teaching remotely. His family thanks you for your prayers. 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. Jerry Emmett is recuperating in a VA nursing facility in St George, Utah. John Clark of Shepherd has both heart and lung issues, and is getting very weak, and needs our prayers. Archie and Barbara Bott, friends of the Sherseth's, need our prayers. They are in their 80's and Barbara is recuperating in a rehab facility due to several strokes. Ardis Hanson, formerly of Shepherd, had surgery for throat cancer and is recovering at St Johns. Matt Wagenman of Shepherd who has been in the hospital for several days with esophagus issues.

Community Living:

West Park Village: Inez Oberg

Minnesota State Prison System: Rob Larson



Local Youth Serving in the military: 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 service people in your prayers, that they may return safely back home.

MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries

16 Clinton Byxby

21 Gene & Dianne Lundhagen
26 Mark & Maryann Morgenstern
30 Rob & Abbey Emmons



If you would like to help provide Easter Lilies to decorate the church for Easter Sunday, please fill out this form below and return it to the church by March 28th. Lilies will cost \$10.00 each.

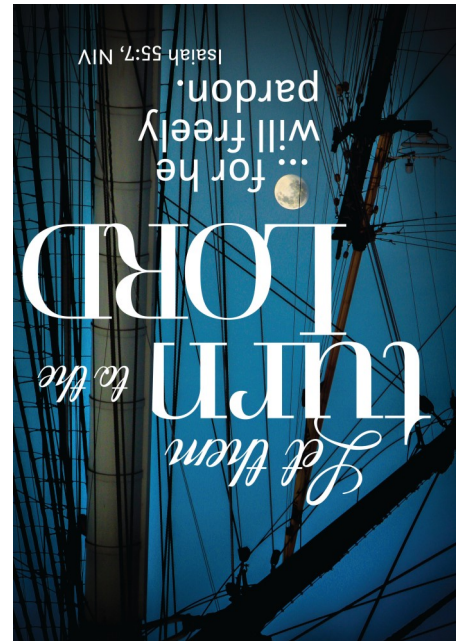
Your Name _____

Number of Lilies you would like _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:





Address Service Requested

Shepherd, MT 59079

P.O. Box 66

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a welcoming church in a rural
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to joyful worship
caring relationships and
loving service.

We have a vision . . .

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