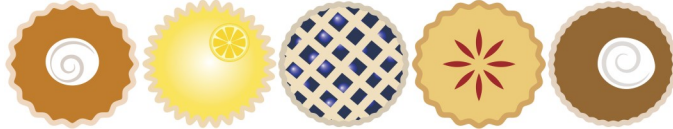




EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Emmanuel News



November
2020



Thanksgiving Baskets



We will be partnering again this year with the Shepherd Lions Club to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need in our community.

If you need a basket or know someone who does, please call Jill Hoffman or sign up inside the food pantry by November 15th. If you would like to help provide supplies, please contact Jill or drop them off at the church.

Distributions will be available on Sunday November 22nd from 1-3pm at the church.



COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Well November is upon us and I survived Halloween fairly well. Mrs. T.C. thought that I must have lost the rest of my senses, as I walked around the day after Halloween singing Blue Moon and popping peanut butter cups in my mouth like they were popcorn. Oh boy, I was dealing with a bit of a tummy ache Sunday night, but it was well worth it. Chocolate and peanut butter together, what a concept!

On the 11th we celebrate Veterans Day, so I want to shout out to all of the Veterans "Thank you for your service". We all live in the best country in the world and we owe it all to the current, past and future individuals that serve in the Armed Forces. Sounds like another good day to fly Old Glory from the front porch.

I spent most of the weekend raking leaves that had fallen during the last snow storm and had finally dried up enough to rake up. Wow, what a chore! In that past I would put off the raking in hopes of having a big wind storm come through and move the leaves someplace else for me. This year I wasn't sure that



would happen prior to the next snow storm, so I spent some quality time with my rake.

On the 26th we celebrate Thanksgiving and get a couple days off of work. I think our group will be smaller at the table this year with the whole Covid thing, but I'm sure the turkey will be just as big. If you are going through the hassle of cooking the bird, might as well have plenty for dinner and for left overs too. Nothing like a cold turkey sandwich for a few days afterwards. I hope you all get to spend some quality time with your family during the holiday, as we all have much to be thankful for.

One thing I'm really thankful for already is the end of the campaign season and the stoppage of the political commercials. The only thing that these ads showed me for sure is that the advertisers were making some good money this year!

Well that is enough for now. Perhaps I'll see you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.
T.C. Mouse

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

As we approach the Thanksgiving Day, we are all looking forward to a special day with family, enjoying a festive meal, with togetherness. Will it be that way for any of us this year? We must continue to distance ourselves from large gatherings as we struggle with this ever-increasing pandemic, remembering to wear our masks, sanitize our hands continually, and keep our social distancing.....well, this will be a Thanksgiving a little bit different from those we have had in the past. But above all, we must remember to be grateful, to focus on what we can be thankful for, such as: "God, thank you for the gift of your steadfast love, help us to always be aware of your enduring grace. You see, being grateful in the present times, guides us to prepare for the future, it creates memories, and sets our prayers on God's promises. We must focus on things we can be grateful for, such as God's faithfulness, and how the Spirit both guides and receives our prayers. You know the Holy Spirit expands our thankful hearts to broader and deeper prayer lives, which in turn opens us up to wanting to learn more about people who differ from us in many ways.



As we meet these people, listen to them, pray with them, and for them, it becomes difficult to harm, exclude or hate them. We grow into the people God has made, and baptized us to be, as we learn to live in gratitude with everyone in our community. We then become more aware of how much we have to be thankful for. We can express that thankfulness in many ways, One of the ways that comes to mind is helping to prepare the Thanksgiving meal baskets for patrons of our Food Pantry, to help those families have a special holiday dinner. The Shepherd Lions' club purchases the items that complete the dinner, but we can pick up canned vegetables, cranberries, dinner rolls, turkeys, and bake pies for dessert, to help with some of it. Then later on, into December, we will again have the "Angel Tree" in the church, with names of children who need, or would like special items for Christmas gifts. These items will be gift wrapped and available for those families the Sunday before Christmas. We can be grateful that we are able to help in these ways, and be a blessing to them.

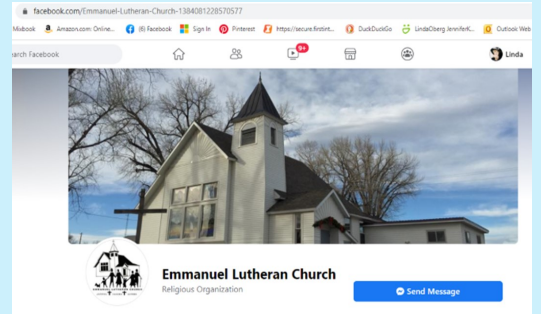
Happy Thanksgiving to each of you.



We are posting our church services on Facebook live.

We invite you to join us online. This is a great alternative if you are uncomfortable joining in person or you might be in a compromised or vulnerable situation.

Contact Jill to help find our page if needed.



Financial Scholarship Opportunity

The Endowment Fund Board has announced the availability of scholarships for 2021. 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, 2021. 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, 2021

ELC Council Meeting 10/14/2020

Present: Linda Oberg, Ricker Olson, Jill Hoffman, Robin McCafferee, Dawn Sherseth, Laurel Noland, and via zoom video: Meagan Malchow, Liz White, and Kristianne Wilson

Devotions: "Satisfied" John 6:25-35

Secretary's report

Everyone has read the minutes to the September meeting. Meagan made a motion to approve the amended minutes and Dawn seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Laurel stated our monthly average income has been \$6,273 per month, which is a little under budget for the year, but given the pandemic restrictions, we're still doing well. We are consistently and steadily receiving weekly checks by mail. Liz made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for September, Dawn seconded, motion passed. Of note, we have received two letters from different organizations. The Northern Rockies Institute of Theology and ELC World Hunger have written asking for donations. Patty made a motion to give \$250 to each of these entities as we did with each of our monthly special offerings as they are surely suffering during these times. We will add these organizations to our list of monthly special offerings to review and consider for the 2021 year.

Call committee report

Several members of the call committee and council met with Pastor Asselstine and Pastor Kristi Bummer, an interim pastor who lives in Billings and is looking for part time work. Discussions went well. Call committee chair Kristianne Wilson joined us for our meeting as we discussed our congregational needs. Meagan, Kristianne, and Liz will meet to draft a contract for Pastor Bummer to review. Requests for the contract include: Sunday service including bulletins, adult bible study, once a month youth activities, and congregational support keeping with Covid 19 guidelines. The discussion was to have a three month contract and then reevaluate how things are going.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction

Discussion was had regarding the furnace room door that leads up the stairs and out on the west side of the church. Ricker looked into getting a replacement door, but found it would need to be custom made due to its size. The decision was made to temperature seal it for the winter and look into options in the spring.

Work day Liz will continue to keep the chore list updated as things are added and completed. She will submit an updated list for the November newsletter.

Covid 19 update The council discussed the new Yellowstone County restrictions and our current practices as a congregation for Sunday services. It was decided that we are well within the new guidelines and will continue to have services, encouraging people to wear their masks, sit in their family units, and sanitize their hands upon entering the sanctuary.

Lay Pastor Update Liz is continuing to fill the schedule through the end of November. Updates will be made to the schedule on the working Google spreadsheet.

New Business Meagan brought to the attention of the council that there are several Boy Scouts who will be needing eagle scout projects. Some ideas they had were landscaping around the church in the spring, making one of our bathrooms handicapped accessible, and making a new and updated sign for the church.

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

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| October 18th | music-Liz | service-Liz |
| October 25th | music- Laura | service-Laurel |
| November 1st | music-Daisy | service-Liz |
| November 8th | music-Laura | service-Ricker |

Next council meeting will be November 11th at 7 PM. The council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

God bless you all and keep you healthy!
Liz White, Secretary



LOVING SERVICE

Christikon Clips

November 2020

Information for our Congregations



Our summer calendar is set and on our website (christikon.org). If you have questions about the 2021 season or would like to register, give us a call or do so online. It was a powerful summer of ministry this year, and we look forward to welcoming you to camp in the new year.

The 2020 Annual Meeting is Sunday November 15th. We'll tell stories from the summer and share plans for the 2021 season, construction, and much more.

Please note both our meeting format and time change this year. Due to COVID concerns we meet online via the Zoom platform, and will send connection instructions to congregations and Delegates in early November. Because this negates the need for travel, **the meeting will start at 1pm.**

We continue to hold you in prayer as together we navigate these uncertain times. We also trust in, and give thanks for, a God who promises to never let us go, no matter what life throws our way. May God bless you and yours as we move through fall and towards the holiday season and the new year.

Thank you as always for all the ways you support Christikon.

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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CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Members:

Our congregation's financial situation, Meagan Malchow's various health issues, Monty Mavity's battle with cancer, Debbie Cossitt's mother, Doris Martin, on chemo at home and doing well, her father Al Martin is in hospice at St. John's. Mary Cossitt's grandson Carter Dodson, age 29, has MS. Patty McVay's adopted granddaughter, Keeva, age 4, no longer on feeding tubes and doing better. Vivian Pierce at home and on oxygen. Mary Beddes is doing quite well after her surgery for a mastectomy. Her husband, Spencer, had COVID 19 also, but is recovering now, and doing better. Bill Vincent is better, but still has a cough, and is very weak. Dawn Sherseth is better and thanks everyone for their prayers. Sue Hawthorne's husband, Ed passed away Oct 18th. No services are planned at this time. Condolences can be sent to 1535 Rawhide Strip, Billings, MT 59105. Melissa Walsh tested positive for COVID. Melissa's mom, Linda Welch, passed away this past week from the COVID 19 virus. She was hospitalized in Henderson, NV as she was on her way back from Arizona to her Shepherd home. Please pray for Dawn Petty's daughter-in-law, Nina, (Paul's wife) she tested positive for the virus, and has been running a temperature for three days, and has already lost her sense of taste and smell. Paul has been put on 14 day quarantine by his employer, UPS. The family lives in Louisville, Kentucky, where he is employed by UPS.

Friends of the Congregation:

John Mark Owens has stage 4 pancreatic cancer; Glen Ray has Parkinson's and dementia; Tonya Sullivan; Brittany Reinhardt waiting for a kidney transplant;; Lisa Rekdal has cancer; Abbey Emmons asks for prayers for Chelsea, a friend who has COVID and has been flown to Denver. Catherine Johnson is taking treatments for various health issues. Judy Smelser is recuperating from surgery on her shoulder. 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).

Community Living:

St Johns United: Inez Oberg

Minnesota State Prison System: Rob Larson

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



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



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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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