



Emmanuel News

2021



April



**Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



We want to give a special "Thank You" to Scott and Durene Green and Brad and Sandie Green for allowing us to have our Easter Sunrise Services up on the hills of the Green property. It is so beautiful up there, with that big rugged cross for us to gather around. It was especially meaningful to see that Bill Green's gravesite was there, too. The family had recently interred his ashes there, marking the site with a flat gray monument, placing it about 20 feet away from the cross. We all were very touched to see that, as Bill always took the time to get that site ready for the service and now he is there, too. It was a sunny, but very cool and windy Easter morning, yet 48 people were present to take part in the service. Thank you, thank you, dear family.

Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation



This year Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley has partnered up with United Way to help celebrate their 60th Birthday Bash by raising 60,000 diapers. In order to reach this lofty goal we **NEED YOUR HELP!** We are looking for congregations, businesses, or groups to host diaper drives anytime from April 14th-May 9th (Mothers Day). During this season lets celebrate all mothers in our community by providing diapers to our youngest neighbors and relieve stress for so many parents in our community. Diaper Drives can collect any size diapers, wipes, and formula to distribute through the Community Diaper Bank. Family Promise is here to help with all things diaper drive, if you are in need of graphics, statistics, or any other assistance feel free to contact Felicia at (406)294-7432. You can also come down to our drop off the day of the event May 11th 9am-2pm at Underriner Motors.

Every diaper donated goes directly to a infant in need in our community.

Only with you can we reach our goal!!!

Thank you!!!

Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley | (406)294-7432 |

SPRING PLANTING



May 18th-21st • 10:30am -3:00pm

Saturday, May 22nd • 10:00am-12:30pm

To ensure the safety of all, these events will be hosted by appointment

Volunteers ages 15+

Bring your own mask and maintain at least 6 feet of distance while on SJU campus

Contact Carissa Welsh at 655-7727

or email volunteer@stjohnsunited.org



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We invite you to worship with us on Sundays online or in-person.

We are located at 5525 Carey Avenue, Shepherd, MT

We worship Sunday mornings at 10:00am

OR



Or you can join us from anywhere by finding us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/Emmanuel-Lutheran-Church-1384081228570577/>

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

April is upon us and the weather is really starting to improve. Everything is starting to green up and grow. Now we need some good April showers to ensure that the asparagus and Morel mushrooms will pop up and I can spend my days searching for those tasty treasures.

I made it through April Fools Day with no major pranks being played in my household. I was able to attend the Sunrise Service on Easter, which was a beautiful site. Nice clear morning at the Green's land made for a memorable service. I was surprised by the chill in the air though, as I found myself with uncontrollable shivers at times. I guess I should have worn my long underwear that morning to stay warm. Seems like every year I'm reminded of how unprepared I am. There was a good crowd of people and I'm glad everyone could make it.



Earth Day is on the 22'nd so I feel that I should do something in support of Mother Earth.

Perhaps I could plant a bush or tree where needed or join in on a planned trash roundup.

Boy with the high winds that we have had in the past, there is a lot of litter laying about. If it wasn't nailed down prior to those winds, it definitely went for a ride. What are you going to do for Earth Day?

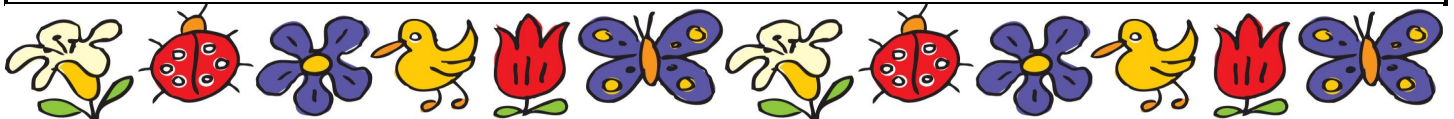
The honey do list is starting to grow too, just like the grass behind the Church. I should also clean up the old barbeque grill, so I'm ready for cooking outdoors. Spring cleaning is always on the list, which is my least favorite chore, but it needs to get done. Well, so much to do and so little time. I

better cut this short.

Happy April everybody! I hope to see you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The ladies group purchased new palms to place around the sanctuary of our church, and the fresh green plants look great and add color to the area. They will need to be watered and fertilized regularly, and perhaps moved to a sunnier part of the room during the week to keep them healthy and green.

On Monday, the 18th of March and Monday, the 5th of April, some of the ladies met at the church basement to do quilting. The project has been to make lap robes to give to people in nursing facilities and assisted living places. We plan to quilt again on Monday, April 19th. We meet at 10:00 AM, bring a

sandwich for lunch, and work until about 2:00 PM. There usually are only five to eight women, and if anyone would like to come along, please do so. You would be most welcome.



Church Council Minutes: March 10, 2021

The meeting was opened by President Jill Hoffman.

Opening Devotions were given by Dawn Petty.

The Secretary's report was accepted in a motion made by Sharon Wolske and seconded by Robin McCaffree. The Treasurer's Report was discussed and noted that the bill for electricity was quite high, but after discussion Meagan made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Patty McVay. It was decided to transfer the \$25,000.00 from checking into the savings account.

The Call Committee Report was given by Meagan and Liz, explaining that we might have a possibility of getting an intern for a year, beginning in August. It was suggested that we invite him to come to meet with us, so he could decide if he was in favor of being our leader, and we would have a better idea if he would fit in with our congregation.

OLD BUSINESS: Liz White has Lay Pastors lined up through part of April. Ricker Olson had a quote for the replacement materials for the necessary Food Pantry repairs. Then worship service guidelines were discussed, with a few changes made. It was decided to use the hymnals again, as had been requested many times, and possibly putting a label with the person's name on it, so it would be used by the same person each Sunday during this pandemic. We then will be able to sing the hymns, while wearing our masks. The services will continue to be on Facebook, also. It was decided that we should amend some of the guidelines for attending events, motion was made by Greg Plath, seconded by Robin.

We will have two Easter services....the Sunrise service in the Green's pasture at 7:00 AM, and the Lay Pastor will be Dawn Petty, and the 10:00 AM service at the church, led by John Goodheart. Lilies can be ordered as memorials or in honor of someone, and forms for this purpose are in the

newsletter, and also on the table at the back of the church. Orders need to be made by Sunday, March 28th, so they can be purchased in time for Easter. There will be no Lenten services, or Good Friday services.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS & DISCUSSION:

We are looking for a leader for the Youth Ministry and the Sunday School, and this item was tabled for now. Liz will put an article in the newsletter, and perhaps a volunteer will be found and we may get some feedback on that. The Youth group will be having a bowling and pizza event on March 21st. An invitation to attend and bring some of the music youth along to this event and to a service, will be sent out to John Goodheart. We also need a Music Committee and Director, and the name of Dawn Sherseth was suggested, and she will be approached. The team of Sharon Wolske and Robin McCaffree that are

combining efforts for the Treasurer's work, said everything is going well, and they are sharing the duties.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim McKenney and his help with the website and Facebook has been greatly appreciated. If anyone has ideas for getting more articles for this, let Laurel or Abbey know of them. The PCI audit is coming up, and Jim will have some of the ladies help with this. The Council retreat was tabled for now.

Meagan announced there are several proposals for Boy Scout Eagle Award Projects, and two young men were in attendance to explain their plans for projects at the church. Roman Glinwood was very enthusiastic with his plan for making a new church sign on the front lawn of the property, while James Malchow showed his diagrams for landscaping around the church grounds, and planting various shrubs and flowers to beautify the area. They were approved to go ahead with their projects.

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LOVING SERVICE

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Ricker announced the louvers for the bell tower were ready and in the garage, just needed to be installed. Greg will talk to Ron Quanbeck and Phil Ehlers to get their help to install them with the ladder truck from the Fire Department.

SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANTS—communion prep, readings, offering counter, lock up building, etc.

March 14th Sharon Wolske; March 21st Jill Hoffman; March 28th Liz White; April 4th Dawn Petty (Sunrise Service); Liz White for the 10:00 AM service; April 11th Ricker Olson

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING will be April 14th at 7:00 PM, Via Zoom or at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

MISSION CORNERSTONE---what was discussed about today, that raises itself to Joyful Worship, Caring Relationships, and /or Loving Service.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Petty, Secretary



WHAT DID YOU THANK GOD FOR?

The April issue of the "Gather" magazine had this article and it really hit home to me so I wanted to share it.

Dawn Petty

Let's think about it - what did you thank God for yesterday? Anything? Can you remember? The reality is, that for many of us, if that scenario came true, our tomorrow would be one bleak world. Let me back up. A word in our defense: it's hard to remember to be grateful when hardship stares us in the face. We've had a long, hard winter, and months and months of lockdown thanks to the spiraling COVID-19 numbers. For more than a year, our family gatherings have been cancelled or drastically downsized. Our economy has been hit, our confidence has been shaken, and we are surrounded by daily headlines that leave little room for gratitude.

So what does one do? There's an old saying: We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails. With every negative, there is a positive, and if we look hard enough, we'll see it. Here is a thought: How about the alarm clock? While most of us cringe when it goes off, we can also give thanks. Hearing an alarm clock ring means you woke up to another day! It means your hearing works, your eyes can focus, you have a bed, and you have a roof over your head. It probably means you have electricity (many people in this world do not). And the ring of that alarm clock means you have a job or work to do. At a minimum, it means you have to get up.

Or maybe you came to terms, with not cooking a traditional Easter dinner, or traveling to see family (perhaps for the second year in a row). Think of all the years spent grumbling about the stress of cooking and dealing with traffic! Maybe now you can see past the grumbling to the true blessing of food and family that you enjoyed. So back to my question: What did you thank God for yesterday? Anything? If you focused your time on what went wrong, go back and find the positive. Then offer a prayer of thanks. (I believe God accepts retroactive prayers.) Be grateful in all things.

Thank God often....it will become a habit and change our whole outlook on life. Try it!



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 had his third hip surgery and is recuperating at home. Sherseth's father, Gene Lundhagen, has been diagnosed with Parkinsons. He has responded favorably to medication and has made great improvements. 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. Patty McVay's granddaughter continues to improve. Agnes Beddes reports that her son Spencer had his surgery on 4/07 in Minneapolis to receive the kidney transplant. The doctors report that the new kidney is working well.

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 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 several surgeries for throat cancer and is recovering at St Johns. All lymph nodes and thyroid that were removed were malignant, some cancer is still present. She is hopeful the speech therapy will help her to talk again soon. Matt Wagenman of Shepherd has been in the hospital for several days with esophagus issues. Catherine Johnson's daughter, Joann has passed away. Bill Biehle's daughter, Tonya Sullivan, has been hospitalized for three weeks with severe infections in her stomach and bladder and will be having surgery this next week, and will be spending possibly another month in the hospital. Tonya. LuAnne Super's sister, Darlene Hackman broke her femur and will be recuperating at Avantara Nursing Home.

Community Living:

St Johns United: Inez Oberg, Ardis Hanson

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 service people in your prayers, that they may return safely back home



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| 01 Barbara Cooper | 11 Derek Reitler |
| 01 Dawn Petty | 17 Rob Emmons |
| 03 Cole Hoffman | 18 Matt Grandpre |
| 04 Meagan Malchow | 19 Ricker Olson |
| 05 Agnes Beddes | 20 Roseanne Plath |
| 08 Brittany McKenney | 29 Gene Lundhagen |
| 09 Peggy McSweyn | |

05 Chuck & LuAnne Super

Christikon Auction Goes Online



April 6-13 on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Christikonbenefitauction>

Like our page and share it with your friends! Watch for sneak peeks!

The annual **Christikon Benefit Auction – Quilts, Vacation Get-aways, and a Whole Lot More** begins on Tuesday April 6th and runs through April 13th. Items are some of the finest artistry including a variety of hand-made quilts, art work, gift baskets, Big Sky Condo, Murray Hotel Weekend, Big Sky Golf, jewelry and so much more. The auction will most definitely look different this year so join us on facebook and support Christikon's ministry and enjoy the friendly competitive bidding.

Youth Campers: Our Early Registration Discount has been extended to April 15th! You've got time to get registered!

Christikon is celebrating its 70th year! Don't forget to register for one of our many sessions available this summer! **How about Work Weekend?** Bring your family and enjoy camp/fellowship and more while helping to prepare camp for the season! We look forward to welcoming you to camp! Go to www.christikon.org and find your session!

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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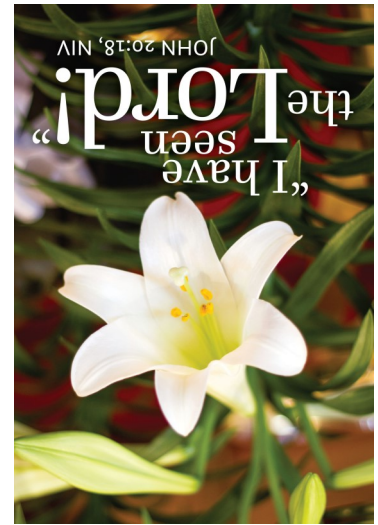


The Easter lily has traditional and spiritual meaning. Mentioned many times in the Bible, the white lily symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings and hope and is most often associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter. Across many religions and beliefs, the white lilies are symbols of purity and grace.

Thank you to the following people who helped adorn the church with Easter Lilies this year:

- * Kristianne Wilson in memory of Craig Wilson
- * Liz White in memory of Katie White
- * Linda Oberg in memory of Katie Berger and in honor of Inez Oberg
- * Sue Hawthorne in memory of Ed Hawthorne
- * Katie Bertrand in memory of Dick Bertrand and Jack & Bobie Clark
- * Patty McVay Mitchell in memory of Christine Mitchell
- * Dawn Petty in memory of Mel Petty, Lori Cox and Lynn Douglas
- * Daisy Eddy in memory of her parents and in honor of her mother-in-law





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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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