



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Emmanuel News



JULY 2021

OUR  
NEW  
LOOK



The louvres for the bell tower have been rebuilt and replaced. It's been a long process removing the old wooden louvres, making new metal ones, and re-installing them. A big thank you to Ricker Olson and Phil White for the many hours over many months they have spent planning, measuring, constructing and not to mention finding a way to get to the top of the tower. We also want to thank Phil Ehlers and Shepherd Fire, Buckley Reynolds, and Travis Dennison for their time and equipment.

We managed to get a picture of the name plate which was placed there probably in the early 1970's when there were numerous improvements done to the church. Look close, you can read some of the names: Howard Amundson, Frank Swenson, and Bill Green.



# Welcome Home Matt Grandpre

*Thank you for your service!*

## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN



### COMMUNITY BBQ

We are trying to get back to our regular routine for the summer months, and are having a Community BBQ at the church several times in July and again in August. The dates are July 8th and 22nd, and in August it will be the 5th and the 19th, which are Thursday evenings, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We had our first BBQ this week, and approximately 25 people came. We had great food: salads, relishes, watermelon, and of course, burgers, brats and hot dogs, plus scrumptious desserts of brownies, cookies, bread pudding, rhubarb cake, ice cream, etc. Of course there was a lot of food left afterwards, so people could take some home in "go boxes", and the rest went into the Food Pantry to be enjoyed by the public later.

Take this opportunity to enjoy visiting with your friends and neighbors, while eating a delicious meal. It was cool and comfortable in the church basement, with several fans going. We hope to see you there

again at the next BBQ. It is so wonderful to be able to get back together. You can bring a pot luck food along if you wish to share. there is no charge for the meal however a free will offering container is available if you feel you would like to contribute. **Come and Enjoy!**



Women  
of the  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
IN AMERICA

Check out the vegetables in the Community Garden. Pick them yourself, there have been lots of strawberries to be had already and more things will be available each week.





# COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Pop, boom, bang! The Fourth of July has come and gone, and I can still type, which means that I didn't experience any strange mishaps with the fireworks. It is always amazing to me that one day of the year everyone plays with fire and sets off explosives. Some unfortunate souls don't seem to heed the warnings on the packages and get to spend the night at the hospital. I hope everyone out there played it safe this year.

My Aunt in Texas called me the other day to say she was going to see the Elvis impersonator. That got me crooning like Elvis for a couple days, wandering around the house singing Blue Suede Shoes and Suspicious Minds, doing my best rendition of the hip swinging moves that Elvis was famous for. Of course, Mrs. T. C. witnessed this crazy behavior and just stared at me shaking her head. I think she said, "You have issues." more than once! Of course, my only reply was "Thank you, thank you very much!" in my deep Elvis voice.

Well summer is here big time and I find myself spending the afternoons in front of the fan to stay cool. It's hotter than a firecracker out there. I think it is time for me to head to the lake

for a few days of camping and boating to escape the heat. Time to break out the Jiffy Pop popcorn and a couple cold beverages. It will be a good break from the honey do list.



Speaking of food, I hear that the Church barbecues are back on in a limited fashion this summer. Sure will be nice to see everyone gathering at the Church for some grilled burgers and dogs. I'll be there for sure. Will you? The sign outside of the Church lists the dates and time, which will happen on Thursdays, so I hope to see you join in.

Well I guess that is all I have for now. Time for me to make my rounds and see how the Church garden is coming along. The corn was knee high on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, so that is a promising sign as well.

See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse

## Church Directory

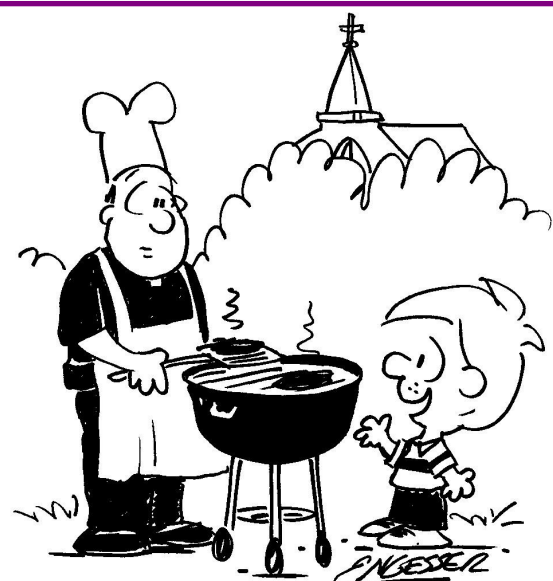
### UPDATE



### We Need Your Help!

We are updating the church directory. You can send an email to [elcshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:elcshepherd@gmail.com) with any changes you may have. There is also a directory at the back of the church where you can check your information, makes notes for any changes or a check mark if all is accurate.

*Thank you for your assistance!*



"You're grillin', pastor. That must make you a friar!"

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 9th, 2021, 7:00 PM

The meeting was opened by President Jill Hoffman. The first item on the agenda was a report by Greg Plath, regarding the progress on the louvres for the bell tower at the church. Ricker Olson, Phil White and Greg will be helping with the installation when Buckley Reynolds can bring their ladder truck over to assist for the height. Roman Glinwood reported that he was working on the landscaping around the church, and installing an automatic watering system with a timer, which will run for 1 1/2 to 2 hours until the weather cools down.

Standing reports were given next: the secretary's report of the minutes from the May meeting were accepted as read, motioned by Sharon Wolske, and seconded by Meagan Malchow. The Treasurer's Report was approved, and motion to accept was made by Meagan, and seconded by Sharon. The report from the Call Committee was read, and showed that the intern, Keith Weatherford will be starting at our church in August. An Orientation meeting will be held, and an intern committee will be formed to discuss salary, etc. The motion to form the group was made by Liz, and seconded by Meagan, and passed. The committee will consist of Jill, Liz, Dawn, and Kristianne. Additional members will be recruited to join as well. Liz reported she had lay pastors lined up through July for doing services at Emmanuel.

Worship services will begin to return to former practices for communion and worship. The mask mandate has been lifted, and Bishop Jungling has said we should use our own judgement with seating, etc. Communion will be done at the communion rail, as before, beginning July 25th. A decision regarding the passing of the offering plate was not made as yet. Furniture, doorknobs, handrails will all be sanitized as we have been doing. It was also decided to add pictures of our new landscape around the church, and the garden area to our website. Greg and Ricker will set the date for the louvres to be installed in the bell tower, when it is convenient for all. The proposed quote on the furnace and thermostat was tabled for now.

Council Appointments for August and September include a Youth Committee consisting of Liz, Greg and Jill; a Music Committee and Director will be handled monthly by Dawn Sherseth and Liz. and the Treasurer's position is still handled by both Sharon and Robin, and it is going well, and may begin using a version of Quick Books.

New Business: Laura Vanberg is updating the church directory and the file is on the computer. An offering for the prison ministries will be held through the month of June, and a basket for that is in the back of the church. August 1st will be combined church services in the Huntley Park. August 8th we will have the induction and celebration of the intern, Keith Weatherford. It was decided to have summer BBQ's again, and we will just have two each month, of July and August, and they will be held on Thursday evenings, July 8th and 22nd, and August 5th and 19th, We will need volunteers to help with that project.

A possible garage sale was suggested, but no decision made on that as yet. Robin McCaffree asked about the "Gather" magazine, and whether it should be renewed. It will be renewed for another year.

Sunday Service Attendants, preparing communion, doing readings, counting the offering, and locking up the building will be June 13th Laura Vanberg, and she will also be doing the music; June 20th Ricker will help, and Laura will do the music; June 27th, Robin will help, and Dawn Sherseth will do the music, and July 4th, Daisy Eddy will be the musician, and Sharon will help with the other tasks.

The next Council Meeting will be held on July 14th at 7:00 PM. A special thank you to the following for their special services: Dawn Petty for cleaning the church and donating garden plants; Liz White for facilitating painting the tires in the garden and arranging for LPAs for the rest of the summer; Linda for doing the bulletins and newsletters, Megan for organizing the scouts to make improvements on the premises, Jim McKinney for helping with the website, and to the Garcia's for the food pantry service.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.





# Christikon Clips

July, 2021

Information for our Congregations



**To: Campers/Guests registered for Christikon in 2021**

**Re: Camp Preparation & Travel**

We're thankful for the progress made in the Covid fight, that we know much more about how it spreads than we did last season, and that all staff received vaccine before arriving for the summer. While we aren't fully back to "normal" conditions, vaccines are widely available for anyone 12 and up in most, if not all, areas of the country. We continue to strongly encourage everyone who can to get the shot before coming to camp.

In consultation with our camp physician and county health director, this is the latest update regarding Covid 19:

Guest/Group Preparation and Travel:

- Quarantine unnecessary if all group members fully vaccinated
- For those not vaccinated, we ask them to limit outside contact in the 10 days prior to leaving for Christikon
- We suggest groups limit contact while in route (i.e. rest stops over convenience stores, ordering food to overnight lodging rather than eating out, etc.). Again for groups fully vaccinated, they can travel more freely

While at Christikon, some protocols remain:

- hand washing/sanitizing stations in place before each meal
- cabin bunks remain further apart and all cabins equipped with ventilation fans
- most activities and programming done outdoors
- all will mask when singing at worship
- we'll continue limited our practice of joining hands during meal and worship prayer

**Remember to pray for the staff and campers.**

**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

IN OUR  
Thoughts and Prayers

*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 had surgery, is better and at home. She will have a checkup in six weeks. Susan Swenson Crawford, daughter of the late Frank & Eva Swenson, is better after many months of chemo and radiation for breast cancer. Dawn Sherseth's father, Gene Lundhagen, has been diagnosed with Parkinsons. He has responded favorably to medication and has made great improvements. Patty McVay's granddaughter continues to improve. Spencer Beddes is home from the hospital. They will continue to monitor his potassium levels so ensure his new kidney is working properly. Laurel Noland has problems with one of her knees, since falling at home several weeks ago, and is wearing a knee brace. Madeline Ann Cossitt, born prematurely, daughter of Anthony and Marielle Cossitt, is having breathing problems and will be taken to the Denver hospital for minor surgery June 9th. She was born on Mary Cossitt's birthday, her great-grandmother. Mary Cossitt passed away May 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a Memorial Service for Susan Quanbeck's mother, Ann Roen Deisz, on Friday, June 25th, at King of Glory Lutheran Church. Ann passed away December 8th, after a courageous battle with cancer.

**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 is recuperating in a VA nursing facility in St George, Utah from surgery for a ruptured a disc. John Clark of Shepherd has both heart and lung issues. 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. Please pray for the family of Dale Neumiller ( Rosie's husband), as he was in the hospital and passed away on Saturday. He had been ill for quite some time. Diane Grote, who had an extensive RT hemicolonectomy surgery on July 2nd. Ron Jore, who had surgery two weeks ago, and is slowly recuperating. Kristianne Wilsons niece's husband, Ben Spotts, who battled Non Hodgkins lymphoma two years ago, and it has now recurred. Cass Duggan had minor heart surgery on Friday, and should be allowed to return home to recover the same day.

**Community Living: St. John's 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 home.

03 Jeremy Stahl  
10 Abbey Emmons  
11 Carol Bennett  
14 Kristianne Wilson  
15 Laurel Noland  
19 Olivia Plath  
28 Lynda Newell  
29 Mark Morgenstern  
29 Kyle Reitler



03 LaDonna & Millard Hultgren  
04 Matt & Stacie Grandpre  
07 Wade & Meagan Malchow  
20 Bob & Sharon Wolske



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Emmanuel Lutheran is  
a welcoming church in a rural  
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caring relationships and  
loving service.

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