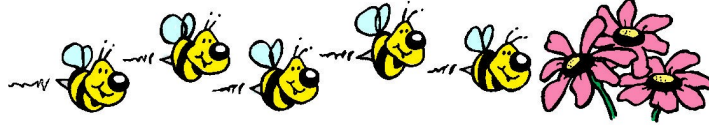




EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Emmanuel News

June  
2021



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*your*  
CALENDARS!

August 8, 2021

We are excited to announce, that after a long and prayerful search, we accepted intern Keith Weatherford, to serve Emmanuel Lutheran.

Please join us for a celebration and induction ceremony at Emmanuel Lutheran, 10:00am, Sunday, August 8, 2021.

Fellowship and refreshments to follow.



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Our little white church, along with the rest of the world has been through a lot over the last year due to COVID. All of us are looking forward to resuming our normal routines and lifestyles just as we, Emmanuel Lutheran's congregation, are anticipating a return to Sunday morning services as they once were.

The church council asks for your patience just awhile longer; there is light at the end of the tunnel! Starting July 25th we will once again pass the offering plate, pass the sign up sheets and most importantly, resume communion in the usual, though somewhat modified, fashion.

Thank you for your cooperation these past months with the restrictions we felt were necessary for the safety of our congregation. We look forward to the comfort and security of usual traditions.

ELC Council



Let's get all fired up  
**Bar-B-Q**  
**is back!**

**Join us for BBQ's at Emmanuel Lutheran!**

**6:00pm to 8:00pm on the following Thursdays,  
July 8th, July 22nd, August 5th, & August 19th**

Bring your family, bring your friends,  
bring your favorite potluck dish.

Volunteers are needed to help make this a fun and exciting event for all. Please contact Dawn Petty at 373-6673 or dawnpetty6@aol.com

*Hope to see you there!*

## **Emmanuel Lutheran Church Accepts Role as ELCA Internship Site**

Emmanuel Lutheran has been without a pastor for over 18 months. The efforts of the Call Committee were hampered in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenge of creating an arrangement with another congregation to share a full-time pastor given Emmanuel's financial position.

Fortunately we have been able to sustain our mission of being a welcoming church in a rural community called by God to joyful worship, caring relationships and loving service. We could not have accomplished this without the dedication of our members, a committed Church Council, a diverse group of lay pastoral associates who provided consistent Sunday worship services and the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Montana Synod offered in early spring 2021 Emmanuel the opportunity to serve the whole church, the ELCA, by becoming an internship site--assisting a future pastor to prepare for ministry leadership . The Church Council agreed to this cooperative educational venture and Keith Weatherford, a Billings man who is pursuing ministry as a second career, will begin his full-time internship with Emmanuel August 2021 through July 2022. The call process will be paused during this time frame; however, it is the Synod's intention to continue to work with our ecumenical partners to identify a 'shared' pastoral arrangement that can be put in place following this internship period.

Emmanuel has the responsibility, as the ministry site, to assist the seminarian/intern to become better prepared for effective ministry. The internship is a learning arrangement, and the intern is a student . This process is accomplished in part through an Internship Committee which will consult with the student, Keith Weatherford on a learning covenant; identifying resources and opportunities for learning that are available at Emmanuel. We have shared Emmanuel's ministry priorities developed at the beginning of the call process with Keith and Pastor Darren Paulson, Atonement Lutheran Church in Billings, who will serve as the off-site ministry supervisor. The Council has appointed Dawn Petty and Kristianne Wilson to serve on the Internship Committee. Jill Hoffman and Liz White will be members as well and co-chair the Committee. We are hoping to add a few more members. If you are interested, please see Jill or Liz.

The Internship Committee will be meeting monthly with the intern and Pastor Darren Paulson to offer support, feedback and fellowship. The committee will be actively involved in the evaluation and feedback process to the student/intern as we experience their ministry and prepare them for their final year of preparation for ordination .



# Christikon Clips

June, 2020

Information for our Congregations



**We welcome our summer staff** May 31st and the first session this summer will be our Developmentally Disabled Adults in June.

**We are also in the midst of the Deck Rebuild project. The demolition is completed and the prep work begun. We will continue into Work Weekend with the prep and then start building with crews each week in June with hopes for completion by mid June. We are in need of volunteers, skilled and partially skilled! We will provide housing and food. Please sign up by calling the office. Let's Re-Build the Deck!**

**Campers!** There is still room in our on-site sessions. Please visit our website to register. [www.christikon.org](http://www.christikon.org)  
We have a few trails spots available – call the office for availability. 406-656-1969.

**Remember to pray for your congregation's ministry through Christikon** this summer, for the summer staff, and for all who join in the Christikon life.

**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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## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

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The women of Emmanuel have been taking on various roles since this pandemic, and the fact that we haven't had monthly Bible studies, BBQ's, coffee hours after services, has been very frustrating, as we enjoy the fellowship, and now it isn't the same. We have had several work groups attending to refreshments after the memorials, and they enjoyed handling that. The quilters have come down to the church basement to sew and tie quilts which are



being given to Riverstone, and to nursing homes. We hope to be able to put on our annual Harvest Dinner in the fall, along with a Bazaar, too. Some of the ladies have helped with the planting of flowers and vegetables in the church garden. All of these projects are encouraging, and hopefully we will soon be back to normal activities. Special thanks go out to those women who have eagerly helped when needed. God bless them all.

Dawn Petty

# COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

June is here and it seems like we skipped spring all together. What happened to the gradual climb in outside temperature as the summer progresses? This whole week has been hotter than a frog in a frying pan and I just can't get used to it. I spend my afternoons hunkered down in the Church basement where it is nice and cool, but I still have much to do on my never-ending list of outdoor chores.

At least the weather was good for the Memorial Day service out in the field of big granite stones. I was really impressed with the amount of people that showed up and the speaker this year had a very moving speech for us. A job well done by all involved.

This month I get to celebrate my anniversary to my better half! Mrs. T. C. has been putting up with my shenanigans for 30 years now officially, though we have known each other far longer than that. Anyways, Happy Anniversary Pooky! I'd be half the mouse without you.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Father's Day, so take some time now to plan something out for spending time with dear old Dad. Get the fishing poles in tip top

shape, as nothing beats a day out fishing with Dad. Perhaps even let him catch a fish or two while you are out there. Some of my best memories are being on the river with my sons and hearing one of them yell out "Fish On"! Usually we practice catch and release, except for a couple that we keep for the barbeque grill at the end of the day. However you choose to spend Father's Day, I hope you create some beautiful memories and take a few pictures too. Happy Father's Day everyone!

Oh yeah, Summer begins on the 20<sup>th</sup> as well, so we get to enjoy the longest day of the year. It will be light out past my bedtime, which isn't saying much these days. Get out there and enjoy the summer. There is so much to do and explore in our great state.

Well that's enough of me for now. I hope to see you in Church.

Your Faithful Friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse



## Worship in the Park

August 1, 2021

10:30am

Barkemeyer Park, Huntley, MT



Starting June 13 through June 27th, we will have an additional collection expressly for the Prison Ministry at the Deer Lodge State Prison. There will be a special basket at the back of the church for your donation. You are urged to prayerfully consider contributing to this worthwhile and much needed ministry.

Thank you and God bless!





## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2021

The meeting was opened by President Jill Hoffman, and opening devotions were read by Meagan.

Meagan Malchow and Scout Roman Glinwood presented the plan for the landscaping around the church that Roman will be doing to earn his Eagle Scout award. He had prices for a variety of rock for the surface of the beds, such as small limestone, small river rock, large limestone, and scoria. He also showed the different kinds of plants and shrubs he intended to put in., and the council suggested certain preferences for them, and the price for the rocks and the plants will be approximately \$1000.00. Meagan made a motion to take that fee from the general fund, and it was seconded by Robin, and the motion was passed. Meagan further explained that the garden area and its beautification would be handled by the girl scout troop. They also would install a bench and two planters in their project, and have planned a workday for the last weekend in May to accomplish this. Greg motioned, seconded by Sharon to accept this plan for the garden beautification. Lunch would be served to those 20 to 25 workers, on the day of May 29th, as they planned to work from 9:00 AM to noon.

The Minutes from the April meeting were presented, and a motion was made by Sharon, seconded by Greg to accept them. Sharon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Linda, and the motion was passed. Linda reported problems with the computer in the office, and it has not been working well. Ricker will contact someone to check it out. Greg and Ricker will try to get the Fire Dept. to help with installing the louvres in the bell tower of the church. The Call Committee report about accepting an intern to serve our church was discussed. There is a shortage of pastors, so this would be a good option...and the intern who has been interviewed is Keith Weatherford. His salary will be discussed at our next council meeting. Guidelines for the Worship services will remain the same for at least another month



Lawn care is being provided by the cemetery board caretaker, at a cost of \$25.00 each time it is mowed. Council appointments were discussed, and the Youth Committee will be handled by Liz. Greg and Jill. Dawn Sherseth will help Liz with the Music arrangements for services. Laura Vanberg is working on updating the church directory. Lunch for the workers in the garden on May 29th will be fed at noon, by Patty McVay and Dawn Petty. It was decided to wait until our June meeting to discuss summer BBQ's....also a possible garage sale for the latter part of the summer. Our cleaning lady will not be available for June 5th, and Dawn Petty will see that the church is cleaned for that weekend.

Sunday Service attendants, doing the communion preparation, the readings, the counter for the offerings, and the person to lock up the building are:

May 16th...Sharon, Music by Sherseths;

May 23rd Dawn P, music by Laura;

May 30th....Meagan, music either recorded or by Laura,

June 6th... Ricker, and Daisy will be playing.

Our next council meeting will be on June 9th at 7 PM. via Zoom or at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Items tabled for next month include a possible council retreat, some replacement materials needed in the Food Pantry, and some interest in creating a new logo.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Dawn Petty, Secretary



## Fathers

### are Wonderful People



Fathers are wonderful people too little understood,

And we do not sing their praises as often as we should....

For, somehow, Father seems to be the man who pays the bills,

While Mother binds up little hurts and nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily to live up to "his image"

As protector and provider and "hero of the scrimmage"...

And perhaps that is the reason we sometimes get the notion

That Fathers are not subject to the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart, where no one else can see,

You'll find he's sentimental and as "soft" as he can be...

But he's too busy everyday in the grueling race of life,

He leaves the sentimental stuff to his partner and his wife...

But fathers are just wonderful in a million different ways,

And they merit loving compliments and accolades of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires to fortune and success

Is to make the family proud of him and to bring them happiness...

And like Our Heavenly Father, he's a guardian and a guide,

Someone that we can count on to be always on our side.

- Helen Steiner Rice -

## Roman Glinwood Eagle Project

Roman Glinwood, a sophomore at Shepherd High School, finished a project he had started planning in spring this year. Looking to earn his Eagle Scout rank with Boy Scout Troop 9, Glinwood was tasked with developing, leading and executing a community-service project to fulfill his Eagle Scout service project.

In addition to his Eagle project, Glinwood completed a list of requirements including earning 21 merit badges while demonstrating leadership qualities during his tenure with the Boy Scouts. All Scouts who desire to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout must meet these requirements and submit their paperwork before their eighteenth birthday.

Glinwood, a group of 24 volunteers from the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, family members, and members of the Shepherd Emmanuel Lutheran church all convened at the Shepherd Emmanuel Lutheran church on Saturday May 29, 2021. Old landscape fabric and rock were removed, new landscape

was installed, plants were placed, white gravel installed, and a soaker hose with a timer completed the project.

The first meeting was Monday May 26th, when Roman and James Malchow met to begin installing the ground cloth and placed gravel under the ramp on the back portion of the church. Glinwood and Malchow returned the rest of the week to complete the ground cloth and gravel on the north side of the church.

Glinwood chose the Shepherd Emmanuel Lutheran church because he felt it was where his services were needed. "We are doing the landscaping because it needed to be replaced after the hailstorm," he said.

The incoming sophomore reflected the values of the Eagle Project. "This is about the Shepherd community," Roman said.

Roman has been a member of the Shepherd Emmanuel Lutheran church and enjoys working part time at the Feedlot, working on cars, and spending time with his fellow Troop 9 Scouts.



# 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 home from the hospital; she's doing better though she is tired and doesn't have much appetite. She is grateful for all your prayers. Her daughter has moved back to Billings to assist her. 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. Dawn Sherseth's father, Gene Lundhagen, has been diagnosed with Parkinsons. He has responded favorably to medication and has made great improvements. They are grateful for your prayers. 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. He and Mary are glad to be home and are grateful for your prayers. 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>.

**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. 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.

**Community Living: St Johns United:** Inez Oberg **Minnesota State Prison:** Rob Larson

## Local Youth Serving in the military:

Dan Johnson 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 Joe Leligdowicz  
06 Greg Plath  
09 LaDonna Hultgren  
11 Michael Grandpre  
15 Daisy Eddy  
15 Mary Ann Emmons  
18 Noah Smelser  
19 Dianne Lundhagen  
19 Sari Stahl  
22 Shane Christman  
25 Stacie Grandpre



06 Jeremy & Sari Stahl  
12 Brad & Dawn Sherseth  
20 Ed & Sue Hawthorne



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Emmanuel Lutheran is  
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caring relationships and  
loving service.

## We have a vision . . .

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