



Emmanuel News



My family and I would like to thank you for the welcome we have received from Emmanuel Lutheran Church. From day one, you have made us feel like family and have graciously helped us navigate our first weeks among you. The shadow box gift that was made to commemorate my first Sunday will be treasured for years to come. Thank you, Emmanuel, for making the first steps on this new journey so comfortable.

Peace and Blessings

Vicar Keith



Olympic Games

Sunday September 26th 5:00pm

5th -8th graders

Atonement Lutheran Church will be hosting the first event for the **Lutheran Youth Collective**, a monthly gathering of area Lutheran youth for fun, fellowship, and faith formation. We will host the March event here at Emmanuel. So, what to expect? Youth and leaders will gather at 5pm and start with sharing a meal (sub sandwich or something similar). There will be full group games, team events, as well as individual events for youth to take part in. There is a wide array of events with everything from Archery to Origami. I am looking forward to spending time with, having fun together, and getting to know each of our youth as we gather for these events. Yes, friends are welcome to come and join in the fun.

Please RSVP via our Facebook event, as it is helpful to know how many to plan on for those hosting.



The Pineview Quilters meet at Emmanuel at least once a month, to work on quilts in the church basement. The big tables down there are so helpful to spread the quilts out for tying, etc. The Pineview Quilters was organized in 1946, and has always included women from the area, and from various congregations, with the one purpose in mind, to make quilts for various needs: fire victims, lap robes for nursing homes and assisted living facilities, RiverStone, VA hospitals, etc. We always enjoyed each other's fellowship, and as our meetings and workdays became longer, we started bringing food to share. I see similarities, to the early church in the story of Acts, as with the disciples, it was composed of people from a wide variety of backgrounds, and ethnicities. The language of "fabric" brought us together and encouraged us to learn more about our communities.

In that first chapter of Acts, we don't see a group that looks destined to change the world, but as anyone, who has been a member of a quilt group (or any other kind of artist's group) can attest, there is power in that group itself. When I think about this quilt group, I realize that we all accomplished more together than we could have on our own. We made quilts that would cover a bed, sewed quilts filled with intricate stitches and designs, created quilts to be raffled off to raise money for various funds to benefit others, included quilts to be shipped overseas to needy people, all done while we enjoyed the companionship of each other.

Now let us relate this to the Holy Trinity: if we thought of the Trinity as a quilt group, I think it could transform our relationship with the Holy Spirit and God as the ultimate quilt designer, who invites and inspires us to contribute ideas, fabrics, thread, and efforts in God's work in the world. Now I see Jesus as one who comes to our tattered and torn quilt of existence to introduce us to new materials, offering fabrics, more interesting patterns, and vibrant colors, all stitched together with stronger threads than any we've had before. The Holy Spirit is a quilt group member, too. The Spirit is one who comes to us with support, accompaniment, and information about where our quilts should be entered, encouraging us to believe in our creative powers, even when we are less sure of ourselves. The Holy Spirit's wake-up call is an insistence that we can be better versions of ourselves. Many of Jesus' parables use images of work: work in a vineyard, in fields, as servants waiting for new masters, but in our day and age, work as a metaphor for life in the Kingdom of God doesn't really speak to the joy of living in that reality. Picturing the Trinity as a quilt group, with the Holy Spirit as the group's energizing and organizing force, can move us in that direction. We can be open to the gentle whispers of a new way of looking at the materials of our lives. We can have a daring vision, without knowing exactly how we will accomplish it. The Holy Spirit is here to help us with the work of that creation.

If we enlarge our thoughts about the Holy Spirit, and our ideas of what can be accomplished when we partner with the Spirit, we will see a transformation that began when the first disciples encountered the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Isn't that a better outcome than staying hidden in our houses? We can become communities that tell the story of God's love and share in God's work. We can help to reweave the fabric of our world---a fabric that is increasingly frayed, shredded and torn, but with potential for transformation and beauty.

That's the Great Commission, in quilting terms.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Plans are going ahead for our annual Harvest Dinner and Bazaar, to be held on November 7th at the church. We will prepare our roast beef dinner, with all the trimmings, and homemade pies for dessert. This will give you time to create items for the Bazaar and auction, so be thinking of what each of you can do to help make this another successful event. Each of you ladies will be contacted several weeks in advance, to let you know what to contribute for the meal, and where your help is needed.



Thank you all for your willingness to participate.



COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

September is upon us and I'm officially on a first name basis with the lady that runs the corn truck, as I continue to get my fill of sweet corn. Last month I told you about my eating form of typewriter method or hamster wheel style, but last night I found myself munching out a new routine. I call it the military style because it reminded me of my time in boot camp. I munch on the left, munch on the right and eventually meet in the middle. Just like the boot camp marching of left, right, left.

On the 6th we celebrate Labor Day, so we get a three day weekend. I wish I could say that I plan no labor for that day, but my painting project will require some work in the morning while it is still cool outside. Not to fear though, as that afternoon I'll be firing up the grill and cooking something tasty. I hope you all enjoy the last hurrah of summer with family and friends.

We have Patriot Day on the 11th, so make sure to put out Old Glory on the front porch, as we remember those lost and the cost we have endured since then. On the 12th we have Grandparents Day



and I'm proud to say that I'm officially a Grandpa! My grandson was born the end of June and he is growing like a weed. It doesn't seem that long ago when my youngest son was born and now, he is a father himself. Sure will be fun to have a little one in the family again. Happy Grandparents Day to all of you out there who have that prestigious title.

Finally, on the 22nd, Autumn begins, and we will start the transition into fall weather. I look forward to cooler weather, but I dread the falling leaves stage, as that means more cleanup work. Oh well, time stands still for no Mouse, not even me.

I was able to meet the new Vicar at the last Church barbeque and was very impressed. Easy to talk to and an all-around good man. I look forward to attending the Sunday services to see what he has to tell us. Welcome to the congregation Vicar Keith. Let me know if there is something I can do for you. I'm always hanging around in the Church basement.

Well enough for now. See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2021

Opening Devotion: Vicar Keith

Standing Reports: Minutes of the July meeting were approved, motion made by Liz, seconded by Sharon. The Treasurer's Report (done by Sharon and Robin) was approved; motion made by Liz, seconded by Linda. Robin reported on the QuickBooks software, and said she wanted to start over with the computer, first because it runs so slowly. It was suggested that we have Jim McKinney shop for a new computer for the office. The Intern Committee will be having their monthly meetings on August 18th, and any new members would be welcome.

Old Business: The Call Committee has just been left on for next year, after the internship ends in next August.

Prison Ministries: we will have to check with Abby as to what has been donated up to this point.

Summer BBQ's: we are looking for helpers, also someone to do the grilling of the burgers, etc. August 19th will be the last one for this summer.

Worship Service Guidelines: We will revise how we do the "peace", ushers will have hand sanitizers, as members come up for communion. We also need to re-start the sign-up sheets for volunteer workers as we don't have many helpers for August, etc.

Boy Scout Projects: There were no updates as to the church sign or the landscape areas.

Website for ideas for updates? Vicar Keith has some thoughts on this, see the newsletter articles.

Youth: Committee August 22nd: Liz, Greg and Jill will meet, and make plans for activities for the kids.

ELCA Youth Gathering Informational meeting will be held on August 29th. Hopefully everyone with kids will attend, have some ideas. "AAA" =authentic, affirming, available adults

Backpack Blessing (School starts 9/7) for anyone going back to school such as kids, teachers, college students....supplies can be donated to them.

Sunday School will begin next month...perhaps with a balloon release for the kids....

Music: Laura will play the piano on the 15th and

22nd. Dawn Sherseth on the 29th; (Thank you to the girls who did the music on the 8th.)

Prayer Line: members felt this should be refreshed (updated) on a monthly basis. There will be cards in the pews that can be filled out with requests.

Thank you/gifts for the LPA's? Possibly ties for them? Prayers of gratitude, cards?

New Business: God's Work, Our Hands, September 12th (Lions' Club Project possibly?) Linda and Liz will check on this.

Church Council "retreat", tabled for next time.

Acolytes and Robes, The Women's Group will buy them...Vicar Keith will order what is needed.

American Indian Alaska Native Lutheran Association AIANLA (Bishop Laurie's video) (Orange Banner: a symbolic reminder of children who were lost to genocide.

New Office Hours: Vicar Keith will be in the office Monday and Wednesday afternoons, and Thursday mornings. He will move the baptismal font down to the main floor, and will have the TV set up to show the order of service, hymns, etc.

Sunday Service Attendants:

communion prep, readings, offering counter, lock up.
8/15 - Dawn will do communion prep. Laura will do music

8/22 - Liz will count the money, Laura will do music

8/29 - Ricker will count & the readings. Dawn S. will do music

9/05 - Ricker will count and do the readings. Daisy will do the music

Next Council meeting will be September 8th, at 7:00 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Closing: Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Petty, Secretary



LOVING SERVICE



Acolyte Information and Training
following Worship
September 26th 11:15am

What is an Acolyte?

An **acolyte** is an assistant or follower assisting the celebrant in a religious service or procession. Acolyte, comes from the Greek akolouthos, meaning “server,” “companion,” or “follower”

In the Lutheran traditions, acolytes participate in the worship service by carrying a processional cross or crucifix, the word of God, lighting and extinguishing the altar candles, ringing the church bell to call the congregation to worship, and assist the presiding minister in presenting the Sacraments. The lighting of the altar candles in the worship service is a symbol of Jesus’ coming into the presence of the worshipping community. Before lighting the candles, the acolyte may bow at the altar out of respect. Before the extinguishing of the last altar candles, the acolytes relight their "candle lighter" and then process out into the narthex. This symbolizes that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. It also symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are called to serve. Acolytes in the Lutheran tradition wear robes called albs.

Any students interested in learning more about being an acolyte are invited to attend Acolyte Training following worship on September 26th. Please talk to Vicar Keith or email him at kweatherford@uls.edu with any questions.

Christikon Clips

September, 2021

Information for our Congregations



Our 70th season is completed! Our exceptional staff has headed back to their lives outside of camp, the campers are back at school, and we begin the planning for 2022. It has been a blessed adventure!

We hosted campers from Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota, New Mexico, North Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, California, Pennsylvania, Texas, Oregon, DC, Nebraska, Utah, and Montana. Wonderful opportunity to connect with people from these out of state congregations and forge long lasting friendships sharing the Christikon experience.

Our special guest speakers, Dr. Aana Vigen and Dr. Hans Wiersma led our CE Retreat and Mountain Weekend sessions.

Fall Retreats: We have retreats scheduled into the middle of October with a few dates still available. Bring your group and enjoy fall in the mountains!

Capital Campaign: We are looking at the Adult Housing/ Boys Dorm next! **If you have not received a Capital Campaign packet, please contact the office and one will be sent to you.**

We are grateful for your prayers for Christikon this summer, for the summer staff as they are called back into the world newly equipped to share their mountaintop experiences, and for all who have joined in the Christikon life. We ask for your continued prayers and support.

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



Members & Friends of the Congregation: Please pray for the family of Matt Grandpre who passed away as a result of a motorcycle accident. Matt recently returned home from the military. Pat Radden's youngest son, Callan Hovland is improving in a Dallas hospital due to a severe heart attack. Connie Herberg asks for prayers for friends Tom & Jacquie Kittson and family. Tom had a severe reaction to black mold. Doctors suspected brain meningitis. He suffered strokes on both sides of his brain and was unresponsive and within the hour, Tom passed away. Darrell Mack is in the hospital due to severe pain in his leg and hip. Donna Mullins mother, Clara Johnson, born 9-14-1929 passed away. Brenda Emerick's dad, Frank DeRudder, has been diagnosed with advanced colorectal and lung cancer. He will be travelling from Bridger to Billings 5 days a week for treatment. Toni Reinhart's daughter, Brittany, age 30, had an infection on her face which metastasized into the lymph nodes. She will get a bone marrow transplant in Denver. Jennie Ingram has asked for prayers for a family member who has struggled with depression, hopelessness, and is suicidal. She was hospitalized on Sunday, and we need to pray she will find the help she so desperately needs. We must pray for the family members also. Linda Oberg has requested prayers for her daughter-in-law, Tierra Oberg. She had a 4-wheeler accident on Sunday. She has 2 fractures in her neck and had over 100 stitches on her face and head. She will be in a neck brace for at least 6 weeks.

Community Living: St Johns United: Inez Oberg

Minnesota State Prison System: 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.



- 13 Chuck Super
- 14 Ron Quanbeck
- 15 Ed Hawthorne
- 17 Kaden Christoferson
- 21 Linda Hinkle
- 21 Melissa Sherseth




3 Joe & Carla Leligdowicz

15 David & Jill Hoffman



Bible Quiz

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?



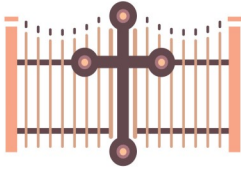
- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers

Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6)

Bible Quiz

In John of Patmos' vision, what is special about the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem?


- A. They are made of gold and always closed.
- B. They are made of amethyst and onyx.
- C. They are closed by day and open by night.
- D. They are made of pearl and never closed.



Answer: D (See Revelation 21:21, 25)

Grandparents DAY

September 12th



Every Year, National Grandparents Day is celebrated on the Second Sunday of September in the United States of America. The day aims to show the bond of love between Grandparents and Grandchildren. Along with the US, the day is also celebrated in Canada, and Estonia on the same day.

The first National Grandparents' Day in the USA was celebrated on 10 September 1978. Actually, this was the wish of a nine-year-old boy named, Russell Capper. In 1969 Russell sent a letter to that time US President Richard Nixon and ask him to dedicate a day to Grandparents. A Secretary of President Nixon replied to this stating, President liked your idea, but they are not able to declare the day without the resolution of the Congress. After, 8 years on May 3, 1978 a resolution was passed to celebrated every year the Second Sunday of September as National Grandparents' Day in the Country.



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL


Starts October 3, 2021
9:00 am – 9:45 am

We are so excited to announce that Sunday School is back! We have a new and exciting program that the kids are going to love.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

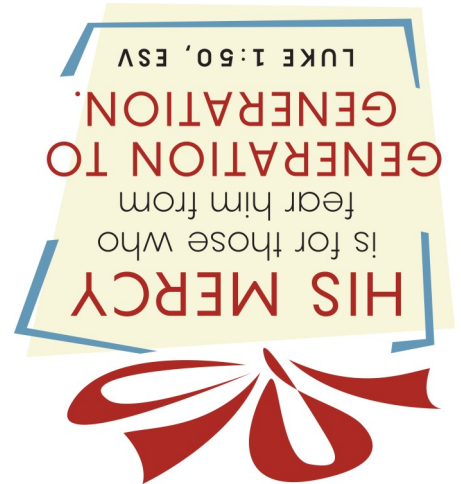
TELL SOMEONE ABOUT

Jesus




Campbell

"I know I can train them to be thoughtful productive Christians if I can ever get past sit."



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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,
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