



Emmanuel News



Congratulations to our new acolytes at Emmanuel Lutheran Church



These young members of our church have volunteered to assist Vicar Keith during our Sunday morning worship as acolytes.

They are (left to right) Micah Oberg, Tanner Emmons, Teeya McCaffree, Vicar Keith Weatherford, Taylor McCaffree and Kinley Weatherford.



It's not too late!

If any student is interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Vicar Keith.



The Handbell Choir from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Billings, under the direction of Suzanne Purtee will be playing as part of our worship service on Sunday November 14th. They are a wonderfully talented group, sharing God's love through their music. I encourage you to come and experience worship with and through the gift of such beautiful music.

*They ministered with **music** before the tabernacle.....1 Chr 6:32*

The Deacon Is Coming

Deacon Chelle Huth, Director of Field Formation, Co-Director of Contextual Formation at United Lutheran Seminary is in the process of visiting internship sites as part of a grant application. Emmanuel Lutheran in Shepherd has been selected as one of the chosen sites. Chelle will be visiting Emmanuel Sunday, Nov. 7th. Deacon Chelle brings God's light into the world, she is full of life, energy, joy, laughter, and love. She has also agreed to serve as our guest preacher. I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to join us for worship at 10:00am and take advantage of the opportunity to meet Deacon Chelle, connecting and inter-weaving faith journeys.



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Just one month away and we will be busy preparing for our Harvest Dinner, to be held on November 7th.

The work group lists will be updated and the women of our church will be getting calls in a week or so as to what they need to contribute toward the event, with food contributions and items for the bazaar and auction. We will be using the work group lists from several years ago, asking each of you to bring something. I also want to ask you ladies to volunteer for numerous positions where help is needed to make this event run smoothly. The jobs we need help with in the kitchen are: four persons to dish up food for individuals at the kitchen window; someone to make the relish trays, and refill them as needed, someone to mix and dish up the coleslaw; someone to prepare the mashed potatoes, or heat the green beans and squash, or make the gravy, or cut the beef roasts. Coffee and lemonade will need to be made before the meal begins. The pies will need to be cut and dished up on small plates (Agnes Beddes and Louise Nunemaker will do that again). Help will be needed in the dining room, to seat people, clear the plates,



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refill bun containers, and relish trays, if the young people will be able to assist in that capacity. We will need a person-in-charge of the group to see that everything runs smoothly. Of course, we always need a dishwasher in the kitchen, too. We will need someone at the door to sell meal tickets as people arrive at the dining room. We also will need someone upstairs to be cashier in the bazaar area, and at the auction. Of course, we will need one or two auctioneers, too. Some help to set up the tables, bazaar and auction items on Saturday, the 6th would be a blessing.

This is a huge event for the church, and we need your help, even if it is just for a few hours, everything will be appreciated. Please let us know what you can help us with, and what you can provide.

You can e-mail me at dawnpetty6@aol.com, or call me at 373-6673 with that information.



COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

October is upon us and the weatherman is starting to talk about snow in his forecast. I guess all good things must come to an end and I need to start digging out my thermal underwear again. I wonder what this winter will be like. Someone told me the Old Farmer's Almanac is predicting a bunch of snow for our area, which would be great for the ski hill.

On the 11th we celebrate Columbus Day, and all of the bankers and government types will get the day off. The rest of us blue collar folks will need to report to work like every other Monday. I often wonder about what old Christopher worried about in his day. I'm sure weather was top of his mind, along with food, water and the rum running low. Even though life was simpler at that time, there must have been plenty for him to stress over and lose some sleep at night.

On the 31st we have Halloween to enjoy. A holiday proudly supported by the candy makers and dentists



everywhere. I've been racking my brain to come up with an original costume to wear this year. I try to keep it simple and low budget, so I've been scouring the thrift stores for items that I can use. I've been watching a lot of old movies lately and think that I want to be a monster this year, so I'm leaning toward Frankenmouse! What are you going to dress up as? I hope you have plenty of Snicker Bars in the candy dish and that you keep an eye out for me. Don't worry, I'm fully vaccinated and even got my flu shot, so I'm as safe as I can be. Enjoy all the little ghouls and goblins. Happy Halloween everybody.

Well, I better cut this short, as there is a lot to do outside to get ready for the cooler weather. Leaves are starting to pile up and I'm only one mouse, with one rake. It seems so overwhelming at times. Perhaps we will get some strong winds with this cold front and Mother Nature will help me clear off the leaves.

See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.



2022 is just around the corner!

With our new ELCA constitution, we have term limits for several key positions on the church council that will need to be filled. We ask that you give prayerful consideration to serving our country church as part of the church council.

Please contact Jill Hoffman or any council member for more information..



"Charlie, we'd prefer you bring the grapes to our harvest festival."

ELC Council Meeting 9/8/2021

The meeting opened with devotions by Vicar Keith Weatherford.

A special presentation was given by Pastor Tom Schlotterback, the President of St. John's Foundation, regarding the campaign for Resident care. He updated us on the facilities at St. John's, the financial needs for continued services, and the future plans for those services. His presentation was very interesting, and inspiring. It included the history of St. John's, beginning in 1960, from the small beginning to the 320-acre site, the loans, remodels, etc. to the present facility. The plan is to get 80% of the required funds for the expansion by March 21, 2022.

The Council meeting began with standing reports: The Secretary's report was approved as read. The Treasurer's report, presented by Sharon and Robin, was accepted, and approval given for purchasing a new computer, for \$1500.00, with the help of Kyle Newell. The Intern Committee report was given by Jill, and the monthly committee meeting will be held either September 15th or the 22nd to be announced.

Old Business: Liz gave an update on the Call Committee, Robin reported that Abbey said \$420.00 was collected for and donated to the Prison ministries, % Pastor Rob Nedbalek at Deer Lodge. Regarding any changes to our worship services it was decided not to pass around the sign-up sheets or the offering plates as yet, but to continue to leave them on the back table. The Youth Acolytes will be trained on September 26th, the ELCW will supply the necessary robes. The Lutheran Youth Collective will be held on Sept. 26th, with activity for grades 5 to 8, at Atonement Church. Confirmation classes will be restarted here, and Sunday School will begin on October 3rd, from 9:00 to 9:45 AM. The Prayer Line will be refreshed monthly, and there are cards in the pews for people who want to make prayer requests. Thank you gifts for the LPA's will be arranged. God's Work - Our Hands Day on September 12th, with various needed chores done on the premises, such as the community garden area, touch-ups to the church building, and to the lawns around the premises. The American Indian Alaska Native Lutheran Association asked for churches to display an orange banner, and Dawn will have the Quilting group create one, while

Linda will laminate the information sheet to display next to it.

New Business: There are some issues with the electrical lights on the stairway and on the outside, which will be checked over. The Church Council retreat has been tabled until spring. The Harvest Dinner and Bazaar will be held on November 7th, with posters distributed around the area churches. The Fall decorating for the church will be done after services on the 19th of September, with more help it will be done quickly.

Upcoming Calendar items: Vicar Keith and youth will be attending the Montana Synod Youth Gathering Trip on Nov. 4th to 6th. Vicar Keith will be attending the ELCA Pastor gathering November 8th to the 11th (Mon.-Wed.)



Sunday Service Attendants:

September 12th Ricker Olson (Laura - music) Abbey & Rob Emmons - communion set-up.

September 19th Dawn will do the Communion bread, Linda will count

September 26th Sharon will count and set up communion (Laura will do the music)

October 3rd Dawn will count, (Daisy will do the music) Kristianne and Jack will usher

October 10th Liz will read (Laura will do the music)

The next Council meeting will be held on October 13th at the church.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer:

Respectfully submitted: Dawn Petty, Secretary



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Join us for a celebration of life.

Saturday, November 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Rhoadside Event Center
143 Northern Ave, Huntley, MT
Memorial service at 4pm, followed by dinner

Plan on a fun evening full of music, dancing,
karaoke and laughing.

Christikon Clips

October 2021

Information for our Congregations



2022 Calendar! The calendar and sessions listing is on our website (www.christikon.org). It's not too soon to start planning for next summer's trip to camp! Already accepting reservations! We anticipate a full season and encourage registering sooner than later.

Fall Retreats. We have retreats scheduled into late October. Bring your group and enjoy fall in the mountains!

We're thankful for all your prayers this past summer, for the summer staff, for this ministry and for all who have joined in the Christikon life. 2021 held opportunity for much needed connection and time in intentional Christian community. It was better than we could have hoped and we are grateful!

Capital Campaign: The Adult Housing/Boys Dorm project is next! **If you have not received a Capital Campaign packet, please contact the office.**

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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It is Time to Update the Church Directory.

Having the church directory updated with each member's information will aid in better communication for Vicar Keith, church council and for church members. If you have not already verified your contact information in the church directory contact Laura Vanberg or Linda Oberg.

Thank you for your assistance!



QUILT RAFFLE

A beautiful handmade quilt will be raffled off on the day of our Harvest Dinner. It will be displayed at the Seniors Center during Wednesday noon lunches, and shown at church gatherings.

There will also be various "Silent Auction" items on display, many handmade by our people. Tasty homemade jams and jellies, plus dill pickles will be available too. Be on the "look-out" for them.





If you are interested in any of these activities please contact our youth committee
Liz White, Greg Plath, Jill Hoffman or Vicar Keith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is now underway. We meet in the church basement Sundays 9:00—9:45am. All ages are welcome!

CONFIRMATION classes have begun. Youth grades 7-9 are meeting weekly after church to continue their faith formation. We have a second-year group that will be confirmed next May along with a group of 7th and 8th graders that are beginning their first year. Please support these youth on their learning journey.

YOUTH ACOLYTES have gone through training and have begun their worship services duties. This is a great addition to our Sunday worship service.

LUTHERAN YOUTH COALITION is gathering monthly for the youth of Billings area Lutheran churches. The next gathering is November 14th. Our church will be sponsoring this event on March 6th. The targeted grades are 6th through 8th.

ELCA GATHERING The registration deadline is coming soon for next year's event for high schoolers. The 2022 event will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 24—28. This is a special event that occurs every three years. It will be a memorable, faith building event you won't want to miss.

YOUTH CHOIR If you are interested in joining youth choir, please contact Dawn Sherseth.

1st COMMUNION We will be holding a 1st Communion class early next year. Stay tuned for more details.



When do we 'fall back' in 2021?

The first Sunday in November is when daylight saving time ends in most areas of the U.S., so in 2021 we "fall back" one hour and return to standard time on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 2:00 AM.

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

After Cain killed Abel, their parents, Adam and Eve, had another son. What did they name the baby?

- A. Seth
- B. Enoch
- C. Shem
- D. Lamech



Answer: A (See Genesis 4:25.)

CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Jerry Cossitt asked for prayers for his granddaughter Madeline, Anthony's 5-month-old daughter, who has several bleeds on her brain, and is being flown to the Denver hospital. Jerry and his family need our prayers also, as they are distraught over this. Sandie Green requests prayers for the crew of the USS Abraham Lincoln and their families. They lost five crew members to a helicopter crash last night. Sandie's son, Taylor is assigned to this ship. Diane Grote had good news; after two months of recovery following colon cancer surgery on July 2nd, her scans show that she does not have to take chemo treatments. Kelly Mack reports her husband has fully recovered from various problems and thanks all for their prayers. Three year old Tristan, son of Chris and Ashlee Volloc, has been life-flighted down to Denver to the hospital, with possible leukemia. He does have leukemia (ALL) and is getting a port put in. Please pray for Jeanette Longman, the mother of Dawn Petty's daughter-in-law Niki Larson. Jeanette has been very sick for the last week with COVID. Update on Tierra Oberg following a four-wheeler accident: they discovered 3 breaks in her right wrist and had to place pins for 2 of those. The fractures in her neck are healing nicely so hopefully she can take off her neck brace at 6 weeks. Macy Bennett of Shepherd, a young mother with cancer. Laura VanBerg's friend Irene is very ill & in the ICU with Covid. Please pray for the Mittelstadt, Sutton-Craig, and Weiland families as they mourn the loss of their loved ones to a tragic accident.



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 home.



01 Jennifer Ingram
09 Jackson Plath
10 Lauris Byxbe
10 Louise Nunemaker
12 Brad Sherseth
18 Susan Quanbeck
20 Durene Green
20 Robert McSwain

21 Carol Kramer
24 Ellie Stahl
29 Tanner Emmons
29 Samantha Leligdowicz
30 Heather Plath
31 Hailey Hoffman

09 Greg & Heather Plath
10 Brad & Lisa Strecker



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