



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Emmanuel News

August  
2022



**Thank you Vicar Keith and the Weatherford family. It has been a joy to have you be part of our Emmanuel Church Family.**





St. John's United

2022

# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

FREE • 7PM THURSDAYS

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CAMPUS • CORNER OF RIMROCK & SHILOH



JUNE 30

THE CROSSINGS, LAUREL • BRIGID & JOHNNY REEDY  
OPENER: JOHN ADAMS

JULY 7

SJU CAMPUS • KYLE SHOBE & THE WALK 'EM BOYS  
OPENER: JESSICA EVE

JULY 14

SJU CAMPUS • YOUNG DUBLINERS  
OPENER: JESSICA ALLESTAD

JULY 21

SJU CAMPUS • EVERLY BROTHERS EXPERIENCE  
OPENER: DANIEL KOSEL

JULY 28

SJU CAMPUS • WOOD BELLY  
OPENER: JIM BAUM & TAMMY STAPLES

AUGUST 4

SJU CAMPUS • THE JIMMY CARPENTER BAND  
OPENER: PARKER BROWN

AUGUST 11

WYNDSTONE, HEIGHTS • ROB & HALLADAY QUIST  
OPENER: HALLADAY QUIST

WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN



It's  
**BBQ**  
Time!



## Community BBQ!!!!

Thursdays 6PM to 7PM  
Starts June 16th through Sept 1st

Emmanuel Lutheran 5515 Carey Ave, Shepherd  
(next to the fire station)

Hot dogs and burgers provided. Bring a side to  
share if you wish.

Free will donations accepted

Everyone welcome!

Come and join us in fellowship with our  
community!

## WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Sunday August 7th at 10:30 am.

Barkameyer Park, Huntley MT

Good music and fellowship. Potluck to follow the  
service.



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Council Meeting – July 13, 2022

The Church Council met Wednesday evening, July 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM. Members present were Greg Plath, Ricker Olson, Jill Hoffman, Liz White, Robin McCaffree, Vicar Keith, Sharon Wolske and Dawn Petty Dawn did the opening devotions.

Standing Reports included the minutes from the last meeting, which were approved as corrected, the motion was made by Robin, seconded by Sharon. Lindsey gave the treasurer's report and that also was approved, motion made by Liz, seconded by Sharon. The Intern Committee Report included a plan to have a celebration in honor of Vicar Keith, following services, as the 31<sup>st</sup> of July will be the culmination of his term here at Emmanuel.

The Call Committee Update included a review of the meeting with Pastor Josh and Hardin church members. No decision was made at this time, as to whether we would share the Pastor with the Hardin Church. Many things need to be considered, as to change of service times, etc. on a part time contract.

The Youth Committee consisting of Jill, Greg and Liz will meet in late August. The Bibles ordered for the children have arrived. Vacation Bible School was held on June 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>, and all went well. The Music Committee (consisting of Jill and Vicar Keith) have musicians lined up and scheduled through October...and there still is a plan to have some special music during that period.

OLD BUSINESS: The summer BBQs are doing well. There are few volunteers signed up to help with the preparations, etc. Should we continue without more help? It was discussed and decided we would go on with the BBQ's. The new signs are attractive, and good advertising for the events. The cost to have them produced were \$392.00. The Community

Garden update reported some hail damage to some of the vegetables and flowers. Ricker reported that the grapevines don't seem to be growing very well, perhaps due to the soil type in the area.

The New Member class and induction (Living Lutheran class) is going very well, and they are having some good discussions. Laura Vanberg will be updating the Military wall, with some assistance.

NEW BUSINESS: We reviewed our offerings and attendance and were happy to see growth in both. We received a special thank you from the ELCA for the \$2500.00 sent to them for our response to the Lutheran Disaster Fund.

We also will need to update our church directory. We need to have a meeting of the congregation to discuss the option of hiring a part time minister, Pastor Josh, and sharing him with the Hardin church. We need to discuss which days he would be here at Shepherd, other than the Sunday worship, so what would his office hours be for Emmanuel? Another option is going back to hiring LPAs, and have the regular church hours we are accustomed to. Our worship time may have to be changed to 8:45AM some weeks, and at 11:15 AM for a time, to allow him travel time in between the two churches. We will have a special council meeting at 3:00 PM on Sunday afternoon, the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday Service Attendants: offering counters: July 17<sup>th</sup> will be Sharon, July 24<sup>th</sup> will be Jill, July 31<sup>st</sup> will be Robin, the August 7<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at Barkmeyer Park with the other congregations for our joint annual worship, and then offering counter for Aust 14<sup>th</sup> will be Dawn. Our next Council meeting will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Petty, Secretary

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# COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

August is here and the days have been heating up. I guess summer is finally here weather wise and I've been running my fan at night to help me sleep. I seem to sleep better with a little cool breeze circulating around. The annual Montana Fair kicks off on the 12<sup>th</sup> and I hope to spend a few days down there exploring the animal barns and all the rides on the Midway. I'm kind of looking forward to getting some of that fair food as well. Mrs. T. C. always has a good laugh when she sees me scarfing down a foot long corn dog! Perhaps I'll see some of you down at the Fair too. Look for me in the animal barns, hanging out by one of those big fans.

The school year starts up on [September 1<sup>st</sup>](#) and we are busy, busy, trying to get the kids ready for their first day back. New clothes and backpacks full of supplies really puts a strain on the monthly budget. Seems like the list of supplies that each child needs to bring gets longer every year. At least the kids seem excited to get back to school and see all of their friends. I'm hoping that in between the hallway antics and locker side chats that they actually learn something too. I know that when I was in school, I didn't appreciate all of the wonderful knowledge that was laid out before me until several years after I was

out. I actually was able to use some of that Algebra in real life and was amazed and thankful at the same time.

It sure is neat to see all the people at the weekly barbeques. Every [Thursday](#) evening people flock to the Church basement to enjoy some burgers and dogs fresh off the barbeque. There are always a bunch of delicious sides prepared as well, so no one leaves hungry. Lots of good conversations going on while everyone enjoys a dinner together. I continue with my usual rounds and will report back on what I see around the Church. Speaking of reports, the Church Garden is doing great and the sweet corn in the neighboring fields is right on track. The ears of corn appear to be nice and big this year with all of the moisture, so I expect some tasty corn on the cob towards the end of the month. I can hardly wait.



Well, that is enough for now.

See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T.C. Mouse



## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Sympathy cards have been ordered and will be displayed with the other greeting cards in the church basement. The prices for a box of 12 cards is very reasonable, and you will find a good variety of cards on the shelves...including Get Well cards, birthday cards, etc. Sharon Wolske is the treasurer for the women's group, and payment can be made to her. Check out the display...you will find somethings you can use.

The Montana Synodical Women's Organization will be holding their ELCA Biennial Convention and Gathering on September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Lewistown. They will be celebrating 35 years as

Women of the ELCA, and we all are invited to join them. On Friday, during the business session, members will be selected for the Triennial Convention, and new board members will be chosen.

On Saturday, we will be joined with several speakers and musicians. This is always a rewarding weekend to be together with your sisters in Christ. More information will be sent out to the churches and to your emails. Offerings will be designated to the Women of the ELCA, and half to Katie's Fund.... remember to bring your dimes for the Pool of Living Water fund. Also, if you would like to see something changed in how we do somethings, bring your resolutions to the meeting also. We hope you ladies will join us.

**Billings Blood Bank is asking any eligible donors or new donors to please donate blood as soon as possible as there is a serious blood shortage.**







## Christikon Clips

August 2022

### Information for our Congregations

As you are reading this clip, we are readying for the last sessions of our 71 st season. We hosted over 500 campers so

far this season including youth, families, adults and at-risk youth. We have retreats schedule through August.

Our summer staff will be completing their stay with us and will soon be heading back to their lives outside of Christikon.

We look forward to our congregational and family retreats scheduled this fall. A few retreat times are still available.

Call Kerry in the office and reserve a time.

We continue to ask for your prayers for those traveling to camp, our staff, and campers.

Blessings to all of you who support Christikon with prayer, time, skills, and your generous donations. We are grateful!

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As we conclude and celebrate the year long internship with Vicar Keith, our little country church will be starting a new Pastoral journey. On behalf of the church council, we would like to thank all of you for your comments, questions and feedback sessions. The church council has voted to extend a contract to Pastor Josh Wyman and work on a shared relationship with First American Lutheran Church of Hardin. Over the coming weeks a core group of council members will work on the contract details and sharing logistics. We will send additional information to communicate the upcoming changes. During the month of Aust, we will continue our 10am worship service with Lay Pastoral Associates and expect changes to the worship time in September. Thank you for your support through this challenging process. President, Emmanuel Council Jill Hoffman.

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July 27, 2022 Congregation:

Thank you all for your comments, questions, and feedback as we determine the future pastoral care for Emmanuel. After the last two weeks of feedback sessions, the church council has voted to extend a contract to Pastor Josh Wyman and work on a shared relationship with First American Lutheran Church of Hardin. Over the coming weeks a core group of council members will work the contract details and sharing logistics. We will send additional information to communicate the upcoming changes.

Also - please join us for a celebration with Vicar Keith on completing his internship this Sunday, July 31 during and after worship. Please bring a potluck dish to share. What an amazing year it has been!

Jill Hoffman

President, Emmanuel Lutheran

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - July 24, 2022

The Council held a special meeting on Sunday afternoon, July 24<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM to decide on hiring Pastor Josh Wyman as a part time basis, sharing him with American Lutheran Church in Hardin. Discussion included a different time for our Sunday worship, either being 8:45 AM or 11:15 AM, as he would need the time to travel between the churches. Greg Plath made a motion to evaluate the new schedule quarterly, and if it isn't working out, we could opt out of the contract, and it was seconded by Liz White, and it was passed. Our share of his salary would be between \$35,000 to \$42,000 annually. His official starting date will be September 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM, and his weekly office hours would be Wednesday and Thursday here at Emmanuel. Robin, Ricker, and Jill will work out the terms of his contract.

The need for air conditioning in church was discussed, and Buckley will explore options and prices for obtaining that system. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

# CARING RELATIONSHIPS



## Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

A note from Brenda Emerick: My dad passed away on June 26th. After the funeral, we moved my mom into Assisted Living here in Billings. We lost her on July 23rd. Her funeral is [this Thursday](#), one day after what would have been her 82nd birthday. This has been a very hard spring and summer for my family. We would appreciate prayers for the souls of my Missouri Synod Lutheran Christian parents, and for my siblings and the grandkids. Thank you so much!  
Brenda Emerick

Dee Herman's great-granddaughter Oakley has gone home from the hospital. She has both arms in temporary metal splints for now, and will have regular casts put on later on in this week. The skull fracture was monitored, and she is recovering from the fracture, and was allowed to return home, without further surgery. We will continue to get updates on Oakley and pass the information on to the prayer line.

### Community Living

St Johns United: Inez Oberg

Minnesota State Prison System: Rob Larson

### Local Youth Serving in the Military

Sergeant Riley Barta deployed to Romania, Dan Johnson deployed to Iraq; Taylor Green deployed in the Asian Pacific Fleet, Jacob Wagenaar, Tucker Wilson, Brooke Nebel Bohrer, and Brandon Bohrer. Please keep these soldiers in your prayers that they may return safely home.



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17 Carla Leligdowicz  
20 Wade Malchow  
21 Dave Hoffman  
25 Marj Kinghorn  
28 Maryann Morgenstern  
29 Emilie Christman  
31 Phyllis Stahl



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03 Shane & Emilie Christman



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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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