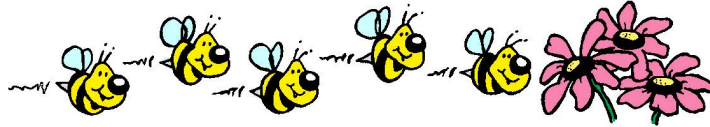




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“I will
pour out
my Spirit
on all flesh.”

ACTS 2:17, ESV

“What does this mean?”

the devout ask (Acts 2:12). For those gathered in that house, the event meant the birth of sudden, surprising, unmerited new life. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they burst from the house with a story to share about God’s wonders. But what does this event of Pentecost mean for us, today, many centuries later? God is at work here, now, in the world. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, God is walking alongside as friend, truth-teller, comforter, and guide.

The writer of John’s gospel speaks of it in this way: the Advocate, the one whom the Father will send, will teach the disciples everything they need to know. God is not yet finished revealing who God is, and the disciples are not yet finished learning. Through the Spirit of truth, the disciples will do the work of Jesus, and his life will continue through them.

In holy baptism, the Spirit rests on the heads of young and old alike. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the baptized have an old, old story to tell of Jesus and his love—and a new, new story of how God is birthing sudden, surprising, and unmerited new life all around us, every day. God is at work, here, now in the world through the lives of everyday Christians. Jesus’ work continues through the lives of all the baptized. We discover meaning from this Pentecost story today, not only for our own sake but for the sake of the world that so hungers for this life.



THE IMPORTANCE OF PENTACOST

In the Old Testament, [the day of Pentecost](#) was a celebration held 50 days after the Jewish festival of [Passover](#) (Leviticus 23:16, Exodus 34:22). In the New Testament, on the day of Pentecost, after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit came powerfully upon His disciples, enabling them to speak in foreign languages (sometimes called “tongues”) that they had not studied, and to proclaim the Gospel boldly to those gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost (Acts 2). The events recounted on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 have a number of important implications for Christians today.

1. Presence of Jesus with us After [His resurrection](#), Jesus promised to always be with the disciples (Matthew 28:20). Then He left them and went up to heaven (Luke 24:51). However, the spirit of Jesus (namely, [the Holy Spirit](#)) came upon the disciples at Pentecost, fulfilling Jesus’ promise to be with the disciples always.

2. Gospel for all peoples Prior to Jesus’ coming, a person had to be a Jew to be one of God’s people. Or you had to convert to Judaism, including culture, customs, traditions, etc. However, the supernatural proclamation of the Gospel in other tongues on the day of Pentecost was God’s way of powerfully declaring that [the Gospel is for all peoples](#), cultures, and languages. People from any culture or language can be God’s people. They do not need to convert to Judaism. They can stay in their own culture, and use their own language, and still be a believer. Even more than that, God is now calling all people everywhere [to repent and believe the Gospel](#) (Acts 2:38-39).

3. Power for testimony The disciples were scared and not yet proclaiming the Gospel widely, prior to Pentecost. Jesus knew this and told them that He was sending His Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49, John 14:16-18). That way, they would receive power to be witnesses of their risen Lord, Jesus Christ, throughout the world (Acts 1:8). Before Pentecost, the Spirit was not absent as He was involved in creation (Genesis 1:2) and in regenerating God’s elect so that they would believe in Him (John 3:8, Titus 3:5). But at Pentecost, the Spirit came much more powerfully upon Jesus’ disciples, and now dwells in (and empowers) [all disciples of Jesus](#) today (Ephesians 1:13-14). The coming of the Spirit at Pentecost and the specific events of that day were a one-time event, but the Spirit continues to be present with all Christians, enabling them to be [tell others about Christ](#) and to live the Christian life.

4. The Holy Spirit and the effect of witnessing the Gospel The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is also a blessing in another way. It’s not because of the apostles that so many people repented and started to believe in Christ Jesus. No apostle or preacher or witness of the Gospel can change the heart of someone else. Neither can a hearer of the Gospel change his or her own heart. But the Holy Spirit uses the Gospel of Jesus Christ to [create new life](#) in people (John 3:8). As a result of that renewing work of the Spirit people start to acknowledge their sins and seek salvation in Jesus Christ, who is crucified and resurrected from the dead.

5. We are living in the end times After the Spirit came at Pentecost, Peter stood up and explained to those listening about the meaning of what they had seen and heard. His explanation is recorded in Acts 2:14-36. In short, he said that the coming of the Spirit was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy about what would happen when the Messiah (Jesus Christ) came at the end of time. The amazing events of Pentecost signal the beginning of the end of the world. Many people think about the end of the world as something in the far future, but in the Bible, the end of the world (or, [the end times](#)) is a long period of time, beginning with the first coming of Christ 2000 years ago and concluding with the [second coming](#) of Christ when He returns to judge the world. Everything in-between the first and second coming of Christ is considered the end times. The coming of the Spirit at Pentecost was a sign that the end of the world is coming.



Christikon Clips

June, 2022

Information for our Congregations

We welcome our summer staff May 30th and the first session this summer will be our Developmentally Disabled Adults in June.

Family Adult Camps: We welcome Rev. Dr..David J. Lose who is the Senior Pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (Minneapolis, MN), to the Continuing Ed Retreat and Mountain Weekend. Topics include Continuing Ed: *Preaching & Teaching the Bible in the Congregation and Leadership in the Church Post-Covid* ; Mountain Weekend: *Luther Now!* Join us at camp for these great conversations. Register at www.christikon.org .

Campers! There is still room in our on-site sessions. Please visit our website to register. 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.

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We are slowly getting back to a normal routine for committees, organizations and events. It was decided at the last Council meeting, that we would again have our weekly summer BBQs for the community. As you know, they were quite popular and well-attended. The first one for this summer will be held on Thursday evening, **June 16th**, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend, bring the entire family. There is no charge for the meals, but many people contribute to the pot-luck. Hamburgers, bratwurst, and hot dogs are provided,



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along with coffee, lemonade and iced tea. We will need some people to help with setting up the dining room for the meal, preparing some of the food, and for barbecuing the meat, and cleaning up afterward. As you probably remember, in the past years we were doing the BBQs on **Wednesday** evenings, but have changed to holding them **Thursday** evenings instead. The Seniors in the community had always said they already had one large meal on **Wednesday** noon at the Community Center, and didn't want another one at night....and we look forward to them attending also. Watch for several new banners to be put up in the area to advertise the BBQ's. If anyone is willing to help with this event, please let me know, and which date is convenient for you. Dawn Petty 373-6673

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

June is here and I'm hoping that sunny weather comes with it. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining about all the rain, but I would like a couple days of sun to dry out a bit. I've been busy scouting about, harvesting asparagus and mushrooms. During my rounds I noticed that the Church garden is really taking shape again. Boy howdy! Did you see the beautiful, raised beds that were installed recently? Wow, what a work of art! Good job to the Boy Scout that made those as part of his Eagle Scout project. It sure is fun to see the colorful tires and creativity that the youth put into the garden the last couple years. I like to sit on the edge of the orange tire and watch the sunset, taking in the peace and quiet of the area.

On the 14th we celebrate Flag Day, so be sure to display Old Glory proudly from your front porch. Currently my flag is in the drying stage after all the rain that we had on Memorial Day. On the 19th we celebrate Father's Day, so I hope you get to spend some quality time with Dad, doing Dad type stuff. Fishing comes to mind if the rivers have gone down enough to safely navigate. Of course, we also must fire up the grill again too. I love to grill everything and anything if it doesn't fall through the grates. I think my love of grilling is directly proportional to my hate of washing dishes. I figure

if I can grill it, then there is one less pan to wash up after dinner.

Summer officially begins on the 21st and I wonder what we will be in for this year. Is it going to heat up quickly and dry everything out or will we stay on the mild side? I'm hoping for Goldilocks weather. Not too hot and not too cold, just right. The kids are out of school and will quickly get bored, so I feel it is up to me to keep them entertained. I must plan some great adventures. Day trips, weekend trips, little excursions exploring all the sites that our great state has to offer. Of course, in between these outings, I still need to work on the honey do list. No rest for the wicked, as they say.

I'll have to see what the schedule is for the Church Community Barbeques too, as they should be starting up. It sure is nice to see all the people gather each week to enjoy a tasty meal. So much to do and so little time. I better run and get something done.

See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T.C. Mouse



Vacation Bible School will be from 9am to 12pm, [Monday](#) (6/27th) through [Wednesday](#) (6/29th). The theme will be "Renew." Growing in God's word and learning how to care for his creation.

If anyone would like to help, they can contact myself, Liz White, or Wendy Siemsen Thank you!



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 11, 2022

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council met on the evening of **May 11th**, 2022, at the church. Members present were Liz White, Sharon Wolske, Greg Plath, Ricker Olson and Dawn Petty. Vice President Liz White conducted the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report was also approved, and it showed a balance for the month of April of \$3387.93 after expenditures of \$7346.26.

The Intern Committee report was given by Liz, and the Committee will meet again on **May 13th**. The Call Committee Update will be meeting at that time, and the council suggested talking with Pastor Jason about keeping Keith here at Emmanuel, as he has been so helpful for our church's growth in attendance, which has more than doubled, and the youth have enjoyed the children's sermons and their participation in the services as acolytes.

The Bibles for the children have been ordered and should be arriving shortly. The Youth Committee, consisting of Jill, Greg and Liz, include an end of year **Sunday School** bowling party and pizza to be held on the 22nd of May. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 26 thru the 29th. Plans for the Sunday School to re-open in fall are planned for September 25th. The Youth Committee will be meeting again on June 5th. The Music Committee has already been scheduled through the end of May, for our

services. We will be ordering some new communion cups, also. The Memorial Day services at the cemetery are being planned by the Lions Club and will be held on **May 30th**, as has been done in the past.

Old Business: A date for the "new member" class will be held later in May. As Vicar Keith will be gone to attend his graduation later in May, LPA's have been scheduled to fill in **May 15th**, and 22nd. Pastor Darren Paulson will be here on **May 15th**, and LPA John Hanson will do the service on **May 22nd**.

Laura Vanberg will update the military wall at the church. Summer BBQ's will again be held this summer, and we will start them on Thursday evening, **June 16th**. Ricker Olson will arrange for some new banners announcing the BBQ's, to be made, and set up in advance.

New Business: Plans are made to plant the Community Garden at the church on **May 20th**, weather permitting....and we will organize a "watering crew" to see that the garden gets adequate moisture all summer. The Sunday School youth will be shown how to do the watering, also.

Attendants for Sunday Services (and offering counters) are: **May 15th**: Sharon Wolske, **May 22nd** will be Liz; **May 29th** will be Ricker and **June 5th** and 12th will be Dawn Petty. Our next Council meeting will be **June 8th**, at 7:00 PM at Emmanuel. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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 -

Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

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| ADAM | REUBEN |
| CAIN | DAN |
| ABEL | ASHER |
| SETH | JUDAH |
| NOAH | LEVI |
| HAM | GAD |
| SHEM | NAPHTALI |
| JAPHETH | SIMEON |
| ELKANAH | ISSACHAR |
| SAMUEL | ZEBULUN |
| AARON | BENJAMIN |
| NADAB | JOSEPH |
| HUR | MANASSEH |
| CALEB | EPHRAIM |
| ABRAHAM | SAUL |
| ISHMAEL | JONATHAN |
| ISAAC | DAVID |
| ESAU | SOLOMON |
| JACOB | |

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Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.



Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Members:

Randy Vanberg's Goddaughter's baby girl, Kaylee, is in the hospital. She is only 2-1/2 weeks old. Her digestive organs didn't develop quite right so she was operated on when she was a week old to correct things. She is doing better but still can't eat until they know for sure whether the surgery was totally successful. She is gaining her fluids and food via a tube through her nose. Please keep her, her mommy and daddy, and her big brother Logan in your prayers. She is a fighter, but she is so tiny. Thank you.

Please keep Roger and Pat Radden in your prayers. Roger is recovering from pneumonia and heart problems, and Pat has had sessions of vertigo, where her balance is not good.

Pat Radden has asked for prayers for one of their neighbors, Brad Davidson, who has cancer in his mouth. and had all his teeth pulled, but the cancer is spreading. He is being fed with a feeding tube. All of this is very stressful for his wife Suzie, so please pray for both of them.

Pat Michaels asks for prayers for a neighbor, Macy Bennitt, who has been very ill for some time, with brain cancer, and is getting weaker and slowly dying.

Here is an update regarding Betty Wester's sister in Missouri....she is slowly improving, and they thank you all for your prayers.:

Please pray for Brittany Reinhardt, the granddaughter of Judy Smelser, as she is back in the hospital again, and needs our prayers.

Please pray for John Clark, brother of Jackie Schleder, who is in ICU at the hospital. He is in an induced coma, and on a ventilator, very weak, and needs our prayers.

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.

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
20 John & Raedawn Pasco



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