



Emmanuel News

June 2023



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

- Acts 2:1-4

June has always been a month that felt like a breath of fresh air to me. For most of my life, June has been the beginning of Summer vacation, and time to relax after a long and hard school year. The sun is in the sky for more than four hours a day, and the outdoors are warm and inviting after too many months of the cold. Many of the activities and programs that happen during the year are on a hiatus, and in my experience, things seem to slow down a bit so that people can enjoy themselves and their families before everything ramps up again in just a few months.

A breath of fresh air is exactly what the disciples needed in our text today. They had been through a bit of an emotional rollercoaster over the past 43 days, as they watched Jesus be taken into custody and killed, only to see him rise three days later, walking in their midst for the next 40, before ascending back into heaven, leaving the disciples on their own once again. Life has been a bit of a whirlwind for these disciples who dropped everything that they knew when Jesus called them, and are now left to wonder what their lives will look like now that their Rabbi was gone.

And just as they were sitting with their questions, a literal whirlwind enters the scene as the curtains begin to shake and silverware falls off the tables. And as their hair blew in their faces, tongues of fire erupted in front of them, and rested on each of their shoulders. And in that moment they were filled with the Holy Spirit, who would lead, accompany, and abide with them as they continued their lives and ministry. Pneuma is the Greek word that we translate as "Spirit" most often in our scriptures, but there is another word that it can be translated as. Breath.

When the disciples needed a moment, needed a fresh start, needed some direction and peace in the midst of their busy and chaotic lives, God gave them breath. God gave them a breath of fresh air in the midst of the whirlwind of their lives to help them slow down and reevaluate before going back into the chaos that the world around them had thrown in their path. When they needed to recenter, they took a Holy Breath to clear their minds.

I'm not sure what chaos has crossed your path, but I think this scripture, and maybe this month, are here to remind you of the importance of taking a breath. When I was in seminary, one of my professors began every class with the prayer that is written below. It was a meaningful prayer to me that helped me to slow down during the hustle and bustle of life's day, and to remember who I was, where I was, and who I had been created to be. My prayer for you during this month is that you would allow this Breath to find you and bring you the renewal and healing that you need for today and everyday.

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Christikon Clips

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Information for our Congregations

We're excited to welcome our first fulltime Assistant Director, Taryn Hauglie, to the leadership team. She starts June 1, and summer staff report the next day for the start of Staff Training.

Our first campers arrive on the 19th.

Family Adult Camps: We welcome Dr. Eric Meyer who is an Associate Professor of the Theology Department at Carroll College to the Continuing Ed Retreat along with Pr. Kent Claussen Gubrud of Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Apple Valley, MN and Paul Waldum instructor at MSU Bozeman and professional artist from Livingston, MT. Watch for more details coming on our website. Mountain Weekend – watch for more information on our website.

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.

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

It is almost time for the Community BBQ's to begin, which are scheduled for evenings at 6:00PM, starting on June 15th. A sign-up sheet is on the shelf at the back of the church, and you will notice that we are trying to get more members involved. The list asks for a coordinator for each evening, that will oversee the preparations and help with the clean-up. Then we will need someone to grill the burgers, etc. each time, and several other people to help

with buffet preparations and the cleaning up at the end of the meal. In the past years, we have had the same group working each week, and that becomes overwhelming for them. The ELCW will purchase the burgers, buns, ice cream, and lemonade, bottled water and coffee, which will be available for each BBQ. Can you help?

Respectfully, Dawn



COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

June is finally here and this month always reminds me of my favorite Aunt June. What a special lady she is and always the life of the party. It's her crazy, outgoing personality that grabs one's attention and also helps her in the various acting jobs that she gets.

This month is special too, as we celebrate Flag Day on the 14th, so be sure to dust off Old Glory and fly her proudly from your home base. Then on the 18th we take a day to honor all of the Fathers out there. I hope you can spend some quality time with your Dad and thank him for everything that he has done to jump start your life. I kind of look at the mother/father role as being very similar to the bad cop/good cop strategy of interrogating a suspect. Of course Dad naturally ends up playing the bad cop, to keep a sense of order in a young person's life. I remember that famous saying, "Son, this is going to hurt me more than it is going to hurt you", as Dad helped me distinguish between right and wrong! Anyways, Happy Father's Day to all of the Dads out there.



June is also my anniversary with the beautiful Mrs. T. C. Wow, I can't believe we have been putting up with each other for 32 years already. Time really flies when you are having fun. Happy Anniversary Pooky! I look forward to many more years together.

Finally on the 21st, summer officially begins according to the calendar. I believe this is also the longest day of the year, at least for the amount of day light, since it is the summer solstice. What do you have planned for your summer? Are you going to travel the state? Maybe do some hiking, fishing and exploring? Lately I've been out searching for asparagus and morel mushrooms. Both are quite tasty and almost like a treasure hunt that the entire family can participate in.

Well, I better go for now. So much to do and so little time. Hope to see you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse

There is new opportunity to participate in a Christian Book Club. The club will meet once a month on the first Monday of each month. Lindsey Reynolds will be the contact person if you would like more information. The first book currently being read is the first book of the series "Her Mother's Hope" by Francine Rivers. Everyone is welcome and even if you can't make a meeting, the books are easy reads and Christian based. The first meeting is June 5th and the Feedlot Steak house at 6pm. Lindsey's phone number is 406-794-6769.

The new church cross has been installed with the help of Phil White, he and I erected the 400 pound cross, and poured over 450 pounds of concrete to encase it within the hole. Next step is to add the light, if someone would like to help, please contact me.....
Ricker Olson
Montana Vine and Wine
(406) 690 - 0119

Balance Sheet	March	April
Checking 1	16938.56	17736.56
ELC Memorial 1	14021.96	14203.04
ELC Youth	5439.78	5439.78
Savings	78122.42	78122.42
Savings Building Fund	29834.63	29836.92

The community garden cleanup and planrting are undersay. If anyone is interested in helping, please reach out to Meagan Malchow, Mary Ann Morenstern, or Liz White. Your help will be very much appreciated!!



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2023

The Church Council met Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. Members present were Jill Hoffman, Lindsey and Buckley Reynolds, Sharon Wolske, Carol Kramer, Ricker Olson, Dawn Petty, and Pastor Josh. Pastor Josh opened the session with devotions from John 14: 1-14.

Standing Reports:

The Secretary's Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, motioned by Sharon and Lindsey. The Treasurer's report showed a recent deposit of \$7293.31, and the report was approved, motioned by Carol and seconded by Sharon. The Youth Committee reported that Sunday School would be ending on May 21st for the summer, with Vacation Bible School taking place from July 12th to 13th, at 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon, and volunteers are needed for that event. Also, hopefully the youth can volunteer to help more with regular services, such as taking offerings, reading, helping with communion, etc. to get them involved with activities. Pastor Josh's report included scheduled confirmation and baptism for the upcoming Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regarding the HVAC process, Buckley reported that the price was \$11,298.00 which included \$1500.00 for air ducts. The password for the new thermostat now is 1234. Jill reported on the technology update for the church, helpers were Ricker, Clint, Abbey, Brad, and the Reynolds. The cross replacement on the front lawn was done by Ricker, and is now a metal cross, cemented in the ground, and will have a light which will shine on it during the nights... The light will be installed in the lawn and will shine upward on the cross. Buckley and Phil White have been working on the plumbing for the building and updating the system. Sharon gave a report on the repairs for the mobile chair at the stairway to the basement, and the motor was replaced for \$800.00 by Juro's.

Jill reported that the contract for Pastor Josh was renewed and extended for 20 months to February 1st of 2025, and the salary increased by \$1500.00, and there will be a meeting with him every two months. Jill and Lindsey reported on the insurance policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

We talked about having a garage sale in the parking lot this summer, but it was decided not to do it for now, as it is a great deal of work, and not much income...so it was tabled for another year. Lindsey talked about the "book club" which will begin the 1st Monday of each month, which makes the three first one to be held at June 5th, and it will be at the Feedlot Restaurant at 6:00 PM. The first book to be reviewed is "Her Mother's Hope" by Francine Rivers.

The Community Garden is being cleaned up and ready for planting, and the new Grape vines are already planted...by Ricker. A sign-up sheet will be available for helping with decorating the church, changing the

vestments, colors, etc. The summer BBQ's will begin again on June 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet for the helpers that are needed to put those meals on, and also to do the barbecuing. Signs for that event will be erected in several weeks.

Also, the time to issue the newsletter each month, will be the last week of the previous month, by the 22nd, so everyone will be informed as to upcoming events. We need to "stay ahead" on that information.

SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDENTS

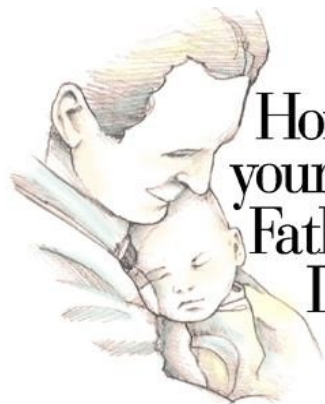
: Offering counters: May 14th Dawn Petty, May 21st Carol Kramer, May 28th, Ricker Olson, June 4th, Sharon Wolske, June 11th, Carol Kramer.

Our next Council Meeting will be held on June 14th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Petty





Honor your father: Father's Day

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Breathe in the breath of God

Breathe out your cares and concerns

Breathe in the love of God

Breathe out your doubts and despairs

Breathe in the life of God

Breathe out your fears and frustrations

We sit quietly before the One who gives life and love to all crea-
tion,

We sit in awe of the One who formed us in our mother's wombs

We sit at peace surrounded by the One who fills every fibre of
our being

Breathe in the breath of God

Breathe out your tensions and turmoil

Breathe in the love of God

Breathe out your haste and hurry

Breathe in the life of God

Breathe out your work and worry

We sit quietly before the One who gives life and love to all crea-
tion,

We sit in awe of the One who formed us in our mother's wombs

We sit at peace surrounded by the One who fills every fibre of
our being

Amen.

Vacation Bible School will take place on July 12th and 13th

In the mornings. Contact Wendy and Liz if you would like to help. Your help will be very much appreciated!!

Youth Sunday School finished up in May and will restart next September. Thank you for a great year!



Join us for BBQ's at Emmanuel Lutheran! starting at 6:00pm on June 15, 2023

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. We are looking for weekly hosts. Please contact Dawn Petty at 373-6673 or dawnpetty6@aol.com

Hope to see you there!



Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

Prayer request forms are also available at the church.

An update on Derek:

Derek Larsen is still in the hospital, and will probably be there for at least a week longer. Please pray for nourishment for Derek, as he hasn't been able to eat in 6 days. Please pray for strength and encouragement for all the family during this difficult time.

Derek is in serious condition at the hospital with septic shock resulting from a bowel obstruction. The doctors are trying several treatments in hopes that surgery will not need to be performed. Please continue to keep Derek, Jeanne and Dave in your thoughts and prayers. The family sends many thanks to everyone for their prayers and ask that you keep praying for the family.

Community Living

St Johns United: Inez Oberg

Local Youth Serving in the Military

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

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