



# Emmanuel

November  
2022



Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.  
For he satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

-Psalm 107:8-9

My Grandma's love language has always been gift giving. She loves lavishing her grandchildren with as many gifts as she possibly can, and will go out of her way to come up with whatever reason she can to have an opportunity to give us presents. One of these Grandma created gift giving opportunities falls on Thanksgiving every year, "The Great Pinecone Hunt."

She would go around the backyard and hide different colored pinecones for all of us to find, and each pinecone would be matched with a different gift. These gifts could range anywhere from a box of candy to a singing turkey, you never knew what you were going to get. And while this was a fun game for us to play growing up, it also taught us an important lesson.

When it would come time for our thanksgiving meal, we would go around the table and say some things that we were thankful for. If any of us kids couldn't think of something to say, Grandma would smile and remind us, "You were able to find all those pinecones, I'm sure you can find something to be thankful for!"

When we discover and acknowledge the blessings that we have, we are able to see the places where God has been present and active in our lives.

Sometimes it can be easy to go about our lives, and not think about where God has shown Himself throughout our days. But when we take the time to think about the big things and the small things, it can be amazing to see all the blessings we have been given. When we see that we still have things to be thankful for, even in the midst of the chaos, we are able to see that God has been present with us all along. We are able to see places where the light has shone through the darkness, and we are able to remember that we have a God who abides with us, even in the hardest times.

During this Thanksgiving month, I invite you to search for as many things as you can that you are thankful for, and see all of the ways that God has continued to show up, in the most amazing ways, and in ways as small as a pinecone.

Pastor Josh



We are going to start a combination youth and adult choir in November.

Anyone 4th grade and up is welcome to come and sing. We will practice on Nov. 2, 9, and 16 at 7:00 at the church.

We will pick music the first practice and sing on November 20.

Please call Dawn Sherseth, 406-672-7694, if you are interested so we can have enough copies of the music. If you forget, come and sing anyways!

# SHEPHERD EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## HARVEST DINNER

**SUNDAY -- NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

**11:30AM - 2PM AT THE CHURCH IN SHEPHERD, MT**

**BAZAAR \* RAFFLE \* AUCTION**  
Live AUCTION begins at 12:30

**ROAST BEEF DINNER**  
**WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS AND PIE**

**ADULTS \$10**

**CHILDREN 6-12 \$6**

**CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE**



# COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Wait! Don't go! Come back! I'm sorry about all of my complaining in the heat of the moment. Yes, I agree that "Dog Days" comment was uncalled for. Wow, I really hate to see her go. She never seems to stay very long. Man, I'm really going to miss her this time. Oh Summer, I wish you'd change your mind and stay longer. Well, what's done is done. The only way to quell my sorrows is to bundle up, hunker down and eat something good and warm. Thankfully the annual Harvest Dinner is Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup>, so the Church will be full of activities, the least of which is the roast beef dinner with all the fixings served up in the basement. I can almost taste it now. Roast beef, mashed taters, gravy, squash and more. Oh yeah, there is pie for desert too. Perhaps a meal of this magnitude is just what I need to get me out of the funk caused by Summer leaving me.

I mustn't forget to adjust the clocks when I go to sleep on the 5<sup>th</sup>, as Daylight Savings Time ends, and we all fall back an hour. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep. Personally I wish that we would just leave the clocks alone, as it always takes me a couple weeks to adjust my internal clock to the change. I should get some new batteries for the smoke detectors also, so I can replace those at the same time that I'm messing with the clocks. The firemen are always saying to change out those smoke detector batteries at the same time as the



twice a year time change. Makes sense to me, since the smoke detector can't detect anything if the battery is toast.

Then on the 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Thanksgiving and the wonderful meal that goes with it. I kind of had a dry run of eating turkey already, as I fixed a complete turkey dinner in July while Summer was still here. Wow, what a spread. Turkey, dressing, mashed taters, gravy, green beans and pumpkin pie. I was so stuffed afterwards that Mrs. T.C. had to roll me to the couch. With all this good eating, I should be up to my usual winter weight in no time. I'm looking forward to getting together with all of the kids and relatives, around a table of delectable food and telling some stories. Sure will be nice to get a long weekend away from work too. I hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Well, I better go for now. I must dig out the hat, gloves, scarf, boots, and old union suit, now that Summer left me. I know, eventually she'll be back. I'll just have to wait, maybe leave the light on. Maybe go fishing before the water freezes.

See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse

## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

It is time for our annual fundraising event for the ELCW, the Harvest Dinner. As you know, we were not able to have the dinner, bazaar and auction during the pandemic, so we are looking forward to this project, which is scheduled for Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The Harvest Dinner event always supplies our treasury, so we are able to purchase numerous items for our church. We recently purchased four artificial palms for the altar area, and they look beautiful. We have been buying about six palms from the greenhouses in town, almost every year or so, and it was difficult to keep them growing in the heat of the summer, and the cold in the winter. There are times when the women's group has paid our church's synod assessment. We also purchase kitchen supplies and appliances. As many of you know, our women's group



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paid to have a well dug near the garage and garden area, several years ago, to keep the plants watered, instead of running hoses from the church system to do that.

It takes a lot of hard work and time from the women of the church to make our Harvest Dinner event successful. Thank you to all the volunteers. God bless each and every one of you.



**Council Meeting,  
October 12, 2022**

The Council met on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. Present were Jill Hoffman, Liz White, Pastor Josh, Lindsey and Buckley Reynolds, Ricker Olson and Dawn Petty. Pastor Josh opened with devotions. The Secretary's minutes were approved, motion made by Liz, seconded by Buckley. The Treasurer's report was given and discussed. The motion to approve it was made by Liz, seconded by Buckley. The Youth Committee reported that the topics will be matched with the liturgy, and beginning on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Josh is working on the Confirmation also. The Music Committee has their agenda scheduled for meetings on Wednesday nights, and Dawn Sherseth will be starting a choir, composed of adults and youth. Pastor Josh plans to have a Christmas Eve service at 8:00 PM

**OLD BUSINESS:** Phil White has been checking on the water analysis, ensuring that it is safe to drink.

The Community Garden needs to be totally harvested, and weeds pulled up, hoses removed, etc. for the winter.

The update on our office technology for the computer system is that it needs to be updated, and that topic will be brought up at our annual meeting in January. Colter has been working on the system, and it will be proposed at that meeting to upgrade our system.

Buckley Reynolds gave a report on the furnace and air conditioning for the church, and it was decided to wait until the annual meeting to have the congregation decide what should be done...as the total price for both would be around \$15,000.00, and we do have the funds to take care of it. Liz made a motion, seconded by Lindsey, to have a special meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss this situation and inform the congregation.

Our annual Harvest Dinner will again be held on the 1st Sunday in November, which is the 6<sup>th</sup>. Posters will be put up around the area, an ad will be placed in the Yellowstone County News, and there will also be a Bazaar and live auction. The meal will be served from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, and our menu will be the roast beef dinner again

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Christmas schedule was discussed. The Children's Program will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, and on Christmas Eve there will be just one service, at 8:00 PM, and no service on Christmas Day.

Advent begins on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Josh will discuss a "Blue Christmas" service with his ecumenical partners. His next meeting with the Hardin church is on January 4<sup>th</sup>. And a schedule for Lenten services will be discussed. We will be passing the tentative schedule around in the congregation for worship assistants, offering counters, communion set-up....as it seems we are able to get more volunteers to give of their time that way.

Liz will get a schedule for the Audit Committee to give their report for the annual meeting.

The Nominating Committee will be approaching members to fill the vacancies for the people who have served their two-year terms and will be going off the council. We will have a "meat raffle" on November 15<sup>th</sup>, as the Town Pump will match our raised funds to donate money to our Food Pantry... raffle tickets will be available for \$10.00 each. The closing date for the raffle will be November 30<sup>th</sup>. and the meat will be available at the end of January of February.

**SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANTS:** offering counters will be Dawn P. on October 16<sup>th</sup>, Liz on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and again on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, Jill on November 6<sup>th</sup>, and Greg on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Our next Council meeting will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Church.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Petty, Secretary



# LOVING SERVICE

## Christikon Clips

November 2022

*Information for our Congregations*



**Our summer calendar** is set and on our website ([christikon.org](http://christikon.org)). If you have questions about the 2023 season or would like to register, give us a call or do so online. It was a powerful summer of ministry this year, and we look forward to welcoming you to camp in the new year.

**The 2022 Annual Meeting will be on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.** We'll tell stories from the summer and share plans for the 2023 season, construction, and much more. We will be meeting in person at Big Timber Lutheran Church. For those who cannot attend we will have a Zoom link available which we will send to your congregational delegates and pastors.

We continue to hold you in prayer as together we navigate these uncertain times. We also trust in, and give thanks for, a God who promises to never let us go, no matter what life throws our way. May God bless you and yours as we move through fall and towards the holiday season and the new year.

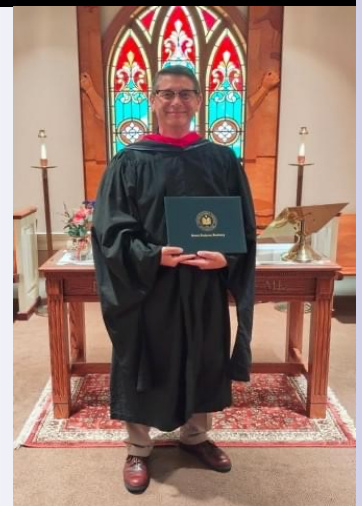
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It is with great joy that I can share an update to my journey! After completing and receiving my Masters of Divinity from United Lutheran Seminary, I have accepted my first call to St. John's Lutheran Church in Helena, Montana. I will begin my time there in the new year. We cannot wait for all the opportunities that lie ahead in our new community. In addition to that, my ordination will take place on Saturday, December 10th at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Billings, Montana. We would love to see many of our friends and family there. I will share an event link with additional details for that soon. A big thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout this process. We are so grateful for the prayers and gifts along the way!

Keith Weatherford



# CARING RELATIONSHIPS

## Prayers of the Church



Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

### Members & Friends:

Dawn Petty's stepdaughter's husband, Kim Ehnes, had knee surgery in Billings. He is in the hospital overnight but hopes to be back home in Columbus on Friday. Please keep Kim & Dawn's stepdaughter, Jamie, in your prayer. An update regarding Catherine & Carl Johnson. Carl passed away on Saturday, Oct 22. Catherine had passed away earlier on October 10. The memorial service has been held at St. Bernard's.

### Community Living

St Johns United: Inez Oberg

### 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.



- 02 Hailey Reynolds
- 03 Sierra Stahl
- 07 Raedawn Pasco
- 09 Daniella Leligdowicz
- 09 James Malchow
- 13 Randy Vanberg
- 22 Charles Noland
- 22 Sharon Wolske



- 10 Louis & Rachelle Garcia
- 11 Jim & Linda Hinckle
- 27 Mark & Connie Halvorsen

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a welcoming church in a rural  
community, called by God  
to joyful worship  
caring relationships and  
loving service.

## We have a vision . . .

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to grow in faith, family,  
and community.”

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