



Emmanuel News

October
2022



“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 1:2

Hello everyone! It has been such a blessing to worship alongside you all during the month of September, and I look forward to all that God has in store for us in our ministry together. I wanted to use this month’s newsletter to introduce myself, and give you a bit more information about your new Pastor.

It would feel wrong to start anywhere other than the most important thing in the world to me; my family. Later this month, my wife Anna and I will be celebrating our fourth wedding anniversary. She shows me the gospel every day through her unconditional love, her amazing support and encouragement, and through her passion for serving the world around her. Anna works for the State of Montana, serving vulnerable adults and the elderly. She is an avid reader, and loves anything outdoors. She also is the most amazing mother that our daughter, Rose, could ask for. Rose is 14 months old, and it has been an absolute joy to watch her learn and grow. She loves making people laugh, dancing to whatever music is on, and animals (both living and her stuffies). Two of her favorite animals are our pets. We have an orange tabby cat named Leo who loves to cuddle and hunt any insect that dares to enter our house, and a high energy golden retriever named Riley who loves any person she has the opportunity to meet.

I am from Mahtomedi, Minnesota, (5 points to the first person who can correctly pronounce that city name), a small suburb of St. Paul. Growing up, my family really only went to church on Christmas and Easter, and it wasn’t until I lost a bet with God over a Green Bay Packers game that I started going to church on my own, but that’s a story for another time. Eventually I was asked to volunteer as a cabin leader for our annual confirmation camp, and it was there that the Holy Spirit brought my faith to life. From there, I volunteered in every event the Youth Ministry Department had to offer, and I spent two summers as St. Andrew’s Youth Ministry Intern. It was while I was serving in this position that I realized that sharing the unconditional love of our God with the world is who I was called to be, and I knew that Pastoral Ministry was what I was called to do. After graduating with my Associates of Arts Degree from Century College, I completed my undergraduate education at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN, with a major in Religious Studies. After a few years of managing a local Mexican Restaurant and later an Outback Steakhouse, I was accepted to Luther Seminary where I earned my Masters of Divinity. I was incredibly blessed to be placed in Billings, MT for my internship at Peace Lutheran Church and St. John’s United. (cont. page 2)

We fell in love with the people and the state of Montana during this time, and decided that this is where we were called to do ministry. I have spent the past year serving a part-time call with the wonderful people of First American Lutheran Church in Hardin, and I am overjoyed to be joining all of you in ministry now as well. When I am not at church, you will most likely find me cheering on the Packers or the Michigan Wolverines, listening to podcasts, or playing Dungeons and Dragons.

I truly feel so honored and fortunate to have the opportunity to walk alongside you all as we grow in our faith together. I have seen so much love, joy, and peace from you all in our short time together. I cannot wait to see where God leads and calls us as a community, and how we will share God's love with one another, and the world around us.

God Bless,

Pastor Josh



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The annual Harvest Dinner, Bazaar and Auction will be held at Emmanuel on **November 6th, 2022**. We haven't been able to hold this event since November of 2019, due to the COVID pandemic, and are grateful that we can do so this fall. We will need donated items for the Bazaar, and people to help prepare the food, serve it, and clean up afterwards. We have Work Group lists from several years ago, and members will be called to contribute necessary items, and a schedule for helping in the kitchen and dining room.

We will again have roast beef for our main course, plus homemade pies for dessert. With the new schedule for worship services, we will be able to begin serving the public by 11:30 AM, until 2:00 PM, with a live auction in the sanctuary at 12:30 noon. A quilt, made and donated by the Pineview Quilting Club, will be raffled off that day also with tickets available for purchasing, throughout the month of October. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for

\$5.00. The tickets for the dinner will be \$10.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for children.

If you have some unique items, whether handmade or not, please plan on donating them to the Bazaar or Auction. The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women's Group uses the money raised by this event, to make some of the necessary purchases for the church, to pay some of the bills, and to provide scholarships for the youth to attend various activities. We need everyone's help in making Harvest Dinner successful



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COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

.Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

October is here and the nights are getting cooler. Perfect sleeping weather if you ask me. Fall is approaching fast, and the honey do list is growing at a matching pace. There is always so much to do to get ready for snow and freezing weather. The garden is doing great, and my harvest of veggies is ongoing. I plan to make some jalapeno poppers this weekend if the rain lets up. For some strange reason I don't enjoy barbequing in the rain.

On the 10th we celebrate Columbus Day, and all the banker types and government workers will get the day off as a holiday. Sounds like another good reason to fly the flag in front of the house. I often wonder how different things might have gone if Christopher had Wi-Fi on the ship and could use Google Maps for his navigation. Perhaps he would have come ashore in the Gulf of Mexico. "In five miles turn left at Jamaica and sail on for 250 miles. Your destination will be on the right."

This month I get to celebrate the birthday of my

better half, as Mrs. T.C. has her big day. Happy Birthday Pooky! Another year wiser and prettier. I still can't believe she puts up with all my nonsense.

Finally, on the 31st we have Halloween. It's always so much fun to dress up and go door to door asking for treats. What will you and your family dress up as this year? I'm leaning towards going as Christopher. Mostly because I want to make boat costumes for my kids, so they can go as the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria! I guess Mrs. T.C. can be the voice of our navigation system, so we don't get lost and end up going in circles. Happy Halloween to everyone. Be safe out there.

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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING [September 14, 2022](#)

The Council met [Wednesday](#) evening at Liz White's residence. Members present were Jill, Liz, Ricker, Dawn, Pastor Josh, Lindsey, Buckley and Robin. Jill opened the meeting with devotions.

Standing Reports: Phil and Liz White gave the report on the condition of the water at the church. There have been numerous problems with the water, including difficulties with the soaker hose, the water being contaminated, and with the faucets. Robin made a motion, seconded by Liz, to replace the units and update the system, and the motion was passed. The secretary's report was approved, motion made by Liz, seconded by Robin. Lindsey gave the Treasurer's report, showing that expenses for the summer were lower, as were the offerings, and the attendance. Lindsey had re-done all of the previous monthly reports, and there were no bills for the cemetery mowing, etc. Buckley made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Liz, and passed.

The Call Committee report gave the details of hiring Pastor Josh Wyman, as part-time pastor.

The Youth Committee reported that the acolytes are continuing to help with the services.

Instructions for "1st" Communion are being held also.

The Music Committee has musicians scheduled through March, at this time. As we are paying the other musicians, the question was brought up, should we be paying the Sherseth group, and that was agreed upon.

OLD BUSINESS: The Community Garden has been watered regularly, along with the vineyard. It was determined that there needs to be 2 to 3 hours of watering done per week.

The contract with Pastor Josh Wyman will be for services beginning at 8:45 AM here at Emmanuel.

Liz White will get help from Colter and Jim McKinney on technology issues. A new camera

is needed to continue to download our services, and some new wiring also.

Buckley reported on the air conditioning needed for summer months, and he will continue to work on that and update the system.

NEW BUSINESS: We will be holding the Harvest Dinner and Bazaar on the 1st [Sunday](#) in November, which is the 6th. Plans are already in the works for that event. There will be a new member induction in January.

Since we have not sent our contribution of \$4000.00 to the Montana Synod, it was voted on to do so, by Robin, seconded by Liz, and motion was passed.

The Town Pump will match funds for the food pantry for the months of through November.

Ricker said he will be ordering new grape vines for the vineyard for \$100.00. Liz motioned to approve that, seconded by Buckley, and passed.

SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANTS: offering counters; Jill will do [September 18th](#), Dawn will do the 25th, Ricker will count on the 2nd of October, Liz on the 9th of October, and Dawn on the 16th.

Our next council meeting will be on [October 12th](#) at the church at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer..

Respectfully submitted:
Dawn Petty, Secretary



LOVING SERVICE



Christikon Clips

October 2022

Information for our Congregations

2023 Calendar! The calendar and sessions listing are on our website (www.christikon.org). It's not too soon to start planning for next summer's trip to camp, and we're already accepting reservations! We anticipate a full season and encourage registering sooner than later.

Fall Retreats: We have retreats scheduled through mid-October. Start planning now to bring your group and enjoy fall in the mountains in 2023!

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. 2022 held many opportunities for ministry, connections, and time in intentional Christian community. 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.**

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Some of the special days celebrated in October are:

- World Communion Sunday — October 2, 2022
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday — October 9, 2022
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- Columbus Day observed — October 10, 2022
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- Reformation Sunday — October 30, 2022
- Reformation Day — October 31, 2022

Activities and information

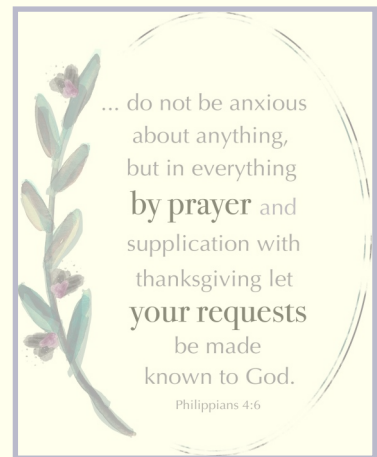
SUNDAY SCHOOL starts on October 2nd. It will occur immediately after church ends, approximately 9:45 to 10:15. We will be using the Whirl Curriculum. Please join us!! Contact Jill Hoffman or Liz White if you have questions or would like to help.

Are you interested in joining a choir? Contact Liz White or Dawn Sherseth. We are looking to put together a choir in November.

Community Garden —help yourself to herbs and other produce!

A special thank you to Liz White for decorating the church for fall!!

Save the date November 6th Harvest Dinner



When do we “fall back” in 2022?

The first Sunday in November is when daylight saving time ends in most areas of the U.S., so in 2022 we “fall back” one hour and return to standard time on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 2:00 AM.



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Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates
Prayer request forms are also available at the church.

Please pray for Bob Wolske, who had open heart surgery and a triple by-pass, ten days ago. He is in the hospital, and slowly recovering. Include Sharon in your prayers also, as she is very stressed.

Dee Herman is still in the hospital after her intestinal surgery, also.

We have seen such miracles with our prayers.... let us continue to ask God for help for these people, and for all those in need.

Also, keep Pat Poynor in your prayers, as he had eye on surgery.

Please keep me informed on the conditions of people already on our prayer line and give me the names of those people who need our prayers. Thank you.

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 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

9 Greg & Heather Plath
24 Gary and Doris Hilde

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