

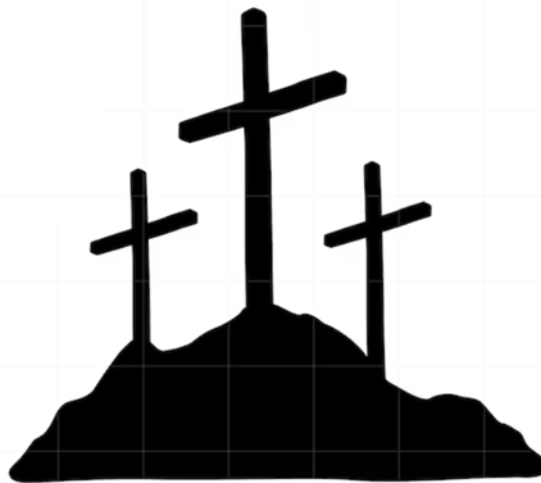


EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Emmanuel News

February

2024



2/14 Ash Wednesday services at Huntley

2/21-3/20 – Wednesday Lent Services

3/21 Seder Meal – 7 pm

3/24 Palm Sunday – 8:45 am Worship

3/31 Easter Sunday – 8:45 am Worship followed

By Brunch and Easter Egg hunt

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

As you probably already know, our sale of Christmas wreaths brought in about \$400.00, which will pay for a nice "outing", theater event, or trip for the church Youth group. Special thanks to all of you who purchased a wreath again this year.

In December, the Pineview Quilting Club met for a Christmas dinner, and invited several people from the Riverstone facility to join us and receive our donations of quilts, infant clothing, and diapers to take back with them. (Nine of our women in the group are members of Emmanuel, and our quilting is usually done in our church basement.) Our donations totally filled the Riverstone vehicle, and were gratefully received. The Pineview Quilters will be hosting several representatives from Riverstone again, this time in the month of May, and we intend to overwhelm them with donations again. Our group has already met twice in January, and have

sewn several large quilts and numerous lap robes. The Lenten season will soon be upon us, with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. There will be Wednesday evening services at our church, with the Ash Wednesday service possibly held at the Huntley Methodist Church. We will again plan on the Seder Meal (Passover Dinner) to take place here on March 28th at our church. We have always invited people from the area churches to join us for this meal, and usually have a good turnout. We will need kitchen help to perform this, and you ladies will be contacted to help make this a success. Then, as you probably already know, Easter Sunday will be the last day of March, the 31st. We also will be decorating the sanctuary with Easter lilies, and you can purchase one in memory of someone, and then take it home with you after the services. Volunteer help is appreciated.

Sincerely, Dawn Petty

COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

February is finally here and there is a lot happening. Busy, busy, busy. Busier than a mouse in the church basement after coffee hour! If you know what I mean. First off we have Groundhog Day on the 2nd. Yes, an entire day for my over rated, rodent cousin to bask in the lime light and give the entire nation a clue as to how much winter we have left. I feel that I could do just as good a job, if not better, by looking out the stain glass window in the church every morning! Yep, it's snowing, so winter is sticking around for a while.

Next we have Valentine's Day on the 14th, so don't forget that someone special in your life. A little planning and effort can payback big dividends, possibly changing the course of the entire year. I'm thinking a nice card, maybe flowers, perhaps a special dinner and possibly rose pedals, if I feel that I'm already half way through the dog house door. Anyways, I hope you enjoy this day with your special someone.

On the 19th, we have President's present. Too bad it's not a day off from government and banker types will get the suggest that all of the wannabe president's could use a one day break from the non-write in option.

Then we come to the most important day of the year. So important, that I plan to fly Old Glory to celebrate. Yes, it is my Birthday once again! Just thinking about it, I begin to hear that 60's song in my head...."This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius..."! I always take a day off from work on my Birthday, so I can focus and reflect. My mind still thinks that I'm 25, but my body knows that I'm 25 times 2, plus 10. I usually go skiing to celebrate. I'm quite good you know. It's really quite simple, just point them downhill and go! If something gets in your way, turn! There's really no better feeling in the world than to be on top of the mountain, seeing the beautiful scenery and feeling the rush of wind in your whiskers. Unfortunately, I'm still on the mend from my broken leg mishap, so I have to hang out in the lodge this year. I think my inability to hit the slopes is the main reason for the lack of snow! Sorry about that for all of you ski bums out there. Maybe next year will be better. Happy Birthday to me. Oh yeah, don't forget leap year. We get an extra day in February. Well that is all for now. Hope to see you in Church on Sunday.



Day, as we honor all presidents past and work for "we the people", but I'm sure the day off. This being an election year, may I take this day off as well! We the people sense! T.C. Mouse for President. It's a

important day of the year. So important, that I plan to fly Old Glory to celebrate. Yes, it is my Birthday once again! Just thinking about it, I begin to hear that 60's song in my head...."This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius..."! I always take a day off from work on my Birthday, so I can focus and reflect. My mind still thinks that I'm 25, but my body knows that I'm 25 times 2, plus 10. I usually go skiing to celebrate. I'm quite good you know. It's really quite simple, just point them downhill and go! If something gets in your way, turn! There's really no better feeling in the world than to be on top of the mountain, seeing the beautiful scenery and feeling the rush of wind in your whiskers. Unfortunately, I'm still on the mend from my broken leg mishap, so I have to hang out in the lodge this year. I think my inability to hit the slopes is the main reason for the lack of snow! Sorry about that for all of you ski bums out there. Maybe next year will be better. Happy Birthday to me. Oh yeah, don't forget leap year. We get an extra day in February. Well that is all for now. Hope to see you in Church on Sunday.

Your friend in residence at Emmanuel.

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Christikon Clips

February, 2024

Information for our Congregations



Christikon Camp Brochures have been mailed to your congregation. Be sure to pick one up for information on our camp season.

Register NOW for camp and don't forget to invite a friend!

Go to: <https://christikon.org/registration-individual-information/>.

We are currently **recruiting staff** for the upcoming season. If you know someone who would be a good fit, direct them to christikon.org/employment for more information and application materials.

Family Adult opportunities can be found at our website. Watch for updated topics and speakers. Register at: <https://christikon.org/registration-adult-family/>

Donate online! You can use the Internet to make a gift, or to find out more about this special ministry. Go to www.christikon.org .

Save the dates: The Annual Christikon Benefit Auction at the Billings Depot is coming on **Sunday, April 21st**. Do you know of an item, service or getaway that would be a great auction item? Please contact the office!

Watch for further updates on our website or notices at your church.

Our plans for the 2024 season are going forward and we are excited to welcome you to Christikon this summer! Watch for updates on our website.

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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Waymakers News!

January was **COLD!** We ended up canceling 1 week of Waymakers due to weather, but are looking forward to the next 2 weeks when we will be completing a service project, presented by Maryann, of making seatbelt pillows for breast cancer patients! We are always looking for other service project ideas and would gladly welcome any ideas.

We did have a meeting in January and decided to change a few minimal things, but we are hoping to get even better engagement from our kids and help them learn and grow in their faith.

The kids and volunteers are all very excited and anticipating the return of our 'fearless leader,' Pastor Josh. I think the day he returns you will be able to hear the kids shouting for joy all over Shepherd! The amazing volunteers we have had helping these past few months have been a blessing to the Church and the Kids. If you have any inkling to get involved with our youth, or if you are just looking for a great way to serve your church and community, please reach out to us to volunteer! We have lots of opportunities with our Youth programs! Please contact Lindsey (406) 794-6769, Samantha (970) 318-6551 or Wendy (406) 690-7166 via call or text, or touch base with one of us at a church service or event!

Your presence will make a difference in these kids lives and we want them to know that our Church is a safe and fun place to be!



Free Community Meal

Emmanuel Lutheran Church - 5515 Carey Ave, Shepherd Mt
Sunday, February 18 - 5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Entrees

Pasta with Chicken Alfredo
or Meat Marinara

◀ Served with Salad and Bread ▶



100% of any free will offerings
will be donated to the Shepherd
Community Food Pantry

Meal Provided by Basil & Bloom Catering and Floral

1/10/24

Shepherd Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Present: President Jill Hoffman, Ricker Olson, Dawn Petty, Carol Kramer, and Abbey Emmons.

Called to order at 7:04PM

Agenda presented by Jill. Dawn Petty led and opened with devotion.

Standing reports:

Secretary Report – One name corrected. Teresa the musician and the date on the entry was wrong. Both fixed. (Carol/Dawn)

Treasurer Report – Lindsey was not at the meeting. Discussed the information she provided via email. Talked about the donation we were able to give to the Larsen Family and a donation made to the food pantry during the Christmas time for the Christmas dinners. (Carol/Abbey)

Pastoral Reports – backfill for pastors completed. Still pending: First Communion and New Member Sunday. Dawn Sherseth has the music scheduled through March for Sunday services.

Old business:

Technology: All is working! Have a few more things to tweak with the microphone volumes and then spoke about having announcements from the congregation use a microphone.

Spoke about the electric surge that happened back in November. No charges from Yellowstone Valley Electric Co-op. Had a damaged breaker on the furnace that was replaced.

Cleaning: Mo Time with Morgan Thayer reached out and has been hired to clean weekly.

Youth announcements: Waymakers and confirmation is back on Wednesdays. ***Joyful Worship**

Nominating Committee: Samantha Murnin has accepted a position as a representative. Devin Murnin still on the fence for the other position. Two official spots are open. Endowment Board person will also be needed for the new year. The volunteers will be approved at the yearly meeting at the end of January. ***Loving Service**

New Business:

Annual Meeting is the last Sunday of January (1/28) following church.

Agenda presented and discussed. Items on the agenda: Devotion (Dawn), approval/discussion of last years minutes (Dawn), special session overview (Reynolds), technology update (Jill), worship assistant (Jill/Abbey), Raise the Roof campaign (Jill), 2024 budget (Jill and Lindsey), Pastor/Church feedback survey (Jill/Abbey), food pantry (Liz), treasures report (Lindsey).

Election of officers and recognition of retiring offers. ***Loving Service**

Melissa Wash with Basil & Bloom would like to have another community dinner, possibly pasta of some type. Due 2/11/24. ***Caring Relationships**

Easter: March 31st with a youth breakfast and Easter Egg hunt to follow. Normal time for church.

Ash Wednesday is usually with Huntley, Good Friday is usually in Ballentine. Wednesday Lenten Services (2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27). Monde/Thursday Seder Meal (Hardin would like to be invited).

Next meeting: Thursday February 15th at 7:00 *** Change due to Valentine's Day.

Mission Cornerstone: Emmanuel Lutheran is a welcoming church in a rural community, called by God to joyful worship, caring relationships, and loving service. *What can you do to fulfill our Mission? What does God call you to do? What kind of relationship do you want to be in?*

Counters: Jan 14th Ricker, Jan 21st Carol, Jan 28th Dawn, Feb 4th Dawn, Feb 11th Jill, Feb 18th Carol.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer and meeting adjourned at 9:20

The ELC Endowment Fund board is offering a scholarship for anyone attending (or planning to attend) a post-secondary institution of higher education in the Fall of 2024. This includes a high school senior for Fall 2024, a trade school student or a college student who will be attending their institution in 2024/2025. Even if you have been awarded this scholarship in the past, you can apply again. You can pick up an application at the back of the church or complete the attached scholarship form. **The form is on page 5.**

Thank you,

Brenda Emerck 406-861-3808

Youth

Our Sunday School and youth schedules for the month of January are listed below

Sunday February 4rd, 11th, 18th, 25th

Sunday School, 10:00 - 10:45

Wednesday, February 7thrd

Waymakers, 2:30 - 5:00

Confirmation, 7:30 - 8:30

Wednesday, February 14th

No Waymakers

No Confirmation

Wednesday, February 21st

Waymakers, 2:30 - 5:00

Confirmation, 7:30 - 8:30

Wednesday, February 28th

Waymakers, 2:30 - 5:00

Confirmation, 7:30 - 8:30

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Lindsey Reynolds

	Expenses	Income	Difference
December	\$7,065.23	\$3,587.13	(\$5,478.10)
YTD	\$110,994.17	\$85,284.97	(\$27,709.20)

Again, we had a deficit in December putting us behind for the Month and the year end total. Lets make 2024 a great year! With your *generous contributions we can do great things! Blessings for the new year*

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parents/Guardians Name: _____

Parents/Guardians Address: _____

Name of post-secondary institution of higher education you are planning to attend or currently attend:

Academic Standing

Include current transcript

Leadership Activities: _____

Church Involvement: _____

Volunteer Activities: _____

Three Letters of Recommendation

A current school faculty member

A member of your church

A person of your choice

In a 500-word essay, share your plans. Please take into consideration what Martin Luther said about our baptismal calling:
"That we are all called to serve God and our neighbor through our vocation."

Scholarship Deadline: April 30, 2024

Return your application to:

ELC Endowment Fund Board

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 66

WAYMAKERS SPOTLIGHT

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| 1. What is your favorite food? | Hot dogs |
| 2. What grade are you in? | 2 nd grade |
| 3. Who is your favorite teacher? | Mrs. Grinfeild |
| 4. How do you like Waymakers? | 5/10 |
| 5. Who is your best friend? | Mason |
| 6. What is your favorite candy? | Reeses |
| 7. What is your favorite color? | Green |
| 8. What is your favorite animal? | Turtle |
| 9. What day is your birthday? | May 29 |
| 10. How much do you like your teacher? | 10/10 |



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“We will follow God’s plan for us
to grow in faith, family,
and community.”

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