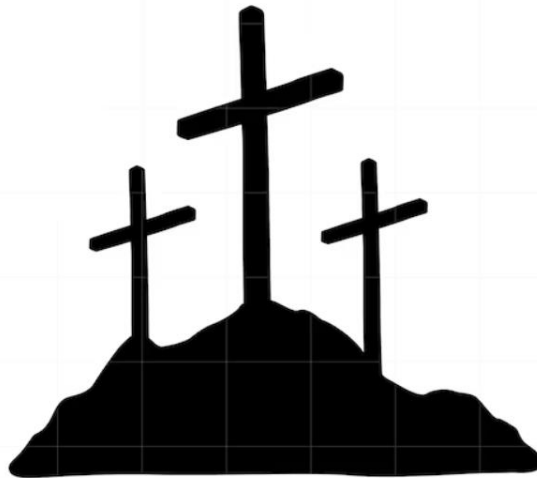


# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



**2/21-3/20 – Wednesday Lent Services 7pm**

**3/24 Palm Sunday – 8:45am Worship**

**3/28 Seder Meal 6pm**

**3/29 Good Friday Worship at UCC 7pm**

**3/31 Easter – 8:45am Worship followed by Brunch and  
Easter Egg Hunt**

**Easter Lilies will be available to purchase in memory of  
loved ones 3/3-3/24. They can be picked up on 4/7**

2/21/24

## Shepherd Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Members present: President Jill Hoffman, Lindsey Reynolds, Buckley Reynolds, Dawn Petty, Carol Kramer, Devin Murnin, Sam Murnin, and Abbey Emmons

Called to order at 6PM

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

### **Standing reports:**

Secretary: no changes (Motion to accept. Carol / Dawn)

Treasurer: no changes (Motion to accept. Carol / Devin)

Reconciliation from 2023 – still needs to be completed.

Pastoral Report – pastor returns 2/26. First Sunday will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lenten service 2/28. Music scheduled through March

First communion and new member induction dates. Tentative date for first communion May 5<sup>th</sup>. Tentative new member service April 21<sup>st</sup>. Council or Pastor to reach out to new members WANTING to be recognized. \*Joyful worship

### **Old business:**

Waymakers will end April 24<sup>th</sup>. Will work on a survey to better the program to work with parents of the youth and see how the children are doing. Stressing again that we will need help from congregation members and the parents of the children joining the program.

Bible Study – tentative reconvene date of 3/7/24 each Thursday at 10AM at the church.

Community dinner: Basil & Bloom. Brought in \$666 and served approx. 125 people. \*Loving service

Annual meeting – review of what comments were made during the meeting. Lighting upstairs was brought up and suggested that maybe we could use some of the money already saved to upgrade the lighting now and continue to save for the ceiling replacement.

### **New business:**

Easter Season Plans: Ash Wednesday (already celebrated in Huntley), Lenten services will be on Wednesdays through Easter, Seder meal is Thursday at our church (6PM), Good Friday service at United Church of Christ in Ballentine (7PM), Easter service will be normal time (8:45) to follow with a brunch (everyone invited to bring a dish) and an Easter egg hunt for the children. \*Caring relationships (ecumenical relationships with our neighbor churches)

\*Please feel free to donate bags of smaller candy and the youth will gather the Sunday before Easter to stuff the eggs. If you donate candy, please make sure the candy is small enough to fit into the plastic eggs. \*

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Lilies: Forms and information will be presented in church. The forms will need to be turned back in by 3/24.

Lindsey would like to organize a sip and paint for the church members. Appetizers, cookies, painting, and fun. Reach out if you have an opinion. Date to be announced later.

Annual shower: pre-planning for April and more information to follow and again, date to be announced later. Reach out if you would like to help with the planning committee.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer just in time to join Lenten Service.

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Next council meeting: [March 14 \(Thursday\) at 7PM](#)

Mission Cornerstone: what have we talked about today that raises itself to: Joyful Worship, Caring Relationships, and/or Loving Service?

Submitted by Abbey Emmons, Secretary



#### EMMANUEL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S GROUP

The ladies have helped with the quilting, making quilts of all sizes for the Riverstone needs and for people who have gone through house fires, etc. We will be continuing this project several times each month, to build up our supply of quilts, and every need of the families around our area.

As you noticed, the church was abloom with gorgeous poinsettias for the Christmas season, and many of the flowers were purchased in honor of, or in memory of, a family member. The majority of the flowers were taken to their homes after the season, and now it is time to purchase Easter lilies to beautify our sanctuary. You will find forms at the table in the back of the Sanctuary, to fill out with the names of people who you want to honor at this time also, for the Lenten and Easter season. The lilies will be purchased from your offerings, and then the plants can be taken home after Easter services.

You will also find forms to sign up to take part in the Passover Dinner, (the Seder meal) which will be held on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. We have taken part in this special event for many years, and will need some food donations, kitchen help, and preparations for it. We have also invited people to attend from other churches in our area and will continue to do so. People really look forward to this dinner, and the program that is part of it. We hope to see you here for this event.

Dawn Petty, President of the ELCW



## Christikon Clip

March 2024 ~~DELEATE~~

*Information for our Congregations*

**Christikon is an extension of your congregation's ministry.**

**Annual Benefit Auction is on April 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Billings Depot. We are looking for items for the auction such as: fishing trip, weekend getaway, dinner out, themed baskets, artisan items. Have an idea? Let us know! Watch for more details as they become available on our website.

Pick up your **Christikon Camping Program Brochure** at your church. If you would like one mailed to you contact the office. Registration is online at [www.christikon.org](http://www.christikon.org).

We are excited about our new registration process! We believe you will be, too!

**Adults and families: Watch for the special focus** for each of the family/adult weekends next summer at Christikon: work projects, faith formation, and Bible study will be woven together with worship, meal fellowship, re-

creation, folk dancing and much more. Check out camping for adults and families online at [www.christikon.org](http://www.christikon.org).

**Bus Attendants needed for 2024** – Would you or someone you know be willing to ride with the youth on their way to Christikon? Yes? Please call Kerry in the office at 406-656-1969 or email at [secretary@christikon.org](mailto:secretary@christikon.org) for details. It pays a daily rate as well!

**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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# ANNUAL MEETING

## Shepherd Emmanuel Lutheran Church **ANNUAL MEETING**

1/28/24

Called to order 10:00. Opening prayer by LPA  
Dawn Petty.

Call to order by President Jill Hoffman. Quorum  
met with 30 members present.

Reminiscid about the 2023 year. Easter  
services, Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast, Annual  
Church Shower, Air Conditioning, New Cross,  
First Confirmation Class, Vacation Bible School,  
Book Club, Thursday Morning Bible Study,  
Waymakers, First Free Community Dinner,  
Technology Advancements, and Christmas Carol  
Night. **Message: We are doing great things  
here at ELC!**

Approval of Agenda: Motion to accept the  
agenda. (Liz White / Tari Larson)

Approval of Minutes from 2022 Annual  
Meeting: Motion made to accept the minutes  
from 2022. (Meagan Malchow/Kristianne  
Wilson)

**OLD BUSINESS:** HVAC summary with discussion.  
Technology summary and a request for helpers  
to work at the church service and discussion.  
Worship Assistant discussion: weekly volunteer  
sheets will continue. (Anyone from the council  
would be willing to help any congregation  
member if you are a bit leery about trying  
volunteering for one of the weekly duties.)  
Raise the Roof / Ceiling Replacement discussion:  
suggestion to maybe move onto the lighting  
now before the ceiling and maybe work in  
phases instead of all at once.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Feedback form: Pastor Josh,  
General, and Future. If you didn't receive one,  
please let one of the council know and we will  
get you a copy. This is **your** time to tell **us** what  
you think could be better, give us ideas on our  
community reach, etc. Church Documentation  
Package-this is a new thing for the council. We  
are going to try to get a "who did what" or  
"where are those located" and "how long ago  
was the water checked" list. If you can think of  
something that should be in that booklet,  
please email someone on the board and we will  
add these to a GUIDANCE FOLDER.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Presented by Liz White. \$1430  
beef / \$1138 Basil & Bloom Dinner = \$3068  
funds raised with some of those donations  
being matched by the Town Pump Association.  
Thanks to the HS Honor Society for their  
Trunk-or-Treating for food and then they  
brought those donations to our pantry. The  
food pantry is doing well.

**TREASURES REPORT:** 2023 budget discussion  
compared to 2024. Talk of pastoral leave times  
following the Synod guidelines. Mark M hinted  
that our delegates speak to the Synod about  
what should be allowed, especially with the  
smaller congregations. Motion made to accept  
the 2024 budget as printed. (Liz White/Meagan  
Malchow)

Recognition and a sincere thank you for our  
retiring officers! Ricker Olson, Greg Plath,  
Sharon Wolske, and Brenda Emerick retiring.

New board members: Devin Murnin and  
Samantha Murnin volunteered for the  
representative position. No volunteer for the  
third position. Linda Hinkle volunteered for the  
endowment board position. Kristianne Wilson

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volunteered for the Synod Assembly position.  
Motion made to accept the resignation and volunteers as slated. (Charles Noland/Tari Larson).

Comment from Charles Noland thanking Jill Hoffman and the current council.

Meeting closed with prayer.

The council thanks you all for attending! It is incredibly important to be here for YOUR church. Please reach out to any of the council if you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, or if you want to join our team. God Bless!

## COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

“Your left, your left, your left, right, left...Oh, I don't know, but I've been told.... corned beef and cabbage will never get old. Mama said to have no fear...they never run out of cold green beer! Sound off, one, two...sound off, three, four...sound off, one, two....three, four.” T.C. Mouse here and I've been told that I march to the beat of a different drummer. Of course I hear this mostly from Mrs. T.C., so you have to take that with a grain of salt. As you can see, I'm thinking about St. Patrick's Day, which is on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and already drooling over the thought of that requisite meal.

We also get to dork with all our clocks this month, as Daylight Savings Time begins on the 10<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to spring forward and set all the clocks one hour ahead before you go to sleep Saturday night. At my age, I don't feel that I can afford to lose an hour of sleep, so a Sunday afternoon nap may be necessary to synch up the old internal clock. Nothing wrong with a mouse nap now and then.

Spring officially arrives on the 19<sup>th</sup>, so there is hope in sight. My cousin Samuel, in

Boston, keeps telling me about all the snow on his door step. He's about worn out from shoveling the white stuff. I've been telling him to find his water wings in his spare time, as he may need them once the melting begins! I try to console him by saying it is just as bad out here in Big Sky Country, but I am sure if he watches the news like I do, that he can see right through my ruse.

Then on the 31<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate Easter. Hopefully we will be able to gather for an inspirational Sunrise Service. It makes one feel young getting up at the crack of dawn to loudly proclaim “He is risen”!

Well, that is all for now. I must hurry to get this submitted before the print deadline, as I do love to procrastinate.

Hope to see you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T.C. Mouse



We are looking for people to donate candy to fill Easter Eggs for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Church. Please drop off at Sunday services, Wednesday Lent Services or Wednesday Waymakers



The youth will be having a Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following service.

Service 8:45

Brunch/Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m.

~~The young people keep us up!~~ The church is doing great! We are in the positive to start the year! Let's keep it up in 2024 ...it can be a great year and our Church can do great things!

	Expenses	Income	Difference
January	\$10,039.86	\$13,237.15	\$3,217.46
YTD	\$10,039.86	\$13,237.15	\$3,217.46

# Youth

Our Sunday School and youth schedules for the month of March is listed below

**Sunday March 3rd, 10th, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>**

Sunday School, 10:00 - 10:45

*NO Sunday School March 17<sup>th</sup>*

*NO Sunday School March 31st*

**Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Sunday Service 8:45 am

Youth Breakfast to follow

Youth Easter Egg Hunt to follow

**Wednesday, March 6th**

Waymakers, 2:30 - 5:00 pm

Confirmation/Lent Service, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 13th**

Waymakers, 2:30 - 5:00 pm

Confirmation/Lent Service, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 20th**

Waymakers, 2:30 - 5:00 pm

Confirmation/Lent Service, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 27th**

*No Waymakers*

*No Confirmation*



Spring forward  
March 19, 2024



Congratulations and thank you to our 2024 Emmanuel Lutheran officers and committee members. We are still looking for an additional council representative if you are interested contact Jill Hoffman.

## 2024 ELC Officers & Committee Members

PRESIDENT	Jill Hoffman
VICE PRESIDENT	Carol Kramer
SECRETARY	Abbey Emmons
TREASURER	Lindsey Reynolds
REPRESENTATIVES	2026 Samantha Murin*
	2026 Devin Murin*
	2025 Dawn Petty
	2025 Wendy Seimen
	2024 Buckley Reynolds
	2024 _____(open)
ENDOWMENT BOARD	2028 Linda Hinkle*
	2024 Laurel Noland
	2025 Laura Vanberg
	2026 Sue Hawthorn
	2027 Linda Oberg
CRISTIKON REPS	Sari Stahl
SYNOD ASSEMBLY	Kristianne Wilson*
ST JOHNS REP	Connie Herberg, Jenny Ingram, Patty McVay

\*New in 2024

# Waymakers Spotlight



Maycee Mosher

1. What is your name? Maycee Mosher
2. What is your favorite color? Blue and Black
3. What is your favorite animal? Dog and Elephant
4. What is your favorite movie? Quiet Place
5. What is your favorite part of Waymakers? The activities that correspond with the bible story
6. Who is your favorite adult at Waymakers? Josh, Yvonne and Teneal
7. What is your favorite school subject? Math and Language Art
8. Where is your favorite place to go on vacation? Hawaii or California
9. What is your favorite food? Goulash
10. How many pets do you have? 13 horses, 4 Steers, 6 Dogs

Sat	Fri	Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun
2	1 First Day of Women's	29	28 2:30pm - Waymakers 7pm - 7pm - Lent Services	27	26 Peyton Christman	25 Bill Reitler Birthday 8:45am - Church Service 10am - Sunday Bible 10am - Sunday School
9	8	7 10am - Bible Study	6 2:30pm - Waymakers 7pm - 7pm - Lent Services	5 6pm - ELC Book Club	4	3 8:45am - Church Service 10am - Sunday Bible 10am - Sunday School
16	15 Clinton Byxby Birthday	14 10am - Bible Study 7pm - Church Council	13 Buckley Reynolds Samantha Reynolds 2:30pm - Waymakers 7pm - 7pm - Lent Services	12	11	10 Daylight Saving Time 8:45am - Church Service 10am - Sunday Bible 10am - Sunday School
23	22 Micah Oberg Birthday	21 Gene & Dianne 10am - Bible Study	20 2:30pm - Waymakers 7pm - 7pm - Lent Services	19	18	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:45am - Church Service 10am - Sunday Bible
30	29 7pm - Good Friday Rob & Abbey Emmons	28 Monde Thursday 10am - Bible Study 6pm - Secker Meal	27	26 Mark & Maryann	25	24 8:45am - Church Service 10am - Sunday Bible 10am - Sunday School