

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



1st Communion Class



Classes: Thursday 4/25, 5/2, and 5/9
right after school here at the church at
3:45-4:30



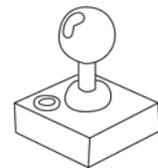
Celebration Service on Sunday May
12th



Contact Pastor Josh to join



Like Technology?



We are looking for additional resources to run our
worship streaming. Please contact Jill Hoffman if
interested.



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

It is getting to be that time of year when we need to start thinking of spring planting in the garden and flower beds, and that goes for the community garden in the church yard, too. If you are starting vegetables or flowers, do some extra for these places, too, or when you are shopping in the greenhouses, pick up something to put in there. It seems these weeks are just flying by, so let's be prepared.

The Christikon Benefit Auction will take place on April 24th at the Billings Depot. This is a fascinating event, to see the displays of quilts, crafts, theme baskets, original artwork, jewelry, tickets to sporting events, and vacation get-aways that go on sale at both silent and live auctions. Quilting groups in our congregations, area artists, and craft makers contribute various items to this event. Our own quilting group of ladies, who are members of the Pineview Quilters, has donated a beautiful queen size quilt, and a blue and white afghan made by Betty Strecker. Betty also made a cream-colored crocheted baby blanket decorated with yellow satin ribbon and pearl beads, which is lovely. Pat Radden from the Seniors' Group made a gorgeous white crocheted lap robe. Dawn Petty contributed a white ceramic pitcher and bowl, and Connie Herberg donated one of her paintings. There are always snacks and refreshments available at the auction too. You would really enjoy attending this event, and if you decide to contribute some items for the sale, they need to be delivered to the Christikon Billings office at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1108 24th St. West, in Billings. For more information, you can call the Christikon office at 406-656-1969.

Did you know??? We accept contributions electronically.

Our eGiving service, Vanco, provides tools to make giving simple even when you're unable to attend church. Their eGiving is safe and secure, and it allows you to designate your contribution to the church funds that you are passionate about. Egiving lets you set up recurring giving through...

- A) Mobile app—Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement Mobile App Store or on Google Play, enter the zip for our church 59079 and give.
- B) Internet-go to our website: <https://elcshepherd.org/e-giving>. Easily enter your donation from our website.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Parents/Guardians Name _____

Parents/Guardians Address _____

1. Name of post-secondary institution of higher education you are planning to attend or are attending _____
2. Academic Standing
 - a. Current Transcript _____
3. Leadership Activities _____

4. Church Involvement _____

5. Volunteer Activities _____

6. Three Letters of Recommendation
 - a. A Current School faculty member
 - b. A member of your church
 - c. A person of your choice
7. In a 500-word essay share your plans for the future. 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."

Return your application to:

Endowment Committee

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 66

Shepherd, MT 59079

Deadline: April 30, 2024

The Endowment Fund Board has announced the availability of scholarships for 2024. To qualify support for undergraduate education. All attendees of secondary education are eligible to apply as well as past recipients of this scholarship. Scholarship applications can be found at www.elcshepherd.org, are available in the back of the church sanctuary and included here in the newsletter. Deadline to submit an application is April 30, 2024. Scholarships will be awarded by June 30, 2024.

Christikon Benefit Auction

In Person and Online



Christikon Benefit Auction – Quilts, Vacation Get-aways, and a Whole Lot More will be on Sunday April 21st at the Billings Depot. Items are some of the finest artistry including a variety of hand-made quilts, art work, gift baskets, getaways, jewelry and so much more.

Raffle Tickets on sale now! Camp Suburban! Go to <https://christikon.org/donate-to-christikon-one-time/>, choose gift: other and put raffle in the text box. Do not have to be present to win.

April 19th Online auction begins at noon.

Watch for the link to our auction platform on facebook at www.facebook.com/Christikon or our website www.Christikon.org

Like our page and share it with your friends! Watch for sneak peeks! Online auction ends on Sunday the 21st – be present and you can pick up your items at the Depot.

Campers: Don't forget to register for one of our many sessions available this summer!

How about Work Weekend? Bring your family and enjoy camp/fellowship and more while helping to prepare camp for the season! We look forward to welcoming you to camp! Go to www.christikon.org and register!

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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COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE



Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Do you read any books or novels to pass the time? I love to read, as it helps me escape into another world temporarily. Sometimes I feel that I get too involved in the stories that I read and the outcome is often awkward. Recently I was reading *The Last of the Mohicans* and really getting lost in the adventure of the story. Meanwhile, Mrs. T.C. had been busy giving the kids a little shape'em up haircut in the laundry room and happened to leave the clippers out when they all retired for the evening. When I took a break from reading, I saw the hair clippers and had an epiphany of sort. Yep, I grabbed those clippers and shaved off everything, except for a small strip, nose to tail! There I was, standing in a pile of hair, sporting the coolest Mohawk anyone has ever seen. The Last of T.C. Mouse. I could hardly wait to show Mrs. T. C. my new hairstyle. Her reaction would be priceless. Me showing up to breakfast, acting like nothing had changed. Kind of like your reaction, when I proclaim. April Fools! A mouse with a Mohawk? I may be crazy, but not that crazy. Tread lightly my friends, as the 1st of April is the prankster's holiday. Have some fun with it, but keep it safe.

Spring has officially sprung and all of the trees, flowers and plants are starting to grow. Won't be long before it is time to get the garden prepped and ready for planting. I sure hope we get some of those April showers, that bring May flowers. If we have a wet spring, the asparagus and mushrooms will be up in abundance and the hunt will be on. I'm anxious to don my buckskins and run through the cottonwood trees along the river bottom in search of these treasures!

Earth Day is on the 22nd, which is a good time to volunteer some time cleaning up around the community. Perhaps even plant a tree or two. I often sit back and wonder what I can do to save the earth? Aside from becoming President, I cannot see what I, a mere mortal mouse can do that would change much of anything. Then I realize a bunch of us working together can accomplish quite a bit with just a little time and some elbow grease. I would be happy to help out on your Earth Day projects, just let me know.

Well, that is enough for now. I hope to see you in Church on Sunday.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse

3/14/24

Shepherd Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Present: Pastor Josh Wyman (via zoom), President Jill Hoffman, Lindsey Reynolds, Dawn Petty, Carol Kramer, Wendy Siemsen, Sam Murnin, and Abbey Emmons

Called to order at 7PM

Agenda presented by Jill. Josh led and opened with devotion. Devotion is "Faith Alone" from Martin Luther. ***Josh asked what or who was the reason that made us 'dive in' to Christ and the church. What shapes and molds us to be God's hands and feet to support others?***

Standing reports: Secretary Report – No changes. Motion passed to accept the report. (Carol / Dawn)

Treasurer Report – No changes. Motion passed to accept the report. (Wendy / Sam)

Pastoral Report – Music, scheduled out through May but will need to start to plan through the summer. Confirmation Sunday 5/5, New Member Induction for 4/21, Communion classes (open to anyone that wants to do it) will start on Thursday 4/25, 5/2, and 5/9 right after school here at the church at 3:45-4:30 with May 12th to be the celebration service (as of now 7 would be included but if you have a child that would like to participate, please email Pastor Josh). Josh is happy to be back to services, Bible Study, and Waymakers. Playing a bit of catch-up but happy to be back to work. In-home visits to continue.

Old business:

Youth Committee – Waymakers will end 4/24. Sunday School will continue without an end date yet. Dawn P. said that the Women's group would like to donate money in the form of a scholarship to one of the youth that would like to go to Christikon. 4/21 is the Christikon Auction Benefit.

Lilies requests due 4/24. Easter services to continue. Wednesday services, Good Friday Services, and Easter preparation to include the Sedar meal at 6PM. After Easter service will be the youth breakfast and Easter egg hunt. ***Loving Service**

New Business:

Sip & Paint – Dawn Sherseth will leading the painting lesson for our congregation and community. Cost will be \$20/person on 4/25 as a tentative date. ***Joyful Worship**

Ladies Shower – will be this spring but date is not yet decided.

Endowment scholarship – Linda Oberg is the newly elected chairmen. They have the applications due the end of April for any child entering college or secondary education. All college age children can apply.

Next meeting: April 10th @ 7PM

Mission Cornerstone: What have we talked about today that raise itself to: Joyful Worship, Caring Relationships, and Loving Service?

Closed with the Lord's Prayer and meeting adjourned at 8:07

Counters: 3/17 Dawn & Tari 3/24 Carol 3/31 Wendy & Carol 4/7 Carol



Sip and Paint (with Mocktails)

Lead by Dawn Sherseth

April 25th 6:00 pm

There will be a sign up at the church or reach out to Lindsey (406) 794-6769 via call or text

Waymakers News!

March has been Magical with the return of Pastor Josh. The kids were giddy with excitement the day he returned! There has been so many games of hide and seek played since his return!

We have been covering lots of different bible stories, Easter week brings all sorts of fun activities including, filling eggs for hunts, talking about the resurrection and making resurrection rolls to eat! We are so looking forward to the childrens 'sip and paint' lead by our one and only Dawn Sherseth in April! We also started memorizing a bible verse every week! We hope to have prizes for the kids who memorized the most at the end of the year.

Our last Waymakers for the year will be April 24th. We will have a PARTY with Ice cream floats and lots of Play time! We are trying to plan some gatherings throughout the summer so we don't lose contact with all our new friends.

We are already planning next years adventures but we truly NEED more volunteers. Please reach out to 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!

WAYMAKERS SPOTLIGHT



1. What is your name? Corbin Murnin
2. What is your favorite color? Orange
3. What is your favorite animal? Red Panda
4. What is your favorite movie? Secretariat
5. What is your favorite part of Waymakers?
Everything
6. Who is your favorite teacher? Mrs. Lunder
7. What is your favorite school subject? Reading
8. Where is your favorite place to go on vacation?
Texas
9. What is your favorite food? Steak
10. How many pets do you have? 3 horses, 2 dogs,
3 cats, 2 Pigs

TREASURERS REPORT

	Expenses	Income	Difference
February	\$7,205.77	\$7,726.75	\$539.85
YTD	\$17,245.63	\$20,963.90	\$3,757.30

We had a great February with a positive balance at the end of the month! This brings hope and excitement for the Church as we enter Spring! Let's keep it going!

Youth

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

Sunday April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Sunday School, 10:00 - 10:45

No Sunday School April 28th

Wednesday, April 3rd

Waymakers, 2:30 - 5:00 pm

Confirmation 7:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 10th

Waymakers, 2:30 - 5:00 pm

Confirmation 7:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 17th

Waymakers, 2:30 - 5:00 pm

Confirmation 7:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 24th

Waymakers, 2:30 - 5:00 pm FINAL FOR THE YEAR

Confirmation 7:30 - 8:00 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Easter Sunday 8:45am - Church Service 10am - Easter Egg 10am - Youth	Barbara Cooper Birthday Dawn Petty Birthday Easter Monday	Cole Hoffman Birthday 6pm - ELC Book Club	2:30pm - Waymakers 7:30pm - Confirmation	Meagan Matchow 10am - Bible Study	Agness Beddes Birthday Chuck & LuAnne Super	
8:45am - Church Service 10am - Sunday Bible 10am - Sunday School	Brittany Mckenney	Peggy McSweyn Birthday	2:30pm - Waymakers 7pm - Church Council 7:30pm - Confirmation	Derek Reiter Birthday 10am - Bible Study		
8:45am - Church Service 10am - Sunday Bible 10am - Sunday School	Tax Day		Rob Emmons Birthday 2:30pm - Waymakers 7:30pm - Confirmation	10am - Bible Study	Ricker Olson Birthday	Roseanne Plath Birthday
8:45am - Church Service 8:45am - New Member 10am - Sunday Bible 10am - Sunday School		Stacy Emerick Birthday	2:30pm - Waymakers 7:30pm - Confirmation	10am - Bible Study 6pm - Slip and Paint		
8:45am - Church Service 10am - Sunday Bible	Gene Lundhagen Birthday		First Day of Asian Pacific 7:30pm - Confirmation	10am - Bible Study 3:30pm - 1st Communion		Scott Ingram Birthday

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We have a mission . . .

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

We have a vision . . .

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

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