

# EMMANUAL LUTHERN CHURCH

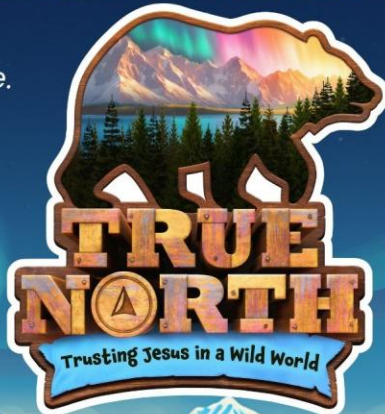
## JULY NEWSLETTER

2026



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise.*  
-Matthew 7:24



**JULY 7, 8, 9**

**9 AM – 11:30 AM**

**GRADES K-5**

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**5515 Carey Ave, Shepherd, MT**

*Community Lunch BBQ on July 9<sup>th</sup> at  
11:30 AM following VBS*

#### REGISTRATION

Please help us plan by registering at  
<https://forms.gle/QesQhz2e2HkcVGac9>  
or by calling 970-318-6551



## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Greetings to all of you, and I hope you all are enjoying this lovely weather we are having. We have been blessed to get rain showers without tornadoes, etc. like the eastern and southern United States has been getting. Remember the quote "Montana is the last best place." That certainly has been obvious to me.

We will be looking for people who can water the community garden at the church, and the flowers in pots by the church building. Please contact Liz White to offer your time and efforts to help with this and other outdoor activities. There is also a signup sheet in the back of the church. The Women's Group purchased the flowers for those outdoor containers.

The Women's Group provided juice and water for the outdoor pancake breakfast on Memorial Day. We also gave a scholarship for a youth to attend Christikon Camp this summer.

We are looking forward to the summer concerts out at St. John's, and we need volunteers for the July 9<sup>th</sup> concert, to help pass out water bottles, brochures and help provide directions. Please contact Jenni Ingram or Tari Larson if you are willing to volunteer. Several members from American Lutheran Church in Hardin will also help at the concert. The volunteers meet at St John's about 5 and are free to leave before 8. The concert starts at 6 with the opening act, and the main band starts at 7.



# COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE



Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

July is here and that means we get to celebrate our countries birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Time to break out the flag and hang it high, fire up the grill and cook up a storm! Then in the evening with our bellies full, we get to kick back and enjoy the light show. I sure love to watch all of the big fireworks going off, but the booms and bangs are a little too much for my sensitive ears. I need to remember my ear plugs this year. The neighborhood displays may be bigger and better this year as everyone celebrates 250 years. Happy Birthday USA! Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to all of you. I hope you get to spend some quality time with family and friends. Keep it safe out there and watch over the little ones.

I did manage to get out on the river last week to tempt some fish. Wow what a time. We caught quite a few big ones. We released most of the fish that we caught because you only can eat so many fish anyways. Some of the nicer ones released their selves before I could even get them to shore, so I guess they are the real lucky ones. You know the self-release fish are the ones that make really good stories, as their size gets bigger and bigger with each telling of the story.

The Church garden is looking good and growing like crazy with a little rain and lots of well water. My secret asparagus patch has been keeping me well supplied this spring. I've almost had my fill of asparagus for the year. My evening strolls through the corn field have been quite positive. Knee high by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and it looks like we are right on track. Of course I can't judge this against my own knee, since I seem to be a little vertically challenged, but I watch the farmer walk through there and those beautiful green stalks are up to his knees. Let it grow, let it grow. I'm looking forward to some tasty corn on the cob in August.

Well, all of this talk about food has my stomach grumbling. Time for a snack and then maybe a nap. Enough of my rambling for now. See you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting

6/10/26      Called to order at 6:35 by Vice-President Rob Emmons

Mission: Emmanuel Lutheran is a welcoming church in a rural community, called by God to Joyful Worship, Caring Relationships, and Loving Service.

Opening devotion led by Linda Oberg. Vision: We will follow God's plan for us to grow in faith, family, and community. In attendance: VP Rob, Dawn, Linda H, Jack, Kristianne, Linda H, Jill, and Abbey.

**Standing reports:** Secretary report – Treasure report –

Joyful worship – typed and printed and added to a separate entry and presented by Jill. Caring Relations Committee – conversation-no report. Loving Service Committee – presented by Rob.

**Old business:** Building Committee updates discussed, typed, and added to a separate entry.

**New Business:**

Next council meeting will be \_\_\_ at Dawn's home. All are welcome.

Motion to adjourn the meeting and closed with the Lord's Prayer at \_\_\_\_\_

Caring Relationship Committee minutes

Loving Service Committee Report

Joyful Worship Committee Report

Building Committee update

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