

The Echo

August 2021



We will continue to have Wednesday night services through August 18th. Sunday services will resume on August 29th. No worship on Labor Day weekend, September 5th.

Worship & Communion at Emmanuel Lutheran on August 4th at 6 PM,
Janelle Hansen presiding.

Worship & Communion at Galchutt Lutheran on August 11th at 6 PM,
Janelle Hansen presiding.

Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran on August 18th at 6 PM,
Janelle Hansen presiding.

No worship on Sunday, August 22nd.

Worship again at both churches on Sunday, August 29th, at normal worship times - 9 AM Galchutt & 10:30 AM Emmanuel.

No worship on Sunday, September 5th.



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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Olivia Elsie Heyen, daughter of Chris & Katrina, was baptized at Emmanuel on July 18, 2021. Pastor Jeff McCracken was the officiant and Brady Heyen and Audri & Eric Lagge were sponsors. Welcome little Olivia to our church family! We look forward to growing in faith with you and your family.

The Bethany Auxiliary is sponsoring a...

Rummage Sale

Thursday, August 19
10:00 am – 3:00 pm


South Parking Lot – Bethany on 42nd
4255 30th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58104

Help support this fundraiser by bringing your gently-used items to Bethany on 42nd no earlier than **Monday, August 16.**

Contact Diane at **701.263.5740.**



Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the residents of Bethany Retirement Living.



The Backpack Program


Food 4 KIDS

- During the 2020-2021 school year, almost 300 students received weekly bags of food.
- 11 schools in Richland and Wilkin Counties were served by the Backpack Program.
- The average cost per bag is over \$4.
- \$5,000 per month is needed to sustain the program.

During **August** you have the opportunity to support the Backpack Program by **donating \$1 or \$5** at the checkout at **Breck Econo Foods** or **Econo Foods Wahpeton.**

Donations **may also be made directly to the Richland Wilkin Backpack Program** at 699 8th Ave. S, Wahpeton, ND 58075.

Information on becoming a Backpack Buddy, subsidizing the meals for a student for the entire year, will also be available in August through the Food Pantry.



Thank you for nourishing our future.

The Backpack Program is administered by the Richland Wilkin Food Pantry.

If you have an announcement for an event or photos from a baptism, wedding, or some other special event regarding a member or former member of our parish, we would love to include the information in an upcoming issue. Please email them to emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com



The two councils, to ensure that all our members know where we are in the call process for a new pastor, are excited to announce that we are working to finalize a contract with Janelle Hansen. Many of you have seen Janelle during the past month as she has been serving as pulpit supply for the summer. Janelle is enrolling in a program through Wartburg Seminary called TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) - a process of formation and preparation for ordained ministry in the ELCA which allows a candidate to remain in his or her current ministry context throughout the preparation and formation process.

The congregation and the TEEM candidate enter an agreement with the intent that the candidate serves the congregation while they prepare for ordained ministry. The congregation agrees to support and uphold the ministry of the candidate through prayer. TEEM candidates provide pastoral ministry of Word and Sacrament and, at the end of their schooling, they have a certificate of ministry rather than a Master of Divinity.

The TEEM curriculum is designed for underserved areas, one of them being rural areas. TEEM is designed for completion in three years but may be accelerated or extended according to the needs, preferences, and circumstances of TEEM candidates. A candidate commits to approximately 6 years with a congregation, which time consists of three years of education plus three years as an ordained pastor in their first call. The congregation would have to call them after the education period, because all congregations have the right to call the pastor.

Similar to how we welcomed Meggie into our congregations as an intern pastor while she completed her schooling, we would also be working with Janelle as she enters the ministry. TEEM pastors are hired at 75% time, and their other 25% is to be dedicated to their education. In addition to paying salary and pension, the congregations agree to help with tuition costs and travel costs for the student to attend two or three intensive course weeks, some at Wartburg in Iowa.

As a little background on Janelle, she worked with youth ministry for 11 years at Messiah Lutheran and 6 years in Grand Forks, and has also been involved with Crossroads Ministry at NDSU for 5 years. Janelle's son will be starting NDSU this fall, and her husband works at American Crystal in Moorhead. She will begin her TEEM pastoral care with us when classes start at Wartburg, which is approximately mid-September, and when all the paperwork with the synod and Wartburg are complete. We are excited for this opportunity to walk through this journey with Janelle!

LWR NEWS

Few quilts were created this month, but we have received donations of materials to make quilts. Many times I've wondered if we will have the resources to carry on with quilting but, thanks to the help and generosity of friends, this mission continues. The needs are great around the world and we work to help fill this demand. We continue to look for people of any age and gender to set aside their fears and summon the courage to use their skills in cutting fabric, coordinating colors, tying knots, pressing fabric, and sewing fabric pieces into quilt tops. If you are looking for a way to contribute to the welfare of people around the world and here at home, you and your friends can be a part of this ministry. The LWR Facebook page has frequent entries and photos of people from 6 years to 100 years using their talents making quilts and project kits. Won't you join us for fellowship and share your skills? Our next scheduled work day is August 17th at 9 AM or call me at 701-403-3772 to arrange a time that fits into your schedule.

Ellen Rittenhouse

Flex Your Courage Muscle

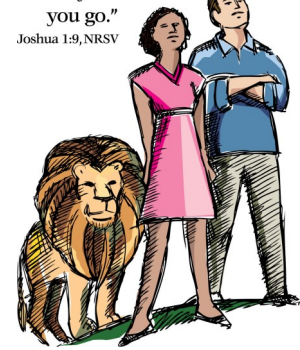
Face your fear. You remember the stories of Moses' mother hiding him in the bulrushes, Naomi and Ruth in exile, the Samaritan robbed along the road, Peter denying he was with Jesus in the Garden. In each instance, fear could have rendered these people powerless, but instead they faced their fears and trusted in the power of God to guide them. These people didn't let fear stop them from doing the thing they needed to do, nor should we. In the past 18 months, the pandemic has dominated our lives causing unease in leaving home, traveling, even meeting with family and friends. People have been afraid to go church and other gatherings. Franklin Roosevelt, who led our country through some very fearful times suggested that courage isn't the absence of fear, it's acting in spite of fear. For us right now, it might mean finding ways to remain positive, looking for unusual solutions, and embracing the blessings we have and await us.

Do something even though it scares you. Elizabeth Gilbert, author of Eat, Pray, Love tells of Jack Gilbert (no relation), whose first published collection of poetry in 1962 won him awards, including a Pulitzer nomination. His work was well received, yet he unexpectedly disappeared from the writing world for two decades. When he reappeared with his second collection of poetry, he was asked why he had quit writing for so long. He replied saying he felt his true talent lay in teaching. When Elizabeth Gilbert talked with him many years later about the life path he had chosen, he challenged her, asking if she had the courage to "bring out the treasures" she had hidden in herself. He understood that this may not be an easy path but one worth exploring.

For all of us, it is important to exercise our courage muscle to face our fears and push ourselves to be better. The confidence we gain from being courageous will snowball and affect other parts of our lives. Mark Twain believed, "With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity."

Ellen Rittenhouse & Linda Kuruc

"Be **strong** and **courageous...**
for the **LORD** your God is
with you wherever
you go."
Joshua 1:9, NRSV



Just for Laughs Several churches started having problems with squirrels damaging their building.

The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they should not interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church, the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Catholic church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later, the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water-slide.

The Episcopalians tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk squirrels can do.

But the Lutheran church came up with a more creative strategy. They baptized & confirmed all the squirrels & made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter!

An invitation to rest

Summer calls to mind a slower pace, time off from school and work. But many still face daily demands this time of year: farmers work long hours; teachers may take seasonal work to make ends meet; parents with kids now home all day may catch up on work late at night. Still, may the longer days and warmer weather beckon you into a bit of free time this season.

Listen:

- “When you take time to replenish your spirit, it allows you to serve others from the overflow. You cannot serve from an empty vessel.” —Eleanor Brownn (public speaker and educator)
- “Sometimes it's important to work for that pot of gold. But other times it's essential ... to make sure that your most important decision in the day [is] which color to slide down on the rainbow.” —Douglas Pagels (author)
- “Rest time is not waste time; it is economy to gather fresh strength. ... In the long run, we shall do more by sometimes doing less.” —Charles Spurgeon
- “Come to me, all you that are weary ... and I will give you rest. ... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” —Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30)

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Forecast: 100% goodness

While Stan Purdum pastored an Ohio church in 1988, the region suffered a major drought. Congregants who were farmers saw their fields — and livelihoods — dry up and die. “I was impressed that they didn’t stop attending church and kept giving offerings,” he says. “A cynic might respond, ‘Well, the farmers don’t want to offend God and cause him to withhold more rain.’ But I concluded, ‘Look at their remarkable faith.’”

During the drought, Purdum gave a sermon about Elijah challenging the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40). “Like Elijah, we need to hold on to our belief in God’s goodness,” he preached. “God will again send rain on our land. We will continue to pray for it. Perhaps it’s too late for this year’s crop, and we need to care for the people affected. But we do so while maintaining our faith in God’s providence.”

A day away in a quiet place

Maya Angelou said, “Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us.” Similarly, when Jesus’ disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest” (Mark 6:31, NIV).

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek “a day away” not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away — not just alone, but *with him* — to be refreshed.

Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with a friend. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience 48 hours of prayer and silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28, NIV).



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Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council met on July 13, 2021. In attendance were Sharon Tschakert, Jessica Kappes, Tessa Tschakert, Craig Syvertsen, Lesley Hulne, and treasurer Lou Ann Lee. President Jessica brought the meeting to order.

Secretary Report: The secretary’s report was given by Lesley and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report was presented and approved.

Education committee: We will offer Sunday School, possibly starting September 19. Families will be contacted and details worked out.

Property committee: Dick Ihland will remove the stumps of the trees taken out when the weather cools down. Craig moved to give Fred Tol and Dale Selby \$300 each for the tree removal/cleanup job. Tessa seconded the motion and it carried.

Old Business: The July 21 picnic plans were finalized.

New Business: We reviewed the contract for the Teem Program. This is the program in which Janelle Hansen will be hired and is a 3/4 time position. The contract will be reviewed annually and will include a pension, tuition costs, vacation time, and leave for the three intensive courses offered per year. The start date is unknown, but we will employ her as pulpit supply until her start date. We will switch worship service time with Galchutt on September 12 with Emmanuel having services at 9 AM. There will be no Services on July 14. We will tentatively begin Sunday Services on August 29. There will be no service on September 5, Labor Day weekend. The next meeting is August 18, following worship. Craig moved to adjourn the meeting, Tessa seconded the motion and it carried.

Secretary, Lesley Hulne

We keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ Belva Haverland, who is recovering from surgery;
- ◆ Rob and Lynette (Wold) Leake, as they deal with medical issues resulting from Rob having recently suffered a stroke;
- ◆ The family and friends of Dennis Herrick, who recently passed away;
- ◆ The Haverland and Myers families as they mourn the recent loss of their nephew and cousin, Allen Ward;
- ◆ Micah, Marlys, Marvin, and Vi, as they continue to heal;
- ◆ Any others who may be suffering from health or addiction issues;
- ◆ .Our students & teachers as they return to school later this month; and
- ◆ Janelle Hansen, as our congregations welcome her into ministerial service with our two congregations.



Thank you to the following for the recent donations:

Emmanuel General Fund

- Clifton & Donna Stedje

Emmanuel Quilting Fund


- Rose Adair (Thrivent dollars)

The miracle of summer

A team of Sunday school teachers faced boisterous youngsters on Rally Day, the start of a new education year. Because kids were reuniting after a break, they were eager to chat about vacations. To restore order, a teacher asked the children to take turns sharing a favorite Bible verse, story or miracle. One, who still had summer on the brain, exclaimed, “I like the time when everybody loafs and fishes!”

AUGUST

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4 Worship service at Emmanuel @ 6 PM with communion	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Worship service at Galchutt @ 6 PM with communion	12	13	14
15	16	17 Quilting at Emmanuel 9 AM	18 Worship service at Emmanuel @ 6 PM; Emmanuel council meeting	19 Echo articles due	20	21
22 No worship	23	24	25 RHS school starts	26	27	28
29 Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30 AM	30	31			Emmanuel Altar Guild  Shirley Berg	

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As the school sales begin, won't you consider helping us gather items needed for the school kits that will be packed in September and shipped in October? The list includes: 70 sheet notebooks, 16 or 24 boxes of crayons, pencil sharpeners, 30-centimeter (12") ruler, black or blue ball point pens (NOT gel pens), No. 2 unsharpened pencils, 2 1/2" erasers, and blunt scissors.

A frequently asked question is if similar items can be substituted for those requested? LWR wants to ensure equity at distributions by following the guidelines as presented.

Karen Krump and her grandson Colton will be collecting for this fall drive!

