

The Echo

April 2019



Healthy Endings...Healthy Beginnings

Even though I have only been your pastor for a very short time and we were just getting to know each other, it is hard to say good-bye. In times of change and transition, there is grief and many different emotions are normal.

Endings lead to new beginnings and new life. Just as Holy Week and Good Friday lead to Easter Sunday and the cross leads us to the empty tomb-- Jesus has risen!

As I leave, I celebrate the mission and ministries that are happening at Emmanuel and Galchutt. I celebrate the children and their excitement collecting the Noisy Offerings- in the last few months you all have given thousands of dollars to missions locally, missions in the Eastern ND Synod and missions globally to ELCA God's Global Barnyard/ World Hunger. Thank you for teaching the children that giving outward in mission is important. Thank you also for volunteering to serve supper at NDSU Crossroads and "Feed My Starving Children" food packing. I celebrate your Council leadership. I celebrate your time and volunteering at the parsonage. I celebrate all Sunday school children and confirmation youth—thank you for reading and singing and participating in worship. I celebrate the ladies quilting and both churches working together on Lutheran World Relief kits. I celebrate Marsha, your Faith Community Nurse and the ROSE group—even though this ministry is changing too—I know God has plans for you. I celebrate the health ministry that will continue on at Galchutt and I pray Emmanuel will also continue with a health ministry. The list goes on and on. I encourage you too, to name and continue to celebrate how God is at work at Emmanuel and Galchutt!

I close with this prayer: *Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* (Prayer from Lutheran Book of Worship, page 153)

I wish you all well.

Trust in God and know God is with you always.

Peace be with you all.

Pastor Linda J. Schauer



ALWAYS SPREAD JOY AND KINDNESS!



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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!

LENTEN Schedule

April 3 - Simple supper 6-6:45 PM at Emmanuel followed by 7 PM Lenten service.

April 10- Simple supper 6-6:45 PM at Galchutt followed by 7 PM Lenten service.

Free will donations for suppers will go to defray VBS expenses in 2019.



Palm Sunday Services (April 14) at normal worship times. *Potluck dinner at Emmanuel.*

“Maundy Thursday” Joint Worship
April 18th at Galchutt at 7 PM.

“Good Friday” Joint Worship
April 19th at Emmanuel At 7 PM

“Easter Sunday” Worship on April 21st
Galchutt @ 7:30 AM
Emmanuel @ 9 AM



Galchutt Sunday School kids help Pastor Linda put the “alleluia” away until Easter Sunday. (left)

*The Men's Club of
Our Saviors Lutheran Church of Colfax,
ND*



FISH FRY

Saturday, April 6th 5:30 to 7:30pm
@ Colfax Community Center

(Storm Date: Friday, April 12th)

*Enjoy premium Cod Filet, Baked Potato, Baked Beans,
Cole Slaw, Beverage & Dessert*
Cost: Adults \$10 – Children 6-12 \$5.00
Kids 5 and under FREE

**Farewell and best
wishes to Pastor
Linda and Gary
Schauer.**



CHRISTINE FIRE DEPARTMENT 24th ANNUAL FISH “WALLEYE” FRY

SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2019
4:30 – 8:30 PM
CHRISTINE COMMUNITY CENTER

ADULTS \$15.00
CHILDREN 12-UNDER \$7.00

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EASTER MEMORIES

Do you have memories of past Easters or events during Holy Week? I remember it was always exciting getting a new dress or bonnet. My memories of past Easters involved getting dressed up in our Sunday best for this important holiday. Not having any grandmother, my grandfather would often buy me a pretty Easter dress and bonnet, and maybe even gloves. Another year, I recall my mom having her new Easter bonnet covered in soot as we went to see a business in Fargo that had a fire the previous night.

It has been so long since I even thought about the term Easter “bonnet” that I had to look up the meaning of the word. According to Wikipedia, “an Easter bonnet is any new or fancy hat worn as a Christian head covering on Easter, by tradition. It represents the tail-end of a tradition of wearing new clothes at Easter, in harmony with the renewal of the year and the promise of spiritual renewal and redemption.”

Billy Graham reminds us that Easter is more than pretty clothes. In an article entitled, “Renewal: The Spirit of Easter,” he wrote, “When God sent His Son to earth to die on the cross, He made a way for us to be made new. Jesus bore the weight of all our sins so that we can be renewed and free. We are washed clean of the wrong we have committed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Our heavenly Father who gave us this gift of redemption deserves all of our praise. He overcame the cross and defeated death. We serve a God so powerful and majestic that He sacrificed Himself for our renewal.”



Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Savior who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew our hope that we have victory over sin. So, when you think of someone dressed up for Easter in special clothes or an Easter bonnet, remember the promise of spiritual renewal and redemption that Jesus gave to us through his death on the cross. Easter blessings to you!

LouAnn Lee

LWR Quilting at Emmanuel

The next day for quilting at Emmanuel will be April 23, a week later than usual to avoid Holy Week. After making quilt kits available last month, we have had six completed tops returned. We will have several more kits made up for anyone interested in assisting in this work. As one seamstress stated, “making the quilt top made a recent stormy day pass very quickly.” Several persons have made or will be making quilt tops for quilts that will be shipped out in May for distribution wherever needed. At the moment, we have material for the kits but will welcome contributions to be used for quilt tops. If anyone has used blankets, mattress pads or sturdy used sheets, they are also needed for quilt backs and filler.

Ellen Rittenhouse

COLLECTING FOR LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS

Through Lent we are collecting items to be made into personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Our Sunday school students will be assembling them at the end of April. We want to gather enough items to keep them busy. You’ll find a box in the church ready to be filled with the following items: light-weight dark bath towels (We’ve found some for about \$1.97 at the Walmart on 13th Ave. S.), nail clippers, toothbrushes, soap and donations to be used to purchase heavy combs. We appreciate anything you can contribute!

Linda Kuruc

WHAT EASTER DOES

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.



We pray for....



- The family and friends of Curt Ask, who recently passed away;
- The family and friends of Evelyn Zelenak Strand, who recently passed away;
- All those who have dealt with health issues, including Jay Myers, Harold Narum, & Bill Ward;
- All who deal with addiction, grief, or other issues;
- The citizens of Nebraska and Iowa and other states as they deal with massive flooding;
- Pastor Linda and her family as they start a new chapter in their lives; and
- The GEM members as we begin the search for a new pastor.



Thank you to the following for their recent memorials & donations:

Emmanuel General Fund:

- Sally Caderet
- Alice Gunness, in loving memory of Donald Gunness

Emmanuel Flooring Fund:

- Clifton & Donna Stedje

Emmanuel Quilting Fund:

- Clifton & Donna Stedje

Richland/Our Savior's (ROS) Care Team Training

April 14, 2019, 1 PM - 6 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Visitation ministry is an important ministry of our congregations. Whether someone is a shut-in, hurting, grieving, lonely, newly out of the hospital, a new parent, etc. Christ calls us to be present for those who need him. We will be training a group of volunteers in a one-day training. After that, the initial expectation of the ROS Care Team would be for them to be partnered with a parishioner where they would meet with that one person 2 - 4 hours a month and to check in with either Marsha Hendrickson or I periodically.

If you are interested in taking the training, and possibly becoming a part of our Visitation and Care Team, please contact me! Our Parish Nurse Program (ROSE Group) ends at the end of March, 2019. Marsha Hendrickson and I are looking forward to this opportunity to gather, equip God's people, have some fun and focus on loving Christ's people.

Emmanuel Lutheran and Galchutt Lutheran are more than welcome to join in on this training. Please contact Pastor Julé to sign-up so that visitation ministry can continue in your congregations as well!

Pastor Julé Ballinger (701-866-1714) juleballinger@yahoo.com

"God doesn't call the equipped. God equips the called."

Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights, February 19, 2019



The Galchutt Lutheran Church council met on February 19, 2019, at 6 PM. The members present were Brice Bellmore, Larry Wold, Kendra Dockter, Jeff Miller, Marissa Moxness, Pamela Krump and Pastor Linda. The meeting was called to order by President Brice. The minutes of the January 29th meeting was read by Pamela. A motion by Larry, seconded by Jeff to accept the secretary's report. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was not available. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Linda reported that she is trying to get back on track with visitations. The last night she stayed at the Parsonage was January 27th. The council advised her to combine her January and February mileage report.

Old Business: Brice reached out to Derek Beito about repairing the Church structure and windows. He will also reach out to Schmitt and Son's for a bid. Doug Johnson is working on replacing the kitchen faucets. The council discussed plans of Don Loff finishing the kitchen cabinets and replacing the handles this summer.

New Business: Council discussed the upcoming Lent schedule. Galchutt Services: March 13 (Moxness serve), March 27 (Dockter serve), April 10 (Krump serve); Maundy Thursday service in Galchutt; Good Friday in Emmanuel; Sunday school schedule is March 3, 24, April 7, 14, 28. Singing Palm Sunday. Doug and Johnny Kuruc will be mowing the 2 churches again this summer. Committee's were assigned to the following members: Evangelism – Doug Johnson and Scott Fixen; Education – Pamela Krump, Kendra Dockter, Marissa Moxness; Stewardship - Doug Johnson, Brice Bellmore, Jeff Miller, Larry Wold, Pamela Krump, Kendra Dockter, Marissa Moxness; Property – Jeff Miller, Brice Bellmore, and Larry Wold. Next meeting will be March 12 at 6:30 PM. President Brice adjourned the meeting.

Secretary Pamela Krump

Joint Council Highlights, March 12, 2019



The Galchutt Lutheran Church and Emmanuel Lutheran Church council members met on March 12, 2019, at 6 PM. The members present were Brice Bellmore, Larry Wold, Kendra Dockter, Jeff Miller, Marissa Moxness, Pamela Krump. Doug Johnson, Jessica Kappes, Deb Syvertsen, Austin Heyen and Pastor Linda. Bishop Terry Brandt was also in attendance. Pastor Linda led the council with a devotion.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Linda provided her mileage report to the council members. Kendra motioned to accept her report and Austin second the motion. Motion carried. Pastor Linda attended a Risk Management Meeting in February that discussed church security. It was discussed that the councils should review their church safety and form a security committee.

New Business: Bishop Terry Brandt discussed with the council members the call process in finding a new Pastor for the two churches. Brice informed the council members that Kim Adams has agreed to help us with Pulpit Supply on the Sundays of March 31, April 7, April 14, April 21. She also agreed to be Pulpit Supply for Lenten services and Easter. Councils discussed Easter services times will be changed to accommodate to Kim Adams's schedule. Both councils agreed to have Emmanuel service at 9 AM and Galchutt at 7:30 AM. Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug seconded. Meeting was adjourned. Next Galchutt church council meeting will be April 9th at 6 PM. Next Joint Council meeting will be April 22nd at 6 PM.

Secretary of Galchutt Church - Pamela Krump

2019 Spring Grief Classes offered by Hospice of the RRV

Hospice of the Red River Valley is pleased to offer the following grief and loss courses this spring. Registration is required for all classes because space is limited. **All classes are offered free of charge. Register for classes online, or call (800) 237-4629 and ask for the bereavement department.**

Journeying Through Grief: Journeying Through Grief is a free class, or series of classes depending on location, intended for adults 18 years and older who are recently bereaved. The sessions will help you better understand the grief process, explore methods of self-care and embrace and carry memories with you as you move forward. Fargo, N.D. - A series of three classes held on Thursdays, April 4, 11 and 18 from 6-8 p.m.

How to Help a Grieving Friend: When a friend loses a loved one through death, we struggle to know what to do. Working through grief involves accepting the loss, experiencing the pain of that loss and creating a different bond or relationship with the person you have lost. This class offers attendees ways to help a friend who has experienced the loss of a loved one through death. Fargo, N.D. - Monday, May 6 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Hope & Healing Six-week Grief Support Group: Hospice of the Red River Valley offers a six-week grief support group open to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one through death. This group offers attendees a safe, supportive environment for sharing their grief and learning from others who have experienced a loss through death. Please note: Participants must be able to attend the first session to participate in the series. Perham, Minn. - Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6 from 1-2:30 p.m.

WALKING THE FAITH As spring buds and temperatures rise, it’s fun to get outside and walk. Walking is great for both body and mind. “To solve a problem, walk around,” advised St. Jerome. Naturalist Henry David Thoreau agreed, saying, “The moment my legs begin to move, my thoughts begin to flow.” Indeed, walking has been linked to improved creativity and reduced anxiety.

Some Bible versions translate Ephesians 5:8 “Live as children of light,” while others use “walk”: “You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light” (NKJV). What a great rendering! Living is something we often do passively and without much thought, while walking is an intentional, active pursuit; we must choose when, where and how we do it.

Now that we’re children of light — newly alive springtime people, Easter people! — Jesus urges us to not just live the faith but to walk it. When our faith becomes active, new thoughts flow, anxiety decreases and we make strides in our relationship with Jesus.

—Heidi Mann, Published in NewsletterNewsletter in March 2016.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Supper 6-645 Lenten Service @ Emmanuel @ 7PM AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	4	5	6 "COD FOR GOD" @ Our Saviors 5:30-7:30 PM
7 Galchutt 9:00 Worship 10:00 SS Emmanuel 10:30 Worship	8	9 Galchutt council mtg 6PM	10 Supper 6-645 Lenten Service @ Galchutt @ 7PM AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	11	12	13 Christine Fire Dept Fish Fry 4:30-8:30 PM
14 Galchutt 9:00 Worship 10:00 S.S. Emmanuel 9:45 S.S. 10:30 Worship w/ POTLUCK	15 Quilts of Valor meets at Emmanuel noon - 8PM	16	17 Echo Articles Due Today AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	18 Maundy Thursday service @ Galchutt 7PM	19 Good Friday service @ Emmanuel 7PM	20
21 EASTER Galchutt 7:30 Worship Emmanuel 9:00 Worship	22 Joint council mtg @ Emmanuel 6PM	23 Quilting at Emmanuel 9AM - 4PM	24 AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	25	26	27
28 Galchutt 9:00 Worship 10:00 S.S. Emmanuel 9:45 S.S. 10:30 Worship	29	30			"S.S." is Sunday School Emmanuel Altar Guild for April is Lesley Hulne	

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Just for Laughs.....

