

# The Echo

May 2019

## ***“What changing pews taught us about church”*** by Kimberly Knowle-Zeller

As a mom of two little ones, I’ve discovered that every season of parenting brings a different need for the best place to sit in worship. In the early days, with my first child, I needed room for the car seat and sleeping baby, then access to the rocking chairs in back for nursing. Then we needed greater proximity to the bathroom for those “I-have-to-pee-now” trips with a potty-training toddler. When that toddler began to walk, I found it safer to sit in the middle of a pew to minimize all that running up and down the aisles. Then we had a second child, and the pew shuffling began again. At church, I know many people have a spot that is practically sacred to them. Yet as a mom worshiping with two young children, I’ve found value in not sitting in the same spot. Here’s what our family has learned.

**We gained a new perspective on worship** - When I sit in front, my children get a chance to see the worship service up close. They watch the acolytes lighting the candles and see their intense expressions as they carry the offering plates and help set the table for communion. My children can see the Bible and the spot where members of the congregation come forward to read God’s word. They can feel the reader’s emotion and reverence for this sacred book. They witness how the table gets set for communion and how the pastor carefully places the wine and bread on the linens and the way she holds her hands. On the days we sit toward the back of the sanctuary, my children can see the behind-the-scenes work of the ushers: handing out bulletins, holding the door for people, helping people to their seats, giving a quick tutorial on the bulletin and hymnal, hanging up coats, and holding a fussy baby for a tired mama. Every place a family sits for worship provides a glimpse into the gift of being in community.

**We got to know different worshipers** - Varying where we sit each week means we sit by different people. Some weeks we’ll plop ourselves down between two families, with our kids on each side of us so they can share toys and snacks. Other Sundays we’ll sit by a group of older women who share their bulletins for coloring and open their laps for sitting. My children also get to see me model what it means to be in community: sharing the peace, saying hello, offering a hand to help someone up and down. Every Sunday we get a chance to witness the diversity and beauty found in the body of Christ.

**We are connected to the communion of saints** - Some people have their specific pew where they’ve spent years worshiping, and when they move away or die their absence is noticed. I can help my children understand that even though we can’t see the faces of those no longer with us, we can still be with them in worship. When a widow comes to worship and sits without her spouse, I can give thanks with my children for a life devoted to God and remind them that we are always part of one another through the communion of saints. On some Sundays—those days when just getting inside the church doors is an accomplishment—I simply walk to a pew, and a member of the community, seeing my look of exhaustion, takes my children and offers them a seat. No questions asked, only love and welcome. In that moment I give thanks for the many pews and the people I’ve met in them along the way.



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# EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



**You Are Invited!**  
**Galchutt and Emmanuel**  
**Lutheran Churches invite you to**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**To Mars and Beyond!**  
**June 25-27**

**WHERE:** Galchutt Lutheran Church - Galchutt, ND

**WHO:** All kids entering preschool through entering 7th grade are welcome!

Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GVLYW6M> by May 17

**Questions? Contact:** Kendra Dockter (701) 640-0127 or Pamela Krump\_or (701)640-0532



**Galchutt Sunday**  
**School kids on Palm**  
**Sunday (left)**



## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



There will be a Joint Memorial Day Service conducted by the ABERCROMBIE LEGION POST 128, the Galchutt OIE-WOLD-LELAND AMERICAN LEGION POST 282, and the SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 282, on Monday, May 27, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. at the Abercrombie Community Hall. The program will include an award ceremony by the local Quilts of Valor group.

There will be a dinner served by the St. Thomas Catholic Church women following the service. All are Welcome.

Galchutt Legion /SAL  
 Graveside services at:  
 Viking Cemetery 8:30 a.m.  
 Sterns Cemetery 9:00 a.m.  
 Bethany Cemetery 9:30 a.m.  
 Dwight Cemetery 10:00 a.m.  
 St. Johns Cemetery 10:30 a.m.

Abercrombie Legion  
 Graveside services at:  
 Colfax Cemetery 8:30 a.m.  
 Zion Cemetery 9:00 a.m.  
 Richland Cemetery 9:30 a.m.  
 Abercrombie Cemetery 10:30 a.m.  
 Kent Cemetery 11:00 a.m.

## Congratulations to these Seniors of GEM!



**Blaine Brewer** - (left) (Galchutt) - Future plans include the National Guard as well as attending NDCS, and then NDSU, for Business Management.



**Blake Loomis** (left)(Galchutt) - Future plans to attend UND for marketing.



**Austin Loomis** (right) (Galchutt)- Future plans are undecided.

**Joey Wolfe** (right) (Emmanuel) - Future plans are to enter the Culinary field.



**Ryan Henrichs** (left) (Emmanuel) - Future plans unknown at this time.

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 [lalee@rrt.net](mailto:lalee@rrt.net).



It is very fitting to focus on women and mothers in this month of May. And the Bible is a good place to turn since it's full of gripping stories about women who were both victims and victors, women who contributed to the world, women such as:

- Eve, created by God to be Adam's companion, was the first woman, mother to Cain and Abel, and likely known by everyone.
- Ruth was an honest young widow and ancestor of King David. When her Jewish mother-in-law Naomi returned to Israel from Moab after a famine, Ruth stuck with her and pledged to follow Naomi and worship her God.
- Esther, after being married off to the Persian king because of her beauty, was willing to put the lives of others ahead of her own life. When Esther learned that the king's advisor planned to slaughter all the Jews in the kingdom, she persuaded her husband to spare them.
- Jochebed surrendered what she treasured most to the will of God. When the Egyptians began killing the male babies of Hebrew slaves, Jochebed put her baby Moses in a waterproof basket and placed him in the Nile River. Pharaoh's daughter found and adopted him as her own son. Even though Moses was raised as an Egyptian, God chose him to lead his people and become Israel's great prophet.
- Mary, mother of Jesus, is one of the most admired figures in the Bible. She trusted God and obeyed His call to bear his Son, even though she was not married. Though she had joy in motherhood, she also suffered pain in the privilege of being the mother of the Messiah who would later be crucified.
- Mary Magdalene was committed to Jesus' ministry. Because of her close relationship with Jesus, Mary was present at the crucifixion, and she was the first to see the resurrected Christ. Mary Magdalene, bringing spice to anoint Him, first greeted the risen Lord and received the first commission— "Go, tell" (Mark 16:8).

The Bible contains many more stories of women and mothers who were instrumental in God's plan. We too have had important women shape our lives. Some of us have gotten to grow old

along with our mothers while others have shared only a brief time with theirs. Perhaps it was illness, death, or divorce that cut that time short and now there are only memories. Sometimes friends or relatives step in and become the mother-figure. This maternal influence impacts the lives of children immeasurably. Children observe and display the attitudes of their elders when it comes to honesty, life habits, and kindness. The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Even though it sometimes seems hard to follow God's ways in these busy times, just know that the example you are setting for another person can be life-changing.

We thank and honor all the mothers or mother-figures out there who have helped shape the lives of others!!  
*LouAnn Lee*

**Thank you to the following for their recent memorials;**



**In memory of Curt Ask  
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- Roger & Becky Moe
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**\*\*\* Artificial flowers need to be removed from the Emmanuel Cemetery by June 17.**

## LWR News.....

Another busy month has passed getting ready to ship quilts and personal care kits to LWR for distribution around the world. In the past month the hurricane/typhoons have devastated areas in Eastern Africa that have benefited from the school kits and personal care kits gathered in the past 6-12 months so it will be important for us to help to replenish the supply before the next disaster.



Now that the spring Garage Sale season is coming quickly, please watch your neighborhood garage sales for the following items for our LWR projects: Bedding of all types--sheets, blankets, comforters, mattress pads, electric blankets. Can be stained or worn (we use the good parts) so check the "Free Box" for those. We will be removing wires from the electric blankets.

Suggested price, less than \$3/item. New or gently used fabric pieces are also used to make quilt kits for tops and backs as needed.

The week of May 6-10 Lutheran Social Services will be accepting quilts and kits for shipment to Minneapolis, starting the distribution to staging areas around the world. Your assistance will be needed to collect large boxes (loaded weighing under 40#) for packing the quilts on May 5th and taking the boxes of quilts and personal care kits to 3911 20th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM. If you can assist us please contact me by May 5th. Thank you for all the ways you help with the LWR service projects.

*Ellen Rittenhouse*



Offering

The Emmanuel Church council wants to remind you an opportunity for regular giving, allowing you the ability to have a specific dollar amount donated each month to Emmanuel Lutheran. If you choose to enroll in the auto withdrawal program, your generous monthly contribution would help make our monthly offerings more consistent. With summer season soon upon us, attendance and offerings are often reduced, yet the expenses of the church continue.

If you would like to enroll in this auto withdrawal program, a single donation amount would be taken out of your bank account on the **5th** of each month, and can forego the offering when you attend worship. You always have the option of supplementing this contribution if you wish when you do attend worship services. Either way, your contributions invest in the long-term future of our congregation and your participation will greatly help the health and sustainability of our church.

If this is something you would be willing to participate in, please call Emmanuel Treasurer LouAnn Lee at (701) 640-0321 or email her at [lalee@rrt.net](mailto:lalee@rrt.net) and she will get the necessary forms to you to start this process.

Thank you to those few members who have already signed up for the automatic withdrawal program!!!

*The Emmanuel Council*

## He's everywhere

A mother asked her little boy to please get the broom from the back porch. "But it's dark out there!" he protested. "Don't be scared," Mom said. "Jesus is out there. He'll take care of you."

When the child looked skeptical, his mother continued, "Jesus is everywhere. You'll be safe." After a moment, the boy went to the back door and cracked it open. Peering into the dark, he called, "Jesus, if you're out there, will you please hand me the broom?"

*(from NewsletterNewsletter.com)*

**Cover Article:** In these months while without a Pastor's article, I may be sharing articles from other sources that I found interesting. This month's cover article was printed in the April 11, 2019, *Living Lutheran*, magazine. If you find an article that may be interesting to others, please email [lalee@rrt.net](mailto:lalee@rrt.net).

## Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights - March 26 & April 22, 2019



The Emmanuel Church Council met on **March 26, 2019** with the following members present: Austin Heyen, Mardee Besette, Fred Tol, Kevin Paczkowski, Lesley Hulne, Deb Syvertsen, and Jessica Kappes.

**Call to Order:** President Kevin called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** Mardee read the report and 2 corrections were made. Easter service will be at 9AM at Emmanuel. We will have a potluck on Palm Sunday. **Secretary's report** approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deb read the treasurer's report provided by LouAnn. \$1200 was returned to Emmanuel when the ROSE group was closed out. Received a check from NorthStar insurance for \$899; Still need invoice from Service Master. Second signatures recommended on the church and cemetery accounts. Council president will be second signature on general fund and Deb Syvertsen on cemetery account. Treasurer's report approved. Jess made a motion to have the president as second signature on the church account and Deb S as the second on the cemetery account. Treasurer's report approved.

**Education Committee:** Last day of Sunday School will be April 28th.

**Property Committee:** Pastor Linda requested the paper report of the most recent air testing, Austin will provide. The Breezeway door was fixed. Austin and Fred to do a walk through of the parsonage after the meeting tonight. Pastor Linda has until April 9th to move out of parsonage.

**Old Business:** The thermostat for behind the alter was purchased. Has not been installed yet. Thank you cards will be sent to Marsha and Pastor Linda.

**New Business:** We will have a potluck on Palm Sunday following church. The noisy offering funds will be used for education expenses. Richland/Our Saviors will be hosting a Care Team Training - This will be included in the announcements so anyone that is interested can attend. Jessica, LouAnn, and Austin will be on call committee for Emmanuel.

**Closing:** Next meeting will take place following the joint meeting April 22nd at 6 PM at Emmanuel. Lord's Prayer was said.

*Mardee Besette, Secretary*

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council met on **April 22, 2019**, at 6:30 PM with the following members present: Kevin Paczkowski, Deb Syvertsen, Fred Tol, Jessica Kappes, and Lesley Hulne. The meeting was called to order by President Kevin. There was no Secretary's Report and no Pastor's Report. The **Treasurer's Report** provided by LouAnn was reviewed and a motion made and seconded, with the motion to approve the report.

**Education** - Last day of Sunday School will be on Sunday April 28, 2019. Jessica will take over the Sunday School program when it resumes in September. There is an organizational meeting for Vacation Bible School in Galchutt on April 29 at 6 PM.

**Worship committee**-The proceeds from the Noisy offering on May 19 will go to VBS expenses.

**Property committee** - Carpet in Upstad Room needs to be shampooed; quote will be acquired.

**Old Business:** Discussion regarding visitations.

**New Business:** Kevin attended the Bethany Homes Annual Meeting and their report will be printed as an insert to the bulletin. A motion was made to accept Galchutt Lutheran Church's Temporary Agreement of Parsonage Expenses. Motion seconded and approved. The agreement states Galchutt Lutheran will pay a temporary monthly payment of \$350.00, starting in May 2019 to Emmanuel Lutheran. The agreement will be reviewed at the Call of a pastor. In addition, Galchutt Lutheran will pay \$1,200 toward expenses to the parsonage incurred in 2018 and \$200 per month for January - April 2019 for parsonage expenses. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Next meeting June 4 at 6 PM.**

*Secretary Pro Tem, Lesley Hulne*

**Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights - April 9, 2019**



The Galchutt Lutheran Church council met on April 9, 2019 at 6 PM. The members present were Brice Bellmore, Larry Wold, Kendra Dockter, Jeff Miller, Doug Johnson, Marissa Moxness, Pamela Krump. The meeting was called to order by President Brice. The minutes of the February 19th meeting was read by Pamela. A motion by Doug, seconded by Jeff to accept the secretary’s report. Motion carried. The treasurer’s report was provided by Kendra. A motion by Larry, seconded by Doug to accept the treasurer’s report.

**Old Business:** Brice received bids from Derek Beito, Comstock, and Schmitt & Son’s. After reviewing each bid and discussing each of them a motion was made by Pamela to accept the bid from Comstock and Marissa seconded. The motion carried. Comstock is scheduled to begin construction in May. Kendra mentioned to the council it would be a \$400 fee to disconnect the Pastor’s cell phone. This topic will be on agenda to discuss with Emmanuel at our next joint meeting on April 22nd. With funds from the WELCA account Sara purchased a new vacuum for Galchutt Church.

**New Business:** A new AED machine was donated by the Abercrombie Fire Dept. Kendra will be purchasing a box for the machine and it will be hung up in the church. Daniel and Kendra Dockter will be replacing the handles on the cabinets in the kitchen instead of Donovan Loff as previously printed.

Next meeting will be May 7 at 6 PM. Kendra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded. Motion Carried.

*Secretary Pamela Krump*

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**FOLLOWING GOD’S LEAD**

Jazz musician Thomas Dorsey traveled an unlikely road to become the “father of black gospel music.” At age 11, he dropped out of school to be a vaudeville performer and blues pianist. While Dorsey recovered from a nervous breakdown at age 21, his mother urged him to serve the Lord with his talents. It took several years, but the musician committed to composing spiritual songs — rejected by many mainstream churches as “the devil’s music.”

In 1932, after Dorsey’s wife and infant son died during childbirth, he channeled his grief into the piano, writing “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.” Known to be a favorite song of Martin Luther King Jr., it ends with these lyrics: “Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.”

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# May 2019



**Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat**

			1  AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	2	3  Richland Elementary Coffee with Kids 8:45 AM	4
5 Galchutt 9:00 Worship 10:00 SS  Emmanuel 10:30 Worship	6	7	8  AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	9  Richland Elementary Concert 7 PM	10	11
12 Galchutt 9:00 Worship 10:00 SS  Emmanuel 10:30 Worship	13	14	15  AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	16  Richland High School Concert 7 PM	17	18  Echo Articles Due Today
19 Galchutt 9:00 Worship Emmanuel 10:30 Worship  NOISY OFFERING	20 Quilts of Valor meets at Emmanuel Noon - 8PM	21 Quilting at Emmanuel 9AM - 4PM	22  AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	23	24	25
26 Galchutt 9:00 Worship  Emmanuel 10:30 Worship  RHS Graduation	27 Memorial Day (see page 2 for service times)	28	29  AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	30	31  Emmanuel Altar Guild: May: Shirley Berg June: Gail Haarstad	

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In memory of Elmer & Sophie Boutiette

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## Just for Laughs.....

