

The Echo

July 2019



A PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH---

Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “this is our Father’s world” and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On

Independence Day and every day, “O let [us] ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.

—by Sandy Hyland

JULY

July 7: No worship

July 14: 9 AM Galchutt 10:30 AM Emmanuel (Dave Isaacson)

July 21: No worship

July 28: 9 AM Galchutt 10:30 AM Emmanuel (Kim Adams)

AUGUST

August 4: No worship

August 11: 9 AM Galchutt 10:30 AM Emmanuel (Dave Isaacson)

August 18: No worship

August 25: 9 AM Galchutt 10:30 AM Emmanuel (Kim Adams)

September 1: No worship



“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work” 1 Corinthians 12:4-6.



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Highlights From VBS



Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with Vacation Bible School this year, whether it be by taking time off to help at VBS or through your donations to offset the costs of VBS! Thank you!



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.



When the theme “spiritual gifts” was chosen for this month’s Echo, I had no idea there was so much information available. The ELCA website has an entire repository of articles regarding “spiritual gifts.” While some may think that spiritual gifts revolve solely around the gift of sharing in worship, it has a much broader meaning and many, if not all of you, are already sharing your spiritual gifts - without even knowing it! The following are excerpts from the ELCA website and some of its information on spiritual gifts.

Finding Your Spiritual Gifts .

God has given each Christian two vitally important gifts. The first is the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, his work of redemption, and thus forgiveness of sin. The second is the gift of one or more special abilities, which are to be used for the purpose of unifying the body of Christ and for the growth of God's Kingdom. These abilities are called spiritual gifts and they are received through our baptism. Like other presents, it is impossible to fully appreciate and make use our spiritual gifts until they have been opened. . . .



We do not choose which gifts we will receive.

God bestows them upon us through the work of the Holy Spirit. Since the objectives of spiritual gift deployment are to unify and produce growth through service, in today’s church climate, some of the service-related gifts given to believers are listed below.

Administration: the gift enabling a believer to formulate, direct, and carry out plans necessary to fulfill a purpose.

Artistry: the gift that gives the believer the skill of creating artistic expressions that produce a spiritual response of strength and inspiration.

Discernment: the gift that motivates a believer to seek God's will and purpose and apply that understanding to individual and congregational situations.

Exhortation: the gift that moves the believer to reach out with Christian love and presence to people in personal conflict or facing a spiritual void.

Faith: the gift that gives a believer the eyes to see the Spirit at work and the ability to trust the Spirit's leading without indication of where it all might lead.

Giving: the gift that enables a believer to recognize God's blessings and to respond to those blessings by generously and sacrificially giving of one's resources (time, talent, and treasure).

Hospitality: the gift that causes a believer to joyfully welcome and receive guests and those in need of food and lodging.

Intercession: the gift that enables a believer to pray with the certainty that prayer is heard and when requests are made, answers will come.

Knowledge: the gift that drives a person to learn, analyze and uncover new insights with regard to the Bible and faith.

Leadership: the gift that gives a believer the confidence to step forward, give direction and provide motivation to fulfill a dream or complete a task.

Music-Vocal: the gift that gives a believer the capability and opportunity to present personal witness and inspiration to others through singing.

Music-Instrumental: the gift that gives a believer the capability and opportunity to present personal witness and inspiration to others through playing a musical instrument.

Pastoring: the gift that gives a believer the confidence, capability and compassion to provide spiritual leadership and direction for individuals or groups of believers. (cont'd on next page)

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Service: the gift that enables a believer to work gladly behind the scenes in order that God's work is fulfilled.

Skilled Craft: the gift that enables a believer to create, build, maintain or repair items used within the church.

Teaching: the gift that enables a believer to communicate a personal understanding of the Bible and faith in such a way that it becomes clear and understood by others.

Wisdom: the gift that allows the believer to sort through opinions, facts and thoughts in order to determine what solution would be best for the individual believer or the community of believers.

Writing: the gift that gives a believer the ability to express truth in a written form; a form that can edify, instruct and strengthen the community of believers.

As you can see, you likely are already sharing some of your own spiritual gifts -- without even knowing it. Let your spiritual gifts continue to shine in our congregations!

<http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/spiritgifts.pdf>

LouAnn Lee



Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights - June 3, 2019

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church council met on June 3, 2019, with the following members present: Austin Heyen, Mardee Besette, Fred Tol, Kevin Paczkowski, Leslie Hulne, Deb Syvertsen, and Jessica Kappes.

Call to Order: President Kevin Paczkowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Secretary's Report: Mardee read the report. Austin motioned to accept, Fred seconded, and it passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report provided by LouAnn was reviewed. Offerings are not covering pulpit supply and musicians. Deb motioned to accept, Mardee seconded, and it passed.

Education Committee: Galchutt has VBS all planned out and ready to go.

Worship Committee: NA; **Stewardship Committee:** NA

Property Committee: Austin has the thermostat and will get it set. Fred checked the sewing room for leaks and will update if it gets worse. Deb did a walk through and the parsonage is fine. Carpet was cleaned in the old sacristy.

Old Business: No update on team (care) training. No updates on the Call Committee.

New Business: Possibility of doing outdoor church this summer was discussed. We would like to bring back noisy offering in the fall when Sunday School resumes.

Closing: Next meeting will take place July 10th at 6 PM in Abercrombie. A motion by Mardee was made to adjourn the meeting, Deb seconded, and it passed. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Mardee Besette, secretary



Call Committee News: We wish we could say we had some news but there have been no names or inquiries coming out of the synod thus far for the call process. There are several churches searching for pastors along with us. We will keep you informed when the time is proper for us to share information --- and when we have anything to share!! Thank you.

Spiritual Gifts

Superheroes aren't only in comic books or on movies. They walk beside us every day. In fact, they walk WITHIN us every day. Each one of us has been granted extraordinary powers and our job as Christians is to discover and harness these powers. So, what do these abilities look like? Oh, there are so many-as many as there are superheroes. ALL ABOUT GOD lists, "wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord." In the Bible, Paul adds love, understanding, and hospitality. I bet you can think of many more.

As we go about our daily business, we don't always take the time to notice how those in our church and communities are using their spiritual gifts. Think of all the adults who have volunteered to teach or lead Sunday school, VBS, confirmation, and adult groups. Through the years many talented individuals have shared their gift of music with their instruments or voices. We know people who lead us on committees, who write sermons, who interpret the Bible readings; and there are those who quietly share their gifts behind the scenes listening and visiting the homebound, baking treats for coffee, those with big hearts who donate to food banks, sew quilts, make sure LWR has items for their kits...and the list goes on and on.

Kristen Eisele, in the God Pause Devotions, recalls that Hogwarts' school song, in the Harry Potter books, "has lyrics but no official tune so that when it's sung, everyone picks their own tune, and a cacophony ensues." She imagines the "endless song' of our faith to be something like this-the words are consistent, but the melody changes." Look within yourself. What are your spiritual gifts? How can you share them? Our strength as Christians comes from the gifts that we share and what a beautiful song we sing when we're all singing our own song together.

Thank you to the following for their recent donations:

Emmanuel General Fund:

- Clifton & Donna Stedje

Emmanuel Cemetery:

- In memory of Evelyn Zelenak
 - Shirley Ruud & Ruth Strand

Vacation Bible School:

- Offerings from Lenten meals
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- Matt & Marissa Moxness

Ellen Rittenhouse



Memorials & Gifts

Emmanuel Cemetery:

Several loads of gravel were recently ordered for the drive through the Emmanuel Cemetery. When opening the invoice to pay the bill, the following notation was on the invoice:

"Please accept this gravel as a donation in memory of our grandparents, Elmer & Doris Rolie, who are buried here.

Tim & Melissa Hudson, dba TJM Trucking."

So, if you see Tim or Melissa, thank them for this generous donation!

LouAnn Lee, Emmanuel Cemetery Treasurer

LWR News

Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits of Care give families around the world some of life's essentials, as well as a reminder that they are not alone. From chronic poverty and conflict to drought and typhoon, the intensity of humanitarian needs continues to increase. Your quilts and kits are urgently needed!

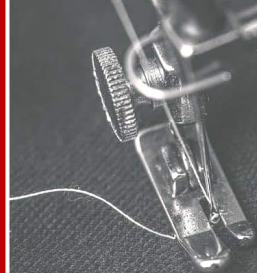
Anyone can work on a quilt or kit project. It strengthens fellowship within your congregation, serves as a faith witness to your community and brings you closer to your global neighbors. The gifts you give through these projects are an immeasurable blessing to families around the world.

With my summer travel soon coming to an end, you can expect to see more quilt kits to be sewn by volunteers. We are also beginning to gear up for the gathering of school supplies for the kits to be completed in early October. Watch for the list of items needed coming soon. For those who would like to donate rather than shop for school supplies we are taking donations of \$1.20 per backpack toward the purchase of the drawstring bags.

This month's quilting date is Tuesday, July 16th from 9 AM to 4 PM at Emmanuel. All are welcome, even if you just want to come visit while we gather.

Ellen Rittenhouse

5 Health Benefits of Sewing



1. Relieves Stress

The meditative action of sewing encourages positivity and feelings of relaxation.

2. Promotes Brain Growth

The creative nature of sewing encourages the formation of new brain cells!

3. Happiness!

Sewing increases dopamine in the brain, which makes us feel HAPPY

4. Fights Dementia

Sewing keeps the mind clear, focused & active, which can help prevent dementia as we age.

5. Improve your Hand/Eye Coordination

Sewing requires a certain type of attention to detail, that encourages coordination, especially hand/eye.



We Pray For:



- ◆ The family of Harold Narum, who passed away June 24th after a 5-year battle with cancer;
- ◆ The Vogeler family at the death of Ryan Mumm, son of David & Colette (Vogeler) Mumm, who died in a traffic accident. He is the grandson of Hilda & nephew to Michael & Lori Vogeler;
- ◆ The family of David & Shirley Flaa. David passed away this winter in Florida & was buried at St. John's on June 29th. David was the son of Joe & MaryJane Flaa; and
- ◆ Our congregations as we search for a new pastor of our congregations.

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	1	2	3 AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10 Emmanuel Council Meeting 6 PM AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	11	12	13
14 Galchutt 9:00 Worship Emmanuel 10:30 Worship	15 Quilts of Valor @ Emmanuel noon-7 PM	16 Quilting @ Emmanuel 9AM-4PM	17 AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	18 Echo Articles Due Today!!	19	20
21	22	23	24 AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	25	26	27
28 Galchutt 9:00 Worship Emmanuel 10:30 Worship	29	30	31 AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel		Emmanuel Altar Guild: July: Ellen Rittenhouse	Emmanuel Altar Guild: August: Shirley Berg



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"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!
 Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

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