

The Echo

October 2019



God of the Harvest

²⁶ He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come" (Mark 4:26-29).



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Passages like this make me wonder if Jesus really understood farming. I mean, really: "All by itself the soil produces grain?" Doesn't Jesus know how much work the farmer does? The farmer must choose seeds, monitor the weather, plant at just the right time, hire enough hands, water the plants, spray for weeds, apply fertilizer, and more! There is an awful lot of work that goes into farming! Doesn't Jesus know that?

But Jesus is not talking about sugar beets, corn, or soybeans. Jesus is talking about the souls of the world. As children of God baptized into God's family, we are called to give the same attention to the souls of the world as a farmer gives to his field. Just as a farmer knows when to plant, water, fertilize, or spray, we are called to discern when to share the Gospel, visit someone sick or lonely, bring food to the hungry, and love someone through a tragedy.

We are God's hands and feet in the world. Unlike a farmer's fields, we don't always know how faith grows. But we are called to nurture faith just the same.

God of the harvest, please bless our earth and our farmers in this season of harvest. You know just the right pieces that will make this year's harvest bountiful. Help us to see the world through your eyes. Give us eyes for the harvest of the world and teach us how to nurture faith in ourselves and one another. Amen.

Peace, Meggie



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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Richland Lutheran Church
Annual Luncheon & Bake Sale
SUNDAY, October 6, 2019
11:30 AM
Church service - 10:30AM

Bake sale items include homemade Scandinavian goodies & lots more!
\$8 lunch includes choice of homemade soup, sandwich, pie, ice cream & beverage

Served at Richland Lutheran Church by Richland WELCA

Richland #44 After School Program Seeking Toy Donations

With the transition back to Richland Elementary hosting the After School Program, many of the items were returned to the prior host.

We are seeking donations of items to fill our room with toys, books, etc.

ASP is a self funded program and does not receive funding from the school's general budget.

Our Wish List of Items Include:
 Stuffed play animals; dragons; dinosaurs; farm set; food set/picnic table; bean bag/comfy chair for reading and homework; coloring books, tic-tac-toe; barbies; big Lego blocks; monster trucks; books pre-k-6th grade levels; books with monster truck, princess, and race car themes; Magic Tree House books.

Donations can be dropped off at Richland Elementary in Abercrombie.
 Gently used items are accepted as well as new items or monetary donations.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations to this program!

OCTOBER 18, 2019
In Concert
 at BETHANY FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH



the PREACHER'S daughters

6 PM | OLD-FASHIONED PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL
 7 PM | THE PREACHER'S DAUGHTER'S CONCERT
 Performing age-old hymns, sharing heart-warming stories and testimonies of faith. ~ For ALL Ages!

A love offering will be taken during the concert that will go directly to The Preacher's Daughters and their vocal ministry.

BETHANY CHURCH * 17350 69th St SE * Wahpeton, ND 58075 * Contact: Kaaryn Weinmann 701-640-6020



Members of the Lucky Leaf 4H Club helped pack the school kits that will be donated to the Lutheran World Relief drive.

Attention: Are you soon leaving to go south for the winter? Please let the office know so we don't mail to your present address!

Congratulations to members of our church families on recent births!

Camryn Marie Paczkowski was born 9/3/2019 to Shawn & Alexandra Paczkowski.

Walter Steve Haux was born 9/6/2019 to Aaron & Emma (Bellmore) Haux.



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.



In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus talks about the great harvest waiting for workers and he says, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Was Jesus waiting for laborers to come help take in the grain or whatever harvest they were working on at that time? Were they really short of help like so many of our businesses today? Our local farmers work feverishly at this time of year to gather in their crops before winter and additional hands can hurry this along. All year long they labor growing and tending their crops. Harvest is the time when it all hopefully pays off. Jesus may have considered all of this when he spoke but I think he had an even more important message to convey.

If we read a little further back into this story, at verse 35 we learn about the type of people Jesus was encountering. He had been traveling and meeting individuals who were “harassed and helpless” like lost sheep, sheep without a shepherd. And he used a story, as he often did, to remind his followers that they could be “farmers of men,” revealing the story of salvation to everyone and bringing home a harvest of Christians.



Today’s world isn’t much different. There are many people who are lost and unfulfilled. As Christians, we are to go out into our fields (neighborhoods and the world) and collect those crops (people who don’t know Jesus). We need to tell them about Jesus and pray that God will send more workers (missionaries, lay ministers, pastors, Sunday School teachers) to help us spread the word of salvation. It’s not always necessary to go abroad; we can be missionaries in our own communities spreading the word about Jesus to those around us.

We pray for our farmers, their families, and all those who help with the harvest of the actual fields. We also pray that we can become workers of the harvest to those around us helping to spread God’s word!

LouAnn Lee



Lucky Leaf 4H Club Packs School Kits

On September 14, the Lucky Leaf 4H Club met and enthusiastically packed 87 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to donations collected from the churches and items the 4Hers contributed, a huge pile of notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, scissors and sharpeners were stacked together, packaging removed, and an assembly line formed to fill the backpacks. They were then boxed, ready to be delivered to Lutheran Social Services and distributed to children in poverty. This club strives to help others, not only locally, but also in our global community and over the past several years, this has been one way they have reached out and helped other children. We are fortunate to have this caring group of kids growing up in our community.

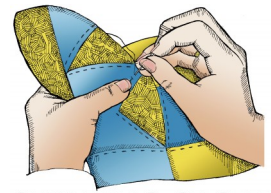
Linda Kuruc

JUST PLANT IT....

As the church year wraps up, many Bible readings address the end times and Jesus’ return at an unknown date (unknown to all but God the Father, that is). Specific beliefs about the Second Coming vary throughout Christendom, but our attitude about that momentous event affects how we live right now. “Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces,” Martin Luther reportedly said, “I would still plant my apple tree.” Instead of constantly despairing about this broken-down world, we can remain determined to serve God and our neighbors, planting seeds of life and hope in the process.



LWR News



QUILTING GROUP

Thank you for the continued support of the quilt projects. Fabrics have been mysteriously appearing so we will be busy through the winter months. If there are any men or women who have plaid or colorful print shirts you are willing to donate to the project, they make a nice addition to the plain colors and feminine prints we have. One quilting group reported this summer that a husband laid out a shirt for washing or mending only to have his wife cut it into squares for quilting. Sometime later he asked if it was ready, only to learn that it had been added to a quilt top. So, men if you don't want to donate please let the woman in your life know it is not there for donation!

We will be delivering 27 quilts and the school kits that the Lucky Leaf 4H kids have packed to Midwest Motor Express between Oct 14 and 18 for shipment to the warehouse in Minneapolis. It is my understanding that they are processing and sending them on as quickly as possible to meet the needs around the world. We can always use help in delivering them to Fargo.
Ellen Rittenhouse

PUZZLE
Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

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Galatians 6:9 James 3:18 John 4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields

Free indeed

In his autobiography *Set Free*, Roy Peterson describes how God's Word transformed his life. After making some reckless decisions at age 19, Peterson landed in a Mexican jail. One day, two "long-haired American hippies" visited and gave him an English Bible.

As Peterson read the words of imprisoned men and gained wisdom he wished he'd had earlier, hope emerged: "I observed grace, kindness and the value of humanity during a time when I felt so ashamed and unworthy."

Now, as president of the American Bible Society, Peterson works to provide Bibles to every person in their own language. Having been rescued from sin and death, he wants others to know that Jesus is "the truth [who] will set you free" (John 8:32, NIV).

AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE
AND THE **TRUTH**
SHALL MAKE YOU FREE!
JOHN 8:32



Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

The Galchutt Lutheran Church council met on September 10 at 6 PM. The members present were Brice Bellmore, Larry Wold, Doug Johnson, Kendra Dockter, Pamela Krump and Intern Meggie. The meeting was called to order by President Brice. The minutes of the July 29th meeting was read by Pamela. A motion by Larry, seconded by Doug to accept the secretary's report. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was not available.

Old Business: Meggie Bjertness accepted our Internship Application and a "Service of Beginning" is scheduled on September 15th. Galchutt Worship with communion at 10:30 AM at St. John's Church followed by Potluck in Galchutt. Galchutt Sunday School 9:15 AM for "Rally Day." Clean up St. John Church for the service is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th, at 9 AM. Landscaping at St. Johns has been completed.

New Business: Brice presented to the council a proposed sexual harassment policy (see attached) for the church. After discussion, Pamela made a motion to approve and adopt the policy and Jeff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Education committee met on September 5th and discussed the upcoming Sunday School plan and the future of Vacation Bible School. They will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month and decided to split the age groups into 3 classes. VBS at Galchutt is scheduled June 16-18, 2020. Christmas Program is scheduled December 15, 2019. The council discussed having noisy offering on the 1st Sunday of every month. Kendra will provide Sara the list of charities/organization the funds will be donated to. Next meeting will be October 8th at 6 PM. Kendra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pamela seconded. Motion Carried.

Secretary Pamela Krump

Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on September 11, 2019. **Present:** Mardee Besette, Kevin Paczkowski, Leslie Hulne, Deb Syvertsen, and Jessica Kappes. **Absent:** Austin Heyen, Fred Tol.

Call to Order: President, Kevin Paczkowski, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Secretary's Report: Jessica read the secretary's notes from the previous meeting. Mardee motioned to approve. Jessica seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin read the treasurer's report. Donations were received from Donald Nelson and Sally Caderet. Leslie made a motion to approve; Deb seconded; Carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Meggie attended Fair Hills retreat in Detroit Lakes. Met pastors in our conference and was able to network.

Education Committee: Jessica is teaching Sunday school; 1st Sunday will be Sept. 22nd; Christmas program will be December 22nd.

Worship Committee: NA; **Stewardship Committee:** NA. **Property Committee:** Austin replaced pump and turned fan on in back room.. **Old Business:** No old business.

New Business: Service on Sept. 15th will be at 9 AM. Sept. 22nd will be first Sunday school. We will have potluck. Sunday School will be held 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Letter "E" is missing from Emmanuel outside on the west side of the church and we'll look for replacement options. Deb S mad a motion to implement the new Sexual Harassment policy. Mardee seconded. carried. Meatball dinner will be December 8th this year. Raffle tickets for the meatball dinner will be \$20 a book or \$2 a ticket this year. Mardee made a motion. Leslie seconded. Carried.

Christmas Eve service will be 5:30 PM. Next council meeting will be October 1st at 6:30 PM.

Closing: Mardee made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jessica seconded. Carried.

Secretary Mardee Besette

MINISTER TO YOUR MINISTERS

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. In honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, use these alphabetical reminders of how to treat your pastors:

- Accept them as people.
- Build them up. Say “thank you.”
- Communicate with them.
- Defend them when someone tries to run them down.
- Entertain them. They like to have fun, too!
- Family. Allow them to have a family life.
- Genuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.
- Honor them. Don’t put them on a pedestal, but respect them.
- Income. Pay them enough so money isn’t a concern.
- Judge not! Avoid being critical.
- Kind. Treat pastors as you want to be treated.
- Love. See 1 Corinthians 13.
- Maintain. Their families have the same needs as other families.
- Nurture. Help them grow in grace.
- Offer to help. The list of things you can do is endless.
- Pray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.
- Quelch not. Encourage instead!
- Rejoice in and with them.
- Surprise them — in little and big ways.
- Trust them. Believe in them.
- Understand them. Put yourself in their place.
- Vacation. They need time away.
- Welcome them into your home. Don’t wait for an invitation.
- eXpend yourself, not them.
- Yoke. Help them bear their burdens with grace and dignity.
- Zap all gossip! *(taken from Newsletternewsletter.com)*



The Emmanuel Lutheran 26th Annual Meatball Dinner will be held on December 8th this year. This is Emmanuel’s sole fundraiser and consists of the meatball dinner, bake sale, and raffle. The raffle is the main fundraiser for this event. If anyone has a monetary amount or an item that they would be willing to donate to include on the raffle this year, please contact Tessa Tschakert at (701) 238-0242 **as soon as possible!** Tickets will be printed around October 7th.

Harvest Humor:

My mom said when she was young she wanted to help the threshing crew. Her older brother said she could try to throw the bundles onto the threshing machine. Well, that didn’t go so good! She ended up throwing the entire pitchfork into the threshing machine - causing a bunch of repairs for the rest of the crew. The hard way to learn you are just too young!

LouAnn

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Emmanuel Council Mtg 6:30 PM	2 AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel Confirmation at Our Saviors Church 3:30 PM	3	4 Coffee with Kids at RHS Elem. 8:45 AM	5
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Just for Laughs.....

