

The Echo

July 2021



We are having worship services on **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**, rotating between Galchutt and Emmanuel, for the month of July. No Sunday worship services.

*June 30 - Service at **Galchutt** at 5:30 PM, Janelle Hansen presiding - with picnic served by Galchutt council for all in attendance (note time change)

July 7 - Worship and communion at **Emmanuel** at 6 PM with Janelle Hansen presiding.

July 14 - Worship and communion at **Galchutt** at 6 PM.

July 21 - Worship at **Emmanuel** at 5:30 PM with Janelle Hansen presiding, with picnic served by Emmanuel council for all in attendance (note time change).

July 28 - Worship at **Galchutt** at 6 PM with Janelle Hansen presiding.



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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!

RODEO TIME!



The Abercrombie Fire Department will hold its annual rodeo on Saturday, July 24, across from the Fort Abercrombie museum & pavilion. This is a fundraiser for the Abercrombie Fire Department. Come out and support your local fire department. If you aren't able to attend, donations are always appreciated.

To members (and friends) of Galchutt & Emmanuel:

We hope you are all enjoying the outdoors this summer, finally being able to be with family and friends. This is a reminder that it is important to continue to either mail or electronically deposit your offerings.

We hope you will prayerfully consider one of the several options available by both congregations.

Mail Options:

Emmanuel Church, c/o Lou Ann Lee, Treasurer, P.O. Box 119, Abercrombie, ND 58001.

Galchutt Church, c/o Kendra Dockter, Treasurer, 16860 70th St SE, Colfax, ND 58018.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Electronic Giving options can also be found for both congregations on our website

<http://galchuttemmanuel.weebly.com/> at [GIVING - Galchutt-Emmanuel Ministry \(weebly.com\)](http://giving-galchutt-emmanuel-ministry.weebly.com)

There are dropdown areas under the **GIVING** tab for each congregation where all the options available are shown. Any questions, call Kendra or Lou Ann.



- ◆ Thank you to Jan Rorvig for volunteering to assist with assembling the *Echo* each month.
- ◆ Thank you to Fred Tol and Dale Selby, for the tree removal at Emmanuel and to Richard Dickerson for the use of his equipment.
- ◆ Thanks in advance to Dick Ihland who has agreed to grind the stumps.

NOTICE:

As you may recall from a few months ago, we went to printing in black and white due to the higher cost of color printing.

If you wish to view the "pretty" color version, you may find it each month on our website at:

<https://galchuttemmanuel.weebly.com/newsletter.html>

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



Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council met on June 23, 2021. In attendance were Sharon Tschakert, Jessica Kappes, Tessa Tschakert, Donald Hestdalen, Fred Tol, Lou Ann Lee, and Lesley Hulne.

Secretary's Report: The report was given and approved in a motion by Tessa and second by Sharon.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by Lou Ann. The current checking balance included a \$1,700 donation from Donald Nelson to be used for needed projects, to be determined by the Council. The cost of pulpit supply has increased from \$125.00 to \$150.00 for one weekly service. The report was approved in a motion by Sharon and second by Fred.

Committee Reports:

Property: Fred Tol and Dale Selby, along with the use of Dick Dickerson's boom truck, cut down the 3 large trees between the church and parsonage that were partially dead. This was entirely a volunteer project and a big thank you to the three of them is deserved!

New Business: A Prayer Chain was tabled for further discussion. The Call Committee released the last candidate considered for Pastoral Call. The Emmanuel council decided to serve a picnic meal after the 5:30 PM service on July 21.

The next meeting is July 13 at 6:30 PM. Tessa moved to adjourn the meeting, Fred seconded the motion and it carried.

Secretary, Lesley Hulne

Joint Council Highlights - June 23, 2021

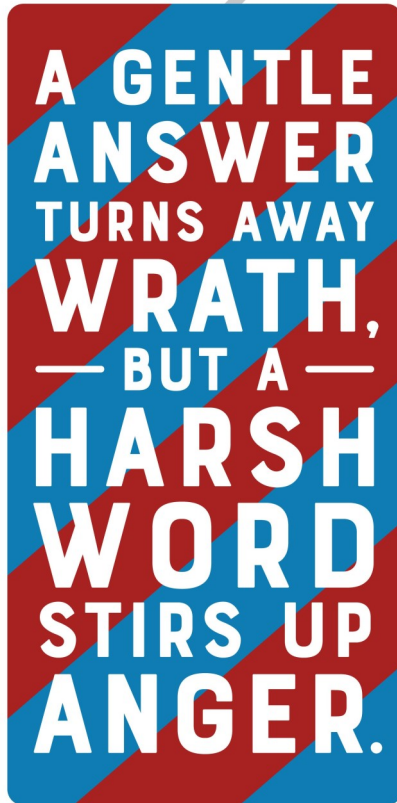
Emmanuel and Galchutt Church Councils met for a joint meeting on June 23, 2021, at 6:30 PM. Members present from Emmanuel were Jessica Kappes, Donald Hestdalen, Lesley Hulne, Fred Tol, Sharon Tschakert, Tessa Tschakert, and Lou Ann Lee. Members present from Galchutt were Pamela Krump, Logan Biffert, Alex Paczkowski, and Doug Johnson. Also present was Shar Gumke, Associate with the Bishop for Congregational Life.

Shar was asked to explain the TEEM program, as the synod has a candidate interested in the TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) program - 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 candidate enter a covenant with the intent that the candidate serves the congregation and is supported by the congregation while they prepare for ordained ministry. The TEEM curriculum is designed for completion in three years but may be accelerated or extended according to the needs, preferences, and circumstances of TEEM candidates. 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. 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.

The council agreed that we would potentially go the route of having a TEEM candidate after an informal interview with the candidate. Meeting adjourned.

Alex Paczkowski, Secretary





PROVERBS 15:1, NIV

As it does this year, July 4 fell on Sunday in 1937. While Pastor Eldred Johnston led worship that morning in Paulding, Ohio, local kids set off firecrackers nearby (restrictions were rare back then). Realizing he needed to act, the pastor slipped outside during a hymn and found the revelers.

But instead of scolding or shouting, Johnston stayed calm. "I used to enjoy shooting fireworks too," he said, adding that he knew it was a fun way to celebrate. "But many in this town are gathered in worship, and the noise is very distracting. All I'm asking is that you wait until church services are over — about noon — and then shoot firecrackers all you want." The pastor smiled at each youth and returned to church.

Recounting that experience in Liberty magazine, Johnston said he half-expected to hear defiant explosions. Instead, the kids waited respectfully until worship was over. When conflicts loom, may we heed that example — and this advice from Proverbs: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (15:1, NIV). (reprinted from Newsletter Newsletter.com)

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LOOKING FOR DIRECTION?

The following article comes with permission to use from Rev. Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch, Front Porch Spiritual Direction. Ruth is the granddaughter of Martin Olson who grew up in McCauleyville, MN, in the early 1900's. Her mother was a cousin of Don Rittenhouse. Ruth is a pastor and counselor in Roseville, MN.

“Mom, I’m lost.” This phone call wasn’t unexpected. My young adult was out running errands, but since she spent almost every car ride of her life with her head in a book, Roseville looks like a brand-new city from the driver’s seat.

And why use the navigation system in the car or ask Siri when Mom is just a phone call away? After confirming she was parked in a parking lot (duh, Mom), I asked her what she saw around her. That’s the thing when you are lost, right? You don’t know where you are! All you can do is look around for clues and hope that someone else can figure it out with you. Street signs, storefronts, and intersections are all guideposts when we are out and about that help us get from here to there. We figured it out and as I hung up so she could try again, I wondered which would come first: her car pulling into the driveway or another phone call. She made it home, relieved, but also a bit energized. “That was strangely exciting!” she said. Indeed. Getting lost and figuring it out is part of the journey, isn’t it?

Right now, in my spiritual direction practice I’m hearing a lot of my clients say some version of “I’m lost.” For many, the pandemic has confused our spiritual lives and we are adrift. Worship isn’t what it was, our prayers have changed, and where we used to feel steady, now we feel shaky. Our patterns got disrupted and we aren’t even necessarily sure that we want to return to the old ways. We’ve faced some questions we never imagined asking, and we’ve gotten unexpected answers. What can we do when we feel lost in faith?

Being unsettled or disoriented is uncomfortable, and feeling lost can be nerve wracking, but it might just be the beginning of a new route to seeing God and the world. Maybe the best we can do is pull over and park (duh, Mom), look around us and ask, “What do I see? Where do I see life? Grace? Joy? Resurrection? How is the Spirit changing me, nudging me, moving me?” What do you see?

In Peace, Pastor Ruth

We keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ Micah, Marvin, Vi M. and Marlys, as they continue to deal with health issues;
- ◆ Alice Gunness and her family, in the recent loss of Alice’s sister and niece;
- ◆ All those who deal with addiction, depression, or other health issues, both known and unknown to us; and
- ◆ Our council members and call committee members as they continue to make decisions for our two congregations and our future.



Church is hard.

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.
Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.
Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.
Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.
Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.
Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.
Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.
Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.
Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.
Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.
Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.
Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.
Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.
Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.
Church is hard for the sinners.
Church is hard for me.

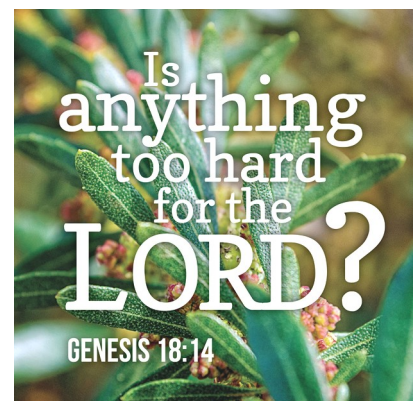
It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But, here is the beauty of church—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.
Church is a body.
Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.
Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.
Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.
Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.
Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.
Church is a lesson in faith and trust.
Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.
Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.
Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church— The days when I am at odds with a friend, When I've fought with my husband because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away. I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there.

By A. Freelen



JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Worship service at Emmanuel @ 6 PM with communion	8	9	10
11	12	13 Emmanuel council meeting @ 6:30 PM	14 Worship service at Galchutt @ 6 PM with communion	15	16	17
18	19 Echo articles due	20 Quilting at Emmanuel 9 AM - 3 PM	21 Worship service at Emmanuel @ 5:30 PM, followed by picnic meal	22	23	24 Aber Fire Dept. Rodeo
25	26	27	28 Worship service at Galchutt @ 6 PM	29	30	31

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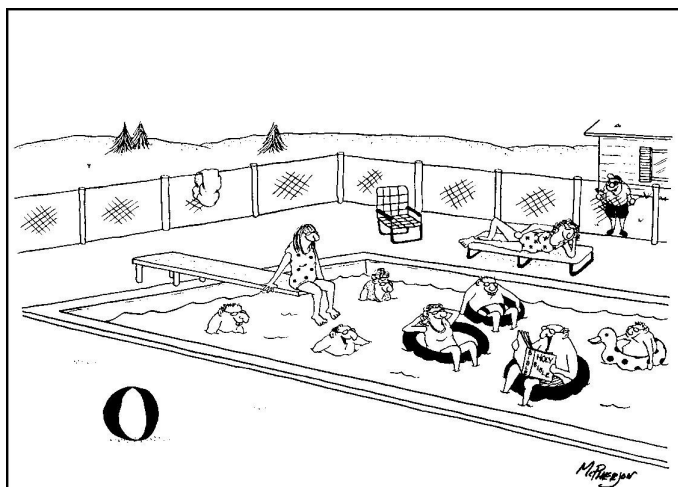
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Just for Laughs.....



The Wagners struck upon a sure-fire way to get the neighbors together for an hour of Bible study.