

The Echo

September 2021



Gratitude

Gratitude comes from having the right perspective. It's being able to look at what you have and being thankful for that, rather than longing for what you don't have.

Do you know why you should feel grateful? You are a part of God's plan, you are touched by God's tenderness, and you are a victor in God's victory. What greater blessing could there be? It's incredible that anyone could look at the kindness of God, the faithfulness of God, the goodness of God, and not feel any emotion of gratitude. Remember our Lord. Remember who is in control. Remember his goodness in the past and his closeness in the present. Remember his power for the future.

Father, we want to see you and know you better. We ask you, Father, to help us see Jesus and to deepen our faith upon seeing him more dearly.

God, I am so blessed to be able to walk this journey with Galchutt-Emmanuel. Thank you, Lord, for always showing up to bless me, and now I ask you continue to bless these congregations as we do your work here on earth.

God's peace,

Synod Authorized Minister (SAM) Janelle Hansen



September 5 - NO WORSHIP SERVICES

****September 12 - Worship @ Emmanuel at 9 AM
Worship at Galchutt/St. John's @ 10:30 AM followed by
potluck**

**September 19 & September 26 -
Worship @ Galchutt @ 9 AM
Worship at Emmanuel @ 10:30 AM**



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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
SUNDAY SCHOOL

~starts~

September 19, 2021 at 9:30 am

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Parents are invited to stay with younger kids if they wish. Non-members also welcome!



St. Thomas Church
Kent, MN



Fall



Bazaar



Sunday, September 12



Mass at 10:00 am.

Turkey and Ham Dinner

with all the trimmings!

11:00 am. to 1:30 pm.



Adults—\$10, Children (5-10)—\$5

Preschool—Free!

Bingo - Children's Games - Cake Walk - Raffle
Country Store - Crafts - Theme Baskets



As the school sales continue in earnest, won't you consider helping us gather items needed for the school kits that will be packed in September and shipped in October? The list includes: 70 sheet notebooks, 16 or 24 boxes of crayons, pencil sharpeners, 30-centimeter (12") ruler, black or blue ball point pens (NOT gel pens), No. 2 unsharpened pencils, 2 1/2" erasers, and blunt scissors. A frequently asked question is if similar items can be substituted for those requested? LWR wants to ensure equity at distributions by following the guidelines as presented.

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Betty Syvertsen at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on September 9, 2021, at 4:30 PM.

Visitation will be one hour prior at the church.

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



I hope everyone is as excited as me about Janelle Hansen starting her journey with Galchutt-Emmanuel Ministry. Janelle and I have started to work together and we look forward to getting in a normal routine. Just a reminder that Janelle is working 75% time with the remainder of her time to be allocated to her education. In checking with the synod as to whether we would refer to her as an intern pastor, I was told she is a Synod Authorized Minister (SAM). So, if you see us abbreviating her title as SAM, know you know why.

She will be provided the GEM cell phone so will have the cell number printed on page 1 of this Echo. Her email address will be included next month. Please continue to email me at emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com or call either of us if you have prayer requests or questions. I believe God was truly at work when he chose her for GEM.

Lou Ann Lee

We keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ The family and friends of Betty Syvertsen. Betty passed away on August 22nd after suffering a stroke one week earlier.
- ◆ Belva Haverland, who is recovering from surgery;
- ◆ Micah, Marlys, Marvin, Rob, and Vi, as they continue to heal;
- ◆ The families and friends of the military service members who recently died in Afghanistan;
- ◆ Any who may be suffering from health or addiction issues;
- ◆ Our farmers as they enter the busy harvest season; and
- ◆ Janelle Hansen, as our congregations welcome her into ministerial service with our two congregations.



Thank you to the following for their recent donations:

- Emmanuel General Fund
 - Clifton & Donna Stedje
- Emmanuel Flooring Fund
 - Anonymous



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>



Are you soon leaving to go south for the winter? Please email the office at emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com so we don't mail your Echo to your home address and get it returned with postage due for the church! The USPS does not forward non-profit mail. We can email the Echo to you if you wish. Just let us know. Thank you.

Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church council met on August 18th after worship. Present were Jessica Kappes, Sharon Tschakert, Tessa Tschakert, Don Hestdalen, Treasurer Lou Ann Lee, and Janelle Hansen. Janelle opened the meeting with devotions.

Secretary's Report: Tessa read the secretary's minutes from the July meeting. Don made a motion to accept with a second by Tessa. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lou Ann presented the treasurer's report. The church propane was recently filled. Emmanuel received a generous anonymous donation to be applied to the flooring fund. One new laptop was purchased by Lou Ann, as per the two councils' agreement. Emmanuel has reimbursed Lou Ann and Galchutt has been billed for their half of the laptop. The spending as it relates to the budget categories was presented with the note that the categories will be adjusted once the 3 months due from Galchutt is received. Tessa made a motion to accept with a second by Don. Approved.

Education: Sunday school will start on September 19th and be held the first and third Sundays unless there is a conflict. Flyers are being prepared that Jessica will send to families.

Property: Lou Ann reported that there are some shingles on the north side of the church and the steeple that have lifted likely due to all the winds this summer. She checked with our insurance company, and they suggested we see what it will cost to repair prior to submitting a claim. Tessa will let Fred know the name of a person who may be able to fix the shingles and do the steeple work that was previously discussed. The bottom shelf in the storage area has collapsed. Fred will be asked to see what we need to fix this as it holds the roasters. Lou Ann reported that Michael is currently building a new frame for the outside sign that was in dire need of repair.

New business:

- The first fall service will be September 12 where we will return to the normal liturgy. We will have a 9 AM service that day since Galchutt has Rally Day. Communion will be held on September 19.
- God's Work, Our Hands Sunday was discussed. Don will check with Lenny Krueger to see if there is something the church could help with for a project.
- Jolene has resigned as church custodian, so we need to look for a replacement.
- We will start getting estimates on what replacing the dining room flooring will cost. Even with the most recent generous donation, the flooring fund is likely a long way from what is needed but we need estimates to know when we can proceed.
- Lou Ann stated that she heard a company was repairing cemetery stones at the Walcott church cemetery. She will have them give us an estimate on what it would cost to fix the stones that are in most need of repairs at this time. Once we know the cost, we may want to contact families of decedents for fundraising purposes. This will be an item to be discussed at the annual meeting.
- The annual meatball dinner and raffle is being scheduled for December 5th. Tessa will start contacting donors for the raffle donations.
- There was discussion on having a "meet and greet" for Pastor Janelle like what was done when Pastor Michael started.
- Janelle will be at Fair Hills for pastor's retreat in September. Next meeting will be September 14 at 6:30 PM. Tessa moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Jessica.

Sharon Tschakert, Secretary Pro Tem



Jessica Kappes*
Donald Hestdalen
Lesley Hulne
Craig Syvertsen
Fred Tol
Sharon Tschakert
Tessa Tschakert

Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

The Galchutt Church Council met on August 12th at 6:30 PM at Galchutt Church. Members present were Pamela Krump, Alex Paczkowski, Doug Johnson, and Logan Biffert. Pamela called the meeting to order. Doug presented a bid from Schmit and Sons to fix the St. John's entryway. Doug made a motion to approve the bid, Logan seconded. The council motioned to accept the bid for Schmit and Sons to fix the leaky/rotten boards and ladder to the bell in the entryway. September 12th will be Rally Sunday at St. John's Church with Potluck to follow at Galchutt Church. Church service will be switched with Emmanuel to 10:30 AM. Galchutt church had crickets. Doug Kuruc sprayed the church. Paperwork is in the works for a new pastor of Janelle Hansen, she should start sometime in September. We need volunteers for the St. John's Celebration next summer. Sunday worship resumes August 29th at regular time. There is no service September 5th. Meeting adjourned.

Alex Paczkowski, Secretary



Pamela Krump *
Doug Johnson
Daniel Dockter
Marissa Moxness
Alex Paczkowski
Logan Biffert



As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

—Janna Firestone in Newsletter.com

Our help — past, present and future

This month, America marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation was shaken to its very roots, with violence jolting out of us any assumption that "it can't happen here."

September 11 banished any lingering notion that being on the side of "liberty and justice for all" served as insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself.

Psalm 46 reminds us that "though the earth should change" (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 — God remains "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (v. 1). We are never alone or without hope, even on life-altering days.

How have God's presence and power sustained you through life's changes? How might sharing your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

Dear Confirmation Students and Parents,

Hello! With great joy, I am writing today to inform and invite you to the opening of this year's confirmation: **Wednesday, September 22, 2021**, at 3:30 pm! Confirmation includes grades 7-9. The students comprise of the following churches: Galchutt Lutheran Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Our Saviors' Lutheran Church, and Richland Lutheran Church. If you have a friend who would also like to join confirmation, they are welcome to join! All are welcome to learn about the abundance of God's grace and love!



We will be using the 3-year cycle **Collaborate Lutheran Confirmation curriculum**. This year's focus is on Lutheran History and Catechism. Students are encouraged to bring your Bibles from home and may leave them at the church. Pastor Julé Ballinger from Richland and Our Savior's will be teaching along with Janelle Hansen of Emmanuel and Galchutt. The evening tentatively will look like this:

Tentative Nightly Regular Schedule:

- 3:30 – 3:50 pm Eat and clean-up.**
- 3:50 – 4:25 pm Lesson with group A**
- 3:50 – 4:25 pm Small group B**
- 4:25 – 5:00 pm Lesson with group B**
- 4:25 – 5:00 pm Small Group A**
- 5:00 pm Closing Blessing (font)**

collaborate
Lutheran Confirmation

Please fill out the Confirmation Registration form and either send it back in the envelope provided or bring it with you on September 22. **I need a registration form from each youth.**

I can't wait to get to know your students! I have high expectations for attendance, worship attendance/sermon notes, and participation because I truly desire for your child to grow in their faith. Confirmation is a privilege, it is not a graduation from church, but it is just the beginning of their faith journey. Christ walks with them and loves them just as they are and continues throughout their lifetime. Confirmation is practicing their "adult" membership recognizing, we never quit learning.

Our youth's safety is incredibly important. If you would prefer to not have your student in a group setting, please contact one of the pastors, we will make accommodations. We continue to take Covid -19 into consideration and wish to give your student the safest environment. We will follow school protocols. We will also be:

- Splitting the youth into two groups to minimize the numbers using any space.
- Provide only food and drink that is packaged and easily grabbed.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Julé Ballinger at: juleballinger@yahoo.com or 701-866-1714 or Janelle Hansen at 701-205-6803.



P.S. Each evening we provide a lunch for the kids - free of charge. With the Covid-19 added restrictions on food, we are asking that **each family unit provide food one time during the year.** Please make it individual drinks and prepackaged food. We are suggesting a sack lunch for each including a drink, sandwich, fruit, chips, and sweet. There will be about 21 students plus 4 adults each evening.

Thank you in advance. ~ Pastor Julé Ballinger

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5 NO worship services today	6 Labor Day	7	8	9 Celebration of Life service for Betty Syvertsen 4:30 PM @ Emmanuel	10	11
12 NOTE TIME CHANGE!! Emmanuel Worship 9 AM Galchutt SS 9:30 AM Worship 10:30AM w/ potluck dinner	13 SAM Janelle at Fair Hills	14 Emmanuel council mtg 6:30 PM	15	16	17	18 Echo articles due
19 "Communion" Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel SS 9:30 AM & Worship 10:30AM	20	21 Quilting at Emmanuel 9 AM - 3 PM	22 Confirmation at Our Saviors 3:30 PM	23	24	25
26 Galchutt Worship 9AM & SS 9:45AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30AM	27	28	29 Confirmation at Our Saviors 3:30 PM	30		

Galchutt-Emmanuel Ministry

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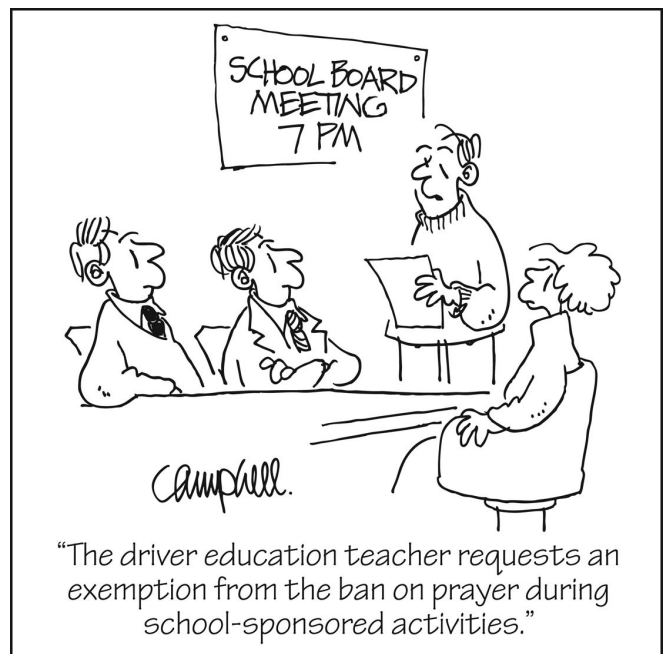
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