

The Echo

January 2022



I hope your Christmas celebrations were wonderful, even if some of us had our firsts without the ones we love. We have hope we will be with them one day.

We all get impatient with our own lives, trying to master a habit or control a sin, and in that frustration begin to wonder where the power of God is. Be patient. God is using today's difficulties to strengthen us for tomorrow. God is equipping us-the God who makes all things grow, will help us bear fruit.

God did not leave us as an orphan. He says he will be with us always. All of us could use more strength. Who isn't trying to tackle an attitude, put away a bad habit, or overcome guilt? We can't see the power, but it's real. We're not alone.

As long as we have hope, as long as we recognize that this world is not our home, as long as we recognize that someday all of our problems will be solved-that is where we can gather our strength.

Father, you promised that there would be faith and strength and hope to meet life's problems. Give that strength to those whose anxieties have buried their dreams, whose illnesses have hospitalized their hopes, whose burdens are bigger than their shoulders.

Let us bring this STRENGTH and HOPE into the new year. Let's make 2022 a year to strengthen our faith and continue this journey with each other and with the Lord.

God's peace this day and always,

Pastor Janelle Hansen

Galchutt Lutheran Annual Meeting - Saturday, January 15, 2022 @ 9 AM

Emmanuel Lutheran Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 16, 2022, after worship and potluck dinner.



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Happy New Year to all our members and readers!

In next month's issue there be information discussing whether we continue to print the Echo for all our readers, or change to mailing to some individuals and offering it electronically to others. We realize a number of our readers do not receive things electronically or use social media and we certainly do not want to exclude them from receiving our newsletter. You are important to us!

Our *Echo* newsletter goes out under the bulk non-profit mailing rate at this time. However, in order to receive those rates, we must have a mailing of at least 200 newsletters. At this time we are mailing out just a few over 200. We are weighing the costs of use of the non-profit mailing rate along with paper/printing fees versus mailing to fewer members with a higher postage rate and sending electronic copies to those who prefer to receive it electronically. Our non-profit mailing permit renews every March so it will be important for a quick response from our readers. The feedback will likely be available both in paper form or by an electronic survey form. If we don't get about 50% of our readers who prefer the electronic means, we will continue mailing to everyone. The newsletter can always be found on our website.

Lou Ann Lee

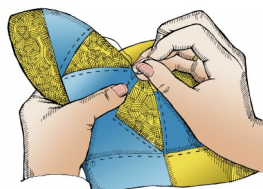


SAVE THE DATE!

The St. John's church

150th anniversary celebration will be held on July 31, 2022, with worship at 11 AM. More details will be coming out in future months.

Thank you to the families who helped keep our beautiful church clean this past year!! After a trial year in 2021, we think the church cleaning at Galchutt Lutheran was successful and we hope to continue the same process for 2022. We are again looking for families to sign up to help keep our church clean. If you are reading this on the website, click [HERE](#) to sign up or contact Kendra Dockter with any questions.



QUILTING GROUP

The time since our last update has passed quickly. We have received a very generous donation of fabric for LWR quilts from Viola Merchant, a long-standing devoted contributor and member of the Emmanuel quilting group, and her children. There are currently 5 members actively involved at home or in church in making the quilts we ship around the world. I find much satisfaction in the work we do and want to invite you to share in this "work of our hands." We will resume making quilts this month tentatively on Tuesday, January 18. Won't you please talk with me about how you would like to contribute to this work. Recently a 10-year-old girl told me she would like to help make quilts. As a sewing beginner, she knows she can make a difference in the life of someone in need. There are many ways for men, women, and children to contribute.

Ellen Rittenhouse Phone: 701-403-3772



Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council met on December 15, 2021. In attendance were Sharon Tschakert, Jessica Kappes, Craig Syvertsen, Tessa Tschakert, Fred Tol, Donald Hestdalen, Lesley Hulne, Treasurer Lou Ann Lee, and Pastor Janelle.

President Jessica called the meeting to order, and Janelle led us in a devotion.

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor Janelle is continuing visitation of shut-ins and hospitalized members. Craig made a motion to approve Janelle's mileage for November, Fred seconded the motion and it carried.

Committee Reports - Education: Sunday School will resume January 16, 2022.

Property: A big thank you to Fred for repairing the shelving in the back room. The basement flooring bid process will continue after the holidays.

Worship: The committee will meet with Galchutt on January 6 at 5:15 PM to choose hymns.

Stewardship: They will tentatively meet in January to make future plans.

Old Business: The meatball dinner, bake sale, and raffle were a success, even with the rescheduled date. Monument Solutions of Hickson, ND, gave us a bid for the needed maintenance of 60+ stones in the cemetery. The bid is approximately \$17,000 to repair, straighten, and clean the affected stones. Sharon moved to accept the bid, Fred seconded the motion, and the motion carried. We will send out a fundraising letter to individuals who may have relatives buried at Emmanuel.

New Business:

- St John's 150th Anniversary Celebration will be July 31, 2022. We will participate in a joint service with Galchutt at St. John's on July 31 and offer to assist in any way they need.
- We hired Alicia Hruza as custodian for three hours per week.
- Galchutt requested an update on the parsonage expenses. The future of the parsonage will be on the agenda for the annual meeting.
- Council member replacements were discussed.
- The Annual Meeting will be January 16, 2022, following services.
- Fred moved to increase the Administrative Asst hours. Tessa seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lou Ann presented the Treasurer's Report. Don made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Sharon seconded, and the motion carried. The proposed budget for 2022 was discussed and accepted in a motion by Craig and second by Sharon. Don moved to adjourn the meeting. Craig seconded the motion and it carried.

Pastor Janelle closed the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary, Lesley Hulne

We keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ Kevin Paczkowski, who remains hospitalized at Sanford in Fargo;
- ◆ Dick I., Lenny & Mary K., & Karen K., as they recover from recent illnesses/surgeries;
- ◆ Vi Merchant, as she deals with declining health issues;
- ◆ Pastor Janelle's mother, who is under hospice care for her cancer;
- ◆ All those who suffer from addiction or depression, especially at this time of year; and
- ◆ Our congregations as we conduct the annual business of our congregations.





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

Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

Galchutt Church Council met on December 14 at 6:30 PM. Members present were Pamela Krump, Alex Paczkowski, Logan Biffert, Doug Johnson, Marissa Moxness, Daniel Dockter, Kendra Dockter and Pastor Janelle Hanson. Pamela called the meeting to order, Pastor led with a devotion and prayer. Alex read the secretaries report; Doug accepted report, Daniel seconded. Kendra presented the treasury report; she reported the St. John's loan has been paid and we have no outstanding loan. Alex accepted the report and Doug seconded.

OLD BUSINESS: St. John's construction is completed. Doug reported due to the rotten boards there was more work done and the bill came back more then the quote that was provided from Schmitt & Sons. Pamela approved the payment of \$10,145 to Schmitt & Sons for the work done at St. John's church. Doug also mentioned that Ethan Schmitt mentioned that St. John's needs shingles, this will be a topic at the annual meeting. St. John's anniversary date was set for July 31, 2022, at 11 AM. The St. John's anniversary committee is Pamela Krump, Alex Paczkowski, Scott Fixen, Caitlin Biffert, and Eric Johnson. We will cater in the food and have a tent, tables, chairs, and speakers set up for the service.

NEW BUSINESS Kendra presented the budget for 2022. The council recommended unanimously to present the 2022 budget to the congregation at the annual meeting. It was also mentioned that the cleaning schedule is going well. Kendra will send out a new sign-up sheet for 2022, a new vacuum will be looked into at purchasing. Kendra will look into a grant for the lighting project that is now scheduled in 2022. The council also talked about making a long-term goal of the church becoming handicap accessible.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Janelle reported 572 miles. Christmas Eve service will be at 4 PM at Galchutt and 5:30 PM at Emmanuel. Pastor Janelle will be gone January 23-30 for school at Wartburg. The annual meeting is January 15 at 9 AM. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Alexandra Paczkowski, Secretary

Thank you to the following for their recent donations:



Emmanuel General Fund:

- Linda Monge, in memory of Waldo & Anna BJORKE
- Eric Johnson, in memory of Donata NellerMoe
- Wes & Shirley Berg,
 - in memory of Donata NellerMoe
 - in memory of Ivan Berg
- Bob & Rhoda Trafas
 - in memory of Donata NellerMoe
 - in memory of John Paul & Harriet Johnson

God's Work, Our Hands

- Susan Rothwell, in memory of Rolfe BJORKE

Emmanuel Flooring Fund:

- Craig & Deb Syvertsen, in memory of Doug Herrick

Bible quiz



Epiphany is the last of the 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany celebrates the wise men seeking the holy family at the time of Jesus' birth. "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?" they asked.

This interesting story is found in only one of the four gospels. In which Gospel is the story told?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Emmanuel Raffle Donation & Prize Winners

<u>Donation</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Galchutt Seed/Solo Stove	Judy Pikarski	Jeff Syvertsen/Bison Print	Matt Amundson
Conzemius Oil/\$150.00	Landon VanZee	Crooked Lane Farm/Quilt	Rick Ford
Jeff Syvertsen/\$100.00	Mark Evans	Crooked Lane Farm/6 Tix	Jess Olson
Glenda Adams/\$100	Dennis Hulne	Julie Lehman/Bison Chair	Vance Wagner
Glenda Adams/\$100	Jessica Kappes	Breckenridge Drug/Basket-	Sharon Tschakert
Craig & Deb Syvertsen/Lap Quilt	Jim Tschakert	Richard & Sandra Ihland/Décor	Jim Tschakert
Taz Foley/Jason Rinnels/\$50	Jody Beer	Hammond Excavating/\$25	Nicole Nathe
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Michael & LouAnn Lee/\$50	Fred Tol	Hammond Excavating/\$25	Bailey Adams
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Haverland Tree/Stump/Basket	Deb Syvertsen	Paczkowski Lawn Service/\$25	David Wise
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Beyer Insurance/\$50	Jared Myers	M&H/Car Wash	Lori Anderson
Jeff Syvertsen/Bison Print	Preston Kappes	M&H Car Wash	Gail Haarstad

Thank you for donating to the raffle and Congratulations to all the winners.

* donated back to church

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant more than a decade later.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need. In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost. And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. *Amen.*

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First in line

We were rushing to our next destination when yet another traffic light turned red. As usual, I had packed too many tasks into the day. Now we'd be even later. While I stewed in frustration, my son had a completely different reaction to being stopped. "Yes — I love this!" he shouted as we sat. "We're first in line!"

What an important lesson on perspective. I focused on the negative, but he saw the good in the situation. As Proverbs 15:13 says, "A joyful heart brightens one's face, but a troubled heart breaks the spirit" (CEB).

Now instead of pep talks about half-full or half-empty glasses, our family offers reminders about being stopped by a light versus being first in line. The next time I'm delayed, I hope I can think, "Yes — I love this!"

—Janna Firestone, as published in *newsletternewsletter.com*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year
2 "Communion" Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30AM	3	4	5 Confirmation 3:30 - 5:30 PM	6	7	8
9 Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30AM	10	11	12 Confirmation 3:30 - 5:30 PM	13	14	15 GALCHUTT ANNUAL MEETING 9 AM
16 "Communion" Galchutt Worship 9AM & SS 9:45AM Emmanuel SS 9:45AM & Worship 10:30AM POTLUCK & ANNUAL MEETING	17	18 Quilting at Emmanuel 9 AM - 3 PM Echo Articles due	19 Confirmation 3:30 - 5:30 PM	20	21	22
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