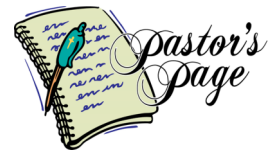


The Echo

February 2022



Happy New Year! Let us bring in 2022, with prayer and trust in God!

The same God that gave us commandments such as "Do not commit adultery; do not murder" said, "Do not worry." After all, has any good ever come out of worrying? When we worry, we divide our energy, lose our focus, and we are then unable to accomplish what we set out to do.

That said, I would worry about you if you didn't worry at all! All of us worry at times, but we shouldn't. Many times Jesus told his followers not to worry. When we worry about a situation, the problem can consume us rather than us conquering it. Jesus knows that by worrying we are showing a lack of faith in God. Instead, we should place our trust in God and he will take care of us. "Oh you of little faith," Jesus says in Matthew 6. If God tenderly clothes the birds of the air and the grass of the field, "Will He not much more clothe you?"

We don't look like we're afraid, Father, calm on the outside. But Father, we have our hidden fears. You know them. We're afraid of being alone. We're afraid of being jobless. We're afraid of pain. Father, we offer these fears to You and ask You to give us more courage as we look at You, the one who knows no fear.

I leave you with Philipians 4: 4-9:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

God's peace, to you all!

Pastor Janelle Hansen

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PHILIPPIANS 4:8, NRSV



Reminder:
Emmanuel Lutheran's Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for February 6, 2022, after worship and potluck dinner.



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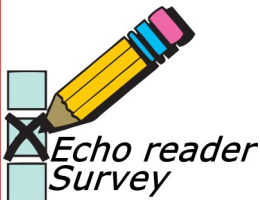
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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Soren James was baptized at Emmanuel on January 2, 2022. His parents are Logan & Sophie Smith and his baptismal sponsor is Shelby Tschakert. Soren is the grandson of Craig & Deb Syvertsen. Welcome into Emmanuel's faith family, Soren!



We are conducting a survey to find the most preferred and cost-effective way to distribute the Echo newsletter to our readers. If you receive e-Updates from GEM, the link to respond to the survey will be included in an email. If you do not receive the e-Update, please either respond via the below link or leave a message on the church office phone. **Only one response is needed!** Thanks for helping us discover how best to serve you!

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Wahpeton Al Anon Group

Helping those affected by someone's drinking



We meet every Tuesday at 8 p.m. @
Zion Chapel/Evergreen Methodist Annex
1120 Evergreen Ct
Wahpeton, ND 58075

For more information, please call:
Darline @ (701) 640-8858 or
Judy @ (701) 640-0861

In Al Anon, members do not give direction or advice to other members. Instead, we share our personal experiences & stories, & invite other members to "take what they like & leave the rest".

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



As we begin 2022 with new members and new council members at both churches, it is important to remember that it takes all of us to make our churches thrive and survive. There is no doubt that survival is hard for rural churches with declining membership and church attendance becoming less of a priority. Sometimes, in order to cling to what we know and love, we are reluctant to let others make

changes, dismissing their ideas saying, "But we've never done it like that." If the pandemic taught us anything, it's that there are many ways to skin a cat. And just maybe by doing something differently, we can actually improve. Because something has worked for 50+ years doesn't mean it can't be changed or tweaked to fit our modern setting.

Many of our members have talents that are just sitting there waiting to be tapped. Are you someone with musical talents that might be willing to be part of a contemporary music Sunday once a month? Is inviting someone new to church on Sunday a way we can grow our churches? Are you someone who writes a bit, takes pictures, or has ideas on how to make this newsletter better? If so, I welcome new thoughts and encourage anyone who might want to try out my role, or do something new, to join us on the newsletter team.

Church doesn't have to only be within the walls of the buildings. It can be anywhere in the community. I would encourage you to reach out to your church leaders if you have an idea about something new or different that can be tried. Don't wait to be asked. We don't know if something will work if we never try anything new!

We need idea people; we need organizers; we need workers; we need people who care. Look around, each of us has something we can give. Many are reluctant to offer ideas or volunteer because we are afraid we will "end up with the whole job." A living, growing church will see its members each contributing so no one ends up with the whole job. Let's be that kind of church!

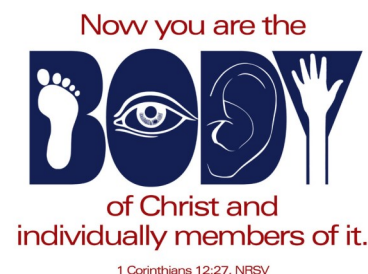
Lou Ann Lee

He's Calling Us

As we move into year three of living with the changes related to COVID-19, I often hear questions of when we will return to our old ways of living? When will we be able to forget about masks, social distancing, quarantines, working from home, vaccines, virtual learning and meetings? When will church return to "normal"?

In I Corinthians 12: 27-31 we read, "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way."

Paul reminds us that we are the body of Christ and called to be body builders. Thank God we have many talents to share with each other, our congregations, and our communities. As we move forward, we need one another and the gifts we possess to accomplish the mission of preaching, proclaiming, and setting people free. As we plan for the next year, won't you consider how we can follow Jesus' call to mission?



Ellen Rittenhouse

We keep the following in our prayers:

- ♦ Don Hestdalen, who is recovering from knee surgery;
- ♦ Kevin Paczkowski, who remains hospitalized at Sanford;
- ♦ The family of Vi Merchant. Vi passed away on January 8;
- ♦ The family of Robert Bellmore. Robert passed away on January 15;
- ♦ Pastor Janelle and her family. Her mother passed away on January 1st;
- ♦ Allen B., Aria C., Rob L., and Micah, as they continue their healing; and
- ♦ Pastor Janelle and our new council members as they lead our congregations.



Thank you to the following for their recent donations:

Emmanuel General Fund:

- In memory of Viola Merchant
 - ⇒ Wes & Shirley Berg
 - ⇒ Larry Wold
 - ⇒ Rob & Lynette Leake
- In memory of Waldo & Anna Bjorke & Lois Ann Bjorke Larson
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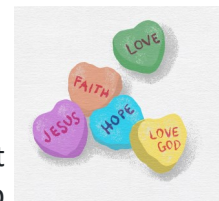
Thank you to:

- those who keep our church yards and sidewalks free of snow so we may worship;
- those who check on neighbors during the winter months to see how they are doing;
- those who provide sweets/treats for our fellowship time after worship;
- those who provide instruction to our youth in any way, formal or not;
- those who help each month on the Echo team with writing, proofreading, or assembling; and
- Vi Merchant's family, who provided our quilting group with tubs of fabric so our mission of helping others can continue.

YOU ARE ALL APPRECIATED!

BEYOND CANDY HEARTS AND ROSES

The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as “Dr. Love” for writing about the topic, said, “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”



Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine's Day is as good a reminder as any.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Confirmation 3:30 - 5:30 PM	3	4	5
6 Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30AM POTLUCK DINNER & ANNUAL MTG	7	8	9 Confirmation 3:30 - 5:30 PM	10	11	12
13 Galchutt Worship 9AM & SS 9:45AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30AM	14	15 Quilting at Emmanuel 9AM-3PM	16 Confirmation 3:30 - 5:30 PM	17	18	19
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"The heart-shaped communion wafers were a nice touch for Valentine's Day."