

The Echo

March 2022



We live in a “bootstrap” society, where we take pride in being rugged individualists. We aren’t afraid to tough it out and do it on our own when we have to - an admirable quality. Sometimes, however, the yoke we bear becomes too heavy and we need help. In these times, reject the impulse to press on and remember the promises of God. Go to Him in prayer, humbly aware that we are helpless and allow him to assist us. Admit that the weight on our shoulders is too heavy and reach out asking, “Jesus, could you carry this burden with me? I can no longer do it alone.” He assures us if we come to Him and allow Him to help with life’s troubles, we will receive rest because He cares for us.

Surrendering our life to Christ means not only going to Him in times of need, but also offering all of ourselves all of the time saying, “I’m yours; use me however you want.” Once done, we can then let God mold our hearts and sustain us.

Father, we invite your assistance, guidance, and powerful indwelling because we do not want to conform to this world and need strength to be transformed into Your likeness. May we understand more of what it means to say, “It is well with my soul.”

In *Circle of Grace*, Jan Richardson writes,

Remember.

You were built for this,
the ancient path
inscribed upon your bones,
the persistent pattern
echoing in your heartbeat.

Let this be the season
you turn your face
to the One who calls to you:

Return, return

Let this be the day
you open wide your arms
to the wind that knows
how to bear you home.

“Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love” (Joel 2:13).



God’s grace and peace as we dive into the season of Lent. May you find God calling you to rest awhile and be in prayer with the Lord.

God’s peace,

Pastor Janelle Hansen

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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Lenten Service Schedule:

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 PM at Galchutt
 Wednesday, March 9 - Lenten Service at 6:30 PM at Emmanuel
 Wednesday, March 16 - Lenten Service at 6:30 PM at Galchutt
 Wednesday, March 23 - Lenten Service at 6:30 PM at Emmanuel
 Wednesday, March 30 - Lenten Service at 6:30 PM at Galchutt
 Wednesday, April 6 - Lenten Service at 6:30 PM at Emmanuel



All these services will have a Soup, Sandwich, Treat meal with free will offering served from 5:45 PM to 6:20 PM. Please join in fellowship!



Confirmation youth from the four area churches had a mini-retreat at Our Saviors on Sunday, February 20th. Originally planned for an overnight at Havana, the weather changed plans so the retreat was held closer to home.

Thanks Pastors Janelle & Jule.

Baked Potato & Ham Dinner



Sunday,
 March 6, 2022
 11:00 am-1:00 pm

At the Abercrombie
 Elementary School
 Free Will Donation

Sponsored by the Bethany Free Lutheran Youth Group

PTO FUN NIGHT IS BACK!

Join us March 25 for our annual dinner, carnival, & fundraiser!

5PM: COMMUNITY DINNER

Full dinner and concessions, play bingo, and visit the petting zoo

PRIZE BOARDS, DOOR PRIZES, AND RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED ALL NIGHT!

6-8PM: GAMES & PRIZES

Inflatable bounce house, obstacle course, hoop shoot, fish pond, and all your favorites!



ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE PTO AND GO RIGHT BACK INTO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT!

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



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!

<https://forms.gle/GXUMaxy8uPAfuWc7>

RESPONSES NEEDED BY MARCH 2, 2022!!

An Update on Seminary:

This fall, I studied two classes: History of Christianity and the Letters of Paul. In January, I went to Wartburg Seminary for a week, attending two classes: Systemic Theology and Pastoral Care. This spring classes will include The Gospels and Lutheran Confession. It has been a great start to seminary. Thank you again for calling me to be your pastor and taking this ministry journey. I am so blessed.

God's Peace, *Pastor Janelle Hansen*



Thank you to the following for their recent donations:

Emmanuel Cemetery Restoration Project:

- Karen Skamfer Facer
⇒ In memory of Robert, Emil & Olga Skamfer
- Hugh Johnson
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- Scott Jensen
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- Martin Ness
- Lynn & Vicki Moe
- Monte Gylland & Phyllis Gylland
- Randy & Kathy Seifert

Emmanuel Cemetery:

- In memory of Vi Merchant:
 - Helen Lindquist
- In memory of Larry Gast
 - Deb & Bruce Palmer
- In memory of Beverly (Adams) Score
 - DeAnn Adams

Emmanuel General Fund:

- Susan Rothwell, In memory of Rolfe Bjorke

Emmanuel WELCA Quilting

- Glenda Adams

LWR News

For more than 70 years I have been keenly aware that people around the world sometimes need a little extra support. In VBS each year, we were taught about children in places like Africa who required our compassion, materials, and missionaries to teach them about the love of God. As I grew and learned more, I thought of becoming a missionary myself, even before I really understood what that meant. Fast forward to 1975 when I found many women of Emmanuel Church gathering regularly to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other missions in this region. When I wasn't employed, I attended several quilting days and it rekindled those earlier feelings of helping others. Now in retirement, I am blessed to be able to demonstrate love and compassion through the quilts we make, offering shelter, comfort, and God's love during times of hardship.

Through the years LWR, and the compassionate people who support it, have provided more than 27.4 million quilts for our neighbors around the world. March 19th is National Quilting Day, a time to celebrate the work of many hands. We now have people doing this work at our church and in homes. Won't you join us? Perhaps find a way that you can contribute time, materials, and/or skills as well as prayer and moral support for this mission reaching out to people locally and around the world. We will be enjoying conversation, refreshments, and the work we do with all who stop by for a few minutes or a few hours on Saturday, March 19th, from 9:00 AM to noon.

Ellen Rittenhouse



We keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ The family of Maynard Bjerke. Maynard passed away at home on February 18th.
- ◆ Kevin Paczkowski who remains hospitalized at Sanford in Fargo.
- ◆ Alice Gunness and Don Hestdalen, who are recovering from being hospitalized.
- ◆ Allen B., Aria C., Rob L., and Micah, as they continue the healing process.
- ◆ Our new council members and Pastor Janelle.
- ◆ All others who need God's healing hand on them.



Celebrate "National Quilting Day" with us!



The Emmanuel women's quilting group invites you to join us on "National Quilting Day." Saturday, March 19th, from 9 AM - noon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

- **No sewing skills are needed!**
- **You do not need to know how to quilt!**
- **An informal gathering where friendly conversation and coffee/cocoa/treats will be served.**
- **We're happy to show you how this small but mighty group provides quilts to Lutheran World Relief, Churches United, the YWCA, or anyone in need.**

We normally meet the third Tuesday of each month but have moved it to this National Quilting Day and invite you to come see what we do or be a part of our group.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Stop by for a few minutes or however long you can stay!

For more information, contact Ellen at (701) 403-3772.



Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council met on February 6, 2022, following the Annual Meeting. In attendance were Sharon Tschakert, Jessica Kappes, Craig Syvertsen, Tessa Tschakert, Lou Ann Lee, Lesley Hulne, and Pastor Janelle.

Council positions were discussed. Lesley made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the following officers: President-Craig Syvertsen; Vice President-Sharon Tschakert; Secretary-Tessa Tschakert; Treasurer-Lou Ann Lee. Tessa seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Committees were formed as follows:

- Property: Craig Syvertsen and Fred Tol
- Stewardship: Tessa Tschakert, Julie Lehman and Lou Ann Lee
- Worship: Sharon Tschakert and Lesley Hulne
- Education: Tessa Tschakert, Julie Lehman and Lou Ann

The Worship Committee will meet with Galchutt on Wednesday, February 9, to pick out hymns. The Stewardship Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 15. Materials for Lent will be available for home use, geared toward families. Emmanuel will host Lenten services March 9, March 23, and April 6 at 6:30 PM. A sign-up will be posted to bring soup/sandwich/treat for a pre-Lenten service meal. Galchutt will host Maundy Thursday and Emmanuel will host Good Friday, with no meals served at those services. Based on the vote at the Annual Meeting, Craig and Fred will begin the process of listing the parsonage for sale. The next council meeting will be either March 21 or 22 at 6:30 PM, the date to be determined.

Lesley Hulne, Secretary



To God you shall return

The traditional Ash Wednesday words “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” might seem depressing. But in our often death-denying culture, some might find it refreshing to hear the frank statement that we can do nothing to save ourselves, physically or spiritually — that, no matter how we try to avoid sin, we can’t untangle ourselves from self-interest. How liberating, then, to know we don’t have to! God loves us as we are and sent Jesus to break sin’s power over us.

A pastor described Ash Wednesday as the point you can pinch in the middle of a long piece of ribbon, such that when you lift it high, the two ends — one symbolizing our baptism and the other, our funeral — meet and touch. We come from dust and will return to dust, but we also come from God and will return to God. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we’re always safe in God’s love.



All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn’t the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus’ mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above

Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)



Logan Biffert *
Daniel Dockter
Alex Paczkowski
Kyle Krump
James Overby
Allen Muhs

Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

The Galchutt Church Council met on January 31 at 6:30 PM. Members present were Logan Biffert, Allen Muhs, Kyle Krump, James Overby, Alex Paczkowski, Daniel Dockter, Pamela Krump, and Pastor Janelle Hanson. Pamela called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle started with a prayer. Alex read secretary's report. Pamela gave Pastor Janelle the addendum of the pastor contract of the 5% raise between Galchutt and Emmanuel parishes to look over and approve. Pamela asked for nominations for president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Kyle nominated Logan for president, Alex nominated Daniel for vice president, Daniel nominated Alex for secretary, and Kyle nominated Kendra Dockter for treasurer. **PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Janelle was at Wartburg for a week for her studies. She is continuing visiting and calling people who are homebound or in the hospital. There will be a baptism end of February along with a 3rd grade bible distribution. Pastor Janelle asked if the council knew of any possible new members or members in need of a visitation. Ash Wednesday will be in Galchutt on March 2nd with alternating Wednesdays with Emmanuel. Galchutt will have a supper before service. Supper 5:45 PM - 6:20 PM and service at 6:30 PM. Pastor Janelle will be gone March 13 and March 16 for vacation.

OLD BUSINESS: The new council members will work on getting the lights switched over to LED in the fellowship hall and will also get bids for making the church handicap accessible. Logan had bids for the St. Johns shingle project, council is looking at doing a 50-year asphalt shingle but will double check on the wooden shacks. Logan will get revised quotes on updated pricing. Pamela will work on getting the inside of St Johns painted.

NEW BUSINESS: Council went over the list Lou Ann sent if church needs to be cancelled for weather reasons. Pastor Janelle is meeting with Brandon Johnson of Fort Saloon on possibly starting Beer and Hymns again. The new head ushers are Kyle and Pamela Krump. A meeting of all ushers will be held on February 16th at 6:30 PM to go over how to ring the bell and how to setup/give out communion. Pastor Janelle asked for input on summer services. Council asked for services to be on Sundays in the summer, she will get feedback from Emmanuel before a decision between Sundays and Wednesdays are decided. Next Meeting is March 8 at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Alex Paczkowski, Secretary



This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."

A SEASON OF HOPE

LENT

This Lent, we're putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. The loss and uncertainty of COVID-19 continues to hit our poorest neighbors around the world even harder.

And we ourselves are restless after two years of wandering in the wilderness of a pandemic. We want to announce to the world that Christ makes a new season possible: a **Season of Hope**. We're excited to engage in this project as a community during our Lenten journey this year.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1 - March 9

Bars of Soap

(2-3 bars, 4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping.



WEEK 2 - March 16

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



WEEK 3 - March 23

Toothbrushes

(adult size, in original packaging)



WEEK 4 - March 30

Combs



WEEK 5 - April 2

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



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COME TO LENTEN
SERVICES EACH WEEK. IF
YOU FORGET ONE WEEK,
BRING IT ANOTHER
WEEK! BOXES WILL BE
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CHURCH.
A "SEASON OF HOPE"
LENTEN SERVICE**



**YOU
CAN
HELP!**

By assembling LWR Personal Care Kits, we help share God's love, and create a "Season of Hope" for our neighbors around the world.

The below letter was sent recently to those we believe have an interest in the Emmanuel Cemetery restoration project. Feel free to share if you know someone who may be interested in helping.



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

P. O. BOX 119
ABERCROMBIE, ND 58001
(701) 553-8546



January 26, 2022

Dear Friends of Emmanuel:

The two cemeteries maintained by the Emmanuel Lutheran Church have several headstones and monuments in need of repair. Some of these monuments are large, fragile, old, tipped over, or leaning precariously. We have contacted an area business, Monument Solutions, which specializes in cemetery preservation. They raise, straighten, and re-level tombstones of all sizes and shapes up to 16,000 pounds, without the need to drive heavy equipment onto the cemetery property or grave sites. Additionally, they can re-assemble and re-set monuments and statues that have already fallen over. They are from Hickson, North Dakota, and have worked on the Walcott cemetery and several other area cemeteries.

We received a bid from Monument Solutions on what it would cost to repair these monuments. The bid lists approximately 60 monuments in need of repair, with the bid broken down into what needs to be done and the cost for the repairs. The total amount of the bid is \$17,450 to repair all monuments found to need repair at the time of their inspection in the fall of 2021.

To complete these repairs, a fundraising campaign is being organized as the amounts collected in memorials each year does not cover our annual expenses, including a lawnmower and someone to mow the cemetery. This letter is being sent to you as we believe you have relatives buried at Emmanuel and may be willing to help with funding this project. If you know of someone who has a relative buried at Emmanuel that did not receive a letter from us, please feel free to share this information with them. We obviously do not have addresses for all the families who have relatives buried at Emmanuel, many gone from this area for years.

Any funds you donate for this project can be sent to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 119, Abercrombie, ND 58001. The check should be made out to "*Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery,*" so it is applied to the project. If you wish to know about a specific stone, please leave a message at the above telephone number and we will return your call with that information. Thank you for considering help fund this project!

Sincerely,
Emmanuel Lutheran Church Treasurer,
on behalf of the Emmanuel Church Council

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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