

The Echo

May 2022



The fire that lit the boiler of the New Testament church was an unquenchable belief that if Jesus had been only a man, he would have stayed in the tomb. There were 500 witnesses that day gazing up at just a man hanging from a cross. They couldn't say then that he would ever walk the earth again, but we know that he fulfilled the promise made to our ancestors through his resurrection. I wonder if sometimes we remain silent in the face of wrongdoing because we've forgotten what courage it took to bear the deadly persecution knowing that the reward would come only in the end. Before life, must come the death of unbelief.

Let us ask our Father humbly, yet confidently, in the name of Jesus to remind us of the empty tomb. Let us see the victorious Jesus, the conqueror of the tomb, who defied death. And let us be reminded that we too will be granted that same victory.

Thank you for the sweet surprise of Easter morning. We are thankful that when you arose from your sleep of death, you didn't go immediately to heaven, but instead appeared to those who knew you best, showing that life wins over death. We praise your name for that sweet surprise.

May you always be aware you are loved beyond measure and may you be willing to love unconditionally in return. May gladness wash away disappointments, may joy dissolve your sorrow, and may love ease your pain.

God's blessing, Pastor Janelle



**Confirmation Sunday @
Galchutt Lutheran is May 1, 2022,
with 9 AM Worship Service**



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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Cru Gabriel Kaehler, son of Jeremy and Kenzy (Overby) Kaehler, was baptized at Galchutt Lutheran on April 24th. Cru is the great grandson of Galchutt member Eileen Overby.



Adalyn attended a First Communion class where she helped make communion bread and create her own communion cup. Her first communion was on Maundy Thursday.



Attention Youth 8th - 12th grade:

A summer trip to Minneapolis is planned for July 24 - 27, 2022. The cost is \$150.00 a person. Valley Fair, "Footloose" at Chanhassen Dinner Theater, Como Park, Mall of America, Sculptor Garden, plus more. If any questions reach out to Pastor Janelle.



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



Confirmation, a rite many churches celebrate each spring, has biblical roots. In Acts 8, Peter and John are sent to lay their hands on new believers and pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. In the early church, new Christians — usually adult converts — received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, pastors and priests would baptize, but only bishops would “confirm” a baptism, or make it official. Thus, the baptized were granted full membership in the church through confirmation.

Now confirmation allows young people, often after intensive Christian education, to profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Confirmation serves as an important faith milestone, as young adults purposefully embrace a life of discipleship.



A Mother’s Day hymn

Sing praise to our Creator God!
 Earth prospers from the way
 God “mothers” each new child into
 This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood
 A channel from above
 That longs to share with every child
 God’s comfort, grace and love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,
 Who “mothers” us from birth!
 Providing what we truly need
 Throughout our lives on earth.

Times and locations of Memorial Day services will be included in the worship bulletins and sent out in the e-Updates.

Christian symbol

ROBE—A robe, specifically one that’s new and white, symbolizes the righteousness we receive through Jesus’ death and resurrection. Isaiah 61:10 speaks of “the garments of salvation” and “the robe of righteousness.” In Revelation 6:11, faithful martyrs each receive a white robe. People who are being baptized or confirmed often wear white robes as a sign of purity.



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- The Irene Holmquist Family (In memory of Wayne & Irene Holmquist, Terry Holmquist, and Pamela (Holmquist) Joy.
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- Michael & Lou Ann Lee (In memory of Kevin Paczkowski & Irene Holmquist)

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- Julie Berg (In memory of Berg relatives)

Emmanuel Cemetery:

- Richard & Sandra Ihland (In memory of Irene Holmquist)
- Julie Berg (In memory of Kevin Paczkowski)
- Donald Nelson (In memory of Kevin Paczkowski)



BEER AND HYMNS 2022!

We have had two fun hymn sings at the Beer & Hymns events in March and April. One more is scheduled for this spring. Join us on Tuesday, **May 24th**, in Abercrombie.

Beer and singing have a long history in the church. One of our favorite predecessors, Martin Luther, had been known to frequent the Black Eagle Tavern in Wittenberg. It is said that an evening there was filled with bock beer, lively debate, and, of course, song.

If you are a musician who wants to join in, let the office know! Otherwise, just come and enjoy some good hymns and friendship.





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

Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

The Galchutt Church council met on April 20th at 6:30 PM at Galchutt Lutheran Church. Members present were Logan Biffert, Alex Paczkowski, Kyle Krump, Jimmy Overby, Al Muhs, and Pastor Janelle Hansen. Logan called the meeting to order. Pastor led with an Easter devotion and prayer. Alex read secretary's report, Kyle approved minutes and Al seconded. No Treasury Report presented.

PASTOR REPORT: Pastor Janelle submitted 344 miles for March. She noted it has been a busy few weeks with a funeral at Emmanuel on Saturday, April 16, and a funeral in Wahpeton on Tuesday, April 19. Easter services went well. There is a baptism in Galchutt on April 24- Cru Kaehler, son of Kenzy and Jeremy Kaehler. Beer and hymns will be Tuesday, April 26, at the Fort Saloon in Abercrombie from 6 PM-7:30 PM. Galchutt will have 3 confirmands on May 1. There is a banquet for them and their families on April 27. Pastor Janelle is finishing her classes for this semester. After this week she will be done with classes until June.

OLD BUSINESS: Logan asked if a vacuum for the church was purchased. The council thought it had not but no other complaints have arose from the current vacuum. Alex will look in to and if the church is still needing a vacuum, she will handle. The wheelchair ramp idea was brought up again. There have been a few concerns about it being a permanent fixture. Kyle will look into portable options and bring forward to the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Summer service schedule was talked about. LouAnn mentioned to Logan that we could have potential pianist issues for the summer. It was decided by the council that we would like to go back to Sunday services in the summer versus Wednesday evenings. Will wait until Emmanuel has their meeting before making a final decision. Council also talked about the possibility of recording music versus a live pianist. Summer schedule will begin the week of May 29. Pastor Janelle will be at Wartburg June 5-18. She will find pulpit supply for June 12 if the summer schedule remains on Sundays. Council also talked about if we need to meet every month in the summer. Logan will look into the church by-laws to know how many times in a year the council needs to meet. St John's anniversary is July 31 at 11 AM, with lunch served after. The St John's committee has asked the councils help in getting St John's ready for the celebration. St John's shingle project should be starting soon with a finish date before the anniversary celebration. Next council meeting was set for May 11. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Alex Paczkowski, Secretary

We continually keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ The family of Kevin Paczkowski who passed away on April 10;
- ◆ The family of Irene Holmquist who passed away on April 14;
- ◆ Galchutt's newest member received through baptism, Cru Gabriel;
- ◆ The three members of Galchutt Lutheran who will be affirming their baptismal vows through confirmation on May 1st;
- ◆ Our graduates as they complete the high school studies; and
- ◆ All those who continue to deal with health issues or other issues.





Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on April 26, 2022, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, Craig Syvertsen, LouAnn Lee, Lesley Hulne, Sharon Tschakert, Julie Lehman, Fred Tol, and Tessa Tschakert. President Craig called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle led us in devotions.

Secretary's report was read by Tessa. Fred made a motion to approve with a second by LouAnn. All passed.

Treasurer's Report: LouAnn explained propane is still high and parsonage needed to have fuel added again. Lenten supper donations were \$275.00 that will go to Hospice in Breckenridge. Cemetery restoration donations are \$16,450.00. We have received 2 large non-cemetery donations the past month. Sharon made a motion to approve with a second by Julie. All passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Janelle reported it has been a very busy March and April with Holy week and the funeral services. Classes for her spring semester are completed now. Mileage was 344 miles in March. Galchutt has 3 confirmands this year and had 1 baptism in April. LouAnn made a motion to approve mileage report with a second by Sharon. All passed.

Stewardship: May Day Picnic is May 1 at the Community Hall instead of the Pavilion due to weather. May Day baskets will be delivered around town before the picnic. All are welcome from 11 AM -1 PM.

Property: Fred reported electrical work is done at the parsonage. The inspection done for the buyer's had a small list of items that needed to be completed and we have been working on getting that completed. The abstract will need to be updated and a survey done.

Worship: Lesley reported that Sunday hymns are picked thru May 29. Lesley, Sharon and Pastor Janelle will get a time set up with Galchutt for future dates. Pastor Janelle reported that Galchutt will continue Sunday service thru the summer. Emmanuel will do the same. Service times will not change – 9 AM Galchutt and 10:30 AM Emmanuel. There will be no service on July 3rd or Labor Day weekend. Pastor Janelle will be away at Wartburg for 2 weeks in June and we will need pulpit supply on June 12 that she will arrange.

New Business: LouAnn stated we will need to find someone for mowing and trim work at church and cemetery. Julie will take the position over for this year. Madison Syvertsen is graduating from our congregation. Baccalaureate is May 22 at Our Saviors.

Old Business: LouAnn reported she is waiting on a bid for the flooring in the basement. She has received some samples of flooring and a bid on the labor and will report back to council when the bid on the flooring itself is in.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Fred with a second by Julie. All passed.

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Tessa Tschakert

(Note: The next council meeting time was changed after the meeting to 5 PM due to Beer & Hymns starting at 6 PM that night.)

**"If you want your children to listen, try talking softly to someone else."
—Ann Landers**



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Galchutt Worship with confirmation 9AM Emmanuel (no worship) May Day picnic at Aber Comm. Center 11AM-1PM	2	3	4	5 National Day of Prayer	6	7
8 Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30AM Mother's Day	9 QOV at ELC	10 Emmanuel Quilting 9 AM - 2 PM	11 Galchutt Council Meeting 6:30PM	12	13	14
15 Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30AM	16	17	18	19 Echo Articles Due	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22 Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30AM RHS Baccalaureate Our Saviors 2 PM	23	24 Emmanuel Council Meeting 5 PM Beer & Hymns 6PM - 7:30 PM Ft. Saloon	25	26 Ascension Day	27	28
29 Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30AM RHS Graduation	30 Memorial Day service at Abercrombie Comm. Ctr. (watch later for service times)	31			 Altar Guild Emmanuel - Shirley Berg	

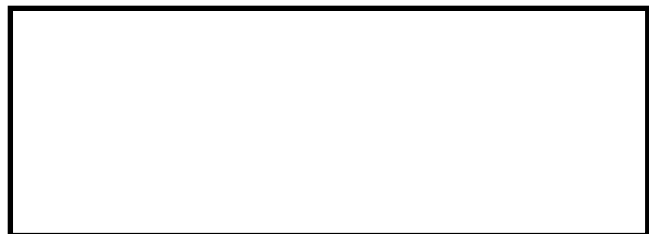
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Just for Laughs.....



"Let's give 'em a good start with some holy water!"