

# The Echo

June 2022



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

Praise is the highest commendation anyone can be given. When we praise our Father, we recognize that He is king, and that Jesus has saved His people. We lift our hearts and hands, our voices filled with exultation, singing God's glory. In this way we acknowledge God's splendor surrounding all who dwell on Earth. "Let everything that has breath and every breath of life praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150:6).



I believe that praise and prayer prepare us for what we will encounter upon entering heaven. What do you envision of that lofty place? A cloud to sit upon? Maybe polishing a halo or playing a harp? The Bible tells us that our role is much more important. "If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him" (2 Tim 2:11-12a).

Heaven is not just a place that God promises us; it is a presence, God's presence, that will dwell within us in this new life. There is no temple because God is the temple, and His face will shine on us, for God is the promise of new life. For this we give praise.

Father, we honor and glorify Your name. You are indeed the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. We thank You and worship You and glorify Your name forever and ever. Amen.

*Pastor Janelle*

## Summer worship schedule. All services at 9 AM.

**June 5 at Galchutt with baptism and communion**

**June 12 at Emmanuel**

**June 19 at Galchutt**

**June 26 at Emmanuel**

**July 3 - No Worship.**

**(Communion will be first Sunday of each month)**



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# EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Sydney Loff, Otto Dockter, and Eric Moen affirmed their baptismal vows on Confirmation Sunday, May 1st, at the Galchutt Lutheran Church with Pastor Janelle Hansen.



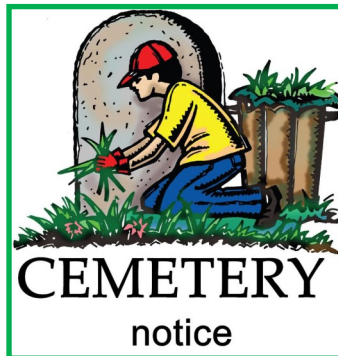
Emmanuel member Madison Syvertsen graduated from Richland High School on May 29. Madison will attend NDSCS in the fall for business management. She plans to continue to pursue her interest in financing/accounting. Congratulations Madison.



**Minneapolis  
MN Youth Trip  
July 24 -27,  
2022  
\$150 per  
person**

- ◇ Valley Fair
- ◇ "Footloose" at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
- ◇ Como Park
- ◇ Mall of America
- ◇ Sculptor Gardens, and More

Contact Pastor Janelle if you are interested. Open to those who have completed grades 8 - 12.



In order to assist those who mow and maintain our cemetery: \*\*\*All artificial flowers or vases that are not on the cement surrounding the tombstones need to be removed from Emmanuel Cemetery by **June 15th**. Items left after these dates will be removed & disposed.



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](mailto:emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com)

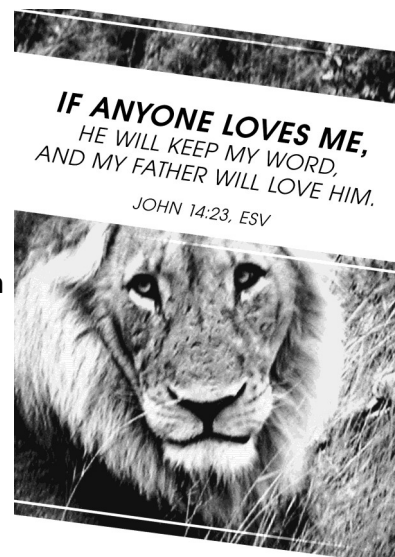
## Share His Love

As Jesus prepared his disciples for his death on the cross and his resurrection, he told them and us, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them” (John 14:23). In our world today these are words of comfort and hope. The Holy Spirit sent by the Father can lead us to follow Jesus’ command to love another.

How do we live out God’s command to love others? Recent events in our world, at home and abroad, urgently call on us to share God’s love by providing food for those starving in Africa, supporting the people of Ukraine, and giving care or emotional support to the families who have experienced hatred and death, to name a few.

In our local communities is there a need for God’s love? YES! Do I know all of the ways we can show His love? NO. It is up to each of us to identify and begin to meet those needs around us. I know that I can show love to others by making quilts and contributing to the LWR project kits. Perhaps there are families who would benefit from your abundance of garden produce this summer? In comparison to many areas, we live a privileged life but there are still many people around us who need the love of God that we can provide. Won’t you identify a way that you (or we) can share His love this summer and throughout 2022?

*Ellen Rittenhouse*



## Celebrating the Church’s Birthday! Pentecost Sunday is June 5th!

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus’ disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus’ ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, “Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.”

(Taken from NewsletterNewsletter.com)



## We keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ The families who are suffering in Uvalde, TX, after that horrific shooting at their school;
- ◆ The people of Ukraine who continue to suffer from the war with Russia;
- ◆ Doug & Mandy Johnson, at the loss of their brother-in-law Gary Bohn; and
- ◆ All those around us who may be suffering from illness, depression, or addiction, may God put his healing hands on all of them.



# LWR News

Thank you to all who supported our efforts to meet the needs of people struggling around the world. Forty-seven (47) Personal Care Kits and twenty-five quilts (25) were delivered to the Fargo In-Gathering on May 18th. Our next shipment comes in October when we will be sending out completed School Kits and quilts. For those who would like to make a donation toward the shipping costs (approximately \$2.35 per kit/quilt) or to help purchase items in bulk for school kits please give donations to Lou Ann Lee or Ellen Rittenhouse. Donations of used blankets or mattress pads make good quilt fillers.

I am pleased to report that the response to National Quilting Day has brought in additional help. We have several new ladies supporting our efforts to make quilts going from 2 people during most of 2021 to 6 in May. If you or someone you know is interested in joining us we have space and materials for more "hands" to contribute toward the effort. Won't you consider joining us on June 14th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.?

*Ellen Rittenhouse*

## How to Make an LWR Quilt in Three Easy Steps

1. Place a piece of fabric measuring 64" X 84" right side down on the table, followed by a filler measuring 60" X 80", and then another piece of fabric, also measuring 60" X 80", right side up on top of the filler.
2. Tie the layers together using crochet or similar cord, or machine-quilt them together.
3. Bring the edges of the 64" X 84" piece over the top, pin and machine-stitch the edge, using a zigzag stitch if possible.

LWR Quilts should measure approximately 60" X 80". This size best serves adult recipients and children as they grow older. Please donate only 60" X 80" quilts. The machine that bales (tightly compresses) the quilts was specifically designed for quilts/blankets measuring 60" x 80", so please stay close to these dimensions. The ultimate purpose of a quilt is to provide warmth, so please choose your fabrics and filler accordingly. Even in warmer climates, temperatures can drop dramatically at night, requiring a quilt with sufficient filler. For tips on finding affordable filler for quilts, visit [lwr.org/quilts](http://lwr.org/quilts) and click on Get Quilt Filler Tips.

Please don't sew a church's name or a message into your quilt.

## TIPS:

- Quilt tops and bottoms can be made from whole pieces of fabric or any type of patchwork pattern of smaller squares. Twelve 21-inch squares or 48 eleven-inch squares sewn together using a half-inch seam allowance make a 60" X 80" top.
- Keep in mind that LWR Quilts will be washed frequently and used for many purposes. We recommend washable fabrics such as cotton, cotton blends, twill, corduroy, polyester knits, and donated upholstery and drapery samples (no fiberglass). Please ensure that there are no stains or holes before using fabrics.
- Use crochet or similar cord or embroidery floss for tying. It is easier to thread and pull through than yarn and is more durable. Ties should be no more than 8 to 10 inches apart.
- No holiday symbols or flags from any country on the quilts. If there is any doubt, please err on the side of caution and don't include it. We want to make sure the country officials who inspect the quilts have no concerns.
- Please check the quilt website page [lwr.org/quilts](http://lwr.org/quilts) for any updates/changes that may take place prior to the next issue of the Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide. Our goal is to provide a year's notice before any change goes into effect.



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

## Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

The Galchutt Church Council met on May 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Galchutt Lutheran Church. Members present were Logan Biffert, Caitlin Biffert, Jimmy Overby, Dan Dockter, Al Muhs, and Pastor Janelle Hansen. Logan called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle opened with a prayer. Logan read secretary's report. Dan approved minutes and Jimmy seconded. Logan read Treasury report. Jimmy motioned to accept, and Al seconded.

**Pastor Report:** Pastor Janelle will be submitting receipts for dinner for the confirmands. She also mentioned that the banquet went wonderful. Pastor was able to go and visit with some members that she hasn't been able to see in a while. Quilts of Valor will be presenting a quilt to Mark Moen on May 29 during service. The next beer and hymns is planned for May 24 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Both Galchutt and Emmanuel have agreed to do Sunday Services this summer. We talked about the need for a pianist still. Pastor Janelle is in talks with a few people she knows. Logan asked Pastor Janelle about upcoming baptisms this summer and so far, we only have one for Cameron Bercier on June 5. Pastor Janelle mentioned maybe taking the kids to the cities still for Youth Trip even though the U.S. Bank stadium event has been cancelled.

**Old Business:** The vacuum was brought up again and no one has seemed to have any complaints so that will be set aside unless anything else is brought up. Kyle Krump was not present at the meeting to ask about any further information he may have found about a portable/non-permanent option for a wheelchair ramp.

**New Business:** Some options for Pianists this summer were discussed. Pastor Janelle has been in talks with a few of her contacts, including Hope Brown. Dan brought up asking Kendra about any local High School students who might be able to play as well. It was discussed that if needed we may need to raise our payments to pianists from \$50 per church to \$75 per church. There will be no worship on 4th of July weekend or Labor Day weekend. Logan looked in the bylaws and we are required to have 8 meetings per year so we will be planning the next meeting for some time in September unless something arises. Logan will be in touch with the Roofer for the St. Johns project to see where we are at. Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jimmy seconded. Pastor closed the meeting with us all saying the Lord's Prayer. *Logan & Caitlin Biffert, pro tem*

## The church hive

Bees live in a cooperative way described as "eusociality," or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church's health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul's words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts "but the same Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:4). According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect "living illustration of how to walk in unity." He wrote, "Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we 'may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ'" (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church "hive"?

(Taken from NewsletterNewsletter.com)





## Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on May 17, 2022, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, Craig Syvertsen, LouAnn Lee, Lesley Hulne, Sharon Tschakert, Fred Tol, Julie Lehman and Tessa Tschakert. President Craig called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle led us in devotions.

**Secretary's Report:** Report was read by Tessa. LouAnn made a motion to approve with a second by Sharon. All Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** LouAnn reported that it has been a slower month for offerings. Boiler in parsonage had annual tune-up prior to sale. Parsonage will be surveyed and the abstract brought up to date. Sharon made a motion to approve with a second by Lesley. All Passed.

**President's Report:** Pastor Janelle said that confirmation went well. She will also be attending the Baccalaureate at the school. She has been doing visits and has been busy with her session of school starting back up again. Beer & Hymns will be on May 24 and all are encouraged to come. Mileage for April was 576 miles. Motion by Lesley to approve the mileage with a second by Fred. All Passed.

**Stewardship:** Tessa reported that May Day baskets and dinner were a success. Reached a vast amount in our community and saw higher numbers at the dinner. The focus now is to get the new member packets ready. Emmanuel will also want a presence at the Farmers Market once a month at the park. Stewardship will set a meeting to go over more details.

**Education:** LouAnn reported that we will look at starting Sunday School this fall, likely October. Will meet and brain storm ideas for reaching the community to attend.

**Worship:** No report at this time.

**Property:** Emmanuel is the community storm shelter for those in need. There were people sheltering at the church in the last storm who left lights on and the door open. Due to the wind that always opens the front door in both summer and winter, council has decided to lock the front door and keep the back door open for anyone needing shelter. Closing for parsonage sale will be between June 18-20.

**Old Business:** Summer pianist is needed. LouAnn will be reaching out to contacts. The cemetery project will be moving forward later this summer. The cemetery fundraising has been well received and many nice letters/thank you sent. Flooring fund for basement has been reached and will set up time for installation.

**New Business:** Julie would like a cleanup day for church/parsonage grounds. Branches, sticks and garbage have piled up and would like a group effort. This has been set for May 23 at 5 PM. New water heater is ordered for kitchen that needs replacing.

Next meeting is June 21 at 6:30 PM.

Fred made a motion to adjourn with a second by Julie. All Passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Secretary, Tessa Tschakert*

**WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE JULY ECHO REGARDING THE  
ST. JOHN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY ON JULY 31ST.**



# JUNE

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12 <b>Worship at Emmanuel 9 AM</b>  Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary	13 Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary	14 <b>QUILTING AT EMMANUEL 9 AM - 2 PM</b>  Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary	15 Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary	16 Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary	17 Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary	18 Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary
19 <b>Worship at Galchutt 9 AM</b>	20	21 <b>Emmanuel Council Mtg 6:30 PM Stewardship Mtg 5 PM</b>	22	23	24	25
26 <b>Worship at Emmanuel 9 AM with communion</b>	27	28	29	30	<b>NO WORSHIP SERVICES ON JULY 3</b>	<b>Emmanuel Altar Guild for June: Gail Haarstad</b>

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