

# The Echo

July 2022



**July 3 - No Worship Services!**

**July 10 at Emmanuel @ 9 AM with communion**

**July 17 at Galchutt @ 9 AM**

**July 24 at Emmanuel @ 9 AM**

**July 31 - 150th Anniversary Celebration at  
St. John's Church @ 11 AM**

I hope you all are having a great summer so far. I was in Dubuque, Iowa, at Wartburg Theological Seminary from June 5-17. It was great to be on campus and see colleagues. I took four classes: Hebrew Bible 1, Preaching 1, Lutheran Ethics, and The Church in the Lutheran Community. I have learned much and am ready to apply it in my ministry. Thank you to Kim Adams and Dave Adams for filling in for me while I was away.

We will celebrate St. John's 150th anniversary on Sunday, July 31, at 11:00 a.m. It will be a wonderful time to commune with friends old and new and reminisce our congregations' history.

Through the summer, I invite everyone to pray for farmers and their crops and also for God's people to love justice, hate oppression, and have a zeal for truth, so that we may stand with all who are victimized, ostracized, overlooked, or thrown away by society. Just as farmers are currently planting and tending crops, we pray for God to plant and cultivate the seeds of faithfulness in each of our hearts. Hebrew 11:1-3 tells us, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith, our ancestors received approval. By faith, we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God so that what is seen is made from things that are not visible."

How can our prayers reflect our desire to be gracious hosts to our beloved communities? Declare and proclaim God's grace and mercy through our prayers and petition Him to make of us

people who feed, forgive, help, and heal all of our neighbors everywhere. I wish you all a blessed summer.

God's peace, *Pastor Janelle Hansen*



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# EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**All are welcome to help us celebrate St John's Church turning 150 years old!**

**Rural Galchutt, ND**

**July 31, 2022**

**To prevent congestion, we ask that you park at the Galchutt Church and use our shuttle service.  
Worship Service at 11am  
with Lunch and cake provided after service.**



**Note the time change for this special service - 11 AM.**



Please join us for the

## Baby Heyen Shower

Honoring  
Shelby Tschakert & Austin Heyen

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Tuesday, July 26th  
6:30pm—8:00pm

**Everyone is welcome!**

Registered at Target



Mark Moen was awarded a Quilt of Valor during services at Galchutt Church on May 30, 2022. Mark served in the United States Army active duty from January 1978 to October 1998.

He served in El Salvador as a Civil War Advisor in 1982. It was not a named operation but was considered a combat/hazardous duty location. He served 2 tours in Panama, the first from 1982-1986 and the second from 1988-1989 in Operation Just Cause. Mark's primary duty was 180A Special Forces Warrant Officer. Mark notes his memorable events to be Operation Just Cause. He spent a great deal of time deployed to various countries training their soldiers. Mark enjoyed a couple of years on the Jump Ambassadors demonstration parachute team. His unit had the responsibility of representing the 193rd Infantry Brigade in Panama. He spent most of his career at Ft. Bragg, NC.

**Please remember to mail your offerings if you are gone for the summer months. Thank you!!**



As we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the St. John's Church, we are reminded of how important those early churches were to our ancestors. Transportation to church and the actual construction of these early churches was no easy task. We are ever so thankful for the family members who have continued to recognize the importance of those early places of worship. Many of our members and former members have relatives buried in both St. John's and Emmanuel cemeteries. We are thankful that those individuals, many of whom no longer live here, are also willing to help us with support to maintain those cemeteries. We have received so many nice cards with the donations for the Emmanuel cemetery restoration project that I want to share just a few of those with everyone.

To: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Treasurer

Enclosed please find my donation to your cemetery repair raising effort.

My name is Gordon Olson and I'm the son of Lionel and Mary Olson, children of Baldwin and Emma Olson. I happen to be the oldest Grandson of Baldwin and Emma. Three generations of my family are at rest in the West cemetery starting with Nels Olson. Donald Rittenhouse, husband of Ellen Rittenhouse, and I share the same Great Grandfather, making Donald and I second cousins. I also have relatives in East cemetery. Emma Olson's brother Lenas Danielson, his wife Elsie and son Vernon are buried there. So much for my brief genealogy overview.

Another connection I have with the cemeteries happened in year 2001. My wife Shirley and I, along with Donald Rittenhouse, walked the West Cemetery and recorded information on the tombstones. This information, together with similar information of the East Cemetery provided by the church was placed on the internet by Shirley and can be viewed by anyone interested in this genealogy information.

I thank Ellen Rittenhouse for contacting me regarding the fund raising effort. Best wishes to you and the church with this activity.

Dear Lou Ann,

Thank you for calling me back yesterday. I really appreciated our conversation. It really brought back memories and images of our numerous enjoyable summer visits to Abercrombie when my sisters and I were growing up.

I am enclosing a check (#12272612) for the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery fund for the refurbishment of the monuments. Thank you for taking on this important project - as well as for reaching out to the distant family members.

My wife Kathie and I are sending this donation on behalf of and in memory of my father and mother - Robert and Lois Skamfer, and in memory of all our relatives who are buried in the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Dad passed away on November 25, 2020, and was the last remaining member of the "Abercrombie Skamfers". I know that Dad would support this project without a doubt.

I know of eight Skamfers buried in the Emmanuel Cemetery. Lars and Randi Flaa Skamfer are my great-grandparents, and both came from Rennebu, Norway at a young age. Their son Emil was married to Olga Nypen, and they are my grandparents. Jens Skamfer, also of Rennebu, was the brother of Lars. Bertine Christine Skamfer (Bertha) was Emil's sister. She died of diphtheria at the age of eight and was buried in the Emmanuel Cemetery in 1906. My uncles, LeRoy and Harold Skamfer are also buried in the cemetery. The two of them farmed the nearby family farm until their retirements in the mid-1980's.

We are also related to the Nypens who are buried in the Emmanuel Cemetery. Andrew and Mary Nypen are Olga's parents and my great-grandparents.

Thanks again for all that you and the entire congregation are doing for this project. I'll look for updates in your on-line newsletter. Please feel free to keep in touch!

Take care,

April 18, 2022

Please accept my donation to help with repairs at the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery. My dear grandparents, Lenas and Elsie Danielson and my uncle and aunt, Vernon and Thordie Danielson were laid to rest there. My mother, Alice Danielson Holms grew up in Abercrombie and passed last year at age 95. Needless to say, you can tell where my given name came from. 😊  
Sincerely, Daniel Holmes

Dear Lou Ann,

My name is Laurel Johnson Hillier. My father was Vernon Johnson. My grandparents, Paul & Mary Hatlie Johnson, and my wife and aunt, Harze C. & Dorothy Johnson, are all buried in Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

I grew up in Wabutan but spent a lot of time in Abercrombie as a child visiting my grandparents. Your church played a huge role in the life of my family. My father and his siblings were all confirmed at Emmanuel.

By the way, I was married in June 1977 at St John's Lutheran church, not far from your church, out in rural Galchutt.

Best of luck on the cemetery project!

Best regards,  
Laurel Johnson Hillier

Hello.

Please accept the enclosed check as a donation for cemetery repairs. With many family members buried in the east cemetery, it is important to me to help with upkeep. Thank you.

Thank you for the opportunity to help with the repairing of the monuments in the cemetery. My parents, Carl & Sylvia Dahl are buried here, as well as Grandparents, Peter & Fredericka Dahl, and Michel & Ragnhild Flaa. Also my Mom's Brother, Melvin Flaa, a WWII vet. Also, I believe my Dad's Brother, Nelson Dahl is buried



## Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on June 21, 2022, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, Craig Syvertsen, LouAnn Lee, Sharon Tschakert, Lesley Hulne, Julie Lehman and Tessa Tschakert.

Meeting was called to order by VP Sharon Tschakert and Pastor Janelle led us in devotions.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Lou Ann reported a new water heater was installed and some extra plumbing work to accommodate the install was needed. Piano was tuned in the church. A down payment was made to Carpet Garage for the new basement flooring. New laptop computer was purchased for Administrative Asst. Summer offerings are down. Motion by Sharon to approve the report with a second by Julie. All passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Janelle reported her two weeks in Wartburg College were fulfilling. Fun to experience and be part of the entire group on campus. Attended Synod Assembly with Tessa in early June. Was very interesting and educational. 326 miles in May. LouAnn made a motion to approve the mileage with a second by Julie. All Passed

**Stewardship:** Tessa reported that the committee met and are getting together Welcome Packets for new members of the community. Want to introduce ourselves and increase membership. Emmanuel will also take part in the Farmers Market once a month during the summer.

**Education:** A date of August 10 was set for an evening of fun for area youth. This will be called 'God Squad' and want to start this as a yearly event. Encouraging area youth to also attend Sunday school when it starts in the fall.

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

**Property:** After completion of the survey of the parsonage lot, it was found there was a gap in the legal description. A quiet title action, which takes about 60 days, needs to be completed in order to get clear title. Lou Ann has contacted Attorney Simone Sandberg who will prepare the quiet title action. The name of the church for the parsonage property also needs to be clarified from its earlier Emanuel Norwegian Lutheran Church to Emmanuel Church. Fred is checking on a price to clean up and remove trees and cement blocks by the storage shed and will report back to council. Julie talked about the mowing of cemetery and property with discussion on how often the work should be done.

**Old Business:** Pianist has been filled for the summer. LouAnn ordered a new sign to put on back door that reflects the building is storm shelter.

**New Business:** Lobby door continually opens because of wind. LouAnn will look into pricing on either getting a new door or fixing the existing. Present door was installed in 1975.

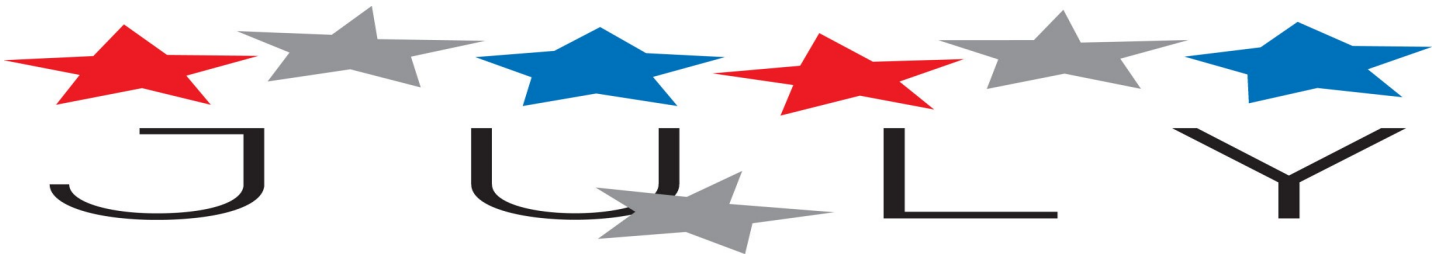
Next meeting will be July 12 at 6:30 PM.

Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Lesley. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Secretary, Tessa Tschakert*

## The ministry of quilting and of mending hearts

To sew is to pray. ... We mend ... turn things inside out and set things right. We salvage what we can of human garments and piece the rest into blankets. Sometimes our stitches stutter and slow. ... Other times the tension in the stitches might be too tight because of tears, but only we know what emotion went into the making. —Louise Erdrich, *Four Souls*



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3 NO Worship services	4 	5	6 St. John's cleaning day 5 PM	7	8	9
10 9 AM Worship at Emmanuel with communion	11	12 Emmanuel Quilting 9AM-2PM  Emmanuel Council 6:30 PM	13	14	15	16
17 9 AM Worship at Galchutt	18	19	20 Farmers Market in Abercrombie	21	22	23
24 9 AM Worship at Emmanuel  Youth trip to Mpls	25  Youth trip to Mpls	26 Shower for Baby Heyen at Emmanuel 6:30 PM - 8 PM  Youth trip to Mpls	27  Youth trip to Mpls	28	29	30 Set up for St. John's service
31 11 AM - 150th Anniversary at St. John's Church					July altar guild at Emmanuel: Ellen Rittenhouse	

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