

The Echo

September 2022



As we dive back into the busyness of fall and find ourselves caught up in days that are chaotic and challenging, remember there are others around us experiencing the same thing. We can take comfort in knowing that God's Spirit remains ever present to help all of us support each other. A poem from Rev. Jan Richardson says it best:

WHEN WE BREATHE TOGETHER

This is the blessing we cannot speak by ourselves.

This is the blessing we cannot summon by our own devices,
cannot shape to our own purposes,
cannot bend to our own will.

This is the blessing that comes when we leave behind our aloneness,
when we gather together,
when we turn toward one another.

This is the blessing that blazes among us when we speak
the words strange to our ears,
when we finally listen into the chaos,
when we breathe together at last.

—Jan Richardson from *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*

Let us breathe together in God's mission for this world and this community of believers for which we are a part. I invite you to attend worship, Sunday school, bible study, fellowship, and to pray for one another.

My prayer for Galchutt-Emmanuel Ministry is that we might become a family of God in the eyes of everyone we meet. Invite those you know who need a place to worship or a place to be welcomed, to our ministry here at Galchutt-Emmanuel, where they can find out that they are loved beyond measure and can become a part of something bigger than themselves.

"For God so loved the world that he gave this only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:16-17).

Jesus died for all believers! Amen

Pastor Janelle



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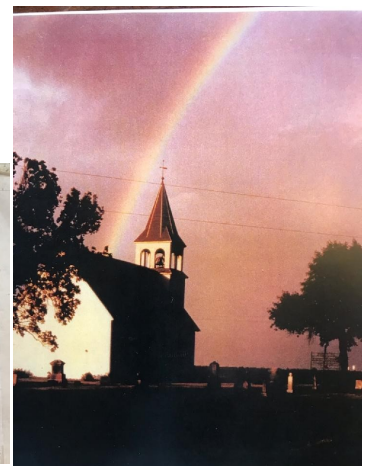
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Glimpses from the St. John's celebrationand more!



This picture was taken by Leonard several years ago. He entered it in a photography contest in Fargo and received first prize. The picture meant a lot to him and to us and thought you might enjoy it.
Len





As we approach September, I am reminded of how fortunate our two congregations have been the last couple of years with our pastoral internship students. Small churches struggle so it was an easy decision to test out the internship program when Shar Gumke from the synod made the call that day to see if we would be interested in working with Meggie Bjertness. Another new program, the TEEM program, was proposed to us with the possibility of having Pastor Janelle work with our congregations. For someone who worked with Meggie and now works with Pastor Janelle (who has been with us for one year), I can easily state they were healing forces for our congregations, and for that I say, “thank you.”

Recently the St. John’s Church celebrated its 150th anniversary and that day was perfect. While we had undergone sweltering heat for the days prior to the celebration, that day was perfect with a breeze and no rain. As I sat in the church that day, I was reminded of how much my mom loved going to the annual celebrations at St. John’s. As some of you might have noticed, several of the old photos showed many of our parents out there on the annual cleaning days. I recall how mom was always happy to help Joe Flaa dig out the chandelier and get it hung back in place for a special service. She would have been in the front row if she had been at the celebration! On the second page of this Echo, in the bottom right corner, is a scanned photo that Donovan and Jean Loff gave me with an attached note from Geneva Flaa. This was a picture that Leonard Flaa took many years ago of St. John’s Church that he submitted to a photo contest and won. Any of you “over 50” folks know that Leonard was known for snapping pictures of everyone in attendance at every event. At the time we may have been frustrated to have to take “just one more” picture, but it is these memories that stick with us.

Another milestone was reached yesterday as we signed the closing papers selling the Emmanuel parsonage. After five years of being mostly vacant, it made the decision easier to sell the parsonage while home sales are good. Selling a piece of property that had been deeded to us in 1895 “via a piece of onion skin paper” created a few obstacles but we were able to conquer them. The parsonage, built in 1926, was a place for our former pastors to be close to our congregations. Those early days were times when people didn’t just get in their car and drive to Fargo or Wahpeton on an almost daily basis. People and times have changed – and that is okay! As we completed the closing, our realtor gave us a book she had made containing pictures of the entire inside and outside of the parsonage as it is now. She printed the following on the last page:

“For many years, this home was a blessing and a refuge for the pastors of Emmanuel Lutheran Church – and now may this home continue to bless the individuals and families who live here for many years to come!”

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way over the past 96 years keeping that parsonage looking as great as it looks today. Happy Fall!

Lou Ann Lee



EMMANUEL MEMBERS and FRIENDS



Thanks for Your Support!

The Emmanuel Lutheran 28th Annual Meatball Dinner will be held on December 4, 2022. This is Emmanuel’s **sole** fundraiser each year and consists of the meatball dinner, a raffle, and bake sale. If you would be willing to make a donation to add to the raffle, please contact Tessa! Tickets will be printed during the first week of October. We count on all Emmanuel members to step up and sell the raffle tickets once printed. Thank you so much!!!

The Emmanuel Church Council

LWR School Kit & Quilt Ministry

The time has slipped by quickly this summer for me so I'm a bit late with this reminder. The InGathering for school kits and quilts is coming up in October. Many of you may have begun gathering items for the school kits based on previous year lists. If anyone is unable to shop for items money can be donated to purchase items to complete kits. **Please have any items to either of the churches by the end of September.** Here is a reminder of the items that go into the kits:

- One sturdy drawstring backpack- style cloth bag
- Four 70-sheet notebooks
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One pencil sharpener
- One 30-centimeter ruler
- One pair of blunt scissors
- Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils
- Five black or blue ball-point pens (not gel pens)
- One 2-1/2" eraser

I am happy to report that eight to nine ladies are now involved in making quilts, both at Emmanuel or by sewing at home. If you know of others who may be interested, all are welcome to join us. In the months ahead we will be accepting fabric for the quilts and fillers/batting to make warm quilts for those in need at home and around the world. If you are cleaning out or decluttering this fall, we welcome used blankets (even with small holes), mattress pads and comforters for fillers.

Your contributions to the Lutheran World Relief quilt and kit ministries are appreciated by the many recipients around the world!

Ellen Rittenhouse

We keep the following in our prayers:

- Gail H., Stuart T., and Jan R., as they approach upcoming medical procedures;
- Alice G. and Micah M., as they continue to heal;
- Our students as they return to school for another year;
- Any of our members or friends who may deal with depression or addiction issues;
- and
- Our leadership teams and pastor as they lead us into 2023.
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Please let the office or Pastor Janelle know if you have prayer concerns or wish to have pastoral care.



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



NOTE TIME CHANGES:

Rally Day for Galchutt Sunday School will be September 11. Sunday School is at 9:30 AM with worship at St. John's at 10:30 AM. Potluck dinner to follow in Galchutt.

Emmanuel worship will be at 9 AM on September 11.

Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate with us at the St. John's Church for the 150th celebration on July 31. The historic and beautiful church was beaming on this Sunday. Wonderful weather, wonderful company, and wonderful worship – all made for a great celebration! Check out the photos on page 2 of this newsletter.



If you were unable to make the event, we still have booklets and mugs available at Galchutt Lutheran Church for those interested. Also, electronic versions of the booklets are available on our website along with

photos and a St. John's video.

Access all of them at: <https://galchuttemmanuel.weebly.com>

Labor Day laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!

Easily given

It was only a sunny smile,
And little it cost in the giving;
But it scattered the night like morning
light,
And made the day worth living. ...

It was only a kindly word,
A word that was lightly spoken;
Yet not in vain, for it stilled the pain
Of a heart that was nearly broken. ...

It was only a helping hand,
And it seemed of little availing;
But its clasp was warm, and it saved from
harm
A brother whose strength was failing. ...

A smile may lighten the falling heart,
A word may soften pain's keenest smart,
A touch may lead us from sin apart.
How easily either is given!

Source uncertain

Ways to walk

If you think walking is boring or repetitive, read 52 Ways to Walk. Author Annabel Streets shares dozens of variations on this healthy pastime. From walking in the cold or at altitude to walking along a river or barefoot (or even backward!), each technique offers different benefits and new perspectives. Other ideas include a sensory walk, a silent walk, a foraging walk and singing while strolling. As Christians know, walking can be a great time to connect with God in prayer too.

WALK BY
faith,
NOT BY
sight.

Scripture speaks often about our spiritual walk: We are to walk “faithfully” with God (Genesis 5:24, NIV), walk “in all his ways” (Joshua 22:5, NRSV), walk “humbly” with God (Micah 6:8), walk “while you have the light” (John 12:35), walk while praising God (Acts 3:8), walk “by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7), walk “by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:16) and walk “in the same way” as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6, NRSV).

As we walk — even through dark valleys — we’re never alone. God promises, “I will walk among you and be your God” (Leviticus 26:12, NIV).

—Stephanie Martin (from NewsletterNewsletter.com)

Always room in God’s kingdom

Jesus told a parable about a man who invited his friends and neighbors to a banquet, but they declined. So he told his servants to go find anyone who was hungry or lonely or in need. Still there was room. “Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in,” the host said, “so that my house will be full” (Luke 14:23, NIV).

In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans retells this story and writes: “This is what God’s kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there’s always room for more.”

We’re all “outcasts and oddballs” in one way or another! May we know that God warmly invites us to his banquet — for no reason but that we’re hungry.



When
you give a feast,
invite the poor, the crippled,
the lame, the blind,
and you will be blessed.
Luke 14:13-14, ESV

Puzzle!

Look up each verse in an NIV Bible and find a word that fits in that row. Then write the word from the bold vertical column in the blank below to complete Proverbs 24:3-4.

1 Corinthians 8:1		N				
Philippians 1:9					H	
2 Peter 1:5						S
		A			2 Timothy 3:7	
Matthew 24:32				S		
John 7:15			R			
				I		Isaiah 33:6
2 Peter 3:18					E	
	W				Proverbs 24:5	

By wisdom a house is built, and ...
through _____ its rooms are filled with
rare and beautiful treasures.

PROVERBS 24:3-4, NIV

Answer: know, insight, goodness, always, lesson, learning, foundation, grace, power, knowledge



Richland 44 Confirmation 2022-23

On Wednesday, September 21, at 3:30 P.M., we begin this year's Confirmation! Confirmation includes grades 7-9. The students are comprised of the following churches: Our Saviors' Lutheran Church, Richland Lutheran Church, Galchutt Lutheran Church, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church. If you have a friend who would also like to join confirmation, they are welcome! All are welcome to learn

about the abundance of God's grace and love!

We will be using the Colaborate Lutheran Confirmation curriculum. Confirmation will be on a 3-year cycle. We will study the Old Testament this year. All of you are encouraged to bring your Bibles from home. The evening will look like this:

Tentative Nightly Regular Schedule:

3:30 – 3:50 p.m. Eat and clean-up.

3:50 – 4:25 p.m. Lesson with group A

3:50 – 4:25 p.m. Small group B

4:25 – 5:00 p.m. Lesson with group B

4:25 – 5:00 p.m. Small Group A

5:00 p.m. Closing Blessing (font)

We have high expectations for attendance, worship attendance/sermon notes, and participation because we truly desire for your child to grow in their faith. Confirmation is not a graduation from church, but it is just the beginning of their faith journey. Christ walks with them and loves them just as they are and continues throughout their lifetime. Confirmation is practicing their "adult" membership recognizing that we never quit learning. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Janelle.



P.S. Each evening we provide a snack for the kids - free of charge. We are asking that each family unit provide food one time during the year. The kids basically eat a light meal at confirmation. They are hungry after school. They also appreciate a sweet item. There will be about 19 students plus 2 adults each evening.

Contact Pastor Janelle if you have a youth, grades 7-9, that may be ready to start confirmation with us! Thank you in advance.

1 Upcoming Schedule:

September 21 - Introduction to Confirmation! 3:30 p.m – 5:00 p.m.

September 28 - Canon (Early Out at school!) 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



All youth in grades 9 through 12 are invited to a Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) that gathers on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Wednesday of each month from 6 PM until 8 PM at Our Saviors Church in Colfax. You do not need to be a member of these churches to attend. Christian Colts will not be meeting in the mornings this year.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Janelle.

This year's EaND Youth Retreats are for 6th-10th graders at Castaway Club near Detroit Lakes. Our churches will be attending the September 16-18 dates.

It is time yet again for fall retreats. The retreats are held near Detroit Lakes, MN at Young Life's CastAway Club. We get to experience worship, music, and activities all centered around teens and their faith. Also available at CastAway, a 60 person hot tub, climbing wall, indoor gym, outdoor volleyball and basketball courts, a zip line and a game room that includes pool, ping pong, and foosball. It is always an awesome weekend! Young people from all over our synod attend. Invite your friends!

Contact Pastor Janelle for more information! Camperships may be available.

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dates to know
September 16-18
and grades 6-10
September 23-25
grades 6-10

registration
\$175 per person
Registration opens August 2022
Castaway Club, Detroit Lakes, MN

more info
email: kim@lcmndsu.org

 **EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA
FALL YOUTH RETREATS**

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Emmanuel: Sharon Tschakert</p>  <p>Altar Guild</p>				<p>1 Emmanuel council meeting 6:30 PM</p>	2	3
<p>4 No worship services at either church</p>	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>11 "COMMUNION" Emmanuel Worship 9AM Galchutt - SS 9:30AM; Worship 10:30AM @ St. John's followed by potluck in Galchutt</p>	<p>12 Pastor Janelle at Fair Hills Fall Theological conference for Pastors</p>	<p>13 Emmanuel Quilting 9 AM-2 PM Pastor Janelle at Fair Hills Fall Theological conf.</p>	<p>14 LYO 6-8 PM at Our Saviors in Colfax</p>	15	<p>16 Pastor Janelle at Castaway Youth retreat</p>	<p>17 Pastor Janelle at Castaway Youth retreat</p>
<p>18 Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30AM</p>	<p>19 Echo Articles Due</p>	20	21	<p>22 Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary</p>	<p>23 Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary</p>	<p>24 Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary</p>
<p>25 Galchutt Worship 9AM SS 9:45 AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30AM Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary</p>	26	27	<p>28 LYO 6-8 PM at Our Saviors in Colfax</p>	<p>29 Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary</p>	<p>30 Pastor Janelle at Wartburg Seminary</p>	

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