

# The Echo

January 2023



Galchutt Lutheran Church will hold its Annual Meeting on  
**Wednesday, January 18th, at 6:30 PM.**

There will be a Zoom option available again this year for  
those unable to attend in person.

Time: Jan 18, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89600350167>

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will hold its Annual Meeting on  
**Sunday, January 22.** Worship that day will be followed  
by a potluck dinner and the annual meeting.

A video will be available during the annual meeting for any children.

The annual meeting is for church members to jointly make decisions that affect their life together and to conduct the official business for the year. Although the agenda is structured like a business meeting, it is also a time to celebrate the congregation's life.

*Come share ideas on how we should move forward!*

*Come be a part of your church's future!!*



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# EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



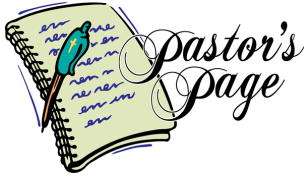
**Congratulations to Wendell Odegaard and Beverly Kirby who were recently married!**

**Our first annual Advent event was a success!**



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)





Happy New Year 2023! Let us celebrate by welcoming Jesus into our hearts, not only on Christmas but all year long. As we attend to our lives, we ask Jesus to walk us through the rough patches and the good times too. I hope you will come and worship with us this new year and join our church family whether you are a member and haven't been to church in a while or you are new to the area and want to be a part of something bigger than yourself. I am reminded of a song by Bob Kauflin and Lisa Clow sung at our Christmas Eve worship, "Oh Come All You Unfaithful."

O come, all you unfaithful  
Come, weak and unstable  
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones  
Weary of praying, come  
See what your God has done

Christ is born, Christ is born  
Christ is born for you

O come, bitter and broken  
Come with fears unspoken  
Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones  
There is no need to run  
See what your God has done

He's the Lamb who was given  
Slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace  
For those who believe

So come, though you have nothing  
Come, He is the offering  
Come, see what your God has done



This song says it all. Come everyone, because Christ is born for YOU! Please join us to see and hear what God has done for you. You are welcome at Emmanuel and Galchutt Ministry to listen to this message all year long. We welcome all to the Lord's table anytime.

*Blessing and peace to you all, Your SAM Pastor Janelle Hansen*



As of January 2023, all donations for sponsoring the Echo should be mailed to and payable to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The mailing address is on the back page. It seemed more efficient since all the supplies for paper and postage are purchased and consumed at the office at Emmanuel.

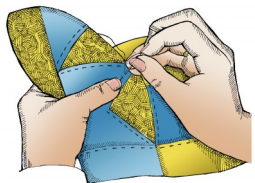
At this time we are still mailing out about 115 paper copies realizing there are individuals who do not use electronic devices for email. Sponsorships for covering the costs for the paper copies and mailing are available from April 2023 and forward.

Due to the increasing cost of postage, we again ask anyone to contact the office if they are presently receiving their *Echo* newsletter by mail but would be willing to receive it via email. The newsletter can be sent to multiple email addresses in the same household.

Just forward your name(s) and email address(es) to [emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com). Just a reminder that the full color edition of our newsletter received via email is also found on our website. The website link is <https://galchuttemmanuel.weebly.com/newsletter.html>

Happy New Year!!

*Lou Ann Lee*



QUILTING GROUP

After the winter weather we have had recently, it is time to prepare to provide blessings for those in need here and around the world. Quilt production was slow as 2022 came to a close, so we are planning to pick up the pace a bit in 2023 with the help of everyone who has a desire to contribute time and talent to quilt making and kit making. We will begin our first quilting meeting on January 10 at 9 AM, weather permitting. During this first meeting we will have quilts to assemble, fabric to press, needles to thread, fabric to cut, quilts to sew (pieces to sew together and edges to finish) and much more, so many hands are needed. I don't want to scare anyone away but I will have a pot of soup prepared for lunch so we needn't to go out in the cold for lunch.

Come to work or support the efforts of others for an hour or several on the 10th.

*Ellen Rittenhouse*

Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time and/or equipment during 2022 to work at the Emmanuel church. A big thanks to Wes Berg, David Hammond, Craig Syvertsen, Michael Lee, Fred Tol, and any others who used their equipment and fuel to keep our church and parsonage area clear of snow during 2022. During the 2021-2022 winter it seemed the wind blew the snow in a different direction every other day, making this a never-ending job. Your volunteering your time and equipment was very much appreciated!



Thank you to all those who made donations for the raffle, purchased raffle tickets, sold raffle tickets, helped prepare the food, and those who donated food for the meatball dinner. The success of the meatball dinner and raffle is thanks to all of you!!

On behalf of both churches, I want to thank Jan Rorvig who assembled the Echo during all of 2022 and saw that it was delivered to the post office for those who receive paper copies, to those who submitted articles for inclusion in the Echo, and for all those who donated funds so the Echo could continue to be mailed to those who do not use email. All these contributions of time or money are greatly appreciated!

*Lou Ann Lee*

*(The following article was published in the Forum one year ago and written by Devlyn Brooks, a local pastor, regarding annual meetings. Since we are soon to hold our annual meetings, I found this article relevant.)*

## **Finding Faith: Annual meeting a reminder of church vitality**

I love our annual meeting, maybe even more so than actual our worship services. We held ours this past Sunday. Every annual meeting, I get to see so many of the same folks, sitting in the same exact seat in which they were sitting last annual meeting. And that brings me great joy.

The opposite is true, as well, of course. I also see who is not in the same seat as last year. Some are saints that have passed on; others have become homebound; and still others are just inexplicably absent and you'll never know why. This saddens me.

Nonetheless, I love the annual meeting because it is timeless, and it connects us to the founding members going back a hundred years.

Truthfully, this is where I see "church" happening. Sure, as a pastor, there is an electric charge I get every Sunday during worship when I take to the pulpit in front of our congregation. I am renewed by the liturgy we speak; I am recharged by the hymns we sing; and I will never take for granted the trust that my congregation places in me with the sermon I prepare each week.

But, come annual meeting time, this is where the corporeal body of Christ shows itself in all of its majesty. In our church, we teach and preach that each member is a part of the actual body of Christ. We each are the hands and feet that carry his message of grace into the world, and so in his name, we each commit the acts of love that allow Jesus to become real for others.

And this all begins each year at the annual church meeting. This is where, as a group of Jesus followers, they vote to set a financial budget that allows the church to carry out its mission; democratically elect new members to the church's governing council; and vote on matters that will effectively guide their faith and their church.

Today, when so many do not see the need for church, or ask what the point is because after all the "church" is dying, I say to them, come join us for our annual meeting. Our small, rural, Lutheran parish will show you that while the "church" may be changing, we are certainly not dying. In fact, coming off a challenging year and a half of figuring out how to be "church" during a pandemic, there was a palpable electricity running through Sunday's annual meeting. One just had to see the joy in the faces of those gathered to know that the Holy Spirit was as energized and active in that fellowship hall as she ever was!

Yes, we are adapting as necessary to our circumstances, but our doors are still open and we are still preaching the Good news every Sunday, just as we have for the last century. So come visit, and you'll know that the church isn't dying!

*Devlyn Brooks, who works for Modulist, a Forum Communications Co.-owned company, is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. He serves as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Wolverton, Minnesota.*

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

## Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

Galchutt Church Council met on December 28, 2022, at 6:30 PM at Galchutt Lutheran Church. Members present were Logan Biffert, Jimmy Overby, Alex Paczkowski, Daniel Dockter, Al Muhs, Kendra Dockter, and Pastor Janelle Hanson.

Logan called the meeting to order, Pastor Janelle led with a devotion and prayer.

Alex read the November secretary's report with Al accepting the report and Daniel seconded. Kendra presented the treasury report. Kendra mentioned that she has had issues with Wells Fargo in the last few weeks. Jimmy accepted the report and Al seconded.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Annual meeting will be January 18 at 6:30 PM at Galchutt Lutheran Church. Advent event went good with 35 people in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council made a motion to look at moving away from Wells Fargo and switching banks, Kendra will do research on the best bank to switch to, topic to be discussed at annual meeting. Al accepted the motion and Daniel seconded. Kendra mentioned in the past that we have donated half of our yearly coffee fund. Jimmy made a motion to donate approximately \$1,200 to the homeless kits that the Sunday school puts together yearly, the PBJ/Angel Fund at Richland School, Breckenridge School, and Northern Cass school, and a Christmas gift to our 3 employees (pastor, admin, and organist). Pastor Janelle proposed a \$250 NDSU Crossroads donation. Kendra presented the 2023 yearly budget. Council approved adding a benevolence addition to the donation of Crossroads and a yearly raise to the office administrator, organist, and pastor. Alex made a motion to recommend the 2023 budget to the congregation at the annual meeting and Daniel seconded. There will be a Zoom option for the annual meeting for anyone that cannot attend in person.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Janelle reported she had 282 miles in November and 331 miles in December. Pastor Jule and herself along with the confirmation students leave Sunday, January 1, to Verona for a retreat, returning Monday, January 2. A funeral is being planned for Roger Quamme. Pastor Janelle also asked to let her know of any potential new members or other members wanting a visit. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

*Secretary, Alexandra Paczkowski*

### We keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ The family and friends of Marvin Kensinger, who passed away in December;
- ◆ The family and friends of Roger Quamme, who passed away in December;
- ◆ Those healing from recent surgeries; and
- ◆ All those who struggle with depression, illnesses, or loneliness.



One theme of Epiphany is to share the Gospel with others and lead them to faith. To whom did Jesus say, "Go therefore and make disciples"?

- A. Peter, James and John (his "inner circle")
- B. The women at the empty tomb
- C. A crowd, beside the Sea of Galilee
- D. The 11 disciples (Judas had committed suicide)

*Answer: D (See Matthew 28:16-20.)*



## Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on December 13, 2022, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, LouAnn Lee, Fred Tol, Lesley Hulne, Julie Lehman, Craig Syvertsen and Tessa Tschakert. Meeting was called to order by President Craig and Pastor Janelle led us in devotions.

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

**Treasurer's report:** LouAnn reported that overall we are on track for the 2022 budget. Cemetery fund has had higher expenses and may need to do some fund raising in 2023. Meatball Dinner recap was discussed and pleased with how it was run and the donations this year. Motion by Lesley to approve the report with a second by Julie. All passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Advent festival in Galchutt was well attended with 37 attending. 11 families participated. Thanksgiving service w/pie after service also went over well. Pastor has been busy visiting and bringing communion to the nursing homes. She will get mileage report to Lou Ann.

**Stewardship:** Will meet before January council meeting to discuss a Ladies Night in the spring.

**Education:** LouAnn reported that Sunday school is going well. We are in the building phase.

**Worship:** No report.

**Property:** A bill was turned in and paid for stump grinding. There was a reminder that non-recurring expenses need to be approved in advance by the council. Shingles are coming off the steeple and the committee will look into this in the spring.

**Old Business:** Fargo Paint & Glass would like to set a date to talk/discuss the new front door and give ideas and examples. LouAnn will schedule this meeting.

**New Business:** Noisy Offerings for October and November 2022 will be going to Richland Elementary for the PB&J fund for kids. Donations for 2022 will be sent to Crossroads, the Synod, Richland 44 PBJ lunch program to help families in need, Richland/Wilkin Food Pantry, and CHI Hospice. Budget for 2023 was discussed and decided. Motion by Fred to approve the budget with a second by Julie. All Passed. The Annual Meeting was set for January 22nd. Potluck after service and Annual Meeting to follow. Next meeting will be January 10th at 6:30 PM. Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Lesley. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Secretary, Tessa Tschakert*

## The meaning of Epiphany

Epiphany, which comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, means "an appearance" or "a revealing."

Centuries ago, the church set aside January 6, the 12th day after Christmas, to mark the revealing of Jesus as Christ to the wise men, who were Gentiles. Jesus' first followers were Jewish, so the revelation of the divine Christ to the non-Jewish magi reminds us that Jesus came to earth to save the whole world.

Symbols of Epiphany include light, a star, a crown (or three crowns) and a globe or stylized portrayal of the world. The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity.

On the church calendar, the Epiphany season lasts until Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.



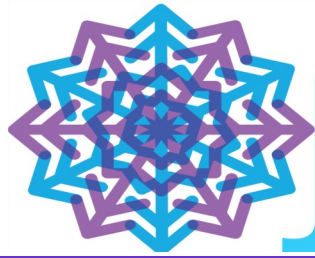



**Emmanuel Raffle Donation & Prize Winners**

Donation	-	Winner	Donation	-	Winner
Paz's Service/ \$250.00 GC		Sharon Tschakert	Jeff Syvertsen/Bison Print		Chris Heyen
Galchutt Seed/ Solo Stove		Pat Freese	Crooked Lane Farm/Quilt		Kaaryn Weinmann
Conzemius Oil/ \$150		Doug Loff	Crooked Lane Farm/6 Tix		Butch Stollenwork
Jeff Syvertsen/ \$100		Alex Paczkowski	Marlowe&Belva Haverland/Fleece		Lori Nord
Craig & Deb Syvertsen/LapQuilt		Jackie Brand	Marlowe&Belva Haverland/Snowman		Bryce Ludwig
Sharon Tschakert/BB&B \$85GC		Scott Hendrickson	Marlowe&Belva Haverland/Snowman		Jim Olheiser
RR Communications/Gift Basket		Katrina Heyen	Fargo Force— 4 tickets		LouAnn Lee
Julie Lehman/ Adirondack Chair		Wes Heyen	Richard & Sandra Ihland/Décor		Marlowe Haverland
Glenda Adams/\$50		Lesley Hulne	Breckenridge Drug/Basket		George Swenson
Glenda Adams/\$50		Tanner Braseth	Pastor Janelle Hansen/Spirit Wrap		Keith Kinneberg
Michael & LouAnn Lee/\$50		Romona Zimmerman	Sharon Tshcakert/\$25		Millie
Michael & LouAnn Lee/\$50		Chris Heyen	Sharon Tschakert/\$25		Sheryl Ask
Aurora/\$50		Toni Wosick	Sharon Tshckaert/\$25		LouAnn Lee
Aurora/\$50		Wendell Odegaard	Sharon Tschakert/\$25		<b>*Jackie Brand</b>
CW Valley/\$50		Christopher Lee	Hammond Excavating/\$25		Al Anderson
Dennis & Lesley Hulne/\$50		Sharon Tschakert	Hammond Excavating/\$25		<b>*David Bernstein</b>
Dennis & Lesley Hulne/\$50		Shawn Tol	Hammond Excavating/\$25		LouAnn Lee
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Doug & Gail Haarstad/\$50		<b>*Melanie Harrom</b>	Wes & Shirley Berg/\$25		Nancy Wulfekuhle
Doug & Gail Haarstad/\$50-		John Flaa	Wes & Shirley Berg/\$25		Teresa Frankhauser
Minn-Kota, Kent/\$50		Ron Vig	Dick;s Tree Moving/\$25GC		George Swenson
Minn-Kota, Kent/\$50		Sean Pazkowski	Dick's Tree Moving/\$25GC		Fred Tol
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			Hair Hut/Gift Basket		Jan Rorvig

**\*donated back to church**





# JANUARY

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9AM Galchutt worship 10:30AM Emmanuel worship	2 Confirmation retreat	3 Office hours for pastor in PM  Roger Quamme Funeral in Wahpeton @ 10AM	4 3:30 - 5 PM Confirmation at Our Saviors	5	6	7
8 NOISY OFFERING & COMMUNION 9AM Galchutt worship 9:45AM Galchutt SS 9:45AM Emmanuel SS 10:30AM Emmanuel worship	9	10 Office hours for pastor  Emmanuel Quilting 9 AM-2 PM  Emmanuel Council Mtg 6:30 PM	11 3:30 - 5 PM Confirmation at Our Saviors  6-8 PM LYO at Our Saviors	12	13	14
15 9AM Galchutt worship 10:30AM Emmanuel worship	16	17 Office hours for pastor	18 3:30 - 5 PM Confirmation at Our Saviors  Galchutt Annual Meeting 6:30 PM	19	20 Echo Articles due today	21
22 COMMUNION 9AM Galchutt worship 9:45AM Galchutt SS 9:45AM Emmanuel SS 10:30AM Emmanuel worship with POTLUCK & Annual Meeting	23	24 Office hours for pastor	25 3:30 - 5 PM Confirmation at Our Saviors  6-8 PM LYO at Our Saviors	26	27	28
29 9AM Galchutt worship 10:30AM Emmanuel worship	30	31 Office hours for pastor			Emmanuel Altar Guild: Jessica Kappes	

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