

The Echo

April 2023



Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday worship & communion at **Galchutt** @ 9 AM
Sunday School at both churches 9:45 AM
Palm Sunday worship & communion at **Emmanuel** @ 10:30 AM,
followed by *brunch served by the council.*

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday worship service at Emmanuel Lutheran at 7 PM

Friday, April 7

Good Friday worship service at Galchutt Lutheran at 7 PM

Sunday, April 9 - EASTER SUNDAY

Normal worship times at both churches with communion

*Worship With Us
This Easter*



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Glenda Adams will celebrate her 90th Birthday on April 24th. Let's shower her with cards for her birthday. Cards can be sent to:
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Sheyenne Crossings
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"It's better to bite your tongue than to eat your words."
—Frank Sonnenberg

The Emmanuel Council will serve a brunch after worship on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. There will also be noisy offering by the kids during worship. See you then!

Palm Sunday
Brunch 

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY AT EMMANUEL - A SUCCESSFUL DAY!!



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



As we have been journeying with Jonah into the unfinished depths of Lent, we now come to Holy week-Maundy Thursday, when we remember Jesus sharing that last meal with those simple men of faith, and Good Friday, when we witness Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. However, it's three days later when we hear of the joy and amazement surrounding the resurrection of this beloved son.

And why the elation? 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. Witnesses couldn't remain silent because the one they saw hanging on the cross walked once again on the earth appearing to five hundred people! I wonder sometimes why we remain silent? Have we forgotten the man who was tortured on the cross? The impossible miracle that occurred three days later?

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

Kate Bowler offers up this prayer of hopefulness in her book, The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days:

Oh God, I stretch out my hands to you in this early Easter darkness. I need you to pull me up and set me on my feet again, for I am weak and tired. God have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Spirit, have mercy. God, on that first Easter morning, while it was still dark, one woman went alone to the tomb to do what could be done to honor you, though hope had drained away. Two bright angels met her there and then, how is it possible? You were there, fully alive, beyond belief. Blessed are we who stretch out our hands to you in doubt and grief, in sickness of body and mind and spirit, our prayers not fully realized, rejoicing anyway. For that is what makes us Easter people. Carrying forth the realized hope of the Resurrected One, singing our alleluias great and small while it is still dark. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I wish you the most blessed Easter now and forever more! Let us pray. 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; instead, you rose and reached out to others. This visit of love reminds us that it was for all of us that you died. We praise your name for that sweet surprise.


God's blessed peace, *Pastor, Janelle*



Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)



A Grand Entrance

Decades ago, as English actress Gertrude Lawrence waited behind the curtain for a play to begin, the queen upstaged her by arriving at the royal box to much applause. “What an entrance,” Lawrence remarked, to which her friend, playwright Noel Coward, replied, “What a part!”

Jesus certainly made a grand entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, entering to adoring shouts of “Hosanna!” But worldly glory and fame weren’t his intent. Instead, our Lord knew that his Father had prepared a sacrificial role for him. Jesus handled the adulation with dignity and poise. The humble yet courageous Son of God knew that danger, despair and death awaited — but that he must endure it all to fulfill prophecy for humanity’s sake.

The pageantry of Palm Sunday is a stark contrast to the role of Suffering Servant that Jesus faced a few short days later. Yet each event during Holy Week represents victory — for Jesus as well as for his beloved children.

Palm Sunday is a glorious day, so let us wave palms and shout, “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” The Savior has come. What an entrance! What a part!

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Why Christ calls us to worship

Easter services are usually well attended, but what about other weeks? What draws you to worship on an “average” Sunday, and what might Jesus have in store for people in the pews?

Consider this from Pastor Charles Aaron: “Did we come to church this morning thinking it was a safe thing to do? Did we come with some expectation of receiving a blessing, a bit of comfort, but no real challenge? Did we think about the possibility that encountering Jesus would rearrange our lives, explode our priorities, cause us to give more than we ever expected? Did we think we could get a little something from Jesus, a dose of grace to help us through the week? Did we come for the fellowship, the music, the spiritual boost? No one can argue with those reasons.”

He continues: “The risen Christ, however, may have had other plans for this worship service. Christ may want to come under our skins and transform us. Christ may see through us so that something we have well hidden comes to the surface. Christ may kick out from under us the things we use to prop ourselves up but that we don’t really need. Are we ready for that? Did we bargain on that when we walked through the door today?”

—from *The Wired Word*

Jesus answers our uncertainties

Thomas didn’t believe the other disciples when they said Jesus had risen. The two travelers to Emmaus despaired over Jesus’ death, uncertain what might come next.

During our life of faith, we all face questions, doubts and despair. In *Fearless*, Max Lucado says Jesus’ responses to us echo his responses to the disciples. His answer to our doubt is the same as with Thomas: “Touch my body” — which we do every time we connect with the church (the body of Christ), wounds and all. As with the Emmaus disciples, Jesus urges us to ponder his story found in Scripture — which we do through Bible reading and study. Today, just as long ago, Jesus meets his followers — in his body, in his Word — and strengthens our faith.

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Logan Biffert *
Natalie Caulkins
David Fixen
Kyle Krump
Alan Muhs
James Overby
Larry Wold

Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

The Galchutt Lutheran Church council met on March 20th at 6:30 PM. Members present were Pastor Janelle, Larry Wold, Logan Biffert, Jim Overby, Natalie Caulkins, Al Muhs and David Fixen.

President Logan called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle led us in devotions. The minutes of the February 15th meeting was read by David.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Janelle turned in her mileage of 290. Her CPE training will conclude at the end of March. The next step in Pastor Janelle's Seminary education will be the Candidacy committee's decision for Endorsement. This will occur in April. After that successful decision happens, then Pastor Janelle's Internship will begin. Pastor Janelle is continuing to make home visits and phone calls to her parishioners.

Old Business: Kyle Krump texted that he found one vacuum on the Home Depot website for \$100 less than the vacuum store in Fargo. With bags and tax, it would be just under \$400. It is a Hoover commercial vacuum. Natalie will bring the noisy vacuum home for Brandon to look at it before we get rid of it.

New Business: The south fridge in the kitchen is not working and needs to be replaced. Johnny and Doug Kuruc have been contacted and will be doing the mowing for this summer. Summer worship services are tentatively scheduled to be held on Sundays.

Treasurer's Report: Kendra Dockter joined the meeting. Kendra will look at Bremer and First Community Credit Union for our banking needs. She will see how their fee structures compare.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12th at 7 PM. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, David Fixen

LWR NEWS

Despite the weather conditions, or more accurately poor road conditions on March 18, we had a good turnout for the 2023 National Quilting Day. Five adults and four children spent all or part of the day with us making quilts. Two quilt tops were made from pieces previously cut and five additional tops were sandwiched and tied, all of which will be sent to LWR in May, along with those prepared at other times since the last In-Gathering in October 2022. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and conversation during the five hours we spent together.



Lutheran World Relief is in desperate need of quilts, personal care kits, school kits, as well as cash to meet the tremendous needs for refugees from the war in Eastern Europe and earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria.

The collection of towels and bar soap for LWR Personal Care Kits has been extended due to the stormy weather we experienced during Lent, so donations will be accepted through April. During the late summer and early fall we will be collecting supplies for school kits, so please watch for announcements at that time indicating the items needed.

The quilters will be working again April 18th from 9 AM to 2 PM. We welcome anyone who is interested. Doug H. is back at work so he won't be joining us to cut fabric and eat a bite of lunch but we'd love it if you could join us for all or part of the next quilting day. We can use any help or support you would be willing to give. Call 701-403-3772 for any questions you might have about what we do.

Ellen Rittenhouse



Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on March 22, 2023, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, LouAnn Lee, Julie Lehman, Craig Syvertsen, Katrina Heyen, Sharon Tschakert 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 Sharon. All passed.

Treasurer's report: LouAnn reported that the first three months of 2023 are on track. LouAnn reported that she renewed a CD for the Cemetery Fund at Vantage Bank. Motion was made to approve report by Tessa with a second by Julie. All passed.

Pastors Report: Pastor Janelle reported mileage of 290 miles for February. She has been doing home visits as well as at the hospital. She has been able to work this in around the weather. She is close to finishing her CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education). She started endorsement paperwork and will have an interview on May 5th after this is complete. She will officially start her internship after that is finished. LouAnn made a motion to approve her mileage with a second by Sharon. All passed.

Stewardship: No Report

Education: LouAnn reported that Sunday School is going well.

Worship: No report. Need to meet with Galchutt worship team.

Property: Still are working on estimate for the front door. Bids have come in high. Looking into fixing hardware for the present time instead of buying a new front door.

Old Business: LouAnn is working on scheduling date that Thrivent Financial Tom Larson will come meet council to discuss investment options.

New Business: Palm Sunday breakfast will be made by the council on Sunday, April 2nd.

Next meeting will be April 11, 2023, at 6:30 PM. Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Sharon. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Tessa Tschakert

An early start to spring cleaning

Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, Lent comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some spiritual spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.

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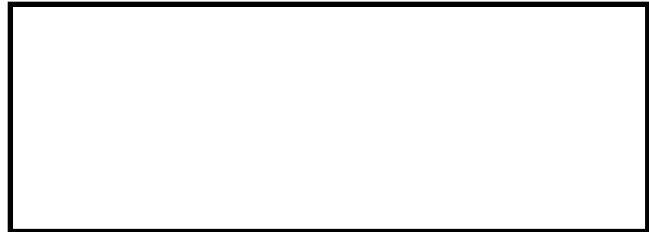
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