

The Echo

May 2023



Our summer worship schedule will start on Memorial Day weekend with services at 9 AM on Sundays and 7:30 PM on Wednesdays.

May 28 - Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran at 9 AM

May 31 - Wednesday night Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran at 7:30 PM

June 4 - Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran at 9 AM

June 7 - Wednesday night Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran at 7:30 PM

June 11 - Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran at 9 AM

June 14 - Wednesday night Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran at 7:30 PM

June 18 - Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran at 9 AM

June 21 - Wednesday night Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran at 7:30 PM

June 25 - Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran at 9 AM

June 28 - Wednesday night Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran at 7:30 PM

NO SERVICES ON JULY 2ND OR JULY 5TH



**Summer
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**



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Congratulations to these graduates who are members of Emmanuel Lutheran.



Carli Niemi, daughter of Jolene & Fred Tol, plans to attend NDSU for Veterinary Technology.



Teddy Flaa, son of John & Becky Flaa, plans to attend NDSCS for agronomy.

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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TO BE MYLE
the table Young Adult Gathering

We are created to **be brave**, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.

We are created to **be authentic**, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.

We are created to **be free**, to be transformed by the gospel.

We are created to **be disruptive**, to work for justice for all our siblings.

We are created to **be disciples**, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.



JULY 16-24, 2024 IN NEW ORLEANS!

YOUTH GATHERING
GRADES 8TH-12TH (AS OF FALL 2023)

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING
AGES 18-35 AT THE TIME OF GATHERING

**Interest and informational meeting
for all Youth, Young Adults, or Adult
Chaperones**

**May 3, 2023 – 5:30 pm @
Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

We look forward to trying some fun summer worship ideas during a few of our Wednesday night services at Emmanuel. Is there one of you who could play guitar or another instrument once or twice during the summer? We would love to have you contact us to help on some campfire-type music nights. No professional experience required!! If you can pick, you are in!

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



This is the season of Easter. We wait for new life in the spring around us, watching snow melt, flowers bloom, birds return, proclaiming ourselves resurrection people, knowing that we too will have life after death. Our revitalization comes as we journey with Christ asking questions, praying, and looking to discover how He will appear in our lives, our churches and communities.

Sometimes, however, we miss the big picture of the resurrection as we focus on the details. Limited as we are in our human understanding, we view this miracle in more manageable bites: Jesus Christ was born; He lived and ministered among us; He died; He was raised; He will come again. But in doing so, we can sometimes miss the magic of the whole event-how God reached down and with one man changed life itself. The entire story of Jesus, from birth through resurrection, is God's number one act, His grand hurrah. How can we understand this? The incident on the road to Emmaus can guide us, offering a glimpse into the whole mystery: Two disciples, after witnessing the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, are wrapped up in these events not realizing until later that these experiences were only part of a whole plan. Like these men, we too may walk through life with blinders, marking each separate event in Jesus's life. But how much sweeter it is when we can penetrate beyond the cross and tomb and find ourselves initiated into the mystery of the resurrection, knowing conquered death frees us to live. Royce J. Scherf's hymn says it best:

O God of life's great mystery,
 We bring you this hopeful plea:
 Give us insight strong and keen,
 The joyful sense of things unseen.

Through preaching of the living Word,
 In sacraments of water poured,
 With eucharistic bread and wine,
 Bring us the gift of life divine.



Reveal yourself to us in this season of Easter and throughout the year; give us your word so we might continue in your love and mercy. God's blessings to you all.

Pastor Janelle



A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at my women's Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, "Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you're so old and it doesn't matter?" Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently, "I'm cramming for my finals."
 —Florence Littauer, *Women's Devotional Bible*

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

A. 9 a.m.
 B. Noon
 C. 3:30 p.m.
 D. 9 p.m.



Answer: A (See Acts 2:15.)



What are some of the things that you vividly remember from your childhood? Were there annual church or school picnics or gatherings? How about events your youth group did together? Send them in and share those stories with our readers of fun times you remember.

One of the things I recall was the annual picnic at Amor Park on Ottertail Lake with members of the Galchutt Church - always a fun day. However, I also remember when I left my brand-new swimsuit, a purple one with a "skirt," at the park that day. Traumatic for a young kid. I thought it was the best suit I had ever owned, and I lost it!

Another memory I have is how Miss Griffith taught us the meaning of why people wear poppies before Memorial Day, and the poem written about those poppies. The poppy is known as a sign of support for the Armed Forces community, those currently serving, veterans, and for all those who have fallen in conflict. In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae wrote his famous poem after seeing poppies growing in battle-scarred fields. I am sure there are several of you who had Miss Griffith as a teacher that can still recite the poem, *In Flanders Fields*. In all my years, I only recall two Memorial Days that we were not around to honor those veterans who have passed. Summer vacation always starts for us the weekend after Memorial Day. Here is hoping everyone has a great start to summer - whenever it starts for you. *Lou Ann Lee*



LWR News

Thank you to all who have donated items for Personal Care Kits. They will all be boxed for shipment to the Minneapolis warehouse during the week of May 15-19. There will be a blessing of the kits and quilts on May 14th during worship. We are continuing to work on quilts and the final count of kits and quilts will be reported in the next ECHO.

The next quilt workday will be May 9 from 9 AM to 2 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Ellen Rittenhouse

In Flanders Fields *by John McCrae*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you, from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders fields.



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 April 12, 2023, at 7 PM. Members present were Pastor Janelle, Logan Biffert, Larry Wold, David Fixen, Natalie Caulkins, Jim Overby and Al Muhs. President Logan called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle led us in devotions. The minutes from the March 20 meeting were read by David. Logan presented the treasurer's report.

Pastor Janelle had 224 miles in March. She has completed her CPE training. Pastor Janelle has been busy writing term papers in preparation for her May 5th endorsement interview meeting.

The council will continue to look for a new vacuum and a new fridge. The summer schedule will start May 28th with Galchutt having a 9 AM Sunday service and Emmanuel having a 7:30 PM Wednesday service. Addie will be available to play for Galchutt this summer. Pastor Janelle will inquire with the Wahpeton High and NDSCS music departments for additional pianist options. The council decided to move our Wells Fargo accounts to Bremer Bank. An internship lay committee of 2 or 3 people needs to be formed. They would meet monthly with the pastor for a year. Natalie will be in charge of finding people for that committee. As part of Pastor Janelle's internship, Pastor Jule will be her advisor. Scott Fixen has asked to get off of the Worship committee. David Fixen and Kendra Dockter will join the Worship committee. Pastor Janelle will be teaching confirmation next fall with Pastor Jule at Our Savior's church.

The next meeting will be held May 10 at 7 PM. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

David Fixen, Secretary

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Galchutt Lutheran Church

- In memory of Lois Moen
Lynn & Vicki Syvertsen

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- In memory of Lois Moen
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Emmanuel Church

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- Melanie Jensen



We keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ Pastor Janelle and her family. Pastor Janelle's father Virgil passed away on April 25;
- ◆ Larry S., Marlowe, Micah, and Alice, as they deal with health issues;
- ◆ Our graduates, may they find the way the Lord directs them; and
- ◆ Any who face health issues, addiction issues, or other issues that we may not be aware of.





Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on April 11, 2023, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, Lou Ann Lee, Fred Tol, 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. Motion made and seconded to approve report.

Treasurer's Report: Lou Ann reported that Galchutt has transferred the Echo Fund to Emmanuel. Sponsors for the Echo are needed. Donation is \$100 per month. She also reported working with a representative from Thrivent to discuss investment options and will see what works to get a meeting date scheduled. We are on track for our budget. Motion made and seconded to approve report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Janelle completed her Clinical Pastoral Education. Graduation was on March 30, 2023. Her endorsement interview will be in May. She is happy to be close to completion. Last dates of confirmation are in April. Pastor Janelle helps Pastor Jule with the youth in our community and has 21 students in confirmation. Mileage for March is 224 miles. A motion was made and seconded to approve mileage.

Stewardship: Membership drive will start this spring. Committee will meet with Pastor Janelle and set up dates. More to follow.

Education: Lou Ann reported that Sunday school has 2 more dates in April. We may plan a once-a-month evening session this summer prior to the worship service.

Worship: No report.

Property: Ceiling is leaking above the entry on the back of church. It is a flat roof and will need to be repaired when the snow melts and equipment can get behind the church. Ceiling tiles in Upstad room along with the stairway will need to be replaced after repairs are done. Looking for someone to mow for the summer.

Old Business: Bids are still being researched for replacement of hardware on front door.

New Business: Pastor Janelle will need an Internship Committee, two from each parish who will meet monthly with her for a year. Galchutt has chosen to keep normal Sunday worship throughout the summer. Emmanuel has chosen to have their weekly worship on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM starting May 31. Next meeting will be May 9, 2023, at 6:30 PM. Lou Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Tessa. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Tessa Tschakert

Come as you are!

As a young pastor, Stan Purdum de-husked black walnuts one Saturday, not realizing his hands would be badly stained. They looked filthy, he recalls, and the marks would not wash off; they'd have to wear off. Then Purdum realized he'd be serving Holy Communion the next day.

Before distributing the elements, the pastor apologized to congregants, explaining that his hands were washed but just stained. Years later, Purdum reflected: "Now that I have a fuller grasp of theology under my belt, I think a better thing for me to say would have been, 'Nobody comes to Communion with clean hands.'" We're all unworthy to receive Jesus' body and blood, but that's exactly why he offers it. Thanks be to God for redeeming and forgiving us — wiping away the stain of our sins!

—adapted from The Wired Word





	1	2	3 5:30 PM 2024 Youth Gathering Mtg	4	5	6 11 AM Funeral for Pastor Janelle's father in Rutland
7 "Communion" 9 AM Galchutt worship 10:30 AM Emmanuel worship	8	9 9 AM-2 PM ELC Quilting 6:30 PM Emmanuel Council Mtg	10 7 PM Galchutt Council Mtg	11	12	13
14 "Mothers Day" 9 AM Galchutt worship with SS following 10:30 AM Emmanuel worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 "Communion" 9 AM Galchutt worship 10:30 AM Emmanuel worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 "Pentecost" 9 AM Galchutt worship RHS graduation	29 "Memorial Day"	30	31 7:30 PM Emmanuel Worship			Emmanuel Altar Guild: Tessa T.

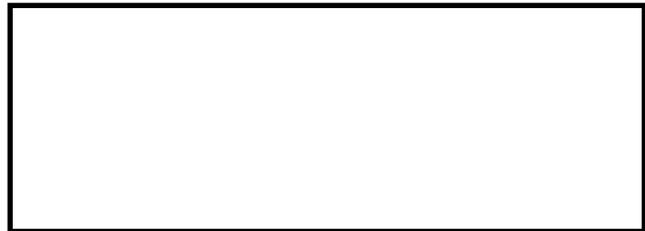
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