

The Echo

June 2023

Our summer worship schedule started Memorial Day .

June 4 - 9 AM Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran

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

June 11 - 9 AM Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran

June 14 - 7:30 PM Wednesday night Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran
(Simple supper at 7 PM)

June 18 - 9 AM Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran

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

June 25 - 9 AM Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran

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

NO SERVICES ON JULY 2ND OR JULY 5TH

July 9 - 9 AM Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran

July 12 - 7:30 PM Wednesday night Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran



**Summer
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**



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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



RHS Seniors Carli Niemi and Teddy Flaa were blessed with quilts on Sunday, May 21st. Congratulations on their graduation.



Palmer Paul Biffert, son of Logan and Caitlyn, was baptized on May 21st at Galchutt Lutheran. God Bless little Palmer and welcome to your faith family!



20 Quilts and 38 Personal Care Kits were blessed on Sunday, May 14th, at Emmanuel. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.





I want to thank you all for your prayers and support during this time of my dad's passing. I so appreciate all the cards and those who could attend the funeral. It meant the world to me. I am



blessed to be doing ministry with such a wonderful group. God has blessed my family and me with all your support these last three weeks. You have given me time to grieve and be with my family. "Thank you" doesn't seem enough, but it is all I have to offer as we walk this life journey. God bless you all!

I had my interview for Endorsement on Friday, May 5. I am officially endorsed. Thank you to the four people who have said 'yes' to being on the Internship Lay Committee: Pamela Krump (Chair), Paul Cleveland, Lesley Hulne, and Ellen Rittenhouse. This committee has agreed to meet with me once a month for a year. Please keep the committee and me in your prayers as we journey together in this internship. Pastor Jule Ballinger from Richland/Our Saviors churches will be my supervisor for the internship. My internship will start on June 1st.

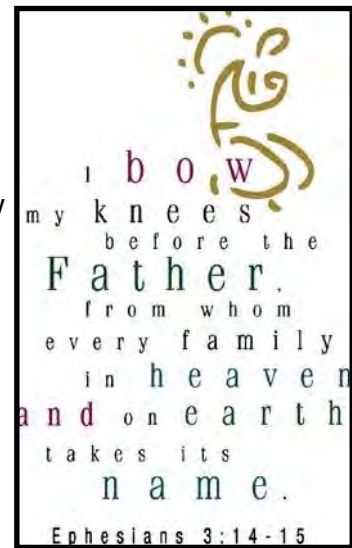
As we journey into the summer, we will have two opportunities for you to worship. Worship Sunday mornings at Galchutt at 9 AM or Wednesday nights at Emmanuel at 7:30 PM. Once a month, on Wednesday evenings at Emmanuel, we will have a simple cookout at 7 PM prior to the worship service at 7:30 PM.

Summer is a time for family trips, lake time, and still time to be together to worship and give God the glory. God calls us to be in community with one another as you venture into summer. Remember your church and continue to pray for and worship with us when you can.

I leave you with a reading from Ephesians 3:14-19: "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every **FAMILY** in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Take this prayer with you this summer and know your church family is always here for you. Have a wonderful summer and be safe.

God bless you always, Pastor Janelle Hansen



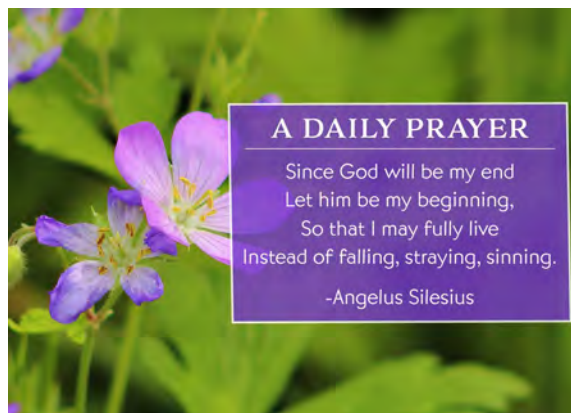
The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*


Beginnings and Endings

As a long-term quilter, I have learned many tips and tricks that have much broader applications. In sewing we learn to use what many call beginners and enders to avoid “bird nests” of thread (a tangle of thread on the underside) at the beginning of a seam. There are times of the year that have natural beginnings or endings such as school years and church years. As a child my church did not have “B’s & E’s” for Sunday School. Later, as a mother I learned some areas did not have year-round Sunday School. There are births and deaths in our family and friendships as well as moves for work etc. Some of these changes are fulfilling and some may be anxiety provoking.

How do you experience the “beginnings and endings” in your life? As we think about or read Bible stories there are many examples to which I can relate. In the Old Testament, we read the story of the exodus from Egypt that some found very trying to their faith. In the New Testament we read about Jesus leaving his family to begin his ministry, the calling of the disciples to leave their families and work to follow Him, and the Ascension of Jesus that left the disciples and followers to begin a new ministry. What example of the numerous “beginnings and endings” provide guidance for your life in the church today? It is encouraging to see the new beginnings in our churches!



Ellen Rittenhouse



Thank you for your donations and the assistance of many who contributed to the recent shipment of 20 quilts and 38 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. There is a great need in Ukraine, Turkey, Syria, East Africa, and all over the world as they deal with conflict and earthquakes. In Tanzania many are starving due to drought in the high mountains. The young children receive limited food that contributes to failure to thrive and grow normally. Some have questioned sending quilts rather than food. A study revealed that children were using their food intake energy to keep warm rather than grow, and quilts are very important in helping them to grow and develop normally.

Our next project kits will be the school kits to be shipped in October. Watch for information about the items needed for those kits. Quilting will continue June 13 from 9 AM to 2 PM at Emmanuel for all who want to join us.

The ELC Quilting group



**In order to assist those who mow and maintain our cemetery:
***All artificial flowers or vases that are not on the cement surrounding the tombstones need to be removed from Emmanuel Cemetery by June 15th. Items left after these dates will be removed & disposed.**

Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on May 9, 2023, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, Lou Ann Lee, Fred Tol, Craig Syvertsen, Katrina Heyen, Julie Lehman, and Sharon Tschakert. Meeting was called to order by President Craig and Pastor Janelle led us in devotions.

Secretary's Report: Report was read by Sharon. Lou Ann made a motion to approve with a second by Katrina. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: LouAnn reported on the finances for the past month. Fred made a motion to approve with a second by Katrina. All approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Janelle reported she had her endorsement interview on May 5, and her internship was approved. Her internship will start sometime next month. An internship committee of four members (two from each church) will meet with her once a month. There is a \$1,000 fee for internship. Pastor Jule will be her supervisor. Mileage for April was 194. LouAnn made a motion to approve mileage with a second by Fred. All passed. The national youth gathering is in 2024.

Stewardship: Stewardship drive will start soon with cookie baking and delivery on May 30.

Education: Lou Ann reported Sunday school is completed. We may plan a once-a-month evening session this summer prior to the worship service. To be determined.

Worship: No report as we haven't been able to meet with Galchutt yet.

Property: The leak above the Upstad room will be checked now the snow is gone and the ground hard enough for equipment. Ceiling tiles need to be replaced. Bids are still being researched for replacement of hardware on front door. Fred will check on new closure for front door until more research can be done regarding new door. The information from the April 25 Thrivent meeting was discussed and a plan agreed upon. Janelle Lehman has agreed to mow cemetery and church property.

New Business: Lou Ann stated there are many areas where we should check into getting completed: The white brick areas around the outside windows need paint. The office should be painted. The carpet in the office, Fireside, and entry should be cleaned. We should start looking into updating our sound system as this is an old system and very hard to hear. Fred suggested a mini-water heater in the main bathroom. We will have our June 14th service in the park with maybe supper preceding the service. Next meeting will be June 13, 2023, at 6:30 PM. LouAnn made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Katrina. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary Pro Tem, Sharon Tschakert



Craig Syvertsen *
Katrina Heyen
Lou Ann Lee
Julie Lehman
Fred Tol
Sharon Tschakert
Tessa Tschakert

Just like Dad.....

At the beginning of his ministry career, Jerry Steen supplemented his income by mixing animal feed. When his two young boys greeted him at home, they laughed at his dusty appearance before he headed to the shower.

"I didn't think too much of this until I was washing my car and saw my older son doing something very strange," Steen recalls. "He was picking up the gravel and stones in our drive and rubbing them into his pants." Curious, the father asked what the boy was doing. "I want to be dusty like you, Dad!" his son replied. For Steen, that was an eye-opener. "I realized that if a child would look up to his father for being dusty and want to copy his father," he says, "a child could look up to his father and follow him for anything." What traits and qualities are you modeling and passing on — to your own kids and to anyone else who looks up to you?





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 May 10 at 7PM. Members present were Pastor Janelle, Logan Biffert, David Fixen, Larry Wold, Natalie Caulkins, and Al Muhs. President Logan called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle led us in devotions.

The council approved the minutes of the April 12 meeting that were read by David.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Janelle reported that she had 140 miles in April. Pastor Janelle has received her Endorsement and will soon be our new Intern pastor. Pamela Krump and Paul Cleveland will be our representatives on the Internship Lay committee.

The council approved the purchase of the Hoover commercial vacuum for the Church. Al and Kyle Krump will look for a new fridge. Kyle has a new door latch for the Fellowship Hall. The council approved the use of the church by the American Legion for their Memorial Day Service. The council approved the use of the fellowship hall by Lori Loff for her sewing class. Emmanuel and Galchutt will split the \$1,000.00 cost of Pastor Janelle’s internship through Wartburg Seminary. Communion will be held on the first Sunday of the month for this summer. Larry and David did some cleanup work around the outside of the church. The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans. The Synod Assembly is June 3-4 at the Fargo Holiday Inn. Roger Quamme’s burial will be June 12 at 1PM at St. John’s cemetery.

The next meeting will be June 6 at 7 PM. The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Secretary, David Fixen

Come glorify God together

Don’t use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God’s command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you’ll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshipping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come.

—*Monica L. Wilkinson from Newsletter.com*

**** As a side note to the article to the left, come worship with us on Wednesday nights, even if you are just coming home from work or the field. Casual dress is totally acceptable!!**

Come as you are!!!





Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3 Eastern ND Synod conference
4 Trinity Sunday 9AM Worship at Galchutt with communion	5 Gloria Halgunseth burial at 3 PM at Emmanuel	6 Galchutt council meeting 7 PM	7 7:30 PM Worship at Emmanuel with communion	8	9	10
11 9AM Worship at Galchutt	12 Roger Quamme burial 1 PM at St. John's 6:30 PM Internship lay committee meeting	13 Emmanuel council meeting 6:30 PM Emmanuel quilting 9AM - 2 PM	14 7:30 PM Worship at Emmanuel (simple supper at 7 PM)	15	16	17
18 Fathers Day 9AM Worship at Galchutt	19	20	21 7:30 PM Worship at Emmanuel 1 PM Marvin Kensinger burial	22	23	24
25 9AM Worship at Galchutt 7 PM Youth gathering meeting	26	27	28 7:30 PM Worship at Emmanuel	29	30	Emmanuel Altar Guild: Tessa Tschakert 

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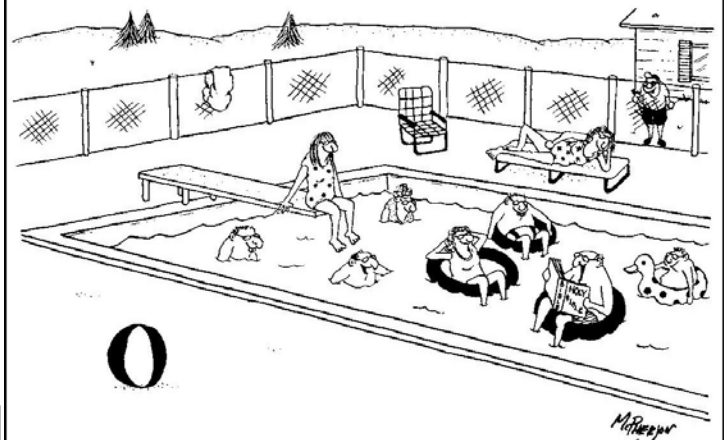
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Just for Laughs.....



We've struck on a sure-fire way to get the neighbors together for Bible study!