

The Echo

July 2023



NO SERVICES ON JULY 2ND OR JULY 5TH

July 9 - 9 AM Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran

July 12 - 7 PM Wednesday night Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran

July 16 - 9 AM Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran

July 19 - 7 PM Wednesday night Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran

July 23 - 9 AM Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran

July 26 - 7 PM Wednesday night **"Dinner Church"** at Emmanuel Lutheran

July 30 - 9 AM Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran

August 2 - 7 PM Wednesday night Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran

August 6 - 9 AM Sunday Worship at Galchutt Lutheran

August 9 - 7 PM Wednesday night Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran

***** Note Emmanuel services have changed to 7 PM.**



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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



On June 4, 2023, Klay Ellis Paczkowski was baptized at Galchutt Lutheran Church. Klay is the son of Alexandra & Shawn Paczkowski. Welcome to your faith family, Klay!



Dinner Church ??

WHO WILL LEAD WORSHIP WHEN THE PASTOR IS GONE?

If you have ever had this question or should be asking this question, come for a community conversation.

Tuesday / July 25, 2023
Nazareth Lutheran Church
Cogswell, ND

Meal Served at 5:30 pm
Conversation at 6:30 pm

Meal provided by
Nazareth Lutheran Church

Conversation Moderator
Deacon Erin Power
EaND Synod Director
of Evangelical Mission

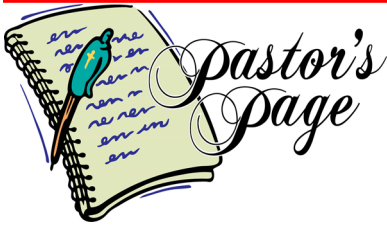
For: All lay and pastoral leaders in the Wahpeton Conference
Bring: Your curiosity and creativity

Contact Pastor Julie Johnson (701) 799-5206 if you have any questions and please text /call by Friday, July 21, with the number of people who plan to come. This information will be helpful for Nazareth Lutheran Church.

Dinner Church - Emmanuel Church on
Wednesday, July 26, at 7 PM
Potluck, Fun, For All

Come have supper with us. Come one, come all, as we gather like the early church around the table for a meal and fellowship. Potluck will be our menu. All ages participate together, being fed in body and spirit. We will share in scripture, prayers, and Holy Communion. For a little more information on what a dinner church actually is, see page 3.

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



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we welcome the sunshine into the summer season, we also welcome you to enjoy all that summer brings—baseball, softball, camps, and family vacations. During this time continue thinking and praying for your churches. As we move into the month of July, we ask you to continue to support your churches by sending in your offering or direct deposit. We truly need each other in this season and every season of life. Thank you, enjoy the nice weather, and remember to worship with us on Sundays at 9 AM at Galchutt or Wednesdays at 7 PM at Emmanuel.

People of God, let your eyes look to summer with a changed heart, ready for all God calls us to do in this community and beyond. In Luke 21, Jesus tells us, “Look at a fig tree.” Any tree for that matter. When the leaves begin to show, one look tells you that summer is right around the corner. The same here—when you see these things happen, you know God’s kingdom is about here. Don’t brush this off: I’m not just saying this for some future generation, but for this one, too—these things will happen. Sky and earth will wear out; my words won’t wear out.

“But be on your guard. Don’t let the sharp edge of your expectation get dulled by parties, drinking and shopping. Otherwise, that Day is going to take you by complete surprise, spring on you suddenly like a trap, for it’s going to come on everyone, everywhere, at once. So, whatever you do, don’t fall asleep at the wheel. Pray constantly that you will have the strength and wits to make it through everything that’s coming and end up on your feet before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:29-36 MSG).

God is calling all of us to watch out for each other and be prepared with open hearts and eyes to welcome all! Just as the trees get ready for summer, we get ready to welcome the days at the lake, summer trips, and relaxation from the fall schedule. We are called to remember one another through prayer and serving each other, offering help when possible, and trusting God through it all.

God bless you on these beautiful summer days!

Peace, Pastor Janelle





When Pastor Janelle first suggested to our council the idea of “dinner church,” we had no idea to what she was referring. However, after her explanation, it sounded like something intriguing we wanted to try. After a little internet surfing, I found it was not something new at all and that many churches of all denominations have done them for years. Jon Davis wrote an article called “Dinner Church” and I will share excerpts with you. Emmanuel has decided to venture to this “not so new” concept with our July 26th Wednesday night worship. We invite anyone to attend, old friends, new friends, former members, and anyone who wants to gather together as a community of believers! Here are parts of Davis’s article:

Much of what we see in the Gospels happens around a meal or in general food. Whether it was Simon Peter’s home, the wedding at Cana, the feeding of 5,000, Zacchaeus’ house and many others; sharing of food was a common means of sharing the good news of the Kingdom. There is food involved in every resurrection account and Jesus founded the church in a sacramental, covenantal meal. If Jesus had a Day-Timer recording his activities, we would see that he prayed, taught, performed miracles and healings, and he ate.

Somewhere along the way the church lost the centrality of the meal as ministry. Since the Reformation, church became a place you went on Sunday to primarily be taught and sufficiently catechized. Many Christians are rediscovering the value of the meal. We call this movement Dinner Church. The Dinner Church mission is to recapture the table as a place where relationships are built, connections are made, the Gospel is shared, faith is cultivated, and lives are changed. This was normative in the early church and it must be so again as the way forward for the church’s mission in a changed world. This kind of hospitality opens doors, hearts and minds. In a world where people are constantly choosing sides, a meal is a place where we can look across the table, have meaningful engagement and say to one another, your life matters.

The Dinner Church format is quite simple and taps something that most churches are already good at, putting on a potluck. We have a meal with missional intention; we will tell a Jesus Story, have some discussion around the table, say some prayers and mostly love and serve our neighbors with kindness and generosity.

Sadly, in our culture the church is often suspect. People are often unwilling to cross the threshold into a foreign format. There are too many questions about what we do and why we do it in terms of our worship, preaching, music and more. But a Dinner? Come on! This is a cultural trend many restaurants, coffee shops are weaving some community tables into the seating arrangements. Everyone has to eat and the table is less of a threat, it is a known, familiar and welcomed space. Jesus knew this and modeled the table as a great mission field. We are taught to follow Jesus, let’s follow him to the table and a meal where all are welcomed.



We will provide bread for this night but as with all potlucks, you are free to bring whatever you want to share at this potluck. That’s the fun of a potluck! Bring your entire family, all ages. We hope to see you there.

Lou Ann Lee



Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “this is our Father's world” and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, “O let [us] ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.

—by Sandy Hyland for Newsletter.com

American independence

John Adams, who became America’s second president, was so elated when the United States was about to celebrate independence from England that he wrote:

“It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore.”

Enjoy your freedom

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it’s easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally led them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, saying they would’ve been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus his life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this encouragement: “For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (NRSV).

We’re no longer bound by sin and death. That “independence” is worth celebrating every day!

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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 June 6 at 7 PM. Members present were Pastor Janelle, Logan Biffert, Al Muhs, Larry Wold, David Fixen, Natalie Caulkins, and Jim Overby. President Logan called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle led us in devotions.

The council approved the minutes of the May 25 meeting. Logan presented the treasurer's report. The council approved the treasurer's report. Pastor Janelle reported that she had 368 miles in May. She made 7 in person visits and 2 phone visits. Pastor Janelle attended the Wahpeton conference meeting. There was a Youth Gathering informational meeting in May and there will be another one in June.

There was no new information on a fridge or vacuum. Roger Quamme's burial will be on June 12 at 1 PM. David will order a summer fill for propane.

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

Secretary, David Fixen

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Thank you to everyone who has agreed to receive their copy of *The Echo* by electronic means. We hope it is not getting lost in what seems to be the ever-growing email Inbox and that you are getting the information just as effectively. Please let us know if this method is working or if we need to go back to mailing to all at the non-profit rate. When we use the regular postage, we are able to advertise for organizations that are for-profit, if we have space available - but we appreciate a small donation. We have been notified that postage rates are once again rising on July 9th. Even with over 100 members/friends receiving *The Echo* by email, we still mail out 100 copies to others. Our postage alone costs over \$60 per month, and there are also copier and paper costs. In the past we have always been ahead on sponsorships but that is not the case right now. We only have one sponsor for September at this time. Please consider sponsoring a month of *The Echo*. The form can be found on the back page. Thank you so much! Enjoy your summer.



The Echo staff



Craig Syvertsen *
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Julie Lehman
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Sharon Tschakert
Tessa Tschakert

Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on June 13, 2023, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, Lou Ann Lee, Craig Syvertsen, Sharon Tschakert, Julie Lehman, 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: Lou Ann reported she will include information in the next Echo regarding the electronic offering form, trying to generate more revenue during summer when numbers are lower. The Vanco electronic giving is being cancelled due to some scammer attempts with that service. Paperwork has been submitted to Thrivent for investments approved by council. Motion was made to approve report by Tessa with a second by Sharon. All passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Janelle reported she had seven in-person visits, two phone visits, one burial, attended the Wahpeton conference, the National Youth Gathering Meeting and had internship zoom meetings with Wartburg College. Mileage for May is 368. Tessa made a motion to approve her mileage with a second by LouAnn. All passed.

Stewardship: Members cookie drive has started with another date set for July delivery. August 16 was set for a picnic in the park.

Education: Break for summer. Worship: No report. Property: No report.

Old Business: We have hired someone to paint the office on July 24. Office was last painted when Pastor Kirchenwitz was here.

New Business: none.

Next meeting will be July 11, 2023, at 6:30 PM. Tessa made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by LouAnn. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Tessa Tschakert



Thank you to those who enrolled in the monthly electronic offering system or those who donate on an annual basis. The Emmanuel Church has cancelled our connection with Vanco Financial services for electronic giving. We continue to offer free electronic donation through Vantage Bank in Kent, MN. You do not need to be a Vantage Bank customer to use this service. More information can be found on the church website at

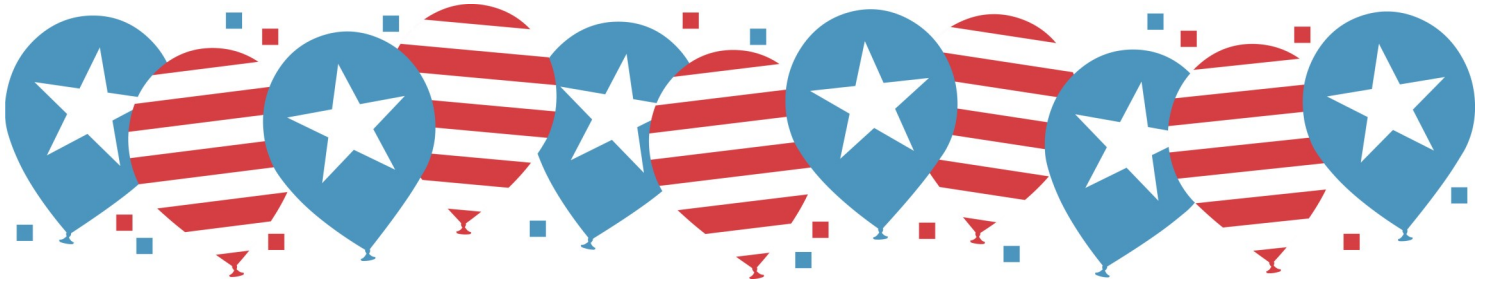
<https://galchuttemmanuel.weebly.com/egivingoffering---emmanuel.html>

Both churches want to remind you not to forget to send your offerings to your respective church. Most all our bills remain the same 12 months out of the year. Thank you so much for considering this and enjoy your summer!!!

Alice Guinness will be celebrating her 90th birthday on July 20th. Birthday greetings can be sent to her at:

**c/o Eventide -
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| 2 No worship | 3 | 4 | 5 No worship | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 9AM Worship at Galchutt with communion | 10 Galchutt council meeting 7 PM | 11 Emmanuel council meeting 6:30 PM | 12 7 PM Worship at Emmanuel with communion | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9AM Worship at Galchutt | 17 | 18 | 19 7 PM Worship at Emmanuel | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9AM Worship at Galchutt | 24 Internship lay committee Meeting @ 6 PM | 25 | 26 7 PM "Dinner Church" at Emmanuel with communion (potluck) | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9AM Worship at Galchutt | 31 | | | | Emmanuel Altar Guld: Ellen Rittenhouse | |

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