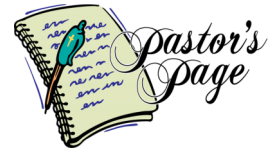


# The Echo

August 2023



## AUGUST EVENTS

**Tuesday, August 1** - 7 PM Sunday School meeting at Galchutt  
**Wednesday, August 2** - 7 PM Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran

**NO SERVICES ON AUGUST 6TH AT GALCHUTT LUTHERAN**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH - 10:30 AM COMMUNITY WORSHIP  
AT ABERCROMBIE PARK PAVILION FOR ABER DAYS,  
FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK DINNER**

**Tuesday, August 8** - Emmanuel council meeting at 6:30 PM  
**Wednesday, August 9** - 7 PM Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran  
**Thursday, August 10** - Galchutt council meeting at 6:30 PM

**Sunday, August 13** - 9 AM Worship & Communion at Galchutt Lutheran  
**Wednesday, August 16** - 5 to 7 PM "Picnic in the Park" sponsored by Emmanuel Lutheran at Abercrombie Park Pavilion

**Sunday, August 20** - 9 AM Worship at Galchutt Lutheran  
**Wednesday, August 23** - 7 PM Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran

**Sunday, August 27** - 9 AM Worship at Galchutt Lutheran  
**Sunday, August 27** - 7 PM Youth Gathering Meeting at Richland Lutheran



**Wednesday, August 30** - Emmanuel  
7 PM "Dinner Church" potluck with communion



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# EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



**Dinner Church - Emmanuel Church on Wednesday, August 30, at 7 PM. Potluck, Fun, For All**

**Come have supper with us and participate in our second Dinner Church. 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 share in scripture, songs, prayer, and Holy Communion, all around the table.**

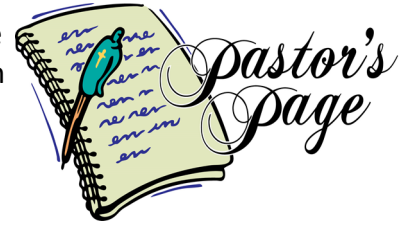


Dinner Church on July 26th



**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)**

Here we are in the middle of summer, and fall activities will start before we know it. I hope you are all enjoying the warm weather and time with your families. In her poem, "For This Lovely Day," poet Kate Bowler reminds us not to take these crazy, lazy summer days for granted but rather feel joy in the simple blessings of each wonderful day.



"God, this season has been such a slog that it's hard to remember what it was like to be surprised by wonder. I no longer notice the little things that used to stop me in my tracks. Like the bird's song. Or the redbud's blossom. Or the twinkling sky. Or the sound of his laugh. Or their crinkly-nose smile. They have become white noise, a blur of details in my daily grind.

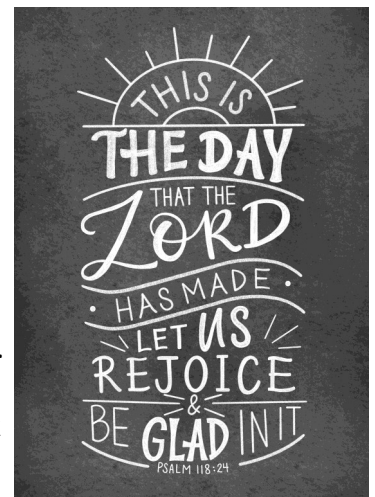
Refresh me, oh God. Remind me of the loveliness found in today. Surprise me with the details I have lost the eyes to see. Blessed are we, awakening from the boredom of routine, desiring to drink in from the beauty around us once again, full of the love you have given us, the joy that is hidden among the reeds of the ordinary. Blessed are we who desire to feel our hearts soar with the glory set in the heavens, the moon, and the stars, with awe at the people right in front of us, with the beauty of the lily in its elegant purity, and the mystery and power of the tiniest seed, bursting to life as it was always destined to do.

This world you made. It is irreducibly sublime. Blessed are we who ask, for hearts that are soft, for eyes that are awake, for ears that are open, for hands to hold the wonder that is here now."

Psalm 118:24 reminds us, "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Thank you, God, for the wonder of this world. May we all see the beauty that you have created and say, "WOW!"

My wish for you this month of August is that you take the time to thank God for this summer and rest knowing He has made it all and you are blessed in the name of Jesus Christ.

*God's peace, Pastor Janelle*



## Going to school with Jesus

In *Faith Takes a Name*, Dwight E. Stevenson writes that if we consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, then we must remain "learners under the instruction of Christ." He notes, "Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student or learner. In [Jesus'] world a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him."



As I was looking to verify the volume & edition number of the newsletter, I came upon the following and it just reminded me of how much certain volunteers have done for our churches over the years. In April 1976, the very first edition of the Emmanuel newsletter was issued with Ellen Rittenhouse as the editor. Jean Paczkowski was the winner with the name chosen as *The Echo*. The following year, Galchutt Lutheran became part of the newsletter and Rachel Fixen became co-editor. Somewhere over the years the volume/edition numbers got a little messed up, but the bottom line is, this newsletter has been around for 47 years and Ellen is still contributing to our churches in so many ways!! So, Thank You Ellen, for your continued support and help.

The EDITOR SPEAKS

As you have read or will read in the Council minutes I have volunteered to start a monthly newsletter which is currently nameless. It is my hope that through this means we can keep all members informed of the activities and needs of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. I would also propose to use the newsletter to share joys and sorrows of the members and friends of our congregation.

EMMANUEL NEWSLETTER  
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# LWR News

We are soon ready to start our annual drive for school kits. Per the LWR website: "Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. . . . Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children — and in some cases, adults — continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities."



Each kit is put inside a 14" x 17" cloth bag with drawstring (no standard backpack) and needs to contain the following:

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper, 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 ½" eraser

**There will be collections boxes at each church and we will put the kits together later. Once again, thank you in advance for your support of these worthy missions!! We will collect items through September.**

*Ellen Rittenhouse*



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

The council approved the minutes of the June 6 meeting. Pastor Janelle had 362 miles in June. Pastor Janelle officiated 2 burials and attended the Synod Assembly. There are 21 young people from Our Saviors, Richland, Emmanuel and Galchutt churches who are planning to attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans next year. Pastor Janelle's Internship started June 15. The Internship committee will meet July 24. Pastor Dave Adams will conduct the July 23 Sunday service and Pastor Sonja Kjar will conduct the July 30 Sunday service.

A fridge only refrigerator is quite expensive and hard to find, so the council will probably go with a freezer/fridge setup. A motion for allocating a \$1,000.00 expenditure on a new fridge was approved. The propane tank has been filled. A new dehumidifier has been purchased for the basement. A shingle is missing from the southeast side of the steeple. Logan will check with a roofer to get his opinion of the situation. There will be no Sunday service on September 3. Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 17. The Echo needs monthly sponsors.

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

*Secretary, David Fixen*



### We keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ Our law enforcement, first responders, and others, particularly those in the Fargo and surrounding areas, who dealt with the recent murder of an officer and injury of other officers and a civilian;
- ◆ Mary K. as she continues to deal with health issues;
- ◆ Any in our community who deal with health issues, addiction, loneliness, or other problems unknown to us;
- ◆ All those traveling to finish their summer vacations; and
- ◆ Our youth and teachers as they return to school at the end of this month.

**FARMERS MARKET**  
**ABERCROMBIE**  
FAMERS MARKET & COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Time:  
4:30-7:00PM

July 19<sup>th</sup>  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September 20<sup>th</sup>

Fresh Produce – Live Music–Bar Setup by Fort Saloon–  
Homemade Pies-Baked Goods

Come and support our local vendors and a meal sponsored  
by the Abercrombie Community Club!

**VENDORS WELCOME!**

Please Contact Kris at 701.640.1928 or Alex at 701.640.1128



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

## Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on July 11, 2023, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, LouAnn Lee, Craig Syvertsen, Sharon Tschakert and Tessa Tschakert. The 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, seconded by Sharon. All passed.

Treasurer's report: LouAnn reported we are on budget and the normal monthly expenses. Cemetery project is almost complete. There are a couple monuments too large for this company, so another monument company will need to straighten them some day. Council commented how well the cemetery is looking. Motion was made to approve report by Tessa with a second by Sharon. Passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Janelle reported she attended the Synod Assembly. She also commented her visits to the hospital and nursing homes are going well. Mileage for June is 362. Tessa made a motion to approve her mileage with a second by LouAnn. All passed.

Stewardship: The second Cookie Drive will take place on July 17 with 10 community members receiving treats as well as 8 members in area retirement/nursing homes that Pastor Janelle will visit. Emmanuel will hand out toys and treats to the youth at the Farmers Market on July 19. Picnic in Park will be on August 16.

Education: Break for summer.

Worship: Committee met and picked out music through October 1. No worship on September 3.

Property: Craig and Michael installed a pump that fixed the drainage from the air conditioner that was previously going into a non-working sump hole.

Old Business: Office will be painted on July 24. New Business: none.

Next meeting will be August 8, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Tessa made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Sharon. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Secretary, Tessa Tschakert*

I was hungry and you  
gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you  
gave me something to drink.  
Matthew 25:35, NRSV



As we enter the fall and winter, we become mindful of the families that may be struggling to keep their families fed along with purchasing school supplies and clothing. By the time you receive this newsletter, my husband and I will have completed our third month of volunteering to drive the Richland-Wilkin Emergency Food Pantry trailer to a few area towns for its monthly distribution. This service goes out to four towns in Richland and Wilkin counties with a limited supply of items, since it is contained in a trailer. However, the Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry in Wahpeton is open to any family that needs assistance with food. Going directly to the Food Pantry in Wahpeton allows a larger amount of food to be distributed to families in need. There is no income requirement, just be a resident of these counties. So, if you are struggling, please use this service.

On the other hand, the pantry would be grateful if you are able to provide food or monetary amounts. Do you have an excess amount of produce from your garden that could be offered? If so, please check their hours to bring your excess produce items to the pantry. *Lou Ann Lee*  
(Richland Wilkin Food Pantry, 699 8th Ave S, Wahpeton, ND (701) 642-1921)

# CREATED

2023 EaND FALL YOUTH RETREATS



EaND Synod Fall Youth Retreats

Greetings in the name of Christ!

We are excited to host the Eastern North Dakota's Fall Youth retreats this September 15-17 & 22-24 at the Castaway Club. Both retreats are geared for students in grades 6-10. For those older than grade 10, we invite you to check out the work crew options below.

Please pass this information on to youth ministry contacts in your congregation. Registration for these events will be handled online. Registering the week of the event will not guarantee your spots so we encourage you to register as soon as you are able. Note there is a price increase for registrations made one August 1 or later so take advantage of the lower rate until July 31. Hope to see you this fall!

Rev. Kim Adams

EaND Youth Retreat Coordinator



In the beginning God...CREATED.

Join us this fall as we experience all God created...and that means us!

## LOCATION

### THE LOCATION

The location of the retreats returns to Castaway Club. Castaway Club is located in the heart of Minnesota's beautiful lake country, 13 miles south of Detroit Lies. Fall in the lake country is gorgeous!

A few features of Castaway are:

\*game rooms, a climbing wall, waterfront

\*frisbee golf course, soccer field, basketball courts, tennis & volleyball, and a gaga pit

### GRADES 6-10 BOTH WEEKENDS

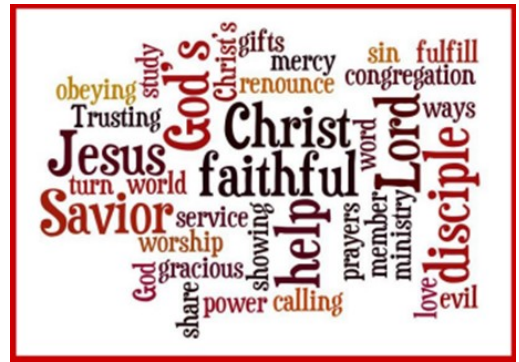
September 15-17 & September 22-24

**BOTH** weekends will be coordinated for youth grades 6-10.

### LEADERS & DETAILS

All adult leaders must be over the age of 18. At least one leader from each congregation must be 21 or older in age.

**Richland 44 Confirmation**  
Galchutt Lutheran Church  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Richland Lutheran Church  
2023/2024



**Please contact Pastor Janelle if you have a confirmation age youth.**

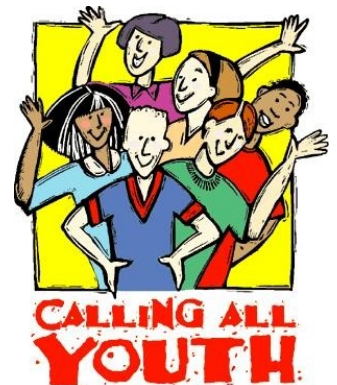
**Tentative Nightly Regular Schedule:**  
**3:30 – 3:50 pm Eat and clean-up.**  
**3:50 – 4:25 pm Large Group Lesson**  
**3:50 – 4:25 pm Small Group**  
**5:00 pm Closing Blessing (font)**

**Fall ~ 2023-2024 Calendar for 7th - 8th Graders**

Sept 13 Introduction to Confirmation!  
Sept 20 Martin Luther pg 1  
Sept 27 The Reformation pg 5  
Oct 4 The Reformers pg 9  
Oct 11 Lutheran Confessions pg 13  
Oct 18 *No Confirmation*  
Oct 19-20 *NDEA convention*  
Oct 25 Adiaphora pg 17  
Nov 1 Luther's Small Catechism pg 21  
Nov 8 The Ten Commandments pg 25  
Nov 15 The Ten Commandments pg 25  
Nov 22 *No Confirmation*  
Nov 23 *Thanksgiving*  
Nov 29 The Ten Commandments pg 25  
Dec 6 Apostles' Creed, Article 1 pg 29  
Dec 13 Christmas Party!  
Dec 20 *No Confirmation*  
Dec 21-Jan 1 *Christmas Break from School*  
Dec 25 *Christmas*  
Dec 27 *No Confirmation*

**Spring ~ 2023-2024**

Jan 1 Happy New Year!  
Jan 1-2 Confirmation Retreat  
*Jan 3 No Confirmation*  
Jan 10 Apostles' Creed, Article 2 pg 33  
Jan 17 Apostles' Creed, Article 3 pg 37  
Jan 24 The Lord's Prayer pg 41  
Jan 31 Holy Baptism pg 45  
Feb 7 Holy Communion pg 49  
*Feb 14 -April 3: No formal Confirmation Classes - 9<sup>th</sup> Graders need to complete ~ paper/project/interview.*  
*Feb 14 Ash Wednesday*  
*March 24 Palm Sunday*  
*March 28 Maundy Thursday*  
*March 29 Good Friday*  
*March 31 Easter*  
*April 3 No Confirmation*  
April 10 Confession and Forgiveness pg 53  
April 17 Daily Prayers pg 57  
April 24 Year End Celebration!







# August



**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

		1  7 PM Galchutt Sunday School meeting	2  7 PM Worship at Emmanuel	3	4	5
6  10:30 AM Community Worship in Abercrombie Pavilion with potluck  No Galchutt worship	7	8  Emmanuel council meeting 6:30 PM	9  7 PM Worship at Emmanuel	10  Galchutt council meeting 7 PM	11	12
13  9AM Worship at Galchutt with communion	14  Pastor Janelle on vacation	15  ELC Quilting 9 AM - 2 PM  Pastor Janelle on vacation	16  Emmanuel "Picnic in the Park" 5 - 7 PM  Pastor Janelle on vacation	17  Pastor Janelle on vacation	18  Pastor Janelle on vacation	19
20  9AM Worship at Galchutt	21  Internship lay committee Meeting	22	23  7 PM Worship at Emmanuel	24	25	26
27  9AM Worship at Galchutt  7PM Youth gathering meeting at Richland Lutheran	28	29	30  7 PM "Dinner Church" at Emmanuel with communion (potluck)	31		

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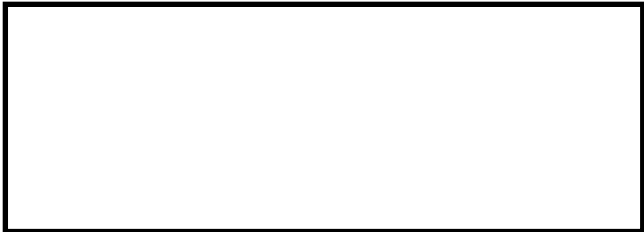
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**Just for Laughs.....**



*Campbell*

"They won't let you pray in school, but they sure expect you to have the wisdom of Solomon."