

The Echo

October 2023



As the leaves fall, we are reminded of how everything in life is fluid: green leaves turn lovely colors and drop to the ground; lazy days of summer turn from chilly to frigid; green fields turn brown then disappear into black furrowed ground. For many, this can be a depressing season as runny noses return and weather threatens. We have to remember, however, that our world is not constant, but ever-changing, and God calls on us to change with it.

Embrace this transition by seeking something different. Maybe something as simple as joining us in worship on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We welcome new and old friends. We know that personal growth stops when we find ourselves stuck in life, possibly feeling alone or hopeless, so it's important to stretch ourselves, calling on God to guide us to look inward and outward in facing this new season. When we reach out to others, we don't feel so alone. When we serve each other, our lives become more meaningful. God calls us to love, serve, pray, and care for each other in His name. Remember, as nature changes around us, we can trust God's timing and balance in all things.

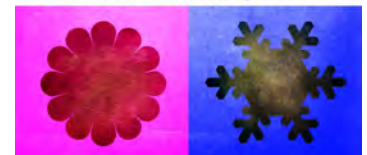
"For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
 a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
 a time to kill, and a time to heal;
 a time to break down, and a time to build up;
 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
 a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
 a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
 a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
 a time to seek, and time to lose;
 a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
 a time to tear, and a time to sew;
 a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
 a time to love, and a time to hate;
 a time for war, and a time for peace" (Ecclesiastes 3).



**There is a time
for everything,
and a season for
every activity
under heaven.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1, NIV



Let us be people who love, build each other up, comfort each other, laugh with each other, dance with each other, and gather each other with love.

Grace and peace, Pastor Janelle



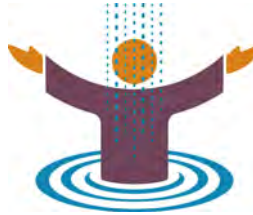
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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Race Dean Kaehler was baptized on September 24th at Galchutt Lutheran. Race is the son of Kenzy (Overby) & Jeremy Kaehler. We welcome Race to our faith family.



Galchutt - Emmanuel Ministry invites you to the following events

Save the Dates
2023-2024

- November 29 - Charcuterie Board Creations (adults only)
- December 17 - Sledding and Cocoa
- January 21 - Thrill Hills @ Fort Ransom
- January 24 - Painting Party (adults only)
- February 25 - Skate City

More information will be provided closer to the date.

See you there!

Watch for a notice in next month's Echo regarding GEM's 2nd annual Advent event on the evening on Sunday, November 26, 2023, where families can learn about Advent and create crafts for Advent. Mark your calendars!

Get your taste buds going! The Richland Lutheran Church will be again holding their Lutefisk/Meatball dinner on the last Friday in October.

Go enjoy the fellowship!

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

On September 17, 2023, our congregations gathered to bless the beginning of Janelle Hansen's internship in our parish. We were reminded through Apostle Paul's words in I Corinthians 12:4-6 that God calls many people with different gifts to serve Him in different ways in order to achieve a higher purpose. Pastor Janelle and the congregation were asked to commit to work together with God's guidance to prepare her for service as a rostered minister.



The opportunities of this commitment for Pastor Janelle and the congregations have been many and can be summed up in the words of the hymn, *"Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)"* (ELW 798).

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life at- tract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

I encourage you to read or sing this lovely song frequently. The first four verses query God about problems large and small, but the song ends with this earnest pledge:

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

May this year of internship continue to be a blessing to us all!

Ellen Rittenhouse

LWR News

Thank you for your contributions and help packing the Lutheran World Relief School Kits that will be sent to a warehouse this month. We still have a few quilts that need to be completed and those, along with the school kits, will be shipped out the week of October 16-20.

Each time we gather for quilting we appreciate the new donations that are coming in from all of you angels in the community. THANK YOU!

We will update you next month on the total number of quilts and school kits your hands helped provide. Our next quilting day will be October 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Ellen Rittenhouse

Gathered as one body

On World Communion Sunday, observed this year on October 1, Christians across the globe gather at the Lord's Table for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord's Table stretches around the entire earth. Catholic Christians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Evangelical Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names that are unfamiliar to us — all join in worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: remember him!

"This do in remembrance of me," Jesus said during the Last Supper with his disciples. Then he broke bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted the cup of wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ's sacrifice, love and forgiveness for each of us.

As we gather as Christ's family around that table of grace, remember that we are united in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. "In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth" (John Oxenham). Thank you, Lord!

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We keep the following in our prayers:

- ♦ Pastor Janelle's husband Curt, Alice G., and Janet K., as they deal with health issues;
- ♦ Our farmers, as they enter the busy harvest season. May they have a safe harvest;
- ♦ Pastor Janelle and her internship team as she progresses through her internship year that will culminate in her ordination; and
- ♦ All our Sunday School kids and other members and friends.

How to keep warm in church

1. Rush to the front of the sanctuary. That will warm you up, and you'll avoid the draft in the back of the church.
2. Invite your neighbors and friends, and sit 12 people to a pew.
3. Seat yourself near the pulpit. Much hot air is emitted from that area.
4. Wear thermal underwear (in the appropriate liturgical colors, of course).
5. Wait for an unfamiliar hymn — and then watch the sparks fly!



Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on September 12, 2023, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, LouAnn Lee, Sharon Tschakert, Katrina Heyen, Julie Lehman and Tessa Tschakert. Meeting was called to order by Vice President Sharon.

Secretary's Report: Report was read by Tessa. LouAnn made a motion to approve with a second by Katrina. All passed.

Treasurer's report: LouAnn reported we are on budget for the year. Offerings should pick up now that fall is here. The office was painted, and the cost was \$400. A keyless entry lock was purchased for the back door for \$170. Michael repaired the north wall in the office where there had been a door, insulated the area, and placed wall board in that area with a cost of \$75.00 for materials. Motion was made to approve report by Tessa with a second by Sharon. All passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Janelle reported that the Internship Committee met on July 28. She has been working on home visits. They are planning confirmation now that school is back in session. Synod retreat will be at Pelican Lake for youth. She is looking for youth in the community to attend. Emmanuel was one of 5 churches that provided donuts and cookies for the kids during the first week of school. Mileage for August is 258. Tessa made a motion to approve her mileage with a second by LouAnn. All passed.

Stewardship: Tessa reported the last Farmers Market will be on September 20. Table will be set up for gifts for the children. Raffle season is here and Tessa is getting donations in order for the tickets to be printed. Meatball Dinner/Bake Sale and Raffle is on December 3.

Education: Committee is meeting to discuss when Sunday school will start.

Worship: Pastor Janelle discussed doing 'Dinner Church' again on Sunday, October 29. Council members will serve and provide the meal for the congregation. Sunday, November 26, is the start of Advent and Emmanuel will be hosting an advent event from 5-7:30 PM that evening. More info to follow.

Property: No report.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Pastor Janelle discussed the upcoming GEM events thru February: Charcuterie Board Creations will be November 29; Sledding and Cocoa will be held December 17; Thrill Hills @ Fort Ransom will be on January 21; Painting Party will be on January 24; Skate City will be on February 25. More information will follow closer to these events.

The date for the Annual Meeting was set for January 7, 2024. Feed My Starving Children is at the Fargo Dome on January 5-14. They will be packing bags from a food distribution center for hungry people around the world. Volunteers are welcome for this event. Talk with Pastor Janelle.

Next meeting will be October 10, 2023, at 6:30 PM. Tessa made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Julie. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Tessa Tschakert





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

The council approved the minutes of the July 10 meeting. Pastor Janelle had 368 miles in July and 258 miles in August. Pastor Janelle has met with the Internship committee in July and August and also meets once a week with her supervisor, Pastor Jule. On the second day of school, Pastor Janelle and others provided donuts for the students at the high school. She and four other local pastors meet quarterly to talk about issues which they have in common. Pastor Janelle also made some in person visits to her parishioners.

A new door handle has been installed on the Fellowship Hall entry door. A new fridge will be in place for Rally Sunday. There was no update on the steeple shingles.

Pamela Krump will be the leader for the Sunday School. Kendra Dockter will be the music leader. The Sunday School will try and meet every Sunday. Augsburg Fortress will provide the source material. The Sunday school students will be doing the scripture readings for the church service. The Sunday school will be doing service projects throughout the year that will include writing to a pen pal who lives overseas and participating in Micah's Mission at Churches United and Feed My Starving Children. The Sunday school will also have activities such as a grade through Senior High lock in party until midnight at Galchutt, a sledding party (interstate overpass), Thrill Hills at Fort Ransom (skiing and tubing), and Skate City in Fargo. There will also be adult activities like a Charcuterie Board party and a Painting party, both will be held at Galchutt. Pastor Janelle would like to see that Bibles be given to seventh graders in preparation for confirmation. There will be a blessing of the backpacks on September 24. The St. Johns Church cleaning will take place on September 10 at 10 AM. Pastor Janelle will be attending a Synod leadership conference at Fair Hills Resort in September. Registration will be due for the Youth Gathering next year. Pastor Janelle and Sidney are attending. Pastor Janelle will be starting a book club later this year. The Synod is holding a youth retreat at the Castaway Club on Pelican Lake for two weekends in September.

The next meeting will be October 4 at 7 PM. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, David Fixen



God's helpers

God's providence is not in baskets lowered from the sky, but through the hands and hearts of those who love him. The lad without food and without shoes made the proper answer to the cruel-minded woman who asked, "But if God loved you, wouldn't he send you food and shoes?" The boy replied, "God told someone, but [they] forgot."

—George Buttrick

Appreciate — and act

October is Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month, reminding church members to thank their hardworking ministry leaders. But the people in the pews — though they might lack official church titles — also play important roles in doing God's work.

In *User Friendly Churches* (Regal Books), researcher George Barna compares the behavior of people in growing vs. stagnant or declining churches. Members of growing churches actively participate in the church's ministry. "They did not divorce their faith from their lifestyle; their faith was their lifestyle," Barna writes. "They took seriously the classical Reformation doctrine of the priesthood of all believers."

By contrast, laypeople in stagnant churches tend to observe rather than participate. "They perceived their role as being in the audience in the stands," Barna notes, "nodding approvingly in efforts to demonstrate religious behavior as the clergy went through their paces."

Appreciate your pastors, but then follow their example by living out your beliefs!

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Reformation milestone: celebration and repentance

October 31, 2017, marked the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his "95 Theses" on a church door in Germany. This wasn't an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ ("the priesthood of all believers"), so there's no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose — Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others — and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults "with the best of them"; the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany, states: "In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years."

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The heart of the Reformation

During October, Protestants celebrate the work of the Reformers — Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin and others — who brought about much needed change in the Christian church. Basically, these four teachings were at the heart of their contributions:

- ◆ Word alone — The supremacy of the Bible as the surest guide for faith and life.
- ◆ Grace alone — The supremacy of undeserved love from God. We are counted as being right with God when we accept God's love given to us freely, without any human achievement.
- ◆ Faith alone — The supremacy of faith. It is only by believing and trusting in God's promises, and through no works of our own, that we find salvation through Christ.
- ◆ The priesthood of all believers — Christians are "members of one another" (Ephesians 4:25, NRSV). In the eyes of God, we Christians are all on the same level. We each have a ministry to fulfill to one another and to those outside the faith. Luther said that we are "reciprocally and mutually one."

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A prayer for pumpkin people

After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children's book *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it this fall when your family makes jack-o'-lanterns.



- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)
- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)
- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)
- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)
- While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

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Just for Laughs.....



"I'm not real comfortable with using these
as offering plates during our harvest
celebration service."