

The Echo

November 2023

November 5 - "All Saints Sunday"

9 AM Galchutt worship with communion & noisy offering
9:45 AM Sunday School at Galchutt
9:30 Sunday School at Emmanuel
10:30 AM Emmanuel Dinner Church with communion & noisy offering
(council will prepare the meal)

Wednesday, November 8 - Galchutt Council Meeting at 7 PM

Friday, November 10 - Youth Lock-In at Galchutt Church 7 PM - 1 AM

Sunday, November 12

9 AM Galchutt worship
9:45 AM Sunday School at Galchutt
9:30 Sunday School at Emmanuel
10:30 AM Emmanuel worship

Tuesday, November 14 - Emmanuel Council Meeting at 6:30 PM

Sunday, November 19 (note the time changes)

9 AM Emmanuel worship with communion
9:45 AM Sunday School at Emmanuel and Galchutt
10:30 AM Galchutt "God's Acre" worship with communion & potluck

Wednesday, November 22

7 PM Thanksgiving Eve worship at Emmanuel, followed by pie/coffee

Sunday, November 26

9 AM Galchutt worship
10:30 AM Emmanuel worship
5 PM - 7 PM Advent event at Emmanuel (see page 2)

Wednesday, November 29

7 PM Charcuterie 101 at Galchutt Church (see page 4)

See the calendar for confirmation dates/times



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Advent: A
season of
preparation

**Emmanuel Lutheran
Abercrombie, ND
29th Annual Meatball Dinner
with Bake Sale and
Raffle Fundraiser
Sunday, December 3, 2023
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM**



Come join us for a meatball and mashed potato dinner with all the fixings.
Free will donation for the meal.
Bake sale items for sale.
Raffle prizes will be drawn during the meal.
Need not be present to win raffle prizes, if drawn.
Take-out meals will be available.

Join us on Sunday, November 26, from 5 PM - 7 PM at Emmanuel for GEM's annual Advent Festival. The evening will consist of a potluck meal, an advent devotion, and participants can build an Advent wreath and other Christmas craft items. Please bring items for the Richland/Wilkin Food Pantry and we will get them delivered to help those in our area!!

The Galchutt and Emmanuel churches are so excited to be hosting a Christmas concert by the Preacher's Daughters. No better way to start off the holiday season!!



CHRISTMAS
WITH THE PREACHER'S DAUGHTERS
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2 • 1 PM
EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ABERCROMBIE, ND
FREE CONCERT - NO TICKET NEEDED - LOVE OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED



First, thank you for all your support over the last two months as my husband was hospitalized and while many tests were being done. I appreciate your prayers and support for my husband and me. These past weeks I feel I've spent a lot of time in waiting rooms. Kate Bowler in her book, *The Lives We Actually Have*, reflects upon this. Her words in, "For When You are Waiting," have given me some comfort and I hope it will do the same for you if you find yourself spending way too much time just waiting.

"God, here I wait. Where the air is still and presses in upon all possibility, here in this waiting room with all the others- waiting for diagnosis or for test results, for them to make a decision or my heart to finally know, for the letter in the mail or the headline to break, for the loved one refusing to change, or the child to find happiness at last.

God, here we wait, in a place where fear and anger and frustration come so easily and the simplest decisions seem to take forever. Where we're reminded once again that so little is in our control.

God, come and help us. We need something- someone- to make a difference. We long for good news. Not the anticipation of realized fear we know too well.

Bring that ridiculous miracle. The phone call or news. The decision or the resolution.

But if it doesn't, God bless this. The place where love becomes the air we breathe, even here, in the waiting room."

I am very grateful for all of you and blessed to be a part of the ministry here at Galchutt and Emmanuel. God shows up all over this community and by taking the time to pause and observe can we see that presence right here among us. We will soon be celebrating Thanksgiving and "waiting" for the Advent season to arrive. Give thanks for all that God is and all that God brings us. People of God, you BELONG to the divine community of God!

You are welcomed here at Galchutt-Emmanuel Ministry.

God's blessings and gratefulness, Pastor Janelle



It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2023. These next two months are filled with so many things going on, including Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, an Advent festival, a Christmas concert, Emmanuel's meatball dinner and raffle, school and Sunday School Christmas programs, and most importantly Christmas! I

need to remind myself to take a breath and learn to say "no" once in awhile for my own well being. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to send donations so we can continue to mail this newsletter to those who don't do the computer thing. You answered when we called!

If it works for you and your family, try to help out by donating at the food pantry or somewhere else near to your heart. But most of all, just be thankful for all we have compared to all the terrible things we see on the news that is happening around the world.

The concert on December 2nd by the Preacher's Daughters is a wonderful way to start your Christmas season. Then come join us the following day, December 3rd, as we serve up our meatball dinner. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Lou Ann Lee

LWR News

On October 22, Pastor Janelle focused her children’s message around Matthew 22:15-22 where the Pharisees asked Jesus about paying taxes. That was a concern then and still is today. You may be wondering how this relates to LWR. Well, it reminded me of how we look at our possessions, or more precisely how I think about my fabric stash and other belongings, as I prepare to move in a couple of months. I know that I won’t have room for everything I have accumulated, not just this year but over the past 60+ years. So, what can I do? Decide to let my family deal with it when I’m gone OR pay my dues right now?

When we give up possessions it can shift our goal from serving our own needs or desires to finding ways to serve our fellow man as Jesus did. Now we come to LWR. As I sort through 60 years of acquiring, I find there are many ways I can serve others. How about you? I have found ways to share the things I no longer need, such as sheets, blankets, tablecloths, pillows, kitchen items and clothes with those wanting, through our quilting project and the local thrift shops. Helping all God’s creatures is one way we can follow the example Jesus teaches us throughout the Bible.

We will be quilting November 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to make quilts for the InGathering next



May. You can be a part of this service by contributing time or materials for this sharing of love for our neighbors around the world. Right now there are many regions of the world needing our quilts and kits. Contributions continued during the pandemic, though at a slower pace, and are picking up. We hope to reach previous levels since there is such a need in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, South America, and the world.

Ellen Rittenhouse

Craft & Vendor Fair

Sunday, Nov. 12

10 am – 3 pm

**Richland High School
gyms in Colfax, ND**

Lots of unique and festive items
from local crafters and home vendors

Register for a booth at
richland.dollarsforscholars.org

or contact:

Donna Thiel donnathiel@rrt.net or 701-640-0397

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Richland #44 Dollars For Scholars

Charcuterie 101

Learn tips and tricks and bring home a
delicious snack!

Wednesday November 29th

7pm at Galchutt Lutheran Church

\$40 per person

Boards serve 2-3 people

Please RSVP to Anna 701-640-3776

by November 17





Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Church Council met on October 10, 2023, with the following members present: Pastor Janelle, LouAnn Lee, Katrina Heyen, Craig Syvertsen, Fred Tol, Sharon Tschakert, and Tessa Tschakert. Meeting called to order by President Craig.

Secretary's Report: Report from September was read and approved.

Treasurer's report: LouAnn reported we are on budget for expenses for the year. Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Pastor's Report: Mileage for September was 226 miles. Approved. She had her 3-month check-in with Wartburg on September 18 by Zoom with Pastor Jule present. Confirmation started September 13 with 20 students, two from Galchutt and two possible coming from Emmanuel. Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders meet 3:30 – 5 and 9th graders meet a couple times a month at 5 PM. Cost for the cookies for the school was \$117.40 for each of the six churches.

Stewardship: Meatball Dinner/Bake Sale and Raffle is on December 3. Tickets are being printed.

Education: Sunday School started on October 1st.

Worship: Pastor Janelle and Lou Ann have the songs selected until Advent since the worship committee has not met due to harvest and other conflicts.

Property: Fred sprayed the yard for weeds and will spray the cemetery next.

Old Business: Dinner church is being moved from October 29th to November 5th.

New Business: The Stitching Hearts Quilts of Valor group purchased a rolling metal cart for the church as a thank-you for using the facility. November 22 is Thanksgiving service at 7 PM at Emmanuel with pie afterwards. November 26 is an Advent festival at Emmanuel this year from 5-7:00 with potluck. Christmas Eve worship at Emmanuel is at 5:30 PM. There will be no Sunday morning service on that date. December 31 will be normal service again. The meatball dinner was discussed. Craig will check on getting the meat again at Park River. Wes and Shirley Berg donated a \$250 Thrivent gift card to be used for supplies for the dinner.

Next meeting will be November 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary Pro Tem, Lou Ann Lee

We ask that all our Emmanuel members either sell or purchase some raffle tickets.

Everyone else - contact any Emmanuel member if you want to purchase raffle tickets for the December 3rd meatball dinner and raffle. 89 chances to win! Need not be present to win.

Thank you to the following for their recent donations:

- **St. John's Church**
 - The family of Rita Fenske, in memory of Rita
- **Emmanuel Cemetery Fund**
 - Leone Hagen, in memory of Janet Kinneberg
 - Michael & Lou Ann Lee, in memory of Janet Kinneberg
- **Emmanuel General Fund**
 - Wes & Shirley Berg, in memory of Benny Peterson



Thank you for your
Memorials & Gifts

A Veterans Day prayer

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips (published in Newsletter.com in 2013).

Harvest time!

With harvest underway or imminent, fields of ripe grain, tall cornstalks and soybeans turning brown recall Jesus' words to the disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV).

Nowadays farmers use fewer laborers and bigger machines than in decades past. But what about harvests of faith? Leading people to know God's love can't be done "mechanically." Studies show that newspaper ads or door-hangers left anonymously are less effective at bringing people to church than a warm personal invite.

Right after urging his disciples to pray for harvest workers — in a classic instance of "You might be God's answer to your own prayer!" — Jesus sends them out as those very laborers! How will they work the harvest? Not by guilting people into faith. Not by pronouncing judgment or biblical law. But by using Jesus' authority to counter evil, illness and brokenness among those they befriend.

Ponder and pray about where Jesus is sending you as his laborer to cultivate and reap Christian faith and assurance of God's love.

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**The Galchutt American Legion Post 282
and Sons of the American Legion Squadron
will be hosting a**

Chili Feed on Veteran's Day

**at the Abercrombie Community Hall
on Saturday, November 11th,
from 5 PM to 7:30 PM.**

**A free will offering will be taken.
Proceeds help support community and
youth activities.**

DON'T JUDGE EACH DAY
BY THE HARVEST YOU REAP
but by the seeds that you plant.

— ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON





November

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**"Could we study Exodus instead
of the book of Acts?"**

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