

The Echo

February 2024



Journey through Lent with Galchutt-Emmanuel Ministry

Wednesday, February 14 -
Ash Wednesday at Galchutt
5:45 - 6:30 PM Simple supper prior to service,
followed by 6:45 PM worship

Wednesday, February 21, Lenten service at Emmanuel
5:45 - 6:30 PM Simple supper prior to service,
followed by 6:45 PM worship service

Wednesday, February 28, Lenten service at Galchutt
5:45 - 6:30 PM Simple supper prior to service,
followed by 6:45 PM worship service

Wednesday, March 6, Lenten service at Emmanuel
5:45 - 6:30 PM Simple supper prior to service,
followed by 6:45 PM worship service

Wednesday, March 13, Lenten service at Galchutt
5:45 - 6:30 PM Simple supper prior to service,
followed by 6:45 PM worship service

Wednesday, March 20, Lenten service at Emmanuel
5:45 - 6:30 PM Simple supper prior to service,
followed by 6:45 PM worship service

Due to a lack of snow for our Thrill Hills event, we replaced it with a Game Day. Thank you to the four families that came to our game day. We had a great time.



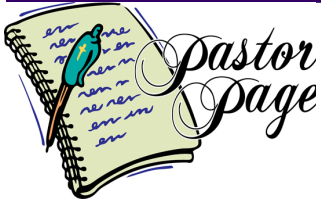
The painting evening with Pastor Michelle Walka was enjoyed by all participants.



There will be a First Communion Class on Wednesday, February 28, from 4-5 PM at Galchutt Lutheran Church for all 3rd graders and anyone who would like to go through the class. We will then invite you to participate in your first communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28, during worship. If you have questions, please email Pastor Janelle at thegempastor@gmail.com or call her at 701-205-6803. This is open to anyone who is interested.



We will have a skating party for all ages at Skateland (3302 Interstate Blvd, south Fargo) from 2-4 PM on Sunday, February 25. Please meet us at Skateland and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. If you have questions, please email Pastor Janelle.



Let us make a Joyful noise to the Lord! We continue to welcome old and new members to our churches. Keep inviting and now, as we step into the season of Lent, let us walk with Jesus to the cross.

In Lent we are called, like Christ, to re-orient our lives to follow God’s will rather than our own. Following Jesus on our Lenten journey, we will learn the meaning of repentance and, by doing so, understand the wondrous love of God. Jesus says, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28 ESV). So let us be reminded that we are not alone. God helps us proceed with deep consciousness.

Throughout Lent you will be invited to place a tile into a cross that we will have at the church. These broken tiles, just like us, come in all shapes and sizes and, when joined together in Christ's love, become one with Christ and each other. We will hear stories about what it’s like to be pieces in this community of believers. Join us on Wednesday nights as we dive into the Holden Evening Prayer worship and reflect upon how God appears in our lives.

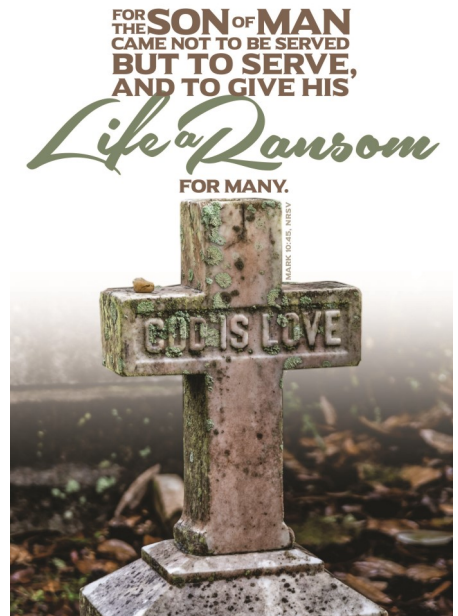
I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I hope you will let Jesus walk with you this Lenten season.

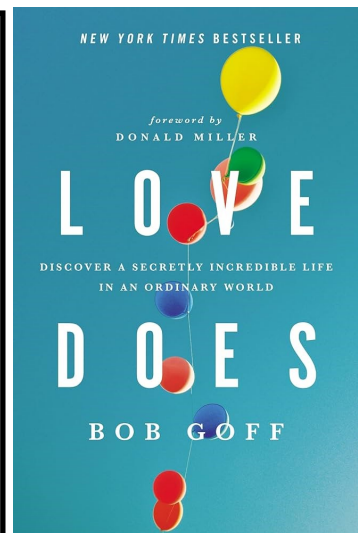
Peace, Pastor Janelle

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” from *ELW* #325.



We
love
because
He first
loved us.
1 John 4:19

Do you love to read? Interested in reading and discussing a book you read? Purchase the book “Love Does” by Bob Goff. Sign up at either church and we will then have a discussion on Sunday, February 18, at 1 PM at Emmanuel Church. We will then choose another book to read in March. Any questions, please reach out to Pastor Janelle.



LWR News

A SEASON OF HOPE

LENT

This Lent, we're putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Across the globe, families have been suffering from compounding crises such as war, violence, natural disasters, disease and extreme weather. We want to announce to the world that Christ makes a new season possible: a **Season of Hope**. We're excited to engage in this project as a community during our Lenten journey this year.

Again this year we will be putting together personal care kits for those in need. Each care kit must contain a towel, a toothbrush, 2 bars of soap, a finger nail clipper, and a comb. Since we have several items remaining from last year, this year we will only be asking for the following two items:

1. Light-weight bath-size towels (between 20"x40" & 52"x27"), dark color recommended
2. Bath-size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz), any brand, in original wrapping.

There will be collection boxes at both churches from now until the week after Easter. If you are unable to shop for these items but want to help, please send your donation to either church marked "Care Kit" donation and we will purchase for you. Thank you for whatever you can do! By these personal care kits, you are sharing God's love to others.

To see how your donations and work have helped people all around the world in 2023, check out the video report at lwr.org/2023report.

Watch for information in the March Echo for an event being hosted by Emmanuel related to National Quilting Day. Youth and adults will be invited to assist and help in ways that don't include sewing. More details coming.

GRACE, *mercy* and
PEACE from *God* the Father
and from
Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
will be with us in
truth and love.

2 John 1:3, NIV



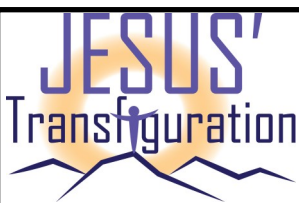
Thank you to Pete Krump for constructing the crosses that will be used at both churches during the Lenten season. They will visualize how, while we are all different, are beautifully joined together and restored through Christ's unending love for us.



CROSS OF ASHES

On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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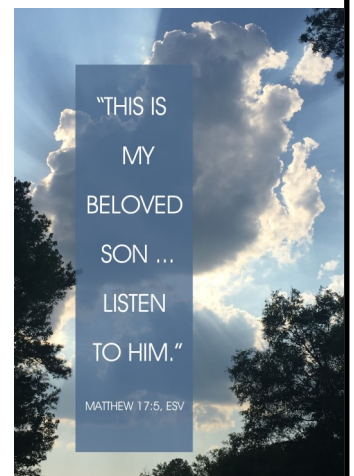
In all his glory

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, many Christian churches celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. After telling his shocked, uncomprehending disciples that he would die and rise again, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain. Suddenly Jesus appeared to be glowing! "He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light" (Matthew 17:2, ESV).

Moses and Elijah appeared, and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (verse 5). Jesus' disciples fell to the ground, overcome by fear. But Jesus touched them, told them not to be afraid and led them down the mountain.

The disciples witnessed firsthand the glory and Godhood of Jesus, who would soon die for the sins of the world and rise again to give us life.

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We keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ The Overby family as they mourn the loss of Brady Overby who recently passed away;
- ◆ Bill B. & Jim R. as they deal with health issues;
- ◆ All those healing from medical procedures or facing continued medical issues;
- ◆ Anyone who may be struggling as they deal with health, addiction, or any other issues; and
- ◆ Our new council members and our pastor, as they work with our congregations to lead our churches.



God's
love
endures
FOREVER.

Psalms 136:1

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Starting on Ash Wednesday, the church traditionally observes Lent, a 40-day period of repentance and reflection. As we prepare for Easter, families can focus on Jesus' life and ministry, culminating in his death and resurrection.

Use this Lenten Bible Reading Plan, along with a kid-friendly Bible version, for family devotions. With older kids, you can expand the readings to the surrounding paragraph or chapter. Discuss how each reference to Christ ties into God's plan of salvation.



DAY 1
Genesis 3:15

DAY 2
Isaiah 7:14

DAY 3
Matthew 1:20-21

DAY 4
Luke 2:11

DAY 5
Luke 2:52

DAY 6
Mark 1:9-11

DAY 7
Matthew 4:1-10

DAY 8
Matthew 4:18-20

DAY 9
Luke 6:27-31

DAY 10
Matthew 11:28-30

DAY 11
Luke 4:40-41

DAY 12
Luke 8:24-25

DAY 13
Matthew 12:8

DAY 14
Mark 6:41-42

DAY 15
Luke 9:20-22

DAY 16
John 3:16-17

DAY 17
John 6:35

DAY 18
John 8:12

DAY 19
John 10:14-15

DAY 20
Mark 10:13-16

DAY 21
Mark 9:2-3

DAY 22
Matthew 20:17-19

DAY 23
Luke 19:9-10

DAY 24
Matthew 14:25-27

DAY 25
Luke 10:36-37

DAY 26
John 11:25-27, 43

DAY 27
John 12:3

DAY 28
Matthew 21:8-9

DAY 29
Mark 11:15-16

DAY 30
John 17:17-19

DAY 31
Luke 22:3-6

DAY 32
Mark 14:22-24

DAY 33
John 13:3-5

DAY 34
Matthew 26:39

DAY 35
Luke 22:63-65

DAY 36
Mark 15:22-26

DAY 37
Matthew 27:50-54

DAY 38
John 19:40-42

DAY 39
Luke 24:1-8

DAY 40
Matthew 28:19-20



HELLO february

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<p>4 Noisy Offering</p> <p>9AM Galchutt worship/communion followed with Sunday School</p> <p>9:30AM SS at Emmanuel</p> <p>10:30AM Emmanuel worship/communion</p>	5	6	<p>7 3:30-5 PM</p> <p>7th/8th grade confirmation</p> <p>9th grade conf. meet w/mentor</p> <p>Galchutt Council meeting 6 PM</p>	8	9	<p>10</p> <p>Aber Community Club breakfast 8AM-noon</p>
<p>11 9AM Galchutt worship & Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 Emmanuel Sunday School</p> <p>10:30AM Emmanuel worship</p>	12	<p>13 Emmanuel council meeting 7 PM</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday service @ Galchutt 6:45 PM</p> <p>(Soup/Sandwich supper 5:45-6:30 PM)</p>	15	16	<p>17 Colfax Fire Dept Prime Rib Supper 4-8 PM</p>
<p>18 9AM Galchutt worship/communion</p> <p>10:30AM Emmanuel worship/communion</p> <p>1PM Book Club gathering at Emmanuel</p>	19	20	<p>21 Lenten service @ Emmanuel 6:45 PM</p> <p>(Soup/Sandwich supper 5:45-6:30 PM)</p>	22	23	24
<p>25 9AM Galchutt worship followed with Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 Emmanuel Sunday School</p> <p>10:30AM Emmanuel worship with baptism</p> <p>Skateland, Fargo 2-4 PM Meet there for fellowship fun.</p>	26	27	<p>28 First Communion class at Galchutt 4-5 PM</p> <p>Lenten service @ Galchutt 6:45 PM</p> <p>(Soup/Sandwich supper 5:45-6:30 PM)</p>	29		<p>Emmanuel Altar Guild: Deb Syvertsen</p> <p>Emmanuel Altar Guild</p> 

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Just for Laughs.....



"Why do I need to go to church?
I pray every Sunday. And I pray extra hard
when we're inside the 10-yard line."