

# The Echo

March 2024

## Journey through Lent and Holy Week with us!!

**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

### **Sunday, March 24**

Palm Sunday worship at Galchutt @ 9 AM, followed by Sunday School

Sunday School at Emmanuel @ 9:30 AM

Palm Sunday "dinner church" worship at Emmanuel @ 10:30 AM,  
(Potluck meal)

### **Thursday, March 28**

Maundy Thursday worship service at Galchutt Lutheran at 7 PM

### **Friday, March 29**

Good Friday worship service at Emmanuel at 7 PM

### **Sunday, March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY**

Normal worship times at both churches with communion (No  
Sunday School)

*Worship With Us  
This Easter*



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# EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



We welcomed three new members through baptism at Emmanuel Lutheran on February 25th. Hank Fredrick Besette, and Finlee Kay and Lucas James Leinen are pictured with parents John & Kylie Besette and James and Mardee Leinen, along with siblings. May God bless these new members.



17 skaters enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship at Skateland on February 25th.

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)

WEDDINGSHOWER

Come help us celebrate the upcoming marriage of Shelby Tschakert to Austin Heyen at a wedding shower. The shower will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on **Sunday, April 7**, from 4:30 PM to 6 PM. All are welcome.

Their registry can be found at [theknot.com/austinshelby2024](http://theknot.com/austinshelby2024).

The first Sunday of Lent began with Psalm 25:1-10. We prayed this psalm remembering, like all the prayers of God's people, it is relational. This means that when we pray for help, we are not merely summoning God to perform a service but actually placing our trust and hope in Him to guide us because of our special relationship. Then as we wait, we don't sit around and do nothing, we prepare and are ready to act when the time of God's deliverance arrives.



The element of preparation involves learning the Lord's ways and truth under the instruction of God. We study scripture, spend time in prayer, and come to worship. During this season of Lent, I hope we all turn to God and ask Him to remind us to trust, love, and have compassion for each other so we are then able to reach out and share this with others.

May Psalm 25: 1-10 be your prayer during the Lenten journey:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather, let those be put to shame who are treacherous. Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore, you teach sinners in your way. You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Teach me your ways, O Lord, *Pastor Janelle.*



**There will be another First Communion Class on Wednesday, March 20th, from 4-5 PM at Emmanuel 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](mailto:thegempastor@gmail.com) or call her at 701-205-6803. This is open to anyone who is interested.**



# 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.



## Celebrate National Quilting Day!!

*"Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love."*

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church invites you to come share in fellowship and spend the day working on quilts and quilt tops for those in need! We provide quilts to these areas through Lutheran World Relief and also to local groups in need. No prior experience is needed! If you can cut, tie knots, or sew a straight line, you can help a world in need! This year we also have quilt blocks that need to be painted. If you are unable to attend but still want to help, monetary donations are always needed to purchase supplies. There will be a potluck lunch at noon. Join us anytime between 9 AM and 2 PM (or so). All are welcome! For more information, call Ellen Rittenhouse at 701-403-3772.



The following items are still needed for the Personal Care Kits to be sent in May to the countries affected by all the nationwide catastrophes:

- New light-weight bath-size towels (between 20" x 40" and 27" x 52"), dark color recommended.
- Bath-size bars of soap (3 oz.), any brand, in original packaging (2 or 3 are needed in each care kit).

Please bring your donated items to either church during the Lenten season. The items will be collected until the week after Easter. Thank you!!



On March 17, when we remember the Christian missionary St. Patrick, Irish blessings abound.

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. Amen.



Kyle Krump \*  
David Fixen  
Scott Fixen  
Alan Muhs  
James Overby  
Alexandra Paczkowski  
Larry Wold

## Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

The reorganization meeting of the Galchutt Lutheran Church council took place on February 7th at 6 PM. Members present were Pastor Janelle, Logan Biffert, Scott Fixen, Larry Wold, David Fixen, Jim Overby, Kyle Krump and Alex Paczkowski.

President Logan called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle led us in devotions.

David nominated Kyle for President. Kyle nominated Al Muhs for President. A secret ballot election was held which resulted in a 3 to 3 tie vote. Kyle retracted his nomination of Al. Motion by Scott, seconded by Larry for nominations to cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Kyle, motion carried.

Scott nominated Al Muhs for Vice President. Motion by Larry, seconded by Alex for nominations to cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Al, motion carried. David nominated Alex for Secretary.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Larry for nominations to cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Alex, motion carried. Alex nominated Kendra Dockter for Treasurer. Motion by David, seconded by Scott for nominations to cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Kendra, motion carried.

The council moved on to regular business. David read the December meeting minutes; Larry approved the amended minutes to change the wording of executive committee verses call committee to call on Pastor Janelle after her schooling. Scott seconded the minutes.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Janelle had 555 miles, she made visits to the homebound in Wahpeton and Fargo. On Ash Wednesday she will visit the homebound for them to receive ashes. Galchutt had its annual meeting, Pastor Janelle met with Deacon Laura and she will be approved by May 3rd for ordination at the end of June. A pastor contract should be received by the end of March/beginning of April to stay on schedule. Scott approved and Larry seconded the pastor's report. There was no treasurer's report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The shingles still need to be looked at on St. Johns steeple.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Doug Kuruc will mow again this summer and the mower is in good working condition. The tree by the road on the church grounds needs to be cut down. The council will take it down once the ground freezes up again. The propane is at 38% and David will call to fill it up. St. Johns will be closed again so truck drivers don't use the driveway to turn around. First Communion class will be held February 28th before Lent service for all 3rd graders or whoever is interested. Pastor Janelle mentioned that she is looking into starting a book club. Confirmation has 16 kids and is going well with 3 adult teachers. This year there are 2 Galchutt and 2 Emmanuel students. Council will look into changing lights in the fellowship hall to LED. Council scheduled the next meeting for March 19 at 5:30 PM. Meeting adjourned with the Lords Prayer.

*Secretaries, David Fixen and Alex Paczkowski*

## Please keep the following in your prayers:

- ◆ Sydney L., Colton D., Pete K., Micah M., Alice G., Mary K., Bill B., and Jim R., as they all deal with health issues or recover from health issues;
- ◆ The family of Dave Krump who recently passed away;
- ◆ Pastor Janelle and her family as they travel on vacation;
- ◆ All our members and friends who may struggle with depression or addiction; and
- ◆ Our entire congregations as we journey through the Lenten season.





## Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Lutheran church council met on Monday, February 12, 2024. Members present were Pastor Janelle, Craig Syvertsen, Tessa Tschakert, Julie Lehman, Sharon Tschakert, and Fred Tol. Pastor Janelle opened the meeting with devotions and a prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from last month's meeting was read by Tessa. Approved by Fred and Sharon.

**Treasurer's Report:** No treasurer's report was available.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Janelle reported 555 miles for mileage in January. Approved by Tessa and Fred. Pastor Janelle will be on vacation March 2 - 9. She attended many High School activities and also had many visits in January. There was one funeral in Galchutt. A painting party was also held Galchutt in January with 8 attending. Confirmation is going well.

**Committee reports:**

Stewardship committee: Committee will be meeting with developing a membership drive.

Education: No report.

Worship: Music is planned through March. Ash Wednesday will be held in Galchutt. February 21st Lenten worship at Emmanuel with Stewardship meeting after church. Palm Sunday is March 24th with Potluck "dinner church."

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Pastor Janelle met with Deacon Laura and she will have her approval interview on May 3, for tentative ordination at the end of June. A pastor contract should be received by the end of March or beginning of April to stay on schedule.

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday March 12 at 7:00 PM.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Janelle.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sharon, seconded by Fred, all approved.

*Julie Lehman, Treasurer*



**BUTTERFLY**  
 — The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and

the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' lifeless body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection — and ours.

## Bible Quiz

The "Christ hymn" in Philippians 2 proclaims that after Jesus humbled himself even to the point of death, God exalted him, and that eventually all will worship him. What two body parts are named as part of that worship?

- A. knee; tongue
- B. hands; feet
- C. arms; lips
- D. heart; mouth



Answer: A (See Philippians 2:10-11.)



## Baked Potato & Ham Dinner



Sunday,  
March 3, 2024  
11:00 am–1:00 pm

At the Abercrombie  
Elementary School  
Free Will Donation

Sponsored by the Bethany Free Lutheran Youth Group



### AMERICAN LEGION MEATBALL DINNER

(Meatballs, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, bread,  
dessert)

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Serving 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

at the Abercrombie Community Hall

“Free Will Offering”



Sponsored by the  
American Legion Post 128 - Abercrombie,  
American Legion Post 282 - Galchutt,  
& Sons of the American Legion Squadron 282

Colfax Parks & Rec  
invites you to a

## Pancake Breakfast

with sausage, eggs,  
coffee and orange juice

Sunday, March 3, 2024  
8 AM to 12PM

Colfax Community Center  
Free Will Offering



Everyone Welcome!

## JOIN US FOR PTO FUN NIGHT

March 22, 2024, 5–8pm  
Richland High School in Colfax

Community Dinner  
Pulled pork sandwich, beans,  
and chips for \$8

Come for the dinner, stay for the fun!

- Games and prizes start at 6pm
- \$2,000 in raffle cash prizes (contact an elementary student or either school for tickets)
- New and classic Fun Night games
- Concessions available all night

*Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!*



Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian who helped shelter hundreds of Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, was asked how she stayed humble despite her fame.

“When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?” she replied. “If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor.”

Jesus told his followers they’d need to carry (or “take up”) their cross. But how well do you carry your Savior? How do you bring him into a world that desperately needs the good news of the gospel?

### God’s provision while we wait

A November 2023 landslide trapped 41 construction workers in a tunnel they’d been excavating for a Himalayan highway project. For 17 days, they were stranded nearly 3 miles from freedom. When rescuers’ drilling equipment broke, miners drilled through the last 2 meters of rock and gravel by hand. Finally, all the workers were pulled to safety through a 3-foot-wide steel pipe. Because they had received food, water, medicines, oxygen and even light through a narrow pipe while underground, all were in good health.

We are trapped in sin and brokenness: our sin and that of others, fragmented relationships and systems, nearby and across the globe. Christianity teaches that God’s way of goodness will win in the end. But before full rescue comes, what keeps us alive and hopeful — even healthy? As water was faithfully provided to the laborers through that narrow pipe, God quenches our thirst through baptism. Scripture and the sacrament of communion are the food and medicine that nourish and strengthen us. Prayer — our own and others’ prayers for us — along with the Holy Spirit’s gifts such as comfort and joy flow into our lives like the light of hope and the oxygen of life. Though complete rescue seems slow to come, God provides for us while we wait.

*From newsletter.com by Heidi Hyland Mann*

### Easter Sunday is March 31!

If you wish to have an Easter lily placed in the church in memory of someone, please complete the following form.

**Cost: \$12 each**

**Orders must be in by: March 15, 2024**

Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Lily placed at: Galchutt ( ) or Emmanuel ( )

All checks should be made payable to the “Emmanuel Lutheran Church.”

Orders for Galchutt can be placed in the usher table each week, no later than March 15th.


Orders for Emmanuel can be placed in offering plate or left at the Church.

*Please take the Easter Lily home with you following worship on Easter Sunday!*







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Pastor Janelle gone
3 Noisy Offering  9AM Galchutt worship/communion followed with SS  9:30AM SS at Emmanuel 10:30AM Emmanuel worship/communion	4  Pastor Janelle gone	5  Pastor Janelle gone	6  Pastor Janelle gone  Lenten service @ Emmanuel 6:45 PM (Soup/Sandwich supper 5:45-6:30 PM)	7  Pastor Janelle gone	8  Pastor Janelle gone	9  Pastor Janelle gone
10 9AM Galchutt worship  10:30AM Emmanuel worship	11	12  7 PM Emmanuel Council Meeting	13 Lenten service @ Galchutt 6:45 PM (Soup/Sandwich supper 5:45-6:30 PM)	14	15	16 9AM - 2PM NATIONAL QUILTING DAY AT EMMANUEL
17 9AM Galchutt worship/communion followed by SS  9:30AM SS @ Emmanuel 10:30AM Emmanuel worship/communion	18  6 PM Internship Meeting at Emmanuel	19  5:30 PM Galchutt Council Meeting	20 First Communion class @ Emmanuel 4-5 PM Lenten service @ Emmanuel 6:45 PM (Soup/Sandwich supper 5:45-6:30 PM)	21	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY  9AM Galchutt worship & SS  9:30 Emmanuel SS 10:30AM Emmanuel "Dinner Church" potluck	25	26	27	28  7 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT GALCHUTT	29  7 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT EMMANUEL	30
31 EASTER SUNDAY  9 AM Galchutt worship  10:30 AM Emmanuel worship					 EMMANUEL ALTAR GUILD: LESLEY HULNE	

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