

The Echo

September 2019



We are excited to announce that we have an intern starting to serve our congregations on September 15, 2019. On page 3 of this month's Echo you can read a little biography from Meggie Bjertness telling about herself. Let's welcome Meggie to our congregations!



SEPTEMBER 1 - *No worship at either church*

SEPTEMBER 8 - Communion Sunday with Kim Adams
Galchutt Worship at 9 AM
Emmanuel Worship at 10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 15 - (Note time change)
"Service of Beginning" at both churches as we welcome Meggie Bjertness
Galchutt Sunday School 9:15 AM
Galchutt Worship at 10:30 AM at St. John's Church followed by Potluck in Galchutt
Emmanuel Worship at 9 AM

SEPTEMBER 22 - Communion Sunday
Galchutt Worship at 9 AM
Emmanuel Sunday School at 9:30 AM & Worship at 10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 29 - Galchutt Worship at 9 AM
Emmanuel Worship at 10:30 AM



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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Thanks for your Help

Thank you to everyone who provided items for the Three Rivers Crisis Center this spring. I dropped the donations off at their old location in Wahpeton this past month. After the fire this winter and clean-up, they were able to move back in this spring. They thank all of you for the much needed items.

John Kuruc



St. Thomas Church
Kent, MN

Fall Bazaar

Sunday, September 8

Mass at 10:00 am.

Turkey and Ham Dinner

Served family style with all the trimmings!

11:00 am. to 1:30 pm.

Adults—\$10, Children (5-10)—\$5

Preschool—Free!

Bingo - Children's Games - Cake Walk - Raffle
Country Store - Crafts - Theme Baskets

OCTOBER 18, 2019
at BETHANY FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH

the PREACHER'S daughters

6 PM | OLD-FASHIONED PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL
7 PM | THE PREACHER'S DAUGHTER'S CONCERT
Performing age-old hymns, sharing heart-warming stories and testimonies of faith. — For All Ages!

A love offering will be taken during the concert that will go directly to The Preacher's Daughters and their vocal ministry.

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church is starting

SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 22, 2019 at 9:30 am

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!
Parents are invited to stay with younger kids if they wish. Non-members also welcome!

Contact Jessica Kappes with any questions (701) 640-0752

SCHEDULE
SEPT 22ND, OCT 6TH & 20TH, NOV 3RD & 17TH, DEC 1ST, 15TH, 22ND (Christmas Program),
JAN 5TH & 19TH, FEB 2ND & 16TH, MAR 1ST & 15TH, APR 5TH & 19TH, MAY 3RD & 17TH

Sunday School - Galchutt Lutheran Church

The first day of Sunday School at Galchutt Lutheran Church will be September 15th at 9:15am. Children ages 3+ are invited to join us. We will be practicing our songs for church and having a quick lesson. For those who can attend, we will also plan to sing for church service at 10:30am at St. John's.

Please watch for more details and for our 2019-2020 schedule in upcoming issues of The Echo. For more information or questions, please contact Kendra Dockter.



Welcome our new intern, Meggie Bjertness, on September 15th (note time changes). Meggie will be with us for the coming year!

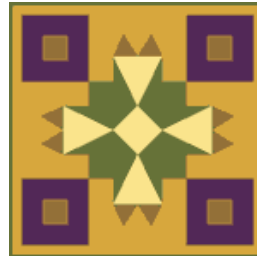
Meggie was born and raised in Glenwood, Minnesota (just south of Alexandria). After graduating from Minnewaska Area High School, she attended Luther College in Decorah, IA. Pursuing degrees in Music and Psychology, she intended to become a music therapist. It seems God had other plans. After spending six months as a missionary in the Caribbean (Haiti, Jamaica, and Costa Rica), she began to recognize her call to ministry.

After graduating from Luther, she served her first call as Program Director at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, MN. She has spent the past three and a half years attending Luther Seminary and working as a Youth Director for First Lutheran Church in Fargo. She currently lives in Fargo with her husband of two years, Ben. They are excited for a new adventure and to see what God has in store for all of us in Abercrombie and Galchutt this year!

I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak His praises. I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt His name together. Psalm 34:1-3

LWR Notes

The past month many people around the world have experienced difficult times. Many refugees from Venezuela have found refuge in Columbia and Peru where LWR and IMH are providing support and supplies for families. Please continue to support our Project Kits and quilts and remember those in need wherever they may be.



A special “thank you” to those unknown donors of quilting supplies as we continue to quilt each month. We have a goal of 25 quilts to be sent to LWR in October which will give us a total of over 50 in 2019. While this is down from past years, it is about on par with only three quilters. As long as we are able, we will continue so we welcome any men or women to join us whether you sew or just want to tie knots.

Supplies are coming in for the school kits which will be packed on September 15. If additional items come in later in September, additional kits will be packed before the “In Gathering” in Fargo in October. Thanks for donations of time and items for these kits!

Ellen Rittenhouse



The Newsletter Team WANTS YOU!

The theme for next month’s Echo is “Harvest.” Do you have a memory of harvest from years ago that you would like to share with our readers? If so, contact, the Editor at lalee@rrt.net or call 701-640-0321.

Thank you to Ellen, Linda, & Gail who assist with articles or proofreading every month!

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 the Editor at lalee@rrt.net.




September 8, 2019, is the date set for the 2019 “God’s work. Our hands” Sunday. The mission statement of the ELCA reads: “Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.” Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this dedicated day of service, gathering to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God’s people. The event has quickly become an anticipated way to be “church together” and “church for the sake of the world.” As stated by the ELCA:



Whether your congregation prepares and delivers meals to people who are homeless, cleans parks and beaches or writes thank-you notes to emergency responders, your service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: All of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

While I have not personally heard of any God’s Work, Our Hands activities planned for this date in our two churches, remember that it doesn’t need to be set aside for only one specific day during the year. Ways that some of you are already showing your “God’s Work, Our Hands” spirit throughout the year are through teaching Sunday School, visiting the elderly or homebound members of our congregations and bringing them news from the congregation, quilting for the needy such as the Lutheran World Relief drives, collecting school kits for the needy, helping with activities in your community, offering support to someone struggling with any number of topics, and the list can go on and on. The good deeds certainly don’t need to be restricted to September 8th only. Thanks for all you do in our communities. Continue to spread your kind spirit and love to those around you!

LouAnn Lee




Join us at St. John’s Church on Sunday, September 15th, for Rally Sunday! Sunday School in Galchutt at 9:15am, Worship at St. John’s at 10:30am, followed by potluck dinner at Galchutt Lutheran Church



Please pray for:

- Micah Moxness as they seek answers to his illness;
- All those who mourn the loss of a loved one;
- Those who have volunteered to teach our youth at Sunday School; and
- Our new intern, Meggie.



A sincere thank you to the following for their recent donations:

- Emmanuel General Fund:**
 - Sally Caderet
- Emmanuel Quilting Fund**
 - Russell & Rose Adair



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

This slogan has been around for several years. What does it mean to you? Do you think it relates to what we do at Emmanuel or Galchutt churches, the Eastern North Dakota Synod, the ELCA or something else? I must admit at times I think of it literally as what I do with my hands. In Psalms 103:1-8 the writer (David) writes about the benefits God provides: forgiveness of sins, healing of diseases, redemption, love and mercy, renewal, and vindication and justice for the oppressed. He "is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." So if this is God's work where do we fit in?

If we consider the gifts God provides with the help of our hands it seems that there is more involved than our "hands" in church although that is one part of our work. As the membership of our parish has dwindled it is a mistake to think that God's work and our hands also diminishes. Just looking at the benefits mentioned above, it is apparent that our physical hands don't do all that work nor is it done just in the parish. While I don't know positively who or what is being done I do know that regular attendance at church and involvement in activities there are not required to do work of healing, forgiveness, prayer and justice for the oppressed. As we look forward to renewal within the parish, how would you like to share the benefits God provides by the work of your "hands" (including time, caring for the oppressed and those in need of a friendly visit or hand, prayer). All "hands" are needed to do God's work.



Ellen Rittenhouse

Richland 44 Confirmation 2019-20

On Wednesday, September 25 at 3:30 pm we begin this year's Confirmation! Confirmation begins for grades 7-9. Included are the students of the following churches: Galchutt Lutheran Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Our Saviors' Lutheran Church, and Richland Lutheran Church. If you have a friend who would also like to join confirmation, they are welcome to join! All are welcome to learn about the abundance of God's grace and love!

We will be using the **Collaborate Lutheran Confirmation curriculum**. Confirmation will be on a 3-year cycle. We will learn Old Testament this year. So, all of you are encouraged to bring your Bibles from home. The evening tentatively will look like this:

Tentative Nightly Regular Schedule:

3:30 pm	Eat and clean-up	4:00 pm	Lesson
4:40 pm	Small Groups (Highs and Lows)	5:00 pm	Closing Blessing (font)

We have high expectations for attendance, worship attendance/sermon notes, and participation because we truly desire for your child to grow in their faith. Confirmation is not a graduation from church, but it is just the beginning of their faith journey. Christ walks with them and loves them just as they are and continues throughout their lifetime. Confirmation is practicing their "adult" membership recognizing, we never quit learning. In Christ, Pastor Jule' Ballinger

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Julé Ballinger at: juleballinger@yahoo.com or 701-866-1714. P.S. Each evening we provide a snack for the kids free of charge. If any parents would like to provide the snack for a night or two during the year; please contact Pastor Julé. Thanks!

Collecting for School Kits

We are gathering items for Lutheran World Relief school kits. The Lucky Leaf 4H Club has volunteered to pack the kits in September and we want to keep them busy. Please consider a cash donation or purchasing any of the following school supplies and dropping them off in the designated boxes at the churches:

- 70 page spiral notebooks
- Blunt scissors
- Unsharpened pencils
- Blue or black pens (not gel pens)
- 2-1/2" eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- 16 or 24 crayons
- 12" ruler with centimeters on one side



Linda Kuruc

LABORS OF LOVE

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they'll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in "spiritual union with God": cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!

SNOWBIRDS!!!

I know it seems ridiculous to address snowbirds at this beautiful time of year but seasons change. Please notify the church office if your address has changed or if you have a different address for the winter months. The USPS does not forward our non-profit Echo mailings but rather returns them to us with postage due if the address is not current or if you are away for the winter.



If you prefer to receive the Echo by email during months you are away, please email that information to lalee@rrt.net. The Echo can also be found on the church website around the 3rd of the month. <http://galchuttemmanuel.weebly.com/>

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Thank you for all the support we have had for the Echo. If you are interested in sponsoring an issue, please fill out the below form. Sponsorships for December 2019 through February 2020 are available. Checks can be sent to **Galchutt Church, c/o Kendra Dockter, 16860 70th St SE, Colfax, ND 58018.**

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Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights



The Galchutt Lutheran Church council met on July 29, 2019, at 6 p.m. The members present were Brice Bellmore, Larry Wold, Doug Johnson, Kendra Dockter, Marissa Moxness, and Pamela Krump. The meeting was called to order by President Brice. The minutes of the June 12th meeting were read by Pamela. A motion by Larry, seconded by Doug to accept the secretary's report. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was provided by Kendra. A motion by Doug, seconded by Marissa to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business: The council discussed construction plans to replace the siding and windows and all agreed to move forward with the Comstock bid. Pamela made a motion to accept Comstock bid and Marissa seconded it. Motion Carried. Kendra will reach out to Comstock to compare the price of finish work whether Galchutt members will finish (paint/stain) or if Comstock will complete. The council discussed to continue noisy offering. Charity's/programs to be decided by Education committee. Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 15th at 10:30 a.m. service at St. Johns. God's Acre is scheduled for November 24th at 10:30 a.m. service at Galchutt Church. Torgerson removed trees at St Johns Church.

New Business: The council discussed compensation for Kim Adams for her visitations to Margaret Wold and Micah Moxness. Larry made a motion to pay her \$240 total and Marissa seconded it. Motion carried. The council discussed donating money from our Coffee Fund to a cause called Finleys Flight. The account is for a baby in western North Dakota who was abused at Daycare. Marissa made a motion to donate \$200 to the fund and Doug seconded it. Motion carried. Brice mentioned to the council he received an email from Shar about a possible intern candidate. Her name is Meggie Bjertness and she is 3-1/2 years into Luther Seminary school and needs a 1-year internship to graduate. Brice will be in contact with Shar about a possible interview. Next meeting will be September 10 at 6:00 p.m. Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kendra seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary Pamela Krump

Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights



The Emmanuel Lutheran Church council met on August 5, 2019, with the following members present: Kevin Paczkowski, Fred Tol, Jessica Kappes, Lesley Hulne, and Austin Heyen. Absent: Deb Syvertsen and Mardee Besette.

Call to Order: President Kevin Paczkowski called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Pastor's Report: none.

Secretary's Report: Jessica read July's report.

Treasurer's Report: none.

Education Committee: Jessica Kappes will be teaching Sunday School this year. First class will be on September 22, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Committee: none.

Property Committee: Austin reported the AC is functioning properly. Need to replace the missing "E" on the outside of the building.

Stewardship Committee: none.

New Business: Galchutt requested to switch service times on September 15, 2019. Emmanuel will have service at 9 a.m. that day. Joint council meeting to discuss the possibility of having an intern for a 12-month period will be scheduled.

Closing: Next council meeting will be Wednesday, September 11th, at 6:30 p.m. Austin motioned to adjourn, Lesley seconded.

Jessica Kappes, Secretary Pro Tem



FREE DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM OFFERED

North Dakota State University Extension, Essentia Health, and Sanford Health have teamed up to offer a diabetes prevention program.

The National Diabetes Prevention Program is being offered at **no cost** to area residents. This lifestyle change program includes education and support for people with prediabetes and those at a high risk for prediabetes, and is designed to help people lose weight, be more active, and to prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes.

Participants meet for a year - weekly for 13 weeks, twice a month for 4 months and then once a month for 4 months, to maintain healthy lifestyle changes. Together participants celebrate their successes and find ways to overcome obstacles.

CLASS OFFERINGS:

Mondays starting October 7th, 5:15 - 6:15 PM at the Cass County Annex Building, Fargo

Wednesdays starting November 6th, 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Sanford Health SouthPointe Clinic, Fargo

To register, go to:

<https://z.umn.edu/Fall2019Registration>

For more information, please call 701-231-5165 or email nikki.a.johnson@ndsu.edu.



Puzzle!

Match each numbered description with the correct biblical dreamer. Use the passages as hints, if needed.

1. His brothers were irritated when he told them of his dreams. (*Genesis 37:5-8*)
2. He saw angels going up and down a ladder. (*Genesis 28:10-12*)
3. This ruler dreamed about some skinny cows eating fat cows. (*Genesis 41:17-21*)
4. She had an unpleasant dream and told her husband to have nothing to do with Jesus. (*Matthew 27:17-19*)
5. He saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone. (*Daniel 2:24-34*)
6. He was warned to take his family to Egypt. (*Matthew 2:13*)
7. He saw a vine produce grapes, and he squeezed their juice into a cup. (*Genesis 40:9-11*)
8. They were warned in a dream about Herod's evil plan. (*Matthew 2:12*)

- A. Pharaoh
B. The magi
C. Jacob
D. Pharaoh's cupbearer
E. Joseph (Mary's husband)
F. Joseph (Jacob's son)
G. Pilate's wife
H. The king of Babylon

Answers: 1. F, 2. C, 3. A, 4. E, 5. H, 6. E, 7. D, 8. B

† Christian Colts

2019-2020

Richland 44 Highschool- Room: TBA

WEDNESDAY'S 7:30-8:15 am

7th - 12th Grades



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Donuts ~ Coffee ~ Juice

**Prayer
Activity
Bible Study
Fellowship
Fun!**

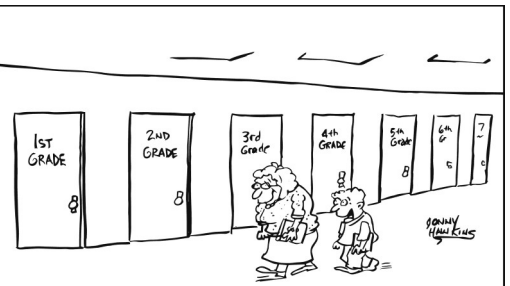
† Led by Pastor Julé Ballinger and Youth Leaders

2019

Sept. 4	Introduction to Christian Colts
Sept. 11	Jesus rode a colt!?!?!
	5pm-7pm Christian Colts Kickoff!!!!
	Picnic at Our Savior's in Colfax - gifts for students!
Sept. 18	Abundance
Sept. 25	Faith
Oct. 2	Strength
Oct. 9	Contentment
Oct. 16	Healing
Oct. 23	Courage
Oct. 30	Mercy
Nov. 6	Forgiveness
Nov. 13	Love
Nov. 20	Healing
Nov. 27	Thankful
Dec. 4	Joy
Dec. 11	Prayer
Dec. 18	Christmas Fun!
Dec. 25	No Christian Colts

"Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."

~Deuteronomy 31:6



"Wow, Mrs. Hoover - 40 years of teaching Sunday school. You were in it for the long haul!"



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No worship services	2 Labor Day holiday	3	4 AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	5	6	7
8 Communion Sunday Galchutt 9:00 Worship Emmanuel 10:30 Worship	9	10 Galchutt Council Meeting 6 PM	11 Emmanuel Council Meeting 6:30 PM AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel	12	13	14
15 Emmanuel 9:00 Worship Galchutt 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship at St. Johns	16 Quilts of Valor @ Emmanuel noon-7 PM	17 Quilting at Emmanuel 9AM - 4 PM	18 AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel Echo Articles Due Today!!	19	20	21
22 Communion Sunday Galchutt 9:00 Worship Emmanuel 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	23	24	25 AA Mtg 7PM @ Emmanuel Confirmation at Our Saviors Church 3:30 PM	26	27	28
29 Galchutt 9:00 Worship Emmanuel 10:30 Worship	30			Emmanuel Altar Guild: September - Gail Haarstad October - Tessa Tschakert		

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Just for Laughs.....

