

The Echo

May 2024



Spring is among us. As farmers enter the fields and school ends for the year, we reflect upon all with which God has blessed us. Our Class of 2024 seniors graduate on May 26. Let us bless and keep them in our prayers as they step into adulthood, be that college or a job. Wherever your path leads, know that your community and church will keep you in our prayers. Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV) offers this blessing: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

As we all journey into spring, know that God is with us throughout our journey.

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
Do not put your trust in princes,
In mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
On that very day their plans perish.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
Whose hope is in the LORD their God,
Who made heaven and earth,
The sea, and all that is in them;
Who keeps faith forever;
Who executes justice for the oppressed;
Who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
The LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers;
He upholds the orphan and the widow,
But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The LORD will reign forever,
Your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD! (Psalm 146 RSV)



**Baccalaureate Sunday,
May 19, at 2 PM at
Galchutt Lutheran
Church for all seniors
and their
families.**



Let us go forth with the praises of God in our hearts.

Peace, Pastor Janelle



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Our Seniors who graduate on May 26.



Eric Moen plans to attend NDSCS in Wahpeton enrolled in Business Management- Administration & Finance. (left)



Casyn Syvertsen plans to attend NDSCS in Wahpeton enrolled in welding. (right)



(Left) Thanks to all the kids and families that attended Emmanuel Sunday School for the 2023-2024 school year. We look forward to seeing all of you in the fall! Jessica & Katrina (missing from this pic are the Hammond kids)

(Below) Pastor Janelle recently spent her Friday night hosting a lock-in at Emmanuel for several 4th through 8th graders. They painted quilt blocks, tied blankets, and just had fun.





Pizza and Bingo were part of the fun on April 28th at Emmanuel.



In-carnation

The official flower of Mother's Day is the carnation, the favorite flower of the mom of the holiday's founder, Anna Jarvis. Over time, the custom arose of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day if your mother has died and a red one if she's living.

In fact, many carnation colors have special meanings. Pink carries the richest Christian symbolism. According to legend, carnations first appeared on earth as Mary wept while watching Jesus carry his cross. Where her tears fell, there appeared pink carnations, symbolizing a mother's undying love.

According to one theory, the English word for carnation comes from *carnis*, Latin for flesh. From the same root comes *incarnation*, God's coming to earth in flesh. Thus, carnations remind us of our loving mothers as well as our loving Savior.

From NewsletterNewsletter.com May 2012

Beginning ... and beginning again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

From NewsletterNewsletter.com May 2017



Dear Galchutt / Emmanuel Ministry members,

Sydney Loff and Pastor Janelle Hansen are embarking on a significant journey to New Orleans this summer to attend the National Youth Gathering from July 14 to 21, 2024. This event holds immense value as it provides a unique platform for our youth to strengthen their faith and foster meaningful connections.

We invite you to invest in Sydney and Pastor Janelle's journey by purchasing a stock share. The total cost of the trip is \$4,000, with \$300 already paid and \$3,700 remaining. Each stock share is priced at \$20, and by purchasing these shares, you not only support Sydney and Pastor Janelle's trip but also become a part of their journey. You can buy as many shares as you like.

Please make any checks for this journey payable to Galchutt Lutheran Church. Checks can be sent to Galchutt Lutheran Church, 109 Galchutt Ave, Galchutt, ND 58075; or put in the offering plates at either church with a notation that it is for the National Youth Gathering.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Janelle by email at thegempastor@gmail.com or by phone at (701) 205-6803. When Sydney and Pastor Janelle return, we will share our experiences and photos with you and invite you to a dessert event to thank you for becoming a stockholder.

God's peace,
Pastor Janelle and Sydney Loff

I would like to buy _____ share(s) of stock for a total of \$_____.

The language of lament

Unlike nonbelievers, Christians can grieve with hope (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). On Memorial Day and at Christian funerals and burials, our lament is real — and it's a uniquely Christian concept, according to Pastor Mark Vroegop. "It takes faith to pray when you are in pain," he writes in *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy*. "Belief in God creates challenging questions, and lament provides the opportunity to reorient your hurting heart toward what is true. But in order for that to happen, you have to turn to prayer. The silent treatment must end."

Vroegop, who had a stillborn daughter, says lament opens a door that leads to trust. Heartfelt lament, he says, can be brief or messy and can feel forced or uncomfortable. But the important thing is to "keep talking to God."

"Don't allow your fear, your despair or your track record of silence to cut off the flow of grace," he urges. "Your pain can be a path toward God if you'll allow lament to be your new language."



Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church council met on Tuesday April 16, 2024. Members present were Pastor Janelle, Lou Ann Lee, Craig Syvertsen, Tessa Tschakert, Fred Tol, Sharon Tschakert, and Julie Lehman. Pastor Janelle opened the meeting with devotions and a prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from last month's meeting was read by Tessa. Motion to approve by Tessa and second by Fred. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A \$600.00 donation was received from Thrivent donors. Budget is on track as far as expenses. Motion to approve by Tessa and second by Sharon. All approved.

PASTOR'S Report: Pastor Janelle's mileage for March was 436 miles. Still doing lots of hospital and home visits. Holy week and Easter went well. Motion to approve Pastor Janelle's mileage by Tessa and second by Fred.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP: Palm Sunday with the craft table for the kids went very well. On Sunday, April 28, we will be having Pizza and Bingo with prizes right after church. All are welcome. On Sunday, May 5, we will be delivering May baskets throughout the community followed by a potluck dinner. (Note: potluck cancelled – coffee, rolls & fellowship instead; no worship service.) May 19 will be potluck "dinner church" followed by a scavenger hunt.

EDUCATION: Last Sunday for Sunday school is April 21.

WORSHIP: All the music has been selected through the end of May. Summer church service will be Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM starting on June 5 thru August 28. We will be having "dinner church" on June 12, July 10, and August 14.

PROPERTY: Garbage pickup has been moved to Thursdays. Fred will spray around the church to help with the insects. Janelle Lehman will continue to mow the church property and cemeteries but will not be doing the trimming this year due to an arm injury. The mower and trimmer have been serviced by Michael Lee and are ready to go.

OLD BUSINESS: Still working on getting bids for the Audio system.

NEW BUSINESS: We have a request for AA meetings to return to the church. Will discuss dates and times. Discussed the need for more shelving for totes to store holiday decorations. Will reorganize and mark totes. Also discussed that the money collected through noisy offerings will be designated for a Bible Camp fund.

Next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 PM. We closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Janelle. Motion to adjourn meeting by Fred and seconded by Sharon. All approved.

Julie Lehman, Secretary



On May 12, there will be a blessing of the quilts and personal care kits ready to go to Lutheran World Relief, along with the baby/youth quilts going to the YWCA. We will update you with the numbers next month. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!!

Emmanuel Church will start Wednesday night summer worship services on June 5, with services at 6:30 PM each week. There will be Dinner Church with potluck meals on the following dates: June 12, July 10, and August 14. Everyone is invited to attend and come as you are from work or elsewhere. No Sunday services until September 8.

Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

The Galchutt Lutheran Church Council met on April 17, 2024. Members present were Kyle Krump, Larry Wold, David Fixen, Alex Paczkowski, Jimmy Overby, Al Muhs, and Pastor Janelle. Kyle called the meeting to order. Pastor Janelle led with a devotion and prayer. Alex read March secretary report. Larry approved the report and David seconded. Kyle presented the treasury report from Kendra. Jimmy moved to approve the report and Al seconded.

PASTOR'S REPORT- Pastor Janelle reported 436 miles in the last month. She had a meeting for a future wedding for Emmanuel that will be in June. She also did home visits to the homebound. She will perform a funeral at Galchutt on Saturday April 20. The second class for the First communion students was held and they received their First communion on Maundy Thursday. The second lock in will be held at Emmanuel on April 26. Bingo at Emmanuel will be held after worship on April 28, all are invited. On March 11, Pastor Janelle had her interview at Wartburg to get approved for ordination. She finished up her last class at Wartburg this last week and will be graduating May 12. She will have an interview May 3 for candidacy and the executive committee of the president, vice president, secretary, and treasury of both councils will come together to form a compensation for hire. Pastor Kim Adams will preach May 12.

OLD BUSINESS David and Scott got a few of the church guys together and trimmed trees and picked up around the grounds.

NEW BUSINESS Kyle asked if we want to purchase an app to monitor the propane tank. It would cost \$35/year. The council approved the monitor for the propane tank. Pastor Janelle is looking at sending kids to Red Willow Bible Camp July 28-August 2 for grades 3-9. The cost is about \$375/kid but there are scholarship offers and Pastor Janelle requested funds from the council if money would be an issue for the camper.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 7 at 6 PM. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Alexandra Paczkowski



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

We keep the following in our prayers:

- ◆ Our graduates who start their new journey in life after high school;
- ◆ Pastor Janelle as she graduates from Wartburg Seminary on May 12;
- ◆ All those in the midwestern states that have suffered losses through the recent tornadoes;
- ◆ Mary K. as she deals with continuing health issues; and
- ◆ All those who silently deal with health or addiction issues.





Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>Tessa Tschakert</p> <p>Emmanuel Altar Guild</p> 		1	2	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>9AM Galchutt worship/communion and SS</p> <p>10:30AM Emmanuel fellowship hour following May basket deliveries</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>Galchutt Council Meeting 6 PM</p>	8	9	10	11
<p>12</p> <p>9AM Galchutt worship followed by SS</p> <p>10:30AM Emmanuel worship</p> <p>Pastor Janelle graduates</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>Emanuel Council Meeting 7 PM</p> <p>Joint officers council meeting at 7:30 PM</p>	15	16	17	18
<p>19</p> <p>9AM Galchutt worship/communion</p> <p>10:30AM Emmanuel potluck Dinner Church followed by scavenger hunt</p> <p>2 PM Baccalaureate at Galchutt</p>	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>9AM Galchutt worship</p> <p>10:30AM Emmanuel worship</p> <p>RHS GRADUATION</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day Services held at Abercrombie hall (details to follow)</p>	28	29	30	31	

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