



Pastor Young's Sharing Corner

Because of God's Great Mercy

We should be thankful at all times, but November is a special time of year to thank God for His blessings. I would like to pause and thank God for all He has given us.

First, I would like to start by giving thanks for our new members. On October 14, 11 new members joined Emmanuel Lutheran by confessing their faith and promising a life of participation at Emmanuel. Our congregation welcomed them as our own as Apostle Paul stated in 1 Corinthians 12, "[...] all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

Next, I am so thankful for seven Confirmands. They attended the Faith Journey Retreat on October 13. This journey was about sharing their faith--What they believe and how to live out their faith. They were also challenged to stand up for Jesus through watching a movie "God's Not Dead." Eating together (breaking bread) was part of the journey and it ended with blessing one another claiming, "You are a child of God." On October 28, they will be confirmed by confessing their faith publicly through their own tongue (Remember at their baptism, their parents confessed faith on their behalf). The day of Confirmation will NOT be the end of their faith journey but will be a starting point for a new chapter of their faith journey.



Third, I would like to express my deep thanks to each one of you for supporting our ministry at Emmanuel. Because of your generosity, Emmanuel was able to carry out its ministries. You have shared 3 T's of Stewardship—Time, Talent, & Treasure—with Emmanuel.

To grow our faith through generosity, we need to be reminded that the 3 T's are not yours but entrusted by God. It is meant to be shared and multiplied for God's kingdom.

Think about how generous giving is an important part of every Christian's life and how Emmanuel uses our offerings to do God's work within the church walls, in our community, and in the world becoming God's hands and feet.

Stewardship-giving your Time, Talent, & Treasure—is a way of acknowledging who we are and whose we are. So, I challenge you with two things: First, consider serving in at least one committee/team by sharing your time and talents. Second, consider increasing your giving to Emmanuel by at least 0.5 % to 1 % of your household income.

Last, I am thankful to God for people who have served in council, committees/teams, choir, and Sunday school. I am also grateful to be able to serve you as your Pastor. What are you thankful for? I encourage you to write down a list of things you are grateful for. God's blessings to you all this November.

In Ministry together,

Pastor Young



New Member Sunday on October 14

Eleven new members joined Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Our congregation welcomed them as our own.

Dawn Bohlmann; Emily Fischer; Kevin Kotzer; Tami Nordtvedt, Gracie & Ariaah Lelm; Delwain, Joan & Kayla Lehr (associate members); Tracy & Gideon Rix



From Darkness Into Light (Blue Christmas)

A special service is coming to our church on December 9th at 3: 30. This service encourages people to meet and worship during the Christmas season. The Christmas is not always a time for cheerfulness and hope.

If you or you know someone...

Who has lost a loved one, has miscarried, is feeling lonely, struggling with health or financial issues, broken relationships, or is looking for the true meaning of Christmas...

Please come for yourself or for that someone. You will be able to find hope in midst of despair; light in the darkness.

God will meet you through scriptures, prayers, poems, songs, and breaking bread together.

The Service will be offered by Care Ministry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

*Sunday, December 9th 3:30 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
1006 N 2nd St. Groton (605) 397-2354*

Emmanuel's Care Ministry

We are starting "Care Ministry" in our church. We will try to serve and reach out to people in our church and the community. We will focus on concerns dealing with illness, loneliness, grieving etc. We will pray for the people and visit them. We are all the hands & feet of Jesus. Let us all reach out with love and caring for each other.

Ministry members:

Diane Warrington

Jerri Vedvei

Melinda E ikamp

Bill & Penny Stolle

Pastor Young

Upcoming High School Events at Bethlehem Lutheran in Aberdeen on Friday, November 9th

With Dr. Andrew Root from Luther Seminaries, St. Paul.

Faith and Science, not Faith or Science

High School students are invited for 90 minutes of a deep dive about faith and science connect. Bring your favorite faith and science questions, together!

Friday, November 9th, 4pm Bethlehem, Aberdeen, optional Evening with the Skit Guys at Northern State University at 7pm.

Freewill donation. Co-presented with Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown. Any questions, contact Pastor Young.

Confirmation

The following were confirmed on Sunday, Oct. 28th. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

- √ Jace Craig
- √ Hannah Gustafson
- √ Travis Townsend
- √ Pierce Kettering
- √ Trey Johnson
- √ Kody Lehr
- √ Macine McGannon

Congregation Meeting November 18th

A special congregation meeting will be held on Nov 18th, 2018 to vote on the following open positions:

President—one year term
Vice President—one year term
Secretary—one year term
Stewardship Trustee—three year term
Worship Deacon—three year term
Head Usher—one year term.

Please prayerfully consider taking a position on the council. This, your church and your input is important. If you feel the spirit calling, please contact a council member.



Our Noisy Can offering for Nov will go to Special Olympics & for Dec will go to Groton Crisis fund.

Thank you for your generosity.



Keep the church current with your

- ◇ mailing address
- ◇ e-mail address
- ◇ phone numbers



SUNDAY
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LOOK—AHEAD

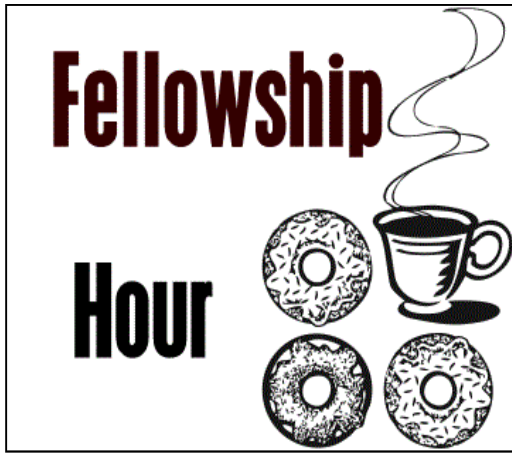
We are all a piece of Gods plan!!

Wow fall is in the air we have had a busy start to Sunday school year I would like to welcome all the new faces we have this year. I would like to thank all the teaches and subs we have this year. Just a reminder that you, the parents, are also WELCOME to come and sit for a time with your kid's in their class. I am sure they would like to show you how, you too fit into their puzzle of life. We have started our practice for this year's Christmas program. Your child will have either a speaking part or they will just be dressing up in various Christmas decorations for our attic of ornaments for our very special Christmas. So, please try to have your kids here every Sunday, as we all need to be included in this puzzle for it to go well. We are looking for anyone willing to help with making the backdrops. If anyone that has an old wooden sled or toboggan that we could use as a prop?? It would be greatly appreciated.



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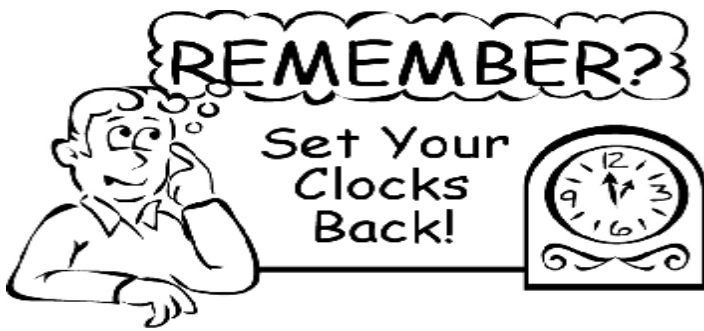




Committees A — B — C will be rotating serving coffee & goodies during our fellowship hour after church. The committee chairs will be responsible for finding people to serve. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, (except during the June, July & August), the League will be servings & bringing goodies. Thank you !
This is in addition to serving for funerals etc.

October Serving will be Group A
November Serving will be Group B

Coffee monies for Sept & Oct will benefit Emmanuel Women's Lutheran World Relief missions. Thank you!



NOVEMBER 4TH
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME !!



Women of the ELCA

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Four members met on October 18 to finish packing our items for World Relief. Thank you to all who donated.

We will meet November 15, with Sarah circle providing the program and Nigeria as hostess. It was suggested that we have our thank offering at our individual circles.

Looking ahead we will be revealing and choosing new prayer partners in December, delivering goodies to shut ins and collecting items for our local nursing home.

Melinda Eikamp
WELCA President

Secretary Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 9:00 am—Noon .

Recycle Ink Cartridges

Bring your empty ink cartridges to the church and place in the box designated for recycling of the cartridges. Just the small ones from Ink Jet Printers. Thank you.



Please be good stewards and clean when scheduled. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS ~ NOVEMBER

Kitchen & Bathrooms

- 11-04 / 11-10 Todd & Kara Anderson
- 11-11 / 11-17 Trent & Cheri Anderson
- 11-18 / 11-24 Tim & Faye Berndt
- 11-25 / 12-01 Burt Glover Family

Sunday School Rooms

- 11-04 / 11-10 Justin & Gretchen Cleveleland
- 11-11 / 11-17 G,J & B Clocksene
- 11-18 / 11-24 Melinda Eikamp
- 11-25 / 12-01 Michael Feist Family

Sanctuary

- 11-04 / 11-10 BJ Clocksene Family
- 11-11 / 11-17 Rick & Angie Carlson
- 11-18 / 11-24 Toby & Liz Doeden
- 11-25 / 12-01 Jim & Rosalie Gerdes

Fellowship Hall & Entry

- 11-04 / 11-10 Shane Clark Family
- 11-11 / 11-17 Weston Dinger Family
- 11-18 / 11-24 Steve & Ann Gibbs
- 11-25 / 12-01 Joel Guthmiller Family

If you are not able to clean on the week you are scheduled, it is YOUR responsibility to find some one to trade with or cover your area.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING GOD!

Any questions may be directed to Property / Grounds Trustee, B J CLOCKSENE (605) 380-5330.



A Message from BJ

Fall greetings children of God,

As many of you have seen fall is in its full swing, not including our brief taste of winter we had earlier this October. I have many fall projects that I am still trying to accomplish before the old man winter sets up his camp. With that season just around the corner I would like to remind everyone that our church parking lot and sidewalks will be cleared by Joe this year again. He said that if the city plows he will plow the lot, he will try to get it done before church services are held or any other special functions. If for any reason you need to know if church is still being held call a council member or if you don't think you should travel to church in the snow stay home and be safe God will still listen to your prayers. As with every winter we can expect icy parking lots and sidewalks please be careful out there we will try our best to keep the sidewalks free of ice. Again, I would like to thank whomever donated the Rumba, this has been doing a great job on getting under all the pews in the sanctuary. Please remember that if you are scheduled to clean an area and you can't, ask someone to help you out you may be surprised who will help you out. If you need any cleaning or paper products There is a new form on the locker in the storage room **PLEASE** fill it out completely, just in case I have any questions about what needs to be purchased.

Don't forget to change your clocks November 4th

BJ Clocksene
Property and Grounds



Church Council – October

UNAPPROVED

Present ~ Pam Heiser, Becky Kotzer, Lori Westby, BJ Clocksene, Laura Clark, Diane Warrington, Pastor Young, Shane Clark, Raechel Otter, Dawn Bohlmann, and Barb Hoops.

Absent ~ Trent Anderson, and Carla Tracy.

Call to Order: Shane

Prayer & Scripture: Pastor Young, Psalm 90:12-17

Secretary's Report: (Kellie) Correction made to add Raechel to present and Stephane Ministry is called Care Ministry, Melinda should be listed, not Raechel. Motion to approve with corrections made by Barb, Becky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Barb) Getting caught up with bills, still have not made contribution payments to Bethesda and the Synod due to unavailable funds. Motion to approve by Kellie, BJ seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report: (Becky) Motion to approve by Raechel, Pam seconded. Motion passed.

Budget Trustee's Report: (Raechel) Motion to approve by Lori, Barb seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

New Member Sunday, Oct. 14th: 11 new members will be welcomed into our congregation.

Nominating Committee: Lori Westby & Trent Anderson to be completed by November 18th. Needing council positions filled-please let us know if the spirit moves you to help lead our church.

Special Olympics- Table until Jan. meeting- now utilizing Noisy Can designation for November.

Once Call System: we are no longer utilizing this service. For weather announcements/church cancellation- we will be doing Facebook, eblast, or contact a council member for updates on whether or not we will be having church.

New Business:

Noisy Can designation: November- Special Olympics Lori made a motion to approve, Raechel seconded. Motion passed. December- Groton Crisis Fund, Kellie made a motion to approve, Lori seconded. Motion passed.

Date for Annual meeting: Motion made by Becky to hold the annual meeting Jan 20th, seconded by BJ. motion passed.

Audit of church books: After year end and before meeting. Lori will ask Angie O and Lorrie W if they would complete again this year.

2019 Budget: Financial council members, Pam and Shane will meet to put the new year budget together.

Groton Care Center: Background check for all volunteers, you plan on volunteering more than once year, please see Pastor for the form to be filled out Prior to volunteering please.

Fellowship Coffee Monies: clarification on where to place the money each Sunday will be posted.

Giving Statements: Discussed options on bi-annually printing giving statements, or somehow share with congregation their giving mid year.

Care Ministry: A special service, From Darkness to Light Dec. 9th, open to the community-for anyone who needs extra reflection, support, prayers. Focusing on those who have lost loved ones or have struggled with illness or other issues.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Not planning on doing this, this year. Please contact Pastor if this is a service you would like to see in the future.

All Saints Sunday: Nov. 4th

Carnival of Silver Skates: Jan. 3rd & Jan. 4th. Motion to approve by Kellie, seconded by Lori. Motion passed. AND any other business that may come before the council.

Pastor's Report: Mileage for Sept.2018 – 482 miles. Motion made by Lori to approve , Diane seconded. Motion passed.

Education Deacon's Report: Liz is working on the Christmas Program. Luther League still meets at the Methodist Church. Sunday School Christmas Program will be Dec. 16th, with practice on the 15th.

Worship Deacon's Report: Will work on putting together an All Saint's Day Service.

Stewardship Trustee's Report: no report

Property Trustee's Report: Joe will do snow removal again this year. Lori made a motion to have Locke Electric change the ballast in the light in the fellowship hall. Becky seconded. Motion passed.

Devotions: Lori Jesus is calling.

Adjournment – motion to adjourn made by Lori, seconded by Raechel. Motion passed.

Close with Lord's Prayer

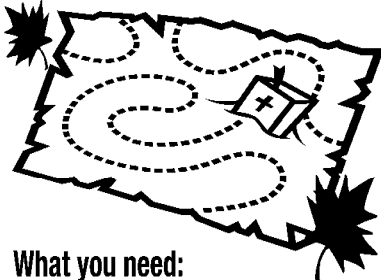
Kellie Townsend

Secretary

Nov. meeting date — Nov. 13th @ 7pm
Devotions for Nov — Pam

FALL SCAVENGER Hunt

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.



REMEMBER?



Set Your Clocks Back!



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“ _____ the _____ was _____
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
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 _____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV



I would like to thank the Emmanuel Congregation for allowing me to be their secretary for 30 years. It has touched me in so many ways that words cannot express how I feel. I truly enjoyed this job!

I started in August of 1988, when Pastor Phil and Carolyn Strain left Emmanuel. The next pastor was Pastor Anne; then Pastor Steve and finally Pastor Elizabeth. During our time without a pastor, God guided us until the next pastor arrived.

A little about how things have changed over the years...When I started, an electric typewriter was used to type a stencil and then copies were made using a mimeograph machine. Many reports were handwritten. That lasted only a couple of years before we got a copier.

Quite a bit has changed over the years. God's mercy and grace has allowed us to stick together and enjoy the blessings given to us. We are a church family.

A special thank you to those who put on and attended the celebration at church on Sunday, September 16.

God Bless each of you!
Patty

Emmanuel is scheduled to share the word with the residents of Groton Care & Rehab Center on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Pastor delivers the message; but groups are scheduled to serve during fellowship time. This schedule is as follows:

- November — *Confirmands*
- December — *Luther League*

If your group can't be there, please let Lori Westby know; so other arrangements can be made. The residents and staff depend on us to provide this ministry.



Emmanuel has a FACEBOOK page. Please "like" and "share" our page. We will try to keep you up to date on happenings at Emmanuel.

~ Ushers ~

We could use a few more ushers to place on the ushering schedule. *If you are currently not ushering and would be willing to do so or if you are on the schedule and would be willing to usher more than once per year, please contact Head Usher Ron Westby.*

Once Call System:

We are no longer utilizing this service.

For weather announcements/church cancellation- we will be doing Facebook, eblast, or contact a council member for updates on whether or not we will be having church.

Direct Deposit ~

So much of our **STORY** is online. Keeping our financial giving on the front burner = **central to growth in faith.**



Check in with your bank about direct deposits, Or see any council officer. **ALSO, consistent and joy-filled giving means healthy & faithful giving...**

Newsletter & Bulletin

Items may be sent to church office at emmanuelgrotonsecretary@outlook.com
Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.



COMMUNION



SCHEDULE



Worship Assistants in November Worship Ministry Team B (Lorrie Weber)

Date	Readers	Communion Assistants
11/04	Emma Kutter	Diane Warrington, Pam Heiser
11/11	Arlys Kluess	N/A
11/18	Angie Osterman	Diane Warrington Lori Westby
11/25	Sherrie Profeta	N/A

- Nov 02 Tyler Paulson
- Nov 04 Emil Anderson
- Nov 04 Lon Craig
- Nov 04 Jerome Osness
- Nov 08 Doug Hamilton
- Nov 08 Ronda Kutter
- Nov 09 Dawn Bohlmann
- Nov 10 Sarah Berndt
- Nov 10 Wade Millim
- Nov 11 Jeff Loutsch
- Nov 12 Michael Profeta
- Nov 13 Destiny Wondercheck
- Nov 14 Marilyn Thoreson
- Nov 15 Landon Jondahl
- Nov 15 Amber Meister Miller
- Nov 16 Greg Clocksene
- Nov 17 John Gustafson

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Pastor Young	651-587-1513
Shane Clark (President)	605-216-5170
Pam Heiser (Vice Pres.)	605-216-4812
Kellie Townsend (Secretary)	605-380-5402
Barb Hoops (Treasurer)	395-7966
Becky Kotzer (Financial Sec.)	605-216-8894
Lori Westby (Worship)	397-7648
Carla Tracy (Co-Education)	605-770-0208
Laura Clark (Co-Education)	397-7050
Diane Warrington (Evangelism)	605-213-2350
Trent Anderson (Stewardship)	397-7372
Raechel Otter (Budget)	605-380-8419
B J Clocksene (Property / Grounds)	605-380-5330
Ron Westby (Head Usher)	397-2648
Dawn Bohlmann (Secretary)	605-450-5767
Melinda Eikamp (WELCA Pres.)	397-2392

- Nov 17 Virginia Needham
- Nov 17 Natasha Needham
- Nov 19 Taylor Gustafson
- Nov 19 Tanya Nordine
- Nov 19 Cora Wolter
- Nov 20 Shauna Schauer
- Nov 21 Kelsea Heintzman
- Nov 22 Jim Gerdes
- Nov 23 Jade Craig
- Nov 23 Sarah Finnesand
- Nov 24 Hailee Warren
- Nov 24 Cory Rath
- Nov 25 Angela Falk
- Nov 26 Homer Mydland
- Nov 27 Christopher Loutsch
- Nov 28 Brittany Raap
- Nov 28 Sharon Zoellner
- Nov 29 Melinda Eikamp
- Nov 29 Travis Swisher
- Nov 30 Jesse Anderson

If your birthday is not listed or listed incorrectly, please let the church office know. It may be that we do



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