

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Groton, SD

June & July 2025 News



Grace and Peace to you Emmanuel Family;

Hard to believe we are writing articles for the June/July newsletter. Where has the time gone this year?

Now that we are in summer mode with vacations, camping, ball tournaments, family reunions, etc... planned for the summer, I don't want to sound cliché, but do not take a vacation from worship this summer. Yes, we would love to see you in the pews at Emmanuel this summer but if plans take you elsewhere don't forget to worship. Worshiping is more than just coming to church. There are several options available in the summer. If camping in the NE part of the state, swing over to NE-SO-DAK on a Sunday morning and join them for worship, Emmanuel has the service streaming on face book every Sunday, or even attend an outdoor concert.

Believe it or not, but there are scientific benefits to worshipping. It increases your BPNF, which helps grow healthy brain cells. God knew what he was doing when he created us. With just 7 minutes of worshipping everyday it will change your brain. David talks about worshipping with shouts of joy in Psalm 27:6, but he also makes

reference to the sacrifice it takes to worship God. It may not always be easy to worship, but the benefits are worth it. Just 7 minutes of song, praise, thanksgiving, or gratitude can completely change your attitude. Isaiah 61 expresses the positive things that take place with worshipping the Lord. So even if you are not in a pew this summer, worship the Lord every day. Be clothed with the joy and praise that God showers upon us in all the little things.

We also need to continue to hold in prayer all those who work diligently to keep things moving at Emmanuel. The worship committee, the property personal, and the call committee will continue to work through the summer to keep our church alive. Please read their articles in the newsletter, there are many opportunities to volunteer with these projects. Many hands make for light work.

Have a Blessed Summer and Worship On!!

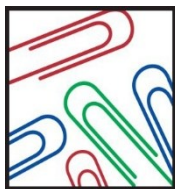
Angie Osterman, Council President

Food for thought:

Matthew 15:8-9 "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules."



On the last day of Confirmation, the class went to the DQ to get a treat and support those the DI group that would be going to Worlds.



Office Hours

Church Secretary—Patty
Office hours vary so please call or text
605-824-4417



NEWSLETTER

Do you get your newsletter sent to you via the postal service? With the price of postage going up, please consider a different way of receiving your newsletter. For those of you who have a Groton address, we can send it via email, or you can pick it up at the church.

To make changes to your newsletter mailing preference, please contact:

Church office – 605-397-2354

Patty – call or text 605-825-4417

Email – emmanuelgrotonsecretary@outlook.com

Thank you for being good stewards of our resources.

~ 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 the church office.



We are currently using generic envelopes for our offering. Please help yourself to a box of envelopes on the table in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your continued support of Emmanuel Lutheran Church!

~Just an FYI~

- ❖ Bulletin deadline is Thursday's
- ❖ Newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month.

If you need to provide something for the bulletin or newsletter and you need more time, please let Patty know and something will be worked out.

If you have a hospitalization and /
or
an emergency, please contact:

Angie Osterman — 605-380-4774

OR

BJ Clocksene — 605-380-5330

OR

605-397-2354 (church)



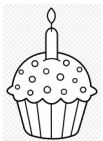
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June Birthday's

6/1 Mayme Baker	6/20 Robert Osterman
6/2 Trent Anderson	6/22 Jerrie Vedvei
6/2 Tim Waage	6/23 Kaden Kampa
6/3 Kendyll Kroll	6/23 Alyssa Sippel
6/3 Eric Johnson	6/23 Sarah Sippel
6/3 Ryan Johnson	6/24 Maggie Cleveland
6/4 Stacy Mayou	6/24 Steve Dresbach
6/6 Kasey Boesl	6/27 Cassie Monson
6/9 Bruce Shilhanek	6/28 Holly Johnson
6/12 Sandi Sippel	6/30 Tracy Rix
6/14 Todd Osterman	6/30 Alan Zoellner
6/15 Dayton Anderson	



July Birthday's

7/1 Loren Johnson	7/16 Ashley Borg
7/2 Lealand Anderson	7/16 June Ackman
7/4 Gretchan Cleveland	7/19 Hunter Monson
7/6 Carol Kutter	7/20 Joel Guthmiller
7/6 Jarrett Erdmann	7/21 Michael Feist
7/6 Jake Lassle	7/24 Raechel Otter
7/7 Novalea Warrington	7/25 Stan Knudsen
7/8 Cambria Bonn	7/26 Karsten Fliehs
7/8 Ann Gibbs	7/30 Faith Fliehs
7/11 Rebecca Clocksene	7/31 Brooks Vedvei
7/14 Jana Simunek	7/31 Keith Baker
7/15 Gracie Reich	

Church Cleaning



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

CHURCH CLEANERS ~ JUNE

*Please note that during the months of June / July & August,
the cleaning schedule is for two weeks. Please clean some-
time time during that assigned time frame.*

Kitchen & Bathrooms

06-01/06-15 Jason Osterman Family
06-16/06-30 Sherri & Kate Profeta

Fellowship Hall & Entry

06-01/06-15 Sandy Osterman
06-16/06-30 Wendell & Charla Rye

Sunday School Rooms

06-01/06-15 Katie Osterman Family
06-16/06-30 Kevin Raap

Sanctuary

06-01/06-15 Tracy Rix Family
06-16/06-30 Jaromir & Jana Simunek Family

*If you /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.*

Any questions may be directed to
Property / Grounds Trustee,
Jerrie Vedvei, 605-380-0701 ~ jvedvei@nvc.net

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CHURCH CLEANERS ~ JULY

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Kitchen & Bathrooms

07-01/07-15 Nancy Sundstrom
07-16/07-31 Lore & Linda Locken

Fellowship Hall & Entry

07-01/07-15 Tanya Torguson
07-16/07-31 Jon & Jerrie Vedvei

Sunday School Rooms

07-01/07-15 Monte & Sandi Sippel
07-16/07-31 Dean & Kellie Townsend

Sanctuary

07-01/07-15 Volunteers
07-16/07-31 Ryan & Carla Tracy Family

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WELCA

The women will be sponsoring a **Ladies Guest Night on July 23**. Kathy Gubin will be the speaker. Helpers are needed; so please contact Melinda Eikamp if you can help in any way.

Thanks, and have a great summer.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Church	605-397-2354
Pastor	
Angie Osterman (President)	605-380-4774
B J Clocksene (Vice Pres.)	605-380-5330
Barb Hoops (Secretary)	605-395-7966
Charla Rye (Financial Sec.)	605-294-7272
Pam Heiser (Treasurer)	605-216-4812
Laura Clark (Worship)	605-397-7050
Amy Warrington (Education)	605-216-0213
Stacy Mayou (Stewardship)	605-397-7447
Vacant Evangelism)	
Jerrie Vedvei (Property / Grounds)	605-380-0701
Ashley Borg (Budget)	605-868-2464
Natalia Warrington (Youth Rep)	605-846-0828
Amy Warrington (Music Director)	605-216-0213
Melinda Eikamp (WELCA Pres.)	605-397-2392
Patty Tastad (Secretary)	605-824-4417



June will begin the circles serving coffee after church. The rotation will be as follows:

June = Sarah

July = Nigeria

August will be split between the two circles.

WORSHIP LEADERS JUNE & JULY

June 01 = Barb Hoops

June 08 = Pastor Hans / Communion

June 15 = Angie Osterman

June 22 = Paul Kosel

June 29 = Laura Clark

July 06 = ????

July 13 = Pastor Hans / Communion

July 20 = Barb Hoops

July 27 = ????



Scripture Readers

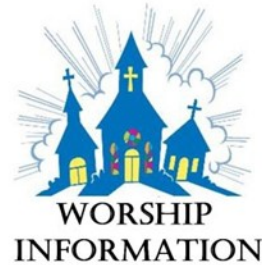
Our scripture readers are contacted by a committee; but if you have not been contacted and are willing to read, please let the church office know.

Thank you.

Parsonage Deck Removal



Laura Clark will be heading up the parsonage deck removal. She will begin working on Saturday, June 14 and going into Sunday, if needed. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. As the saying goes...many hands make for light work. Please contact Laura Clark at 605-397-7050 if you can help and for information. If you would like any of the wood, please let Laura know.



Happy Summer!

The worship committee met on May 6th this month and our next meeting is June 10th. We discussed options for messages if members would like to lead but don't feel comfortable doing a message. Options are temple talks from Bethesda, sermons from the ELCA website or reaching out to NeSoDak.

I typically start reaching out to the usual members who help lead worship about 6 weeks in advance. So far we have been so blessed to be able to fill each Sunday! I am currently working on July and have 2 more Sundays to fill.

Starting in September our committee will start looking at an Advent series that was discussed last year. Please text or call me if you have any requests or are interested in helping lead worship. Co-leading is always an option!

Thank you! Laura 605-397-7050



League Happenings

The youth had their last meeting the year on May 7th. They enjoyed time together at Allevery and had great conversation over supper at Buffalo Wild Wings. We may meet this summer for a couple projects, but regular meetings will resume in the fall after Labor Day.

Angie has indicated that it is time for her to resign; she will be looking for someone(s) to help or take over the youth group in the fall. Please prayerfully consider this position. Do you like to work with the youth? Is God calling you to lead the youth at Emmanuel? These young adults are fabulous to work with and bring me much joy. It will be hard to say goodbye, but there are many other obligations that make me feel I am not giving them the time and attention they deserve. Please pray about this and contact Angie if you feel this maybe you're calling.

Angie Osterman, Luther League Advisor



Council MEETING

Unapproved

May 2025

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 13, 2023 at 6 pm

PRESENT ~ Angie, Pam, Ashley, BJ, Laura, Jerrie, Charla, Patty

ABSENT ~ Stacy, Amy, Natalia

MISSION STATEMENT:

"To Live by Faith, to be Known by Love and to be a Voice of Hope through God's Grace."

CALL TO ORDER ~ President Angie Called the meeting to order

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE ~ President Angie

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: BJ moved to approve, Second by Laura, Motion Passed

CONSENT AGENDA:

Secretary's Report: Barb

Financial Secretary's Report: Charla

Treasurer's Report: Pam

Budget Report: Ashley

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Air Conditioner Bid, have we received another bid. Charla moved to approve Allied's bid for \$24094.82, Pam Second, motion carried
2. Bids for parsonage patio and landscape cleanup. Laura moved to accept Weber Landscaping bid for 10,005.93, Ashley second, motion carried

Discussion on fundraising both the Air conditioning unit and the landscaping for the parsonage. Jerrie will present to the congregation in church May 18th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. SD Synod Assembly delegates : BJ, Liz, and Kira Clocksene will represent Emmanuel as SD Synod Assembly in Sioux Falls May 30 & 31.
1. Usage of meeting rooms and kitchen for non-church events. Motion was made by BJ to not allow usage of Emmanuel for "for Profit" events such as direct sales or "home party events", second by Pam, motion carried
2. Landscaping around church building. Laura reported there are 4 plants that have died and the large bush is questionable. Jerrie will call Weber Landscaping to have them look at and replace plants, and possibly the bush, with a large rock instead of another bush.

AND any other business that may come before the council.

Next Council meeting June 10, at 6pm Devotions: Stacy

EDUCATION DEACON'S REPORT: Amy ~ Angie reported the Amy is working on Vacation Bible School

WORSHIP DEACON'S REPORT: Laura ~ The worship committee met May 6th, the Pulpit is filled to July. In September work will begin for Advent

EVANGELISM DEACON'S REPORT: Vacant ~

STEWARDSHIP TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Stacy ~none
Care Team~ none

PROPERTY TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Jerrie ~ Church: New front doors were installed; the outside work will begin as soon as the weather lets up. Parsonage: Basement light in laundry room replaced, toilet seat in main bathroom replaced, Laura is working on a committee and help to remove the deck. Big shout out to Laura Clark and Deb McKiver for taking care of the landscaping around the church, and BJ for lawn care.

YOUTH REP. REPORT: Natalia~ Angie reported the youth went to Allevery & Dinner. They will clean the garage at the parsonage at a later date. Angie is looking for a replacement or assistant for the League Advisor.

CALL COMMITTEE: BJ~ Call committee met May 8th.

Devotions: Jerrie

Adjournment motion by Ashley to adjourn, second by Charla
Close with Lord's Prayer

Jerrie Vedvei, Acting Secretary



*Don't take a summer break from your giving. Our church finances still continue during the summer months. If you are away from your church home during the summer, consider other options for giving...bill pay, Tithely or mailing to church. **Thank you!***



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VISION STATEMENT

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