

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Groton, SD

April 2025 News



FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Grace and Peace to you, brothers & sisters of Emmanuel.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the meeting with Pastor Renee on March 2nd. I thought she did a wonderful job of explaining the call process and answering any questions we had. If you have any other questions that come up, do not hesitate to reach out to someone on the call committee or church council. We currently have moved another step and are now accepting names in the call process. Continued prayers for all involved with this process as we move forward.

We appreciate all the people who have stepped up to serve our congregation during this time of transition. The Lent service messages from "The Foot of the Cross" have been very moving and thought provoking. If you have not been to or tuned into a Lent service, I encourage you to join us on Wednesday nights for soup and sandwiches prior to the 7 pm service. All are welcome. I would love to meet you at "the Foot of the Cross". Be watching for many worship opportunities coming up through Easter Sunday. Not only do we have Lent services on Wednesday nights, but we also will be having a Maundy Thursday service, Good Friday service and 2 services on Easter Sunday. Luther League will be serving breakfast on Easter morning. Come to early service and stay for breakfast or come early for the second service and enjoy breakfast first before worshipping. We would love to see and rejoice together.

We continue to do work on the parsonage as we prepare for a new pastor. There will be some outside work on the parsonage this summer as well when the temps warm up a little. We will also be working on the outside of the church and replacing the main double doors on the east side of the church. We also are looking at doing some other much-needed projects around the church. Be looking for more information coming on these projects.

In my devotions and readings in the past few weeks II Corinthians 12:9-10 has made me meditate and linger on these verses. (My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak. I am most happy, then, to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ's power over me. I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecution, and difficulties for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.) It is ok not to be OK! We don't have to have it all together and be the best at everything. We don't have to do it all on our own. This is when God can show us his kindness and grace. This is when he carries us. He is there in our weakness to help us be strong. This is how our Emmanuel family continues to move forward. May God continue to walk with you during this Lent season, from the persecution, to the cross, to the risen Savior, in your joy and sorrow, in the good times and the bad.

God Bless every one of you!

Angie Osterman, Council President





Soup & Sandwich Supper at 6 pm.

- April 2 = League
- April 9 = Sunday School



Luther League will be ushering

- All Mid-Week services
- Maundy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Easter Sunrise

Volunteers needed for the 9:30 am Easter Sunday worship service. Contact the church office if you are willing to usher. Thank you.

EASTER GARDEN

Help us adorn our altar area with MUMS. We have pre-ordered mums and if you would like to purchase one of these, please complete the form found on the table in the fellowship hall. Place your donation and the form in the bag. Thank you.

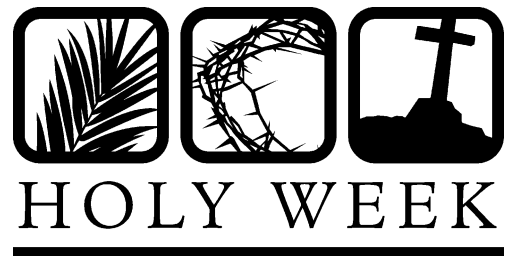


ALL ARE WELCOME!
Breakfast between services
Easter morning – April 20th.
Served by the High School Youth.
Free will offering.



Our Lenten offerings will be split between three families to be used for medical expenses. They are Julie Shilhanek, Shane Sass, Ava Wiseman. Thank you for your generosity!

Easter Sunrise will go to the League and the traditional 9:30 am service will go to the General Fund.

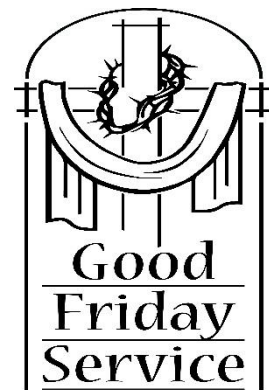


April 13, 2025

♦ 9 am Worship with Procession of Palms
by Sunday School children



Worship at 7 pm with Communion



Worship at 7 pm at Emmanuel.



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

7 am Sunrise Service
with Communion

Led by the League

Breakfast between services

9:30 am Traditional Service
with Communion

1st Communion for 5th Graders

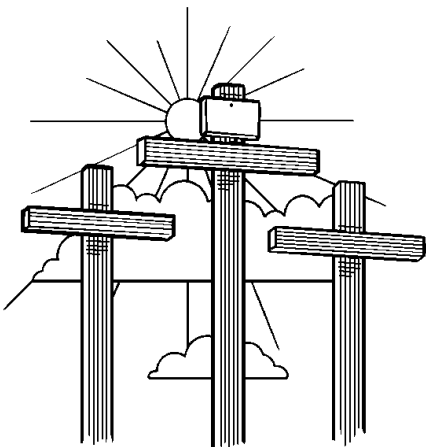
League Happenings

The Luther League kids have been busy during the month of March and will continue through April. They have been ushering for the Lent Services and will also usher for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. They continue to serve coffee and cookies after church once a month. They will serve Soup and Sandwiches before the April 2nd Lent service and they will be Leading the Easter Sunrise Service and serving breakfast after the service. There will be egg bake, fruit, muffins, rolls, juice and coffee available. We would love to see you all there on Sunday morning. The league will also be attending The Stations of the Cross at the Catholic Church on April 16th. We will have a short meeting on April 2nd as we prepare to serve supper that evening and meet also on the 16th prior to attending the stations at the cross.

Angie Osterman
Luther League Advisor.

WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL

- April 6 – Barb Hoops
- April 13 – BJ Clocksene
- April 20 (7 am) – League & Pastor Hans
- April 20 (9:30 am) – Pastor Hans
- April 27 – Paul Kosel



Call Committee Updates



Greetings Children of God,

We have gotten word from the synod that our church has been moved to the next step in the call process to we are accepting names. This puts us on step 5 of 9.

The call committee meet to discuss the potential questions to ask the pastor when we receive a name. The other topic of our recent meeting was the questions we could be asked form a potential candidate.

Praying for a name soon but time will tell. We think collectively that we won't see a name until after Easter. But we can pray that this name will come to us sooner.

If anyone has any questions that they would like to have the committee consider asking the potential candidate please let me know and I can bring it to the call committee so we are ready to ask it when we receive our first name.

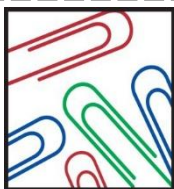
Prayers for a Servant Leader to lead our flock.

Your call committee chair
BJ Clocksene



Those receiving their FIRST COMMUNION on Easter Sunday during the 9:30 am worship service are:

Simon Simunek, Gideon Rix & Kacie McComsey.
God Bless these young people.



Office Hours

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

~ Ushers ~

We could use a few more ushers to place on the ushering schedule. ***If you are currently not usher- ing 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!

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)



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 church.

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

Church office – 605-397-2354

Patty – call or text 605-824-4417

Email – emmanuelgrotonsecretary@outlook.com

Thank you for being good steward of our resources.

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.



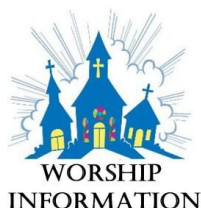
Emmanuel has a FACEBOOK page. Please “like” and share our page. We will try to keep you up to date on happenings at Emmanuel.



Recycle Ink Cartridges

Bring your empty ink cartridges (small ones from INK JET PRINTERS) to the church and place in the box designed for recycling of the cartridges. We receive \$\$ for this. Thank you!





Thanks again to everyone who helps to lead worship, our church is blessed to have so many individuals sharing their beautiful gifts! Reach out to me if you'd like to lead! Heartfelt thank you to BJ Clocksene and Lori Westby for taking the reins on planning and leading our Lent services 'At the Foot of the Cross'. Each Wednesday night we hear different stories from seven figures who were at the foot of the cross (or might have been there) that pour their hearts out to Jesus in these dramatic conversations.

April worship services including Holy Week and Easter Sunday are covered. Pastor Hans will be helping league with the sunrise service and leading the Easter service at 9:30 am as well as offering communion at both services.

Our next worship committee meeting will be April 3rd, please let me know if you have any special request for May including leading worship, special hymns or want to lead a children's sermon.

Emmanuel Worship Deacon
Laura Clark 605-397-7050

WANTED: CONFIRMATION PICTURES

In our archives, we have a photo book with confirmation pictures of those who have been confirmed at Emmanuel. At one point someone oversaw taking a group picture on confirmation Sunday and getting a copy to the church office. Somewhere along the way it stopped. Therefore, **we are missing pictures from 2008 to the present.** It would be nice to keep the book up to date. So, if you have pictures you could share, please leave them in the church office. A copy will be made and the original returned to you.

Also, if you are taking pictures, please share with Emmanuel. Thank you.

Church Cleaning



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

CHURCH CLEANERS – APRIL

Kitchen & Bathrooms

04-06 / 04-12 Mitch & Kasey Boesl
04-13 / 04-19 Adam & Ashley Borg Family
04-20 / 04-26 BJ & Liz Clocksene Family
04-27 / 05-03 Michael & Ashley Feist Family

Fellowship Hall & Entry

04-06 / 04-12 Keith & Mayme Baker
04-13 / 04-19 Weston & Emily Dinger Family
04-20 / 04-26 Ann Gibbs
04-27 / 05-03 John & Beth Gustafson

Sunday School Rooms

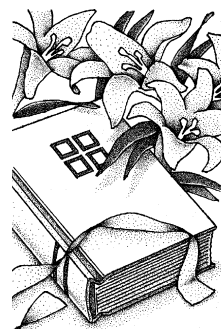
04-06 / 04-12 Justin & Gretchan Cleveland Family
04-13 / 04-19 Desiree Craig Family
04-20 / 04-26 Jim & Barb Hoops
04-27 / 05-03 Eric & Ryan Johnson

Sanctuary

04-06 / 04-12 Shane & Laura Clark
04-13 / 04-19 Steve Dresbach
04-20 / 04-26 Joel & Tina Guthmiller
04-27 / 05-03 Pam Heiser

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

Any questions may be directed to Property / Grounds Trustee, Jerrie Vedvei, 605-380-0701





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

4/5 Kevin Kotzer
 4/7 Emily Clark
 4/7 Wendy Monson
 4/8 Tammy Stolle
 4/9 Lance Larsen
 4/14 Aloise Brolin
 4/18 Jackson Dinger
 4/19 Amanda Morehouse
 4/19 Kacie McComsey
 4/21 Logan Osterman
 4/21 Emma Kutter
 4/27 Noralyn Osterman
 4/28 Kyleigh Kroll

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The family of Dennis K. Larson would like to express their gratitude to the Emmanuel Lutheran Community for the many acts of kindness, love and support. You are a shining example of Christ's love.



Faith Milestones

- ❖ April 20 = 5th graders – 1st communion
- ❖ May 04 = Seniors



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Faith Forever Scholarship
 Applications are due April 1st.
 Turn into the church office or
 slide under the office door.



Keep the church current with your:

- ✓ mailing address
- ✓ e-mail address
- ✓ phone numbers

ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS—PLEASE

keep the church office informed when you have a new address. The post office charges Emmanuel the going First Class rate each time a newsletter is returned because of an address change. They do not forward these. We need new phone numbers (when you drop your landline) also when you make changes to your email address. All this information can be emailed to the church. Thank you.

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



Council MEETING

Unapproved

March 2025

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Meeting
March 11, 2025

PRESENT ~ Angie, Pam, BJ, Jerrie, Laura, Patty, Ashley, Stacey, Barb

ABSENT ~ Charla, 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 ~ Angie read 1 Peter 1:13 and from One Minute Prayers for Women.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Bj moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Secretary's Report: Barb

Financial Secretary's Report: Charla

Treasurer's Report: Holly

Budget Report: Ashley

Old Business:

1. Recap meeting with Pastor Renee- Everyone felt it was very informative, and all questions were answered.
2. MSP – Minor changes being made and then submitted to Synod on March 6, 2025, and made live on 3-11-25.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Camp Scholarships – A couple of kids have asked about scholarships. A few changes were made to the application form. They are available and can be found on the table in the fellowship hall. Registration for Outlaw, Kline Ranch and NeSoDak camp is time sensitive!!
Applications for Scholarships are **DUE APRIL 1ST **
Lutheran Outdoor representative, Vice President, Treasurer, Stewardship Trustee, and Education Deacon will meet and review scholarship applications and award as needed.
2. Jerrie discussed the following projects for the Church and Parsonage that are in need of being done.
 - a. The vacuums for cleaning are starting to wear out. After discussion she will be ordering 2 new vacuums.
 - b. Bid for carpet cleaning in fellowship hall, hallways, entryways and elevated area in main area estimated at \$637.20. Thinking about late June or July to schedule this.

- c. Bid for cleaning Duct work in parsonage is \$550. This is from same company as carpet cleaning. Will
- d. contact to see if we can get better deal to have both done at same time.
- e. Bid to have all upper windows around the Church replaced = \$23,357.00.

Points b, c, and d will be discussed further at April Council Meeting.

And any other business that may come before council.

Next Council meeting April 18, at 6p. Devotions: Angie or Amy

EDUCATION DEACON'S REPORT: Amy sent this report to read at meeting.

Sunday School has low attendance right now. Super Bowl of Caring was February 9th. Money sent to the Pantry: Kansas City - \$47, Philadelphia - \$93.29. The total sent was \$140.29 plus donated food. Last day of Sunday School will be April 6th. I will send a letter home requesting that all available students attend church on April 13th for Palm Sunday to march the Procession of Palms. First Communion has been agreed to be held on Easter Sunday by all. I will work on setting up dates to conduct classes with the first communicants and their parents.

WORSHIP DEACON'S REPORT: Pastor Mike will be leading Maundy Thursday service and serve communion. League will be helping with Sunrise service at 7am on April 20th. League will also serve breakfast between the Sunrise service and the 9:30 Easter service. Please note both services will have communion, and First Communion will be at the 9:30 service.

EVANGELISM DEACON'S REPORT: Vacant

STEWARDSHIP TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Stacy – Will be talking with Melinda about the care team's activities. Care team continues to go to Rosewood for Bible study and Communion.

PROPERTY TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Jerrie - Picked up supplies for Church.

YOUTH REP. REPORT: Natalia – Not at meeting.

CALL COMMITTEE: BJ Minor changes were made to MSP after meeting with Pastor Renee. Changed description, added more descriptive terms, changed years of service, and moved Faith Forever to a different section. MSP was sent to Synod on March 6, 2025, and made live on March 11, 2025.

Devotions: Angie

Adjournment Barb moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerrie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Close with Lord's Prayer

Barb Hoops, Council Secretary



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VISION STATEMENT

“TO LIVE BY FAITH, TO BE KNOWN
BY LOVE, AND TO BE A VOICE OF
HOPE THROUGH GOD’S GRACE”

