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# The EMPHASIS

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The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines **EMPHASIS** as:

*Noun:* em·pha·sis *plural:* em(p)-fə-sēs

- a forceful quality in the way something is said or written
- special importance or attention given to something

*Other meanings: importance, weight, accent, prominence, highlighting*

## Some Emmanuel EMPHASES...



### EMMANUEL STAFF! AT YOUR SERVICE!

We have some FANTASTIC staff here at Emmanuel! See on **page 2** how you can get a hold of these dedicated professionals!

**TAKE A LOOK** at the **FASCINATING NEW VIEW** of Jesus' life in our Adult Sunday School class, *Yeshua*, facilitated by Pastor Daugs on Sunday mornings at 8 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Learn more about this 5-part study on **page 14!**



**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO?** There are many ways to be involved in the missions and ministries at Emmanuel. See **page 16** to find out how you can help by adding **your** piece to this great puzzle!

**MEET OUR MEMBERS...** Steve & Carol Nelson... more specifically, their granddaughter, Sophie Maag. See how you can take part in a very exciting time in this young girl's life! Read more on **page 6!**



**...plus a whole lot more! Take a look!...**

# Welcome to Emmanuel!

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# Ed Opps i.e. Christian Education Opportunities

## Yeshua with Pastor Daugs at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



Yeshua, the Hebrew name for Jesus offers a fascinating new view of Jesus' life. Narrated by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, Yeshua reveals ancient customs and beliefs with clarity and detail not afforded by unaided Bible study or by most historical treatments. Join our Adult Sunday School group for this interesting study!  
(For more information on Yeshua, see page 14.)

## Prayer Pieces in The Gallery at 8:30 AM.



Join us in prayer, fellowship, and conversation, while we knit, crochet, and cross-stitch. Contact **Gretchen Isakson** ([gretchenisakson@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchenisakson@yahoo.com)) or **Robbie Giles** ([robbiegiles@roadrunner.com](mailto:robbiegiles@roadrunner.com)) with questions.

## J.A.M. - Jesus and Me! for children through age 12.



Following the Children's Sermon, J.A.M. leaders will escort the kiddos down to the Fellowship Hall for crafts, games, songs, and a snack. Children will return to the Sanctuary just prior to Holy Communion.

## The "Old Dudes!" Wednesdays at 7 AM.



This is a group of Emmanuel Men that meet weekly on Wednesdays and would love it if you joined them! On the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 7 AM, meet at the Breakfast Club for breakfast and devotions. Following breakfast, the men will head to church for a work day! On all the other Wednesdays, 7 AM, meet for coffee at the Moscow Co-op. Questions? Contact CindyMarie in the Church Office. 208.882.3915

## Theology on Tap! 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 5:15 PM.



Join us in the backroom of One World Cafe (corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Main, Moscow) the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 5:15 PM. **On February 2 & 16 we will focus on the theology of politics. Join us for a lively, thoughtful discussion.** Questions? Contact **Walter Hesford**. [hesford@uidaho.edu](mailto:hesford@uidaho.edu)

## MARY Circle! 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 1:30 PM at Good Sam.



The group will meet next on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 1:30 PM, at Good Samaritan Village Community Room. Questions? Call **Shelley Dale** (882.9555 or [sdale@turbonet.com](mailto:sdale@turbonet.com))

## LEAH Circle! 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM



Meet for devotions and a potluck lunch on **February 7, 2017**, at **Charlene Olsson's** home (923 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Moscow). Bible Study Leader: **Kristin Johnson**. Questions? **Jeanette Johnston** 208.892.9549, or **Charlene Olsson** 208.882.1028

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			<p>1 6:00am Weekly Pub Deadline 9:00am Preschool Moose Drill 10:00am ELC Staff Meeting 1:00pm Preschool Moose Drill 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Bells</p>	<p>2 <b>Groundhog Day</b> 9:30am Music with Gillian (Bridge) 5:15pm Theology on Tap! (One World Café, Moscow)</p>	<p>3 <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 5:30pm <i>Church Cleaning Scheduled</i></p>	<p>4</p>	
<p>5 <b>~Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b> Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20 Super Bowl Sunday 8:00am Adult Christian Education (Hall) 8:30am Prayer Pieces (Gallery) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Children's Choir/Chime Choir 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)</p>	<p>6 <i>Pastor Off</i> <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 9:00am Preschool Music (Hall) 1:00pm Preschool Music (Hall) 1:30pm MARY Circle (Good Sam)</p>	<p>7 <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 9:00am Preschool Music Fellowship Hall 11:30am LEAH Circle 5:30pm <i>Church Cleaning Scheduled</i></p>	<p>8 6:00am Weekly Pub Deadline 7:00am Men's Breakfast (The Breakfast Club) 9:00am ELCW Piecemakers (Hall) 9:00am Preschool Fire Drill 10:00am ELC Staff Meeting 1:00pm Preschool Fire Drill 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Bells</p>	<p>9 9:00am Preschool Music Sanctuary 9:30am Music with Gillian (Bridge)</p>	<p>10 <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 9:00am Preschool Music Sanctuary 1:00pm Preschool Music Sanctuary 5:00pm Luth Youth Valentines Day Party (Hall) 5:30pm <i>Church Cleaning Scheduled</i></p>	<p>11</p>	
<p>12 <b>~Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>Preschool Sunday!</b> Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37 8:00am Adult Christian Education (Hall) 8:30am Prayer Pieces (Gallery) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Children's Choir/Chime Choir 11:00am Fellowship (Hall) Preschool Bake Sale</p>	<p>13 <i>Pastor Off</i> <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i></p>	<p>14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 5:30pm <i>Church Cleaning Scheduled</i> 6:00pm Church Council Meeting (Hall)</p>	<p>15 6:00am Weekly Pub Deadline 9:00am Preschool Chapel 10:00am ELC Staff Meeting 1:00pm Preschool Chapel 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Bells</p>	<p>16 9:00am Preschool Chapel 9:30am Music with Gillian (Bridge) 11:45am ELCW Friendship Potluck Salad Luncheon 5:15pm Theology on Tap! (One World Café, Moscow)</p>	<p>17 <b>No Preschool</b> <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 5:30pm <i>Church Cleaning Scheduled</i></p>	<p>18</p>	
<p>19 <b>~Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</b> Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48 8:00am Adult Christian Education (Hall) 8:30am Prayer Pieces (Gallery) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Children's Choir/Chime Choir 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)</p>	<p>20 <b>Presidents' Day</b> <b>No Preschool</b> <i>Pastor Off</i></p>	<p>21 5:30pm <i>Church Cleaning Scheduled</i></p>	<p>22 <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> 6:00am Weekly Pub Deadline <b>March Emphasis Deadline</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast (The Breakfast Club) 9:00am ELCW Piecemakers (Hall) 10:00am ELC Staff Meeting 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Preschool Board Meeting (Hall) 7:00pm Adult Bells</p>	<p>23 <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> Preschool Field Trip to Bus Garage 9:30am Music with Gillian (Bridge) 11:45am Preschool Teacher Meeting 6:00pm LOTTTS Committee Meeting (Hall)</p>	<p>24 <i>Youth Director Office Hours</i> Preschool Field Trip to Bus Garage am &amp; pm 5:30pm <i>Church Cleaning Scheduled</i></p>	<p>25</p>	
<p>26 <b>~Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> Readings: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9 8:00am Adult Christian Education (Hall) 8:30am Prayer Pieces (Gallery) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Children's Choir/Chime Choir 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)</p>	<p>27 <i>Pastor Off</i> 9:00am Preschool Music Fellowship Hall 1:00pm Preschool Music Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>28 <b>Mardi Gras</b> 9:00am Preschool Music (Hall) 5:30pm <i>Church Cleaning Scheduled</i></p>	<p>NOTES:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>				



<u>Serving on:</u>	February 5, 2017	February 12, 2017	February 19, 2017	February 26, 2017
<u>Ministers:</u>	The Congregation	The Congregation	The Congregation	The Congregation
<u>Presiding:</u>	Pastor Daug	Pastor Daug	Pastor Daug	Pastor Daug
<u>Dir. Of Music/Organist:</u>	Janet McIntosh	Janet McIntosh	Janet McIntosh	Janet McIntosh
<u>Altar Guild / Bread:</u>	Gwen Mitchell	Deb Dumroese	Deb Dumroese	Lisa Bender
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Connor Perry	Cooper Cox	Jack Baker	Abby Cox
<u>Altar Flowers:</u>	Elaina Perry	Matt & Kathy Foss	Elaina Perry	Dyne Weisenstein
<u>Assisting Minister:</u>	Kathy Kwiatkowski	Gwen Sullivan	Kurt Queller	Ben Beard
<u>Communion Assistants:</u>	Charlene Olsson	Tara Roberts	Gwen Sullivan	Julie Spangler
	Deb Dumroese	Kathy Foss	Deb Dumroese	Kas Dumroese
<u>Counters:</u>	Helen Joyner	Heidi Bitterwolf	Helen Joyner	Carolyn Todd
	Tammy Greenwalt	Vern Kinnison	Chris Watts	Julie Spangler
<u>Fellowship:</u>	Mark & Marijka Schwarzlaender	Julie Spangler	Leah & Randy Wendt	Heidi Bitterwolf
	Janet & Mandy Strey	Cliff & Carolyn Todd	Craig & Lisa Allen	Pat Blaufuss
	Gwen Sullivan	Dean & Phyllis Vettrus	Kathy Anderson	Mark & JoDee Brooker
	Liz & Tom Brandt	Harry & Sharon Wells	Don & Lisa Bender	Tom & Kim Campbell
<u>Greeters:</u>	Carl & Martha Hunt	Steve & Carol Nelson	Carl & Martha Hunt	Josh, Nikki, Abby and Cooper Cox
<u>J.A.M. Leader:</u>	Lisa Bender	Deb Marsh	Chie Baker	Carolyn Todd
<u>J.A.M. Assistant:</u>	Gretchen Isakson	Janet Williams	Deb Wyatt	Julie Spangler
<u>Quiet Room Attendant:</u>	Janet McIntosh	Matt Foss	Chie Baker	Nikki Cox
<u>Reader:</u>	Kurt Olsson	Charlene Olsson	Tom Brandt	Janet Williams
<u>Ushers:</u>	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison
	Carl Hunt	Charlie Campbell	Carl Hunt	Josh & Cooper Cox
	Martha Hunt	<b>SERVANT NEEDED</b>	Martha Hunt	Charlie Campbell
	Charlie Campbell	<b>SERVANT NEEDED</b>	Charlie Campbell	<b>SERVANT NEEDED</b>
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**THANK YOU** for Serving in February!



Women of the **ELCA** 

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (ELCW), which includes all women of Emmanuel, warmly invites everyone to our meeting on **Thursday, February 16, at 11:45 AM**, for our

**Annual Friendship Potluck Salad Luncheon!**

We will be honoring our pre-school teachers, and **Nikki Cox** will give us an update. The offering will go to our pre-school. **We invite our preschool families to be our special guests**, and child care will be provided.

We are very excited that **Walter Hesford** and **Elinor Michel**, both retired professors at UI, have agreed to present a program titled "*Return to China: Old Students, New Friends.*" They will share with us insights and pictures from their recent trip to China, where they visited former students and heard their opinions and thoughts on various subjects, including freedom of speech and religion.

We also would like to invite any men who are interested in coming to this timely presentation. Any working women who can join us for lunch are welcome as our guests, and we are happy to report that **Leah Wendt** is baking one of her fabulous cakes for our dessert!

**Put February 16 on your calendar, and invite your friends to come to this special program!**

Questions?

Contact **Charlene Olsson** at 882.1028 or **Jan Martin** at 882.7049

Letter from the **EDITOR**



Hi. I'm CindyMarie, your Emmanuel Lutheran Church Secretary/Office Manager/Administrative Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator/... and *Emphasis* Editor since September 2009.

Emmanuel moved from a monthly to a weekly newsletter two years ago. To comply with some changes that have been requested in "my church office world," in order to get everything done in my newly allowed time frame, we have returned to a monthly newsletter.

In preparation of launching this renewed monthly *Emphasis*, I have been researching what makes a "good" newsletter. In my exploration of well-read publications, I realized that while our Emmanuel *Emphasis* is bursting with facts like "... *this meeting of that committee will meet on this day at that time...*" it didn't have much of a personal feel. For that reason, I hope to add a bunch of pictures of our Emmanuel family in action, recruit some members to submit personal stories about life here at Emmanuel, and try a go at a *Letter from the Editor*.

I learned online from Reference.com that in a *Letter from the Editor* "... the editor simply wishes to connect with readers... Editors may share news about the inner workings of the publication, comment on a hot topic... the tone of these letters is often friendly or conversational..." (see <https://www.reference.com/art-literature/letter-editor>).

It makes me chuckle sometimes when I look back and realize that in the last 15 years of my professional life, the bulk of my responsibility has been writing and creating publications. (In school, English and grammar was NOT my best and favorite subject). It's funny what challenges God places before you in life.

It's fantastic the people that God places before you in life to handle those challenges! People like our own Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (ELCW)! These fine ladies heard, in passing, of my desire to continue to obtain training and education to develop and advance my skills to be a more valuable asset to ELC.

**My sincerest thank you to ELCW for funding my chosen continuing education program through July 2017! Thank you, ladies, for seeing the value of investing in your staff!**

With this marvelous and diverse educational opportunity, I hope to improve our Emmanuel communication tools in style and format for better readability, value (and grammar ☺). I hope you will take a small section of time out of your day, grab a cup of coffee (or a favorite beverage) and get acquainted with our new newsletter format.

Thanks so much for the "chat." I look forward to any constructive criticism you might send my way to help *The Emphasis* be the best church newsletter you ever read!

Serving you,

CindyMarie Polley, Emmanuel Lutheran Church



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 2 - Jeanette Johnston  
Michael Beard  
Mark Schwarzlaender
- Feb 3 - Carmen Savage
- Feb 4 - Bridget Pilcher  
Robert Sasser  
Janice Brandal  
Verla Olson-Clauss  
Emma Kimberling
- Feb 5 - Karl Johnson
- Feb 6 - Rose Kinnison  
Janice Johnson
- Feb 7 - Carol Lass
- Feb 10 - Bob Vorhies
- Feb 11 - Frank Church  
Lauretta Campbell  
Emery Ewan
- Feb 12 - Walter Hesford
- Feb 13 - Skyla Zimmerman
- Feb 14 - Nancy Sasser
- Feb 16 - Samantha Ramsay  
David Kimbrel  
Araya Wood
- Feb 19 - Roger Long  
Dean Rogers
- Feb 21 - Don Bender  
Bob Stone
- Feb 23 - Miranda Marsh
- Feb 24 - Heidi Bitterwolf
- Feb 25 - Jack Baker
- Feb 27 - Ella Fountain
- Feb 28 - Jeff Hill  
Marilyn Monroe Mastro



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Nick & Charlotte Staihar 2/2/1963
- Rob & Sharon Frye 2/2/1974
- Bob & Candace Shepard 2/8/1975
- Tom & Kim Campbell 2/23/1985

# Meet our Members!

Dear Emmanuel Family,

Our granddaughter, **Sophie Maag**, has been diagnosed with autism, a neurological disorder involving a spectrum of behaviors and characteristics causing communication, social, and sensory difficulties. Her parents, **Joanie and Rawley Maag**, made application with the Autism Service Dogs of America to obtain a service dog for Sophie. She has been approved for this service dog but the donation level required for the dog is \$13,500. We have set up a Go Fund Me account to help them raise funds for this service dog.



This brochure gives you information about Sophie and her family and how this service dog will help her be safe in the community. The service dog will also serve as an emotional anchor calming her in public and in school. If you would be able to donate to this fund, there is information about how to go about doing that. But above that, we would appreciate your prayers as we go through this process.

Thank you so much. Your donation, support, and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
**Steve and Carol Nelson**

To find out more about Steve & Carol's  
granddaughter, Sophie Maag,  
and how you can help Sophie and her family,  
please see page 19 & 20  
for the enclosed brochure titled

***"A Service Dog for Sophie"***

# PIAIT! - PRAISE! Awesome! Thanks!

**PIAIT! Someone!**

**Do you have a PRAISE you would like everyone to know about?**

**A bit of news you would like to share with your Emmanuel Family that you think is just AWESOME?**

**Someone you would like to give a big THANKS to?**

**Let us know! Call 208.882.3915 or email [emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com)**

Thank you to **Janice Johnson and the ELCW** for the thoughtful "Happy New Year" gifts given to the **church and preschool staff**. We appreciate your thoughtful gestures all through the year!

My sincerest thank you to **ELCW** for funding my chosen continuing education program through July 2017! Thank you for seeing the value of investing in your staff!

**CindyMarie**

Thank you to our **Emmanuel Director of Music/Organist, Janet McIntosh**, and **all our talented choir and bell choir members!** Thanks for all the time and talent you afforded our congregation during the Christmas season and in the new year. You all sound so beautiful, and your contribution to our worship is so appreciated!

**Our Preschool** would like to send a huge THANK YOU to **ELCW and LEAH Circle**. The money donated and the amazing support around Christmas time is so appreciated. We are so blessed to be part of such a wonderful and loving community. Thanks so much!

Thanks to **everyone** who has pitched in and **helped with snow removal** and ice melt application so far this year! It's a big job! Your help is GREATLY appreciated!

Big thank you to our **Youth Director, Lisa Allen**, for organizing a fun day of sledding for our Emmanuel YOUTH! **Thank you to the 10 youth that participated (along with their parents!)** and **Pastor Daugs** for bringing his "retro" sleds! What a great time had by all!!!

Thank you to **Lisa Allen, Ben Beard, Janet Williams, Janet McIntosh, Martha Hunt**, and all who assisted our **amazing Emmanuel YOUTH** as they lead us in worship on January 29!

The January 29, **Youth-Led Worship Service** was absolutely beautiful! The music was uplifting and the children did a great job. **Thanks to all** who made this happen. **Don & Lisa Bender**

Thanks to Youth Director, **Lisa Allen, and all who participated** in the 1/26, MIGHTY Youth Play Day here at Emmanuel! AND, for all the Luth Youth that joined together for a fun time seeing Kung Fu Panda 3 on 1/28!

## Here is a big PIAIT! to Gretchen Isakson!

While Gretchen was going about her daily errands, she ran across a member in our community that was grieving over the loss of a loved one. Gretchen came into the church office and asked if she could get a set of the *Greif* booklets we studied in our mid-week Lenten devotions last year, because she had met someone who might get comfort from them.

Gretchen picked up a set, then delivered it to this Sister in Christ. At Christmas time, Emmanuel received a Christmas card with the following written inside:

*"I would just like to say thank you and let you all know what a special person Gretchen (Isakson) is. She came into my work one day with the "Greif" booklets. My Dad had been gone a year but I burst into tears. She went right away and got me one packet. I read the booklets over and over. Then I gave them to my friend who's mom passed away. Then another mother of 3 of my friends passed away. I asked her for the booklets. She came right back with them. My cousin says God places people at the right place at the right time. He sure does ☺  
Thanks again Gretchen."*

**Yes, thank you, Gretchen!  
Thank you for sharing God's love!**

# P!A!T! - PRAISE! Awesome! Thanks!

*Pastor Gordon Braun served as Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church from 1981 - 1995. In 1988 he put together a "Worship Guide" for the members of Emmanuel which explains many aspects of how Lutherans worship. Here is a segment of this Worship Guide. This is shared in hopes that it may enhance your worship life.*

## LITURGY

The liturgies of the church consist of the whole system of services, seasons and ceremonies. The word itself is a Greek word meaning "public work." It is the joint action of the people of God. It is how we worship when we come together as the people of God.

Everybody has a liturgy. Have you ever noticed a baseball player at bat? He takes a few practice swings, scratches out a place for his foot at the plate, hitches up his pants, pulls down his cap, and sets himself ready for the pitch. It is a little routine to help him feel ready, or a "sense of shalom" when he joins body and spirit.

Worship services in the church are liturgical. They are structured so that we may speak in one voice. Thus the services become orderly. There are forms for worship which are intended to give direction and meaning. Someone once called our regular service a step-by-step walk with God.

The form is important but ought not be the most important aspect of worship. The content far outweighs the form. One can whip up some cake batter but doesn't just put it in the oven. A cake pan is used. The pan is the form, but it is the cake you eat. Form is the key to content.

Spontaneity is also important, or liturgy becomes lethargy. The worshiper must put his/her own spontaneous content into the form for the experience of worship to be alive. As we worship we are challenged to participate. Worship calls for the best of our imagination.

Liturgies are Biblical. Many parts of the various services are either a direct quote or a paraphrase of a

Biblical thought. Some things are done in ways similar to the "ways" of God's people of old. Devotional practices have been perpetuated because they are helpful in our life with God: prayer, singing, hearing God's word, receiving the sacrament, etc. All of liturgy is a rehearsal of "God's story." The Old Testament Passover meal rehearsed the story of God's people in suffering and God's deliverance of them.

Liturgy enhances worship. One can have a football game with only a football and a few people. But many other things can enhance the game, like a dome, a marked field, referees, a band, cheerleaders, etc. Our liturgy is designed to put our worship mood in a proper framework to receive the Word and sacrament with a believing heart.

## WORSHIP

Worship is an occasion to be with God. It consists of a meeting and a response. God meets us in Word and Sacrament – we respond. Notice this concept in the services. As an example think of the reading of the Gospel. It is announced, we raise, it is read, we respond, "Praise be to You, O Christ."

Our most common service is called "Holy Communion" because it culminates with the sacrament. For the Sundays we do not have communion there are rubrics that indicate where and how the service continues. We also use the Service of the Word on occasion. Different musical settings are offered for the service to add variety...

*Check in with us again next month as Pastor Braun continues this "Worship Guide" with an explanation on special segments of our worship service.*

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## In Our Thoughts & Prayers



- **The churches' ongoing ministries of care** for the hungry and neglected, especially in Zimbabwe, China, Darfur, Ethiopia.
- **Military service people from our families serving:** John M. Swanson & Evan B. Marten, grandsons of Maureen & Dwaine Marten; Jaren Doherty Jr., Clara Dockter's grandson; serving with the Marines in Afghanistan.
- **Victims of war, oppression, injustice, and cruelty.**
- **People and organizations working for justice and peace.**
- **Any people we have come to see as our enemies.**

- **All those living in fearful homes and circumstances.**
- **All those who are victims of natural disasters.**
- **Students and members abroad.**
- **Our sister churches:** Grace Lutheran Church - New Orleans; Ulanga-Kilombero Synod - Tanzania.
- **Those who've lost loved ones.**  
**Friends and family of Jean Mary Nelson Erdman,** Steve Nelson's sister, who passed away on 1/26.
- **Prayers of Thanksgiving.**

### Those with special needs:

- **David**, friend of Carol Nelson, recovering from a lung transplant surgery.
- **Janice Rounsevel**, Janet Strey's aunt, who is in her last days.
- **Janet McIntosh**, continued healing following knee surgery.
- **Pastor Dave Daus**, continued healing following total knee repair.
- **Janet Temple Larson**, friend of Kendyl Landeck, for healing following a neck surgery.
- **Sue**, Julia Keleher's mother, in hospice care.
- **Daniel Kinnison**, Vern's brother, in a nursing home dealing with dementia.
- **Carl Hunt**, suffering from cluster headaches.
- **Mel Torgerson**, Gwen Sullivan's brother, recovering from a heart attack and stent placement.
- **Doris Edgar**, Julie Spangler's mother, suffering from lewdy body dementia.
- **Debbie Stone's Family**, as there are many concerns with health issues.
- **Dr. James Garrett**, son-in-law of Dyne Weisenstein, recovering from quadruple bypass surgery.
- **Neil Martin.**
- **Dwaine Marten**, at Good Sam.
- **Gwen Sullivan's son and his family.**

### Those, dealing with cancer:

- **Janet Williams sister's stepdaughter**, dealing with aggressive breast cancer; **Lyle Eacker**, in hospice care, friend of Clara Dockter; **Becky**, Sharon Carr's dear friend, and **Barbara**, her wonderful mother-in-law, both with cancer; **Meg Gollnick**, friend of Debbie Stone; **Henry Johnson**, Irv Johnson's brother; **Lillian**, Vern Kinnison's sister, under chemo treatment for cancer, post surgery.; **Landon Hill and family**, friends of Phyllis Vettrus; 2 <sup>1/2</sup> year old Landon has been diagnosed with cancer; **Paul Osterberg**, friend of Charlene Olsson; **Kathi Nakashima**, Janice & Irv Johnson's son's mother-in-law, having surgery for colon cancer; **Betty Keene**, friend of Louise Mowrer, fighting pancreatic cancer; **Bert Kerstetter**, friend of Ron Landeck, recovering from kidney cancer surgery; **John Pritchett**, friend of Shirley Frafjord; **Layton Tannahill**, friend of Noell Swearingen, battling leukemia; **Diana Jones**, a soccer mom friend of several members of our congregation, would like us to pray that her breast cancer treatment will be successful; **Richard Woock**, Jessie Weller's uncle suffering with bone cancer; **Karen Grant**, former ELC member, friend of Charlene Olsson; **Erich Lear**, friend of Carolyn Todd; **George Morris**, friends of the Holbrooks, fighting brain cancer; **Nancy Dannettel**, friend of the Beards, with Stage 3 Lung Cancer; **Terrie Gilbert**; **Dean Rogers**, dealing with prostate cancer and related back problems.

**Those with special needs - continued:**

- **Tom Henderson**, grandfather of Jessica Weller's friend.
- **Ron Landeck**, recovering from knee surgery.
- **Jerry Giles**, recovering from knee replacement surgery done on 12/12.
- **Corey Williams**, healing after a severe bicycle accident.
- **Eddie, Clint, Christy, JP and Jasmine**, sister of Robbie Giles.
- **Douglas Dion**, Edith's son, suffering from congestive heart failure.
- **Randy Dion**, Edith's son, recovering from a paralyzing stroke.

**Those who have requested our continued prayers:**

- **Matt Foss.**
- **Dean Vettrus.**
- **Andy Fountain.**
- **Sandra Lytle.**
- **Edna Holbrook**, continued strength.
- **Theo**, Shirley Engerbretson's grand-nephew.
- **Fukuko Garrett**, Janet Williams' mother.
- **Mike Voegtle**, Katy Beard's cousin.
- **Rosanne Manley.**
- **The Thane Family**, Ann, **Pastor Braun.**
- **Yolanda Wyatt.**
- **Mike Sprenger.**
- **Dorothy Schnaible.**
- **Jean Langeman**, Debbie Stone's mom.
- **Devin Revard**, Clara Dockter's grandson.
- **Carol Nelson's Aunt Dorothy.**
- **Larry Clott and his service dog, Maya.**
- **Clara Dockter**, continued strength.
- **Sara Kimberling**, continued healing.
- **Bob Bennett.** Prayers for healing.
- **Lynda & Cari**, sister and niece to Shirley Engerbretson.
- **Robbie Harvey**, former student of Debbie Stone, a High School student who suffered a head injury last spring and has been admitted to the Children's Hospital in Corvallis, OR.
- **Janet Strey's father**, that he finds Jesus in his life.
- **Grace Lyon**, living at Whitman Senior Care in Pullman.
- **Joan Plowman and her family**, to become reunited.
- **Ken Strassburg**, Kathy Kwiatkowski's brother.
- **Elanor Vanderbeek**, Shirley Engerbretson's granddaughter.
- For strong community & welcoming in the **Lutheran Campus Ministry.**
- **Patients of the Lugala Hospital** in Tanzania.
- **Residents of Good Samaritan Nursing and Special Care units.**

## Notes:

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Please help us as we update our prayer list. If you wish to make a prayer request or update an existing one, please call the church office at 208.882.3915, or email [emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com). Thank you.

# Our Incredible Emmanuel LUTH Youth

## What have we been doing you ask?

**In December...** the Advent season was celebrated throughout the month during family focused mid-week suppers and services. This was a wonderful time where everyone, of all ages, was able to work together in learning about Chrismon symbols and decorating Chrismon ornaments for the trees in the sanctuary. What a joy to see this intergenerational fellowship!



The Mighty Youth (pre k- toddlers) enjoyed a play day at Emmanuel. We spent our time indoors, due to the frigid December weather. These energetic kids enjoyed sculpting with playdough and racing around the Fellowship Hall.

The Luth Youth (K-6th grade) went on an adventure to Pullman one evening in December. Living Faith Fellowship put on an amazing Live Nativity Drive-Thru. There were three car loads of kids from Emmanuel that experienced the drive-thru. During the drive, we were taken back in time to the journey to Bethlehem. This was a favorite Christmas activity for many of the kids.



Cookie Decorating Day was another Christmas season activity for the Luth Youth. One of Emmanuel's best sugar cookie bakers made this group dozens and dozens of cookies.

We decorated them all and sampled quite a few.



The kids took some home for their families, as well as wrapped some cookies up to deliver to their neighbors. It was a fun way for the youth to contribute to the season of giving.



Emmanuel's youth of all ages **started off January** with a morning of sledding! There were many kids and their parents who braved the cold and joined together on the hills of McDonald Elementary School. It was so much fun!! We'll probably get in a couple more sledding days if this winter weather keeps up!



Another fun activity for the Luth Youth was a day at the movies. We took part in the children's matinee movie series at Eastside Movie Theater and enjoyed watching Kung Fu Panda!

The Mighty Youth had a couple Play Days throughout the month at Emmanuel. We played with dinosaurs and went on bear hunts within the church. Of course a Play Day would not be complete without playing endless games of hide and seek!



The Luth Youth finished out the month with a youth-led church service. The kids filled the service with acolyting, singing, and reading of scriptures and prayers. Thank you everyone! What a blessing to have the youth lead Emmanuel in worship!!

## ♥ Coming Up in February! ♥

Luth Youth (K-6th grade) Valentine's Day PARTY! Friday, Feb 10, 5-8 PM at Emmanuel. Pizza, cookies, and fun will be provided. Bring a friend! Bring a hug!

Might Youth (pre k - toddler) Valentine's Day Play Day! TUESDAY, Feb 14, 12:30-2:30 PM at Emmanuel.

Questions about Emmanuel's Youth Program? Contact our Youth Director, Lisa Allen. 208.882.3915 or [emmanuel.luthyouth@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuel.luthyouth@gmail.com)





**For the KID in ALL OF US !**



*Love your neighbor as yourself*

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

*Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12<sup>th</sup> letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.*

- (1) You really like ice cream! \_\_\_\_\_
- (16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. \_\_\_\_\_
- (21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_
- (11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. \_\_\_\_\_
- (17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. \_\_\_\_\_



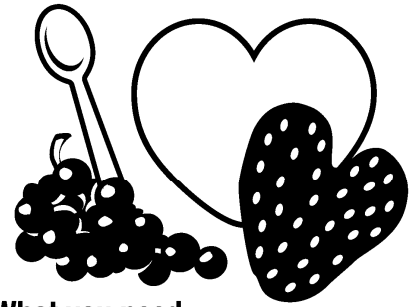
"Honor \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_"

Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV

*Heart*  
**FRUIT SALAD**

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



**What you need:**

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

**What you do:**

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!



# Exploring Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool

A little science with ice. Experimenting with the effects of salt and colored water on an ice block.



Indoor snowmen. While creating a paper snowman, one little boy said "Isn't this fun? I love that I made it myself. It's so cute!"



Happy New Year and welcome back! We have officially begun our second semester and currently have 67 students enrolled! YAAA! Registration is now open for currently enrolled families and Emmanuel Lutheran members for the fall of 2017. It will be open to the public beginning February 6. All you need to do is fill out a registration form along with a non-refundable \$75 registration fee and your choice of day and time will be held. You can get a registration form online at [emmanuelmoscow.org](http://emmanuelmoscow.org). I also have forms available if you would like to stop and see me or have one e-mailed, just let me know.

Also coming up is our Preschool Sunday! (preschool performance during Emmanuel Lutheran worship). It will be Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. Following worship, we will be having a bake sale to raise money for the preschool.

Our preschoolers have been busy singing songs and learning about the Christmas story, the joy of giving, patterning, dinosaurs, winter and much more. Miss Terri's class visited the dentist in January, and Teacher Marnie's class visited the Palouse Science Discovery Center. We also have the librarian from the Moscow public library visiting our classrooms monthly. We are always looking for volunteers to read with our students weekly. If you are interested, please contact Nikki Cox at 882-1463.

We would like to send a huge THANK YOU to the ELCW and the Leah Circle. The money donated and the amazing support around Christmas time is so appreciated. We are so blessed to be part of such a wonderful and loving community. Thanks so much from all of us here at Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool. -- Nikki Cox, Emmanuel Lutheran Church Preschool Director



Miss Tina teaches our favorite music lesson of the year! Dinosaur Music Class!

## Adult Sunday School at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Join Pastor Daugs on Sunday mornings at 8 AM  
in the Fellowship Hall for *Yeshua*.

*Yeshua*, the Hebrew name for Jesus, offers a fascinatingly new view of Jesus' life. Narrated by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, *Yeshua* reveals ancient customs and beliefs with a clarity and detail not afforded by unaided Bible study or by most historical treatments.

**Part 1: *The Land and the Promise*** - Ur of the Chaldees, birthplace of Abraham, begins the narrative. Continuing through the fall of Ur, Abraham's entrance into the promised land, and the exile of the chosen people in Egypt, part one ends with their return to a homeland soon taken over by Rome and governed by the wily, paranoid half-Jew, Herod.

**Part 2: *The Promise Takes Root*** - This episode begins with the angel's visit to a young woman of "Sprout" and proceeds through the presentation of Jesus in the temple at Jerusalem after the family's return from exile. Scientific data relating to the star of Bethlehem are discussed.

**Part 3: *Voice and the Light*** - The cries of John the Baptist lead into a portrayal of the community of zealous Jews at Qumran where John, orphaned as a child, may have grown up. Moving through the events of Jesus' early ministry we also witness the beautiful reenactment of a Jewish wedding as Jesus might have seen it at Cana.

**Part 4: *The Bread of Sacrifice*** - As the life of Jesus nears its tragic close, He prepares His followers with references to the coming sacrifice. We see archeological evidence for the practice of human sacrifice in caves beneath the North African city of Carthage, but draw nearer to the meaning of Christ's sacrifice in the story of Abraham's willingness to kill his son Isaac in obedience to the will of God. The segment ends with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

**Part 5: *Ripples of Darkness, Waves of Light*** - The familiar mysteries of Christ's death and resurrection take on a strong immediacy in this final episode. After dramatic reenactments of the torture, execution, burial and resurrection of Christ, the segment explores contemporary research on the recently discovered Shroud of Turin.

## WELCOME COLLEGE STUDENTS!

*There is a Place for you Here!*

We hope you join us for  
Worship and Fellowship at Emmanuel.

Check out **Lutheran Campus Ministry**  
at the University of Idaho

Wednesdays 6 PM, at The Center.  
Retreats, shared meals, worship and social events.



The Center is open from 9 AM  
until the last program ends Monday through Friday.

We invite those who are practicing faith, exploring  
faith, or who have no faith to attend our programs.

We are located at 822 Elm St.  
across from Hello Walk.

### Every Day at the Center:

- Free Wi-Fi - Frontier Access Point, no monitoring
- Free drip coffee! We use fair trade coffee and each pot is freshly ground
- Free filtered water! Provided by Idaho Ice. Come fill your re-usable bottles
- Free cookies! Homemade cookies and sweets provided by our local churches
- 50" flat screen TV
- Pastoral care and conversation
- Bible study resources
- Free Bibles
- Sofas and comfortable seating (great place to nap!)





## Send A Kid to Camp Lutherhaven!

The Dave Isakson memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Gretchen Isakson and her family in 2013. The purpose of this scholarship fund is to champion sending children to Camp Lutherhaven.

In the past years, that fund has sent numerous children to Camp Lutherhaven.

Lutherhaven offers many Christian based camping opportunities for children, grades one through high school.

If you would like to contribute to this great cause, as a memorial... a gift... in celebration of... please note on your offering, "Dave Isakson Memorial Scholarship Fund." You can put your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday morning, drop it by the Church Office, or mail it to:  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church,  
1036 W A Street,  
Moscow, ID 83843.

Thank you for helping our youth make special relationships, have exciting experiences and make lasting memories!

**Dave Isakson  
Scholarship Fund:  
Sending Kids  
To Camp!**



# Emmanuel Stewardship



## Treasurer's Report

### 2016 YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT

With a 2016 budget of \$363,600, that includes the roof loan, income needs to average about \$30,300 per month to meet budget. Income from the general fund in December totaled \$33,078 and expenses were \$31,484. As a result, the operating gain for December was \$1,595 and the year-end deficit total is \$27,471. We continue to carry a \$15,000 balance from our line of credit and incur about \$75 in interest expense monthly.

The balance on the roof replacement loan today is \$50,980, and our monthly payment is \$987.

This final report for 2016 was purposefully delayed so we could double check the numbers. The budget that was approved in at the November annual meeting will be brought forward at the March 5 regular congregation meeting for further discussion and ratification. We believe this would be a good time to further discuss financial priorities for the coming year.

As your treasurers, we continue to be in awe of your steady and generous support of Emmanuel and its vital missions.

In his work,

**Jon Kimberling** and  
**Gwen Mitchell**,  
Emmanuel Co-Treasurers

## Help Our Kids!

Here is a win-win way to help support our Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool and finally make some free space in your garage!

We are accepting donations of your RV, Car, Pickup, or ATV to raise funds so our Emmanuel Preschool kids can experience a bright educational beginning in a loving Christian environment!

### If you have:

- ➔ an old car taking up space in your driveway,
- ➔ or an old truck that is taking up valuable "shop" space,
- ➔ or an ATV that is in the way of the new planter box you want to build,
- ➔ ANY vehicle you wish to donate all or part of its sale,

### let us sell it for you!

Help provide a safe fun place for our kids to learn, play, and grow. Please contact **Steve Fountain, Craig Greenwalt, Pastor Daugs**, or the Church Office (882.3915).

**We would love to hear from you!**

## Why Donate?

- You can avoid the hassles of selling a car
- No need to pay hefty repair bills
- Free up space in your garage
- 100% tax deductible



## Donating is Easy!

# Looking for Something to Do? We Can Help!

There are many ways to be involved in the missions and ministries at Emmanuel. All you have to do is let us know what you hold interest in, what your gifts are, what you like to do! Call the Church Office at 208-882-3915 or email at [emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com). *Help is always needed in the following areas! What would YOU like to do?*



## • Sunday Morning Ministry Servant?

Our worship at Emmanuel is enriched when a variety of members participate. There are many areas of help need on Sundays. Have you ever wanted to learn more about being an Assisting Minister, Communion Assistant, Greeter & Thanker, on Altar Guild, an Acolyte, a Counter, a Scripture Reader, an Usher, make Communion Bread, lead a Sunday School class, co-lead our J.A.M. - Jesus and Me children's class? Contact the Church Office and we can tell you more about these worship areas! These activities do not require any special skills, just a desire to participate. Training sessions are available.



## • Love kids?

Doesn't matter what age, we have opportunities for working with every age! Let us know!



## • Women's Ministry?

ELCW (Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women)

have monthly circle meetings and quilting twice a month, plus many other opportunities to make a difference.



## • Are you an "Old Dude?"

Our men's group, the "Old Dudes," meet every Wednesday morning at 7 AM for breakfast & devotions or coffee & Fellowship.



## • How about photographs?

Do you like taking pictures? Hanging pictures? Looking at and organizing pictures? There are many areas where "camera savvy" folks are needed!



## • Altar Flowers?

Sign up to bring Flowers for the Altar on a Sunday morning. It couldn't get simpler than this... sign up,

CindyMarie will email you the preceding Monday to remind you. Bring your arrangement before church, take it home after church, and enjoy it at home!



## • Fellowship Host?

Each Emmanuel family helps out with Sunday morning fellowship privileges on a rotating basis once every few months. A letter with the schedule and instructions is sent to each family as well as a reminder postcard sent a few days before your scheduled Sunday. *If you have not been asked to serve yet, please let us know.*



## • Are you Musical?

Be a part of the Adult Choir, Emmanuel Bells or other musical offering. We also have a Children's Choir and Children's Chime Choir.



## • Do you like to write?

Are you good with pen and paper? Do you like to write articles? We are looking for ways to make the "Emphasis" more interesting. Share your ideas! Contact CindyMarie in the office!



## • Can you cook?

You don't even have to know how to cook... just how to buy food... or drive food! At times, members of our church family find themselves in temporarily stressful situations and could use a meal provided to them (due to sickness, accident, etc.). If you know of a member who might benefit from this gesture, or would like be on the list to provide a meal or deliver a prepared meal, please contact us.



## • Is working outside "your thing?"

Spring is coming. Adopt an Emmanuel flower bed! There will be lots of yard work, clean up, and "deep cleaning" in the church building. Let us know if you can help!



## • Office Work?

We are looking for regular volunteer help in the church office, answering phones, greeting visitors, assembling bulletins, etc. If you can help out a few hours a week, please contact CindyMarie!

Call the Church Office at 208.882.3915 or email us at [emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com) if you can help out!





## Camp Corner

Lutherhaven Ministries is your congregation's year-round outdoor ministry. We're Camp Lutherhaven on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Shoshone Mountain Retreat & Ranch up the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River, Idaho Servant Adventures, and week-long Lutherhaven Day Camps held in communities around the Northwest. The Camp Corner features news and happenings at Lutherhaven.

**Did you know? 2016 marks our 70th year offering quality, safe, Christ-centered programs for campers of every age!**

### Here are a few things coming up at camp:

#### **Spring Cut, Crop & Quilt March 3-5**

- Bring your favorite crafting, quilting or scrapbook project to camp for the weekend.
- Pause for meals, worship & devotion, otherwise the time is yours to craft away!
- A massage therapist will be on site to help you stay relaxed and focused.

#### **Spring Women's Retreat March 17-19**

- A weekend to relax, be refreshed and feel rejuvenated with our speaker Pastor Julie Blum.
- Spend time at the spa, get a massage, take a walk by the lake or craft all day long!
- Most importantly, be reminded that you are God's beloved daughter!

#### **Spring Golden Ager's Day Out April 25**

- Spend a beautiful spring day on the lake at Lutherhaven!
- Join us for a fabulous lunch, great friends and plenty of laughs.
- A one day retreat for retirees, senior adults and older adult groups.

#### **Spring Men's Retreat-Shoshone May 19-21**

- No other weekend like it! Bunch o'guys...weekend away in the mountains...bacon... Jesus!
- Spend time in the wood shop, participate in fun competition shoots, climb the rock wall, spend time in word and worship and so much more!
- Bring a youth age 12-18 for a reduced cost!

#### **Questions?**

**Call:** 208-667-3459 x 113

**Email:** [registrar@lutherhaven.com](mailto:registrar@lutherhaven.com)

[www.lutherhaven.com/events](http://www.lutherhaven.com/events)



**Relax. Refresh. Rejuvenate.**

## Spring Women's Retreat

**March 17-19**

**Need a weekend of pampering?**

The choice is yours, whether that's...

screaming down the **zip-line**, spending time at the **spa**, getting a **massage**, taking a walk by the lake, being poured into by our wonderful speaker, spending time with friends, or simply doing some professional **napping!**

**Let us serve you!**

Our goal is for every woman to experience relaxation, rejuvenation and most importantly, be reminded that you are God's beloved daughter

**[Register Today!](#)**

**\*\*Can't make it this weekend? Check out our crafting retreat two weeks before [Cut, Crop & Quilt :: March 3-5](#)**

#### **[Meet our Speaker](#)**

Pastor Julie Blum

Pastor of Maple Leaf Lutheran Church in Seattle since 2002.

Julie did her undergraduate work at Pacific Lutheran University and received her Master's of Divinity at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Pastor Blum enjoys spending time with her daughter, gardening and traveling. She was a frequent camper at Lutherhaven in her youth and even served on summer staff as a counselor in 1989 and 1990.

Julie is looking forward to returning to Lutherhaven, which was very formative in her faith!







As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world - together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

ELCA Good Gifts go beyond your regular congregational offering to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you and your loved ones. Together, we can do more than we ever could alone. Making a huge collective impact on the needs of our church and the world.

**THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO GIVE:**

- ONLINE: [www.ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts)
- PHONE: 800-638-3522
- MAIL: Send an order form to:  
ELCA  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

## Fish

**Give your neighbors a fish and they will eat for a day. Give your neighbors a community fish farm and training in business practices and they will eat for a lifetime.** A fish farm begins with a pond, fish food and a few fast-growing fish, such as tilapia. Very quickly, the pond teems with enough fish to regularly provide healthy meals for families in the community.



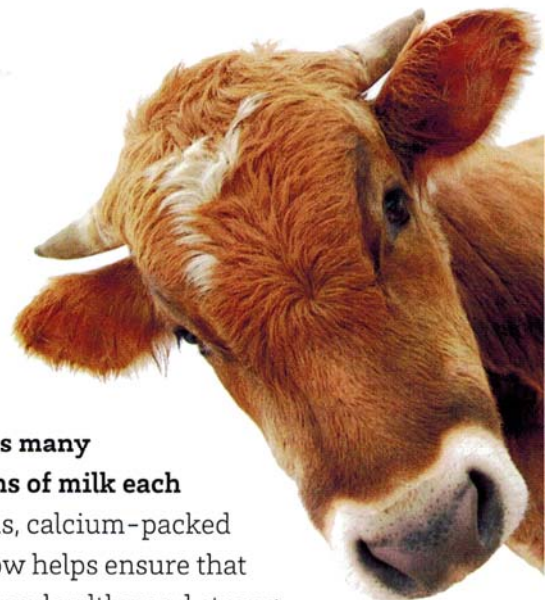
## Health care for a child

Clinic visits are critical when a child is sick, and **regular check-ups are important to look for symptoms of malnutrition and other preventable diseases.** When kids are healthy, they're more likely to succeed in school and get ahead.

Clinic visit for a child **\$10**

## Cow

**Just one dairy cow can produce as many as three gallons of milk each day.** Nutritious, calcium-packed milk from a cow helps ensure that children grow up healthy and strong. Extra milk can also be used to make cheese, yogurt, butter and other dairy products to eat and sell for a steady source of income. With food and funds – not to mention fertilizer for fields – a cow is a total package for a family in need.



18 Cow **\$500** Share of a cow **\$50**



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## HOW DO CONGREGATIONS RESPOND TO INTERFAITH COUPLES?

Beth Parab is an Episcopal priest. Her husband, Sameer, is an observant Hindu. Their first date lasted eight hours, stretching from coffee to dinner to a walk on the beach. And very soon afterward, she had to start thinking seriously about whether interfaith marriage was a possibility for her.

As the world becomes more interconnected and more people's religious identities are in flux, couples who hold different beliefs are becoming common in the pews of almost every religious institution. And pastors and members need to adjust to those realities. "The issue now is for churches to acknowledge that there are interfaith couples in their midst," said Susan Katz Miller, author of *Being Both*.<sup>1</sup> "You want to be as welcoming as possible if you want families to stay." Miller has seen an institutional shift toward understanding that interfaith marriage is happening, with or without the participation of churches, and she asserts "it's not a problem to be overcome."

While Christian-Jewish may be most people's first association for "interfaith," as the population of "nones" grows, the most common pairing is actually a Christian and a nonbeliever—and the clash between belief and unbelief can be more difficult than the clash of belief in different things. However, people with different beliefs can be happily married if their values are closely aligned, said Dale McGowan, author of *In Faith and in Doubt*,<sup>2</sup> a book about marriage between believers and nonbelievers. The reverse is much harder; a conservative and a liberal from the same denomination are more likely to have problems, because theological questions tend to be less of an issue than everyday values.

### Issues Interfaith Couples Face

While there are often struggles regarding faith traditions and practices faced within an interfaith marriage, the greater struggles come from outside the relationship.

*Judgmental family members.* Often, more than the couple or the congregation, extended family proves to be the sticking point. When Libby Yoskowitz of Huntington, NY, got engaged to a Jewish man, her conservative Presbyterian parents "definitely went through a process to get to the point where they were OK with it." Over time, Jack Yoskowitz has become more of a cultural than religious Jew. All three of their children were confirmed as teens, and none expressed interest in a bar or bat mitzvah. But the family celebrates all Jewish holidays, and Libby Yoskowitz said that the exposure has enriched her own faith. Particularly at Maundy Thursday and Passover services, she thinks about the common roots of Christianity and Judaism.

*Unwelcoming congregations.* McGowan, an atheist, used to go with his wife to her Baptist church until one Sunday when the pastor specifically attacked marriage to unbelievers; basically he felt that "[the pastor] was asking my wife to leave me." Similarly,



"I'M A NON-PARTICIPATING SPOUSE... I WAS PROMISED OPEN CONVERSATIONS, SIMPLE FRIENDSHIP, AND LEMON SQUARES."



Sameer Parab no longer attends church after a toxic experience—the congregation of his wife’s liberal Episcopal church refused to allow an interfaith group to rent a meeting room on Saturdays.

*Fear of confusing the children.* A common worry about exposing children to two faiths is that they will feel confused, but Miller discounts that. “To give them as much information as possible is a gift,” she said. In the extensive interviews she did for her book, adults never wished they’d had less information as children, but often spoke of wishing they’d had more.

### How Faith Communities Can Respond

In shrinking mainline churches, interfaith families might easily be seen as a prize in a competition, or as a resource that might be lost. But Miller suggests that pastors talk to the other religious leaders in an interfaith couple’s life, with the goal of strengthening all relationships, within the family and outside.

Indeed, some churches are being proactive. Last year, St. Elisabeth’s Episcopal Church in Glencoe, IL, a Chicago suburb with a large Jewish population, ran a program for interfaith families in conjunction with a synagogue and learned that they needed a meeting space that was neither Christian nor Jewish, plus some kind of shared worship element. “I can’t guarantee that everyone’s going to be comfortable with me,” said pastor Daphne Cody, “I’ve had to come to peace with that.” Every week at Communion, Cody specifies that “all are welcome, regardless of religious background,” but even that receives varying responses. Some Jewish spouses feel they need permission to take it; some feel they need permission not to take it. Her congregation has added some elements, such as a psalm that they have learned to say in Hebrew. But “Jesus is the cornerstone of Christianity,” she said. “We want people to participate as they’re comfortable, but we’re not going to take Jesus out.”

If a pastor tells a nonreligious spouse that they’re always welcome at church, “it will almost always be heard as an attempt to proselytize,” McGowan said. Pastors need language that explicitly assures people that’s not the case. “You’ve got to be clear, or it will be assumed to be something else,” McGowan said. Some nonreligious people come with memories of bad experiences. That is particularly true of conservative churches, he said, where “for a lot of people, it’s a reminder of something they left.” Thomas Beaudoin,

an associate professor of theology at Fordham University, agreed that in a conservative congregation, interfaith relationships can produce more anxiety. Non-judgmental sharing of experiences, on both sides, is a path forward, but “you can’t get there cheaply.” He suggested that church members “try to tell the story of how you came to understand the center of your faith the way you do.” Beaudoin speculates that people who have loose affiliations to their faith are more likely to marry outside it—but as it is, churches are “having a hard enough time holding Christian-Christian couples.”

“You should always be open to conversation,” said Jeren Rowell, Kansas City district superintendent for the Church of the Nazarene. Many interfaith conversations, he said, find “quite a bit that would connect us, more than what would divide us.” In fact, in most Nazarene families, a child chooses to be baptized when he or she is ready, which can lead to constructive dialogue. The non-participating spouse, Rowell said, needs to reach “a place of comfort, that [the church] has the best interest of the child in mind.”

Welcoming a spouse from another tradition or no tradition succeeds “because we don’t make a big deal out of it,” Rowell said. “You begin at the point of just offering friendship.”

For Miller, who grew up in and married into an interfaith family, “it has inspired creativity, the idea of bridge-building and peace-making.” Even without the marriage factor, people do frequently change denominational identities and move from one faith or church to another. “Some people would say that every marriage is an interfaith marriage,” she said.

### Embracing One Family of Different Faiths

How does our congregation respond to interfaith couples and families consistent with our theology and values as well as respect for people who hold different beliefs? What would true acceptance look like? What are the benefits or rewards for our congregation when we interact with other faith communities?

1. Susan Katz Miller, *Being Both: Embracing Two Religions in One Interfaith Family* (Boston, MA: Beacon Press, 2013).

2. Dale McGowan, *In Faith and In Doubt: How Religious Believers and Nonbelievers Can Create Strong Marriages and Loving Families* (American Management Association, 2014; www.amacombooks.org).



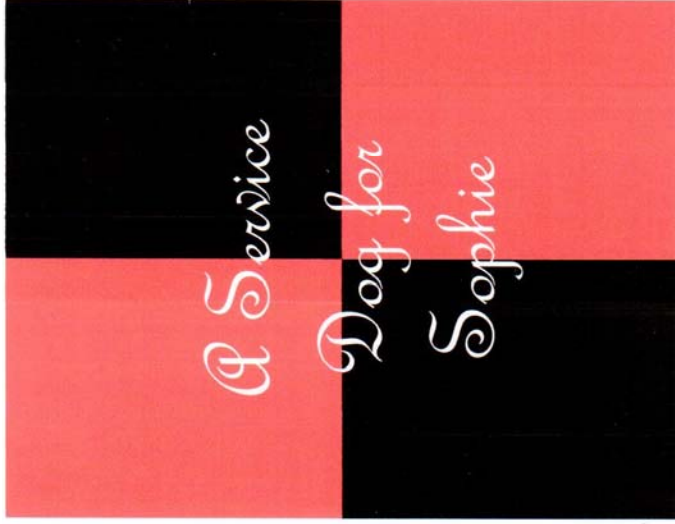


**How ASDA Service Dogs Help Children With Autism**

- ◆ Provide Safety in Public - Many children with autism struggle with understanding and abiding by safety rules. They are unaware of the danger of motor vehicles and safety expectations in a parking lot or on the street. Service dogs are trained to work on a tether system, which allows the handler to control the behavior of the service dog, as well as helping the child with autism become more aware of their surroundings and of common social expectations.
- ◆ Crowd control, Panic Prevention in Public - A number of children with autism have a behavioral overload when over stimulated, such as someone coming too close to them or touching them inadvertently. Service dogs can prevent or reduce panic and anxiety by creating enough distance for a situation to become tolerable.
- ◆ Provide Deep Pressure for Emotional Regulation - Children affected by autism and their families have reported that the pressure of the weight of a dog against their abdomen, lap, or back has a significant calming effect. Our service dogs are trained to provide deep pressure therapy on command to help reduce anxiety and avoid meltdowns.
- ◆ Provide Tactile Stimulation to Disrupt a Sensory Overload - Tasks that can provide a tactile distraction from autistic behaviors have proven to be quite useful in sensory overload situations. Service dogs are trained to get up on command or with a cue like patting one's knee and use their nose to nudge the child, which disrupts sudden overload.



*Sophie on Phoenix - she loves being on this horse and seems to have no fear during this horseback riding time.*



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## Some Facts About

### Sophie and Her Family

- ◆ Sophie's parents are Rowley and Joanie and she also has a little brother named Stephen.
- ◆ She attends kindergarten and is already reading and loving school.
- ◆ Her family has a little miniature schnauzer, Zoe, but although she is a loving dog is not a "therapy" dog for Sophie. Zoe runs and hides when Sophie has a meltdown.
- ◆ Sophie is surrounded by two sets of loving grandparents and an aunt and uncle and cousins who provide an extended family of support and love.
- ◆ Sophie loves being at the ocean as you can see by the following picture.



Our daughter, Sophie, has been diagnosed with autism, a neurological disorder involving a spectrum of behaviors and characteristics causing communication, social, and sensory difficulties. We are seeking a service dog for Sophie. The service dog agency, Autism Service Dogs of America is an Oregon based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The donation level required for the dog is \$13,500. Our family kindly asks that you help us in raising funds to provide Sophie by helping us assure she is safe when we leave our home. It can be difficult to access the community as a family, as she has no sense of danger and often darts into streets and parking lots. Having a service dog with Sophie will help keep her safe while we are out in public. Also the dog will serve as an emotional anchor calming her in public and in school. It will benefit our family as we are reluctant to attend movies or even go to restaurants as these common family outings can be triggers for outbursts or meltdowns. Even a shopping trip to Walmart can become a fear inducing experience.

## Ways for You to Help

- ◆ Please keep us in your prayers as we go through this funding process.
- ◆ If you are able to donate you can go to our Go Fund Me Page. Type in "gofundme.com" and put in Joanie Maag's name and "A Service Dog for Sophie" will come up. Click on that link to come to our page.
- ◆ If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to ASDA and mail it to the address as listed below. Please write Sophie Maag's name in the memo section of your check or money order so your donation will be credited to her account.
- ◆ Thank you so much. Your donation and support is greatly appreciated.



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**Local Habitat for Humanity seeking family for 2017 Home**

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You may know the next Habitat homeowner! Palouse Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for the 2017 Habitat home which will be built in Potlatch.

Applications are available from the Habitat office or at the applicant meetings.

**Application deadline is February 27. Applicants are required to attend one of four informational meetings scheduled in late January and early February in Moscow and Potlatch. Details are available on the Habitat website [www.palousehabitat.org](http://www.palousehabitat.org) or by calling the Habitat office at 208-883-8502 or emailing [habitat@palousehabitat.org](mailto:habitat@palousehabitat.org).**

Habitat builds home for low income families in need of decent, affordable housing in Latah and Whitman County. Habitat homeowner must save a down payment, help build the home, and will purchase the home from Habitat with a zero-interest mortgage that is set based on the cost to build the home, and with the homeowners income in mind. Other criteria include: challenges with their current housing; have lived or worked in Latah or Whitman County for at least a year; and meet Habitat income guidelines. Habitat verifies employment, sources of income, and conducts interviews and site visits. As part of the program, Habitat homeowners will learn about budgeting, home repair, and maintenance before the home sale is complete.

**Palouse Habitat for Humanity is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. It was established in 1992 and has built homes in Albion, Colfax, Pullman, Moscow, Genesee, Palouse and Uniontown. Our mission is to serve our neighbors in need by helping eliminate poverty housing on the Palouse and worldwide. Volunteers build simple, decent, affordable and energy efficient homes for those in need who meet Habitat's selection criteria.**

**For more information on Palouse Habitat for Humanity and ways to make a difference in your community, visit [www.palousehabitat.org](http://www.palousehabitat.org) or contact Jennifer Wallace, PHFH Executive Director, at 208.883.8502 or [habitat@palousehabitat.org](mailto:habitat@palousehabitat.org).**

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**YOUR NEW HOME could cost  
an estimated \$550/month**

*Here's how* →

**The next Habitat home will be built in Potlatch  
Application Period Opens: January 25, 2017  
Application Deadline: February 27, 2017**

**To qualify, applicants must :**

- Have lived or worked in Whitman or Latah County for at least the last year
- Live in inadequate housing (problems with heating, structure, excessive rent/utility bills for example)
- Fulfill partnership obligations, including 300-500 hours of "sweat equity" helping build their home
- Fall within respective income category listed below
- Attend one of the applicant meetings

**Meetings held in Potlatch and Moscow locations**

United Church of Moscow - 123 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Moscow  
Scenic 6 Depot - 125 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Potlatch

Wednesday	Jan 25	6:30 PM	(Potlatch)
Saturday	Jan 28	10:00 AM	(Moscow)
Tuesday	Jan 31	6:30 PM	(Moscow)
Sunday	Feb 5	2:00 PM	(Potlatch)

*Applications available at Applicant Meetings and the Habitat Office*

Family Size	30% - 60% Median gross annual income
1	\$13,140 - \$27,480
2	\$15,000 - \$31,440
3	\$16,890 - \$35,340
4	\$18,750 - \$39,240
5	\$20,250 - \$42,420



# Welcome!

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



## Join us!

**Sunday mornings:**

**Parish Education - 8:00AM**

**Worship Service - 9:30AM**

**and Fellowship - 11:00AM**

**Emmanuel is a community of faith** celebrating the life of Jesus Christ in, among and for us all. Our mission is to proclaim God's loving care through ministries of worship, serving, learning and compassionate living for others.

**Music** is integral to Emmanuel's life and worship. There are adult and children choirs, adult and children bell choirs, guitarists, cellists and ensembles involved in our life together.

**Emmanuel highlights and celebrates** seasons and commemorations throughout the year with children's programs, special services, music, soup and bread meals, potlucks, coffee hours, outings, etc.

**Companionship** is central to our life together here and with people far and near whose lives are connected to ours through Christ's call and leading. Many hundreds of quilts have been sewn and sent abroad, and many thousands of dollars have been given for food, books, scholarships, medical supplies and many other needed items.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women (ELCW)** encompasses women of the congregation and friends, meeting in groups monthly for Christian education, prayer, companionship, service to missions and to host joint annual gatherings.

**Youth groups** including confirmation classes, camps and family outings provide fun and fellowship for Emmanuel's children.

### Emmanuel Ministers to the Community

**Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool** serves children from 3-6 years old. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Families select the schedule of days. Email: [emmanuelutheranpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelutheranpreschool@gmail.com)

**Lutheran Campus Ministry at the U of I** is housed in The Center. Karla Newmann-Smiley, Lutheran Campus Minister, provides programs and services to college students. Email: [lcm@uidaho.edu](mailto:lcm@uidaho.edu)

**Cordelia Lutheran Church** is maintained by Emmanuel. Historic Cordelia Lutheran Church is Idaho's oldest and smallest Lutheran church. Cordelia is available for concerts, weddings, visits, and mediation. Email: [cordeliachurch@gmail.com](mailto:cordeliachurch@gmail.com)

### For Your Convenience:

- Parking is available near both levels of the church. Upper level parking is on the north side and lower level is on the south side.
- Main restrooms are located on the lower level.
- An elevator is located near the sanctuary entrance.
- There is a child care room adjacent to the sanctuary and includes a restroom.
- Hearing devices, reading glasses, large print bulletins and children's worship activity bags are available at the upper entrance.

*Come serve along side us.*

*Come study, learn, discuss and  
grow with us.*

