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a Monthly Newsletter from Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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We Need YOUR HELP To Make Some RAIN!

The “Bring on the Rain”
campaign to help
“Float the Emmanuel Boat”
is going on till the
end of June.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We still have \$4090
worth of “Rain Drops”
remaining.

Currently \$455 worth of
“Rain” has been purchased.

Please consider
“buying some rain”
to help
“Float our Boat”!
Thank you for your
Participation!



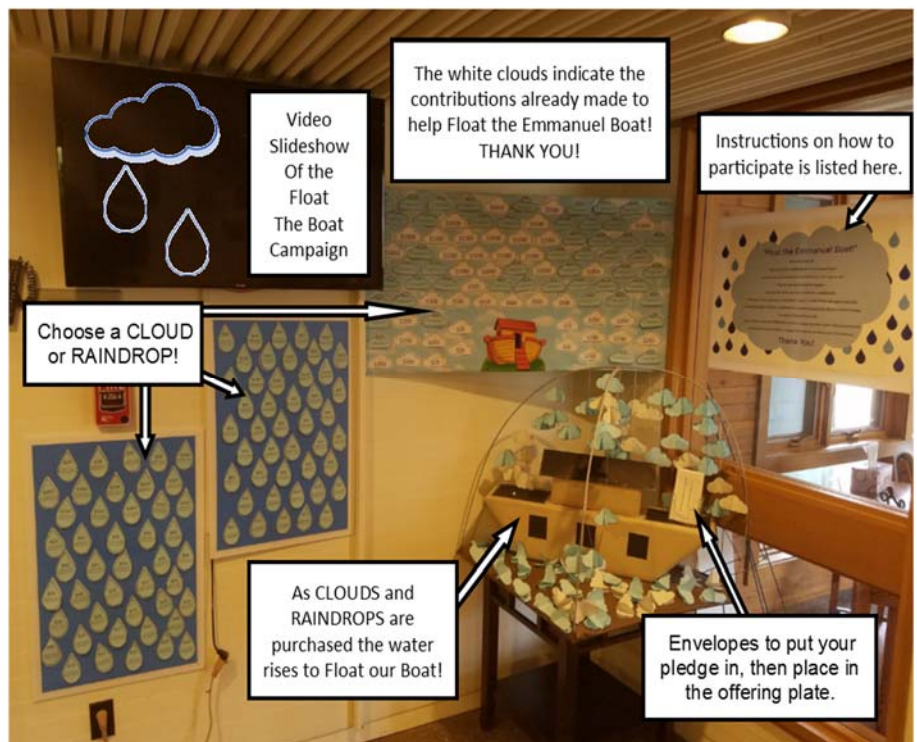
“Bring on the Rain” to help “Float the Emmanuel Boat!”

“Float the Boat” is a pledge campaign that will “wash away” our line of credit and roof indebtedness so we can move ahead with other pivotal church projects.

How can you help Float the Emmanuel Boat?
Buy a CLOUD or RAINDROP!

Your debt-reduction pledge can be paid anytime, including with installments, between now and the end of 2018.

Come visit our DOCKYARD (in the Narthex)!



Thank you for your support!

Welcome to Emmanuel!

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**Submissions to the July 2018 issue
of the Emmanuel Emphasis
are due in the Church Office
Noon, Wednesday, June 20 , 2018**



June 2018 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes:					1 CindyMarie Out of the Office	2 8:00am Safety Fair
3 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Readings: Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; Mark 2:23-3:6 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	4 Pastor Off	5	6 6:00am Weekly Publication Deadline 7:00am "Old Dudes" Coffee Hr. (Moscow Co-op)	7 9:30am Mighty Youth at the Park! (Lions Park)	8 CindyMarie Out of the Office	9
10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Baptism: Jake Kirchmeier Readings: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; Mark 3:20-35 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	11 1:00pm Luth Youth TYE DYE PARTY	12 Pastor at Cont. Education	13 6:00am Weekly Publication Deadline 7:00am "Old Dudes" Coffee Hr. (Moscow Co-op) 9:00am ELCW Piecemakers (Hall)	14	15 CindyMarie Out of the Office	16
17 4th Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Mark 4:26-34 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	18 Pastor Off	19 6:00pm Church Council Meeting (Hall)	20 6:00am Weekly Pub. Deadline 7:00am "Old Dudes" Coffee Hr. (Moscow Co-op) 7:00pm VBS Helper Night	21 Pastor at Cont. Education 6:00pm VBS Family BBQ Night	22	23 ELC & Lutherhaven VBS / Day Camp - 6/18 - 6/22
24 5th Sunday after Pentecost Readings: Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Mark 4:35-41 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship (Hall)	25 Lisa and Luth Youth at Lutherhaven	26 6:00am Weekly Publication Deadline	27 7:00am "Old Dudes" Coffee Hr. (Moscow Co-op) 9:00am ELCW Piecemakers (Hall)	28 Pastor and Luth Youth at Lutherhaven	29 CindyMarie Out of the Office	30 

June 2018 **Servant Schedule**

<u>Serving on:</u>	June 3, 2018	June 10, 2018	June 17, 2018	June 24, 2018
<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>	Robbie Giles	Robbie Giles	Robbie Giles	Robbie Giles
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Ryan Perry	Henry Roberts	Luke Baker	June Kirchmeier
<u>Altar Flowers:</u>	Elaina Perry	Jackie Greenwalt	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED
<u>Assisting Minister:</u>	Paul Collins	Kurt Queller	Gwen Sullivan	Ben Beard
<u>Communion Assistant:</u>	Kas Dumroese	Paul Collins	Deb Dumroese	Anne Peterson
<u>Communion Assistant:</u>	SERVANT NEEDED	Nancy Sasser	Nancy Sasser	Deb Dumroese
<u>Counter:</u>	Tammy Greenwalt	Kas Dumroese	Deb Dumroese	Carolyn Todd
<u>Counter:</u>	Kas Dumroese	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Julie Spangler
<u>Fellowship:</u>	Craig & Tammy Greenwalt	Gretchen Isakson	Jon & Sharon Kimberling	Larry & Carol Lass
<u>Fellowship:</u>	Matt & Jolene Halladay	Janice & Irv Johnson	Shelly McGuire	Roger & Gen Long
<u>Fellowship:</u>	Walter Hesford	Cam & Jeanette Johnston	Paul & Kathy Kwiatkowski	Debbie & Brian Marsh
<u>Fellowship:</u>	Jeff & Karen Hill	Leo & Jackie Greenwalt	Ron Landeck & Deb Wyatt	Jan Martin
<u>Greeter:</u>	SERVANT NEEDED	SERVANT NEEDED	Paul Collins	Anne & Kevin Peterson
<u>J.A.M. Leader:</u>	Lisa Bender	Deb Marsh	Chie Baker	Carolyn Todd
<u>J.A.M. Assistant:</u>	Gretchen Isakson	B. Kirchmeier	Deb Wyatt	Julie Spangler
<u>Quiet Room Attendant:</u>	Janet McIntosh	Barb Kirchmeier	Chie Baker	Barb Kirchmeier
<u>Reader:</u>	Lisa Bender	Tara Roberts	Paul Collins	Deb Dumroese
<u>Usher:</u>	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison	Vern Kinnison
<u>Usher:</u>	Chris Watts	Tim Roberts	Todd Perry	Kevin Peterson
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Thank you for your service!



P resident's Message



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings on your summer time! With University graduations behind us, and local schools winding down, many of us will be out of town, camping, fishing, visiting family, and just enjoying the rest and relaxation with which many of us are blessed in the summer. Others will be busy working hard while the weather is fair and warm and good things are growing and flourishing. And all summer long the mission and ministry of Emmanuel will continue uninterrupted - for the Lord's work and ministry continues always.

The excitement of the Lord's ministry and mission being done at Emmanuel does not take a break in the summer. Vacation Bible School will bring joy, music, and laughter to our Church in June; Lutherhaven will host many of our youth; our worship will continue each week enlivened by the voices and music of our children and members. No doubt other activities will continue to reflect our mission and ministry throughout the summer months.

Our ministry at Emmanuel continues through the entire year, and requires your continued faithful support. Even though you may be away from Moscow, PLEASE do not forget your pledge of support to the Lord's mission at Emmanuel. We have been so faithful in our giving and have made real strides to addressing our deficit. Many of you have increased your regular giving, and others have dug deep to give over and above your regular giving. It is critical that we keep this momentum going, and that we continue our faithful response to the blessings that God has showered on us.

I write to ask you PLEASE to consider enrolling in Simply Giving for all or part of your financial support to Emmanuel. Also PLEASE consider signing up for Give+, the online app that allows you to make your contributions with your cell phone. Both Simply Giving and Give+ are easy and very convenient and best of all will help to assure that your Church will have a steady flow of resources to support the active, vibrant ministries of Emmanuel during the summer months. Here's how you can sign-up:

1. You can learn about the benefits of Simply Giving by visiting the Church website at <http://www.emmanuelmoscow.org/gifts-and-giving/simply-giving.html>. You may download the enrollment forms at this website: https://htlcmpls.org/website/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/vanco_auth_form1.pdf
2. You can find Give+ on your phone through the AppStore (believe me if I can do it ANYONE can do it).
3. Or for either Simply Giving or Give+ you can call the Church office (882-3915) and CindyMarie can help you get what you need to get set up. Your completed forms for Simply Giving can be returned to Kathy Anderson, the Financial Secretary via the Church Office.

So please remember to provide for the mission and ministry of Emmanuel throughout the summer months. Thanks be to God for the exciting, faithful, committed ministry and support you all provide through Emmanuel.

Blessings to you in the summer months ahead!

Ben Beard

Ben Beard, President



A REPORT ON THE 2018 EWAID SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Thank you for sending me as your voting delegate to the EWAID Synod Assembly April 27-29, 2018, in Yakima, WA. On Friday and Saturday afternoon, I participated in an excellent workshop called, "Praying Life through the Liturgy" led by Pastor Paul Palumbo and Sandy Bryant, both from Lake Chelan Lutheran Church. Our church is a liturgical church, and Pastor Paul talked about how important the liturgy is in our worship. He feels that the liturgy is set up to be relational, as God and we communicate with each other. His main point was that God is experienced more deeply through liturgy. He also talked about how God is talking to us in a personal way in all aspects of the service, including the gospel and sermon. He encouraged us to listen for a word or phrase each Sunday from the gospel, sermon, or creed, to ponder during the week. At the business meeting on Saturday and Sunday, we voted on delegates for the Churchwide Assembly, which takes place on August 5-10, 2019. One resolution that passed that affects us is to begin a 4 year trial beginning in 2020 in which we will have synod assemblies in odd numbered years and 3 inspirational one-day regional gatherings in even numbered years. The reasons for the change included cost considerations and hopefully, increased participation. Please feel free to talk with me if you would like more information on the other resolutions or the workshop on liturgy. On a personal note, I really enjoyed the worship services and hearing our new Bishop, Kristen Kuempel, speak! It was also fun to meet people from all over our synod. Thanks again!

Charlene Olsson



Ed Opps

i.e. Christian Education Opportunities



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is on break for the summer. Look for information in the September *Emphasis* for new topics and start date!

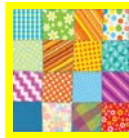
J.A.M. - JESUS AND ME! for children through age 12. Following the Children's Sermon, J.A.M. leaders will escort the kiddos down to the Fellowship Hall for crafts, games, songs, and a snack. Children will return to the Sanctuary just prior to Holy Communion.



THE "OLD DUDES!" This is a group of men that meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at the Breakfast Club for breakfast and devotions. Following breakfast, the men head to church for a work day. On all the other Wednesdays, 7 AM, meet for coffee at the Moscow Co-op. **Starting in June, the Old Dudes will meet for coffee each Wednesday at the Co-op.** Devotion schedule will resume in the fall. Questions? Contact **CindyMarie** in the Church Office. 208.882.3915



ELCW PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP Help us quilt! Bring a friend! Have some lunch! We usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Join us on June 13 & 27, at 9 AM, to help tie quilts, then share a potluck lunch. Questions? Contact **Gretchen Isakson** (208.882.7289 or gretchenisakson@yahoo.com)



"Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might."
Ecclesiastes 9:10



MARY Circle and LEAH Circle is on break through the summer. Look for information in future issues of the *Emphasis* on when these groups will reconvene.



YOU ARE INVITED!

**Lutherhaven
DAY CAMP
& VBS at
Emmanuel
Lutheran Church**

June 18-22, 2018



"We know what love is because Jesus gave His life for us. That's why we must give our lives for each other. We show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely by talking about it."

Join us for a fantastic week of Bible encounters, arts & crafts, games, singing, puppet shows, & much more! The Lutherhaven camp counselors will be here too!

4 yrs-Kindergarten — 9:00am-11:30 only
Entering Grades 1st-6th — 9:00am-3:00pm

Registration information:
<http://www.emmanuelmoscow.org>

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Meet our Members...

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Did you get a picture taken by Life Touch Photography for the new Photo Directory?

If you DID, you get a FREE DIRECTORY!



There is a sign-out sheet in the church workroom. If your name is listed on the sign-out sheet, that means you are entitled to a free Emmanuel 2018 Pictorial Directory.

Please take one, and mark your name off from the list on the clipboard.

Additional directories will be available at a later date for \$5 each. Please let CindyMarie know if you would like to purchase a copy.

Thank you!

*United with Christ
in the waters of Holy Baptism
on Sunday, June 10, 2018:*



Jacob Lawrence Hartley Kirchmeier

**Son of Ben & Barbara Kirchmeier
Brother of June Kirchmeier**

Sponsors: Walter Hesford and Elinor Michel



- June 1 - Brad Anderson
- June 1 - Rob Ely
- June 3 - Bob Shepard
- June 3 - Carolyn Brandt
- June 3 - Christian Brandt
- June 3 - Kenneth Locke
- June 4 - Meghan Klein
- June 6 - Willy Brandal
- June 9 - Zeke Alldredge
- June 10 - Merlyn Willett
- June 11 - Marcia Swift
- June 12 - Margaret Remington
- June 13 - Niklaas Dumroese
- June 14 - Kelly Kimberling
- June 14 - Mike Whiteman
- June 17 - Sharon Kimberling
- June 17 - Larry Clott
- June 18 - Paula Karr
- June 19 - Kaelyn Lichte
- June 19 - Tara Roberts
- June 21 - Todd Perry
- June 24 - Gerald Willett
- June 24 - Tim Roberts
- June 25 - Ron Landeck
- June 26 - Kathy Henson
- June 28 - Craig Greenwalt
- June 29 - Larry Lass



- Robbie & Jerry Giles - 06/01/1974
- Leah & Randy Wendt - 06/01/1991
- Tom & Liz Brandt - 06/2/1984
- Kas & Debbie Dumroese - 06/09/1984
- Jeanette & Cam Johnston - 06/12/1960
- David & Rachel Kimbrel - 06/12/1999
- Bob & Sue Ritter - 06/12/1967
- Roger & Gen Long - 06/13/1959
- Chuck & DonaRae Lanham - 06/15/1991
- Matt & Kathy Foss - 06/16/2007
- Tom & Ruby Stroschein - 06/16/1990
- Julie & Bruce Spangler - 06/16/197
- Willy & Jan Brandal - 06/18/1966
- Ben & Barb Kirchmeier - 06/25/2005
- Tim & Tara Roberts - 06/25/2005

P!A!T! - Praise! Awesome! Thanks!

Thanks to our **Emmanuel Youth** for leading us in worship on 4/29, and to our **Piecemakers** for the quilts that were blessed and made for those in need!

Thank you to our **ELCW Piecemakers!** The first week in May, our ladies sent a shipment of **90 quilts** to Lutheran World Relief, who sends them to those around the globe who are in need.
Thank you to **Vern Kinnison, and daughter Rose**, for delivering these gifts to Spokane for shipment.

Thanks to our **Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool Teachers, Staff, Director, Students and their Families** for a WONDERFUL year of preschool!

Thank you to **ELCW** for your support throughout the school year. Thank you for providing Bibles for all of our students headed on to Kindergarten. The students loved the Bibles and this is such an amazing gift for them to treasure. - Emmanuel Preschool

Thanks to **Walter Hesford** and **Kurt Queller** for leading the Adult Bible Study on the Book of Ruth!
We look forward to the exciting offerings coming this fall!

Thanks to all our Emmanuel LUTH YOUTH who went hiking on 5/6 at Kamiak Butte! And thanks to all our Mighty Youth that got together for a Mighty PLAY day on Tuesday, 5/8!

Thank you to **everyone who attended** our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 4/29 and thanks to our Church Council for hosting the salad & bread meal!

Thanks to **all who worked** so hard to put on the **Preschool Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction** on Friday, 4/27! What a great time for such a great cause!

Thanks to **all who contributed and bid on auction items** to support our preschool!

Thank you to **Charlene Olsson** and **Pastor Daug**s for representing ELC at the 2018 Synod Convention this year in Yakima!

Thank you to **Craig Greenwalt** for taking care of a heating/cooling issue here at church on Monday, 4/30, coming to assist at a moment's notice!

Thank you to **Todd & Elaina Perry and Family** for hosting the Saturday, May 19, Summer Kick-Off BBQ! And, thanks to all who attended this fun event!



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:** **Steven Kwiatkowski**, serving in Okinawa Japan; **Captain John M. Swanson**, grandson of Maureen Marten, serving in the Army; **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 Jack Kelly.
- **Prayers of Thanksgiving:**
Wayne & Helen Hill's great-grandson, 2 1/2 year old **Landon Hill**, is now cancer free! Thanks for all the prayers and support! - Phyllis Vettrus

Those with special needs:

- **Logan Klein**, Ben & Katy Beard's grandson, having leg surgery on 5/2/18, with a four week recovery.
- **Dorothy Schnaible.**
- **Debbie Stone's Mom**, as she prepares for a knee replacement. **Jean Langeman** and **Dianna Stidman** who will be taking care of her post surgery.
- **Emery Ewan**, Janet & Chris McIntosh's granddaughter, undergoing diagnostics for seizures.
- **Don Bender and family**, as Don recovers from hip surgery.
- **Larry Clott and daughter Lindsey** as Larry recovers from an auto accident which resulted in a shattered hip.
- **The family of Gwen Sullivan's sister, especially Gwen's nephew.**
- **Garrett**, Debbie Stone's son who has health issues.
- **Shirley Gunther**, prayers to strengthen her heart, heal her legs and foot, and regain her physical strength.

Those, dealing with cancer:

- **Janet Williams sister's stepdaughter**, dealing with aggressive breast cancer.
- **Richard Woock**, Jessie Weller's uncle suffering with bone cancer.
- **Baby Thomas Harner**, continuing his fight with leukemia.

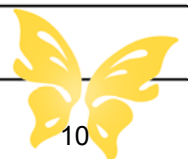


Please help us as we update our prayer list. If you wish to make a prayer request or update an existing one, please call the church office at 208.882.3915, or email emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com. Thank you.

Those who have requested our continued prayers:

- **Douglas Dion**, Edith's son, suffering from congestive heart failure.
- **Randy Dion**, Edith's son, recovering from a paralyzing stroke.
- **Matt Foss**.
- **Andy Fountain**.
- **Sandra Lytle**.
- **Mike Voegtle**, Katy Beard's cousin.
- **Rosanne Manley**.
- **Yolanda Wyatt**.
- **Mike Sprenger**.
- **Devin Revard**, Clara Dockter's grandson.
- **Carol Nelson's Aunt Dorothy**.
- **Clara Dockter**, continued strength.
- **Brien Golis and Family**, cousin of the Streys, whose son is battling a horrible disease.
- **Mark Strey**, Mandy's dad, who is struggling with health issues and alcohol.
- **Sue**, Julia Keleher's mother, in hospice care.
- **Carl Hunt**, suffering from cluster headaches.
- **Doris Edgar**, Julie Spangler's mother, suffering from lewdy body dementia.
- **Sara Kimberling**, continued healing.
- **Bob Bennett**. Prayers for healing.
- **Janet Strey's father**, that he finds Jesus in his life.
- **Grace Lyon**, living at Whitman Senior Care in Pullman.
- **Ken Strassburg**, Kathy Kwiatkowski's brother.
- **The Castro Family**, prayers for families of Mexico. - Janet Strey.
- That **Candi & Brittney** find guidance and prayer from God, from **Janet Strey**.
- **Susen Porter**, Jeanette Peterson's niece and Kevin Peterson's cousin, diagnosed with Primary Progressive Aphasia.
- **Dean Vettrus**.
- **Vivian Fountain**, Carol & Steve Nelson's granddaughter, diagnosed with mild cerebral palsy.
- **Gwen Sullivan's son and his family**.
- 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:



LUTH Youth

Join us in June for...

MIGHTY YOUTH PLAY DAY AT THE PARK!

Meet at Lions Park in Moscow on Thursday, June 7, from 9:30—11:30 AM. Bring a friend! See you there!

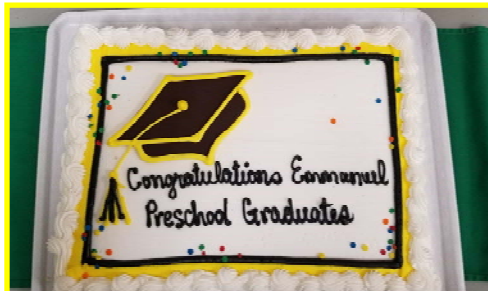
LUTH YOUTH TYE DYE PARTY!

Monday, June 11, 1-4 PM, at Emmanuel. Bring a white t-shirt to tie dye, and you can make a one-of-a-kind shirt to wear to Lutherhaven and all summer long!

We invite you to come and have some fun with us at any of our Emmanuel YOUTH events! Contact **Lisa Allen**, Youth Director, with questions at 208-882-3915 or emmanuel.luthyouth@gmail.com.



Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool 2018 Graduation & End of School Fun!!!



Have A
Super
Summer!



For the KID in ALL OF US !

DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame



What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best _____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV



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MAKING THE NURSERY A PLACE OF BELONGING

“Where is the nursery?” That is often the first question when young parents visit a new church. At a minimum, they expect their question to be answered with confidence, not bewilderment. Beyond simply asking directions, the inquirer wants to know, Does this church care about us and our children? Is this a place where we can belong?

Out of the Basement

Diane Olsen, a children’s ministry specialist, describes how her church’s ministry for children when she was a child occupied a place in the humid, slightly dark, and largely inaccessible basement. When visiting after returning from college, she noticed that the recently erected new building included only one floor and no basement. Suddenly it felt like the children’s ministry existed on the same level with every other aspect of church life.

“Out of the basement” began to function for her as a metaphor for integrating children’s ministry into the congregation’s overall mission.¹ The same applies to the congregation’s ministry with infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds. Wherever located, the nursery deserves equal treatment with other aspects of church life.

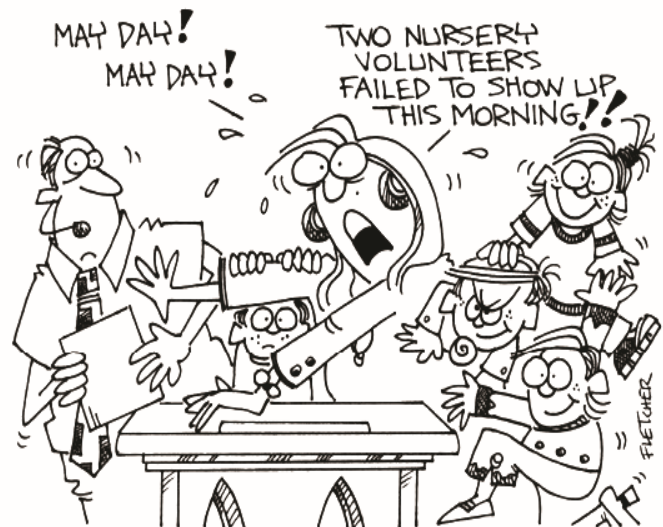
What about room size and location? Offer at least thirty-five square feet of playroom floor space per child, not including bathrooms, closet space, or hallways, as children need space to explore. Choose a central location, ideally adjacent to a primary hallway with visual access for security reasons. A bathroom should be located nearby with a sink low enough for toddlers to use, and a potty chair and diaper changing table located somewhere in the nursery area. The main nursery should be open, bright, and comfortable. Allow space at the entrance for parents to gather when they sign children in and out.²

Calling Mr. Clean

Granted, some congregations may not have much choice in where to locate the nursery, but they can still keep it clean, well-lit, and safe. The cleaning operation starts with four large boxes or trash cans labeled: Keep, Discard, Ask, and Recycle. (“Ask” means consulting with someone before discarding or recycling an item.) Look for toys that need to be thrown away or replaced due to missing parts, broken pieces, or otherwise being unsafe. Next, examine basic equipment such as cribs, tables, chairs, and high chairs. Trust your instincts. When in doubt, toss it out! Finally, clean and wash the floors, walls, toilet, and wash or dry-clean the rugs or draperies. Making the space clean and safe can be an easy way to revitalize your nursery.³

Volunteers or Paid Staff?

Caregivers provide the heart of any childcare system. It all starts with a nursery coordinator to recruit and supervise nursery staff, keep important information about each child, greet parents when they arrive, and generally set the tone for nursery care. With the



coordinator in place, the question becomes, Should we use paid staff, volunteers, or a combination?

Using volunteers may be financially advantageous by saving money on staff salaries, and it may give church members opportunities to use their gifts in the congregation. On the downside, scheduling volunteers may take up too much of the supervisor's valuable time, and volunteers who are less than committed may not show up on the appointed day, leading to a panicked search for a replacement. In addition, some children may feel unsettled by a round robin of ever-changing volunteers and prefer a more consistent routine.

Youth who want to volunteer because they enjoy working with children form a special category of their own. These young persons may already be known by the parents or even babysitting for them. Be advised that at least one adult supervisor must be present at all times, which may stretch some volunteer teams thin. Also, youth need to understand that their primary responsibility is to attend to young children, not socialize with other youth. Some churches provide training to youth on basic matters like changing diapers or sanitation or even offer to pay for a certified babysitting or childcare course in return for a certain number of hours worked.

Paid staff may result in the best guarantee of reliable caregiving, though for smaller churches, expense may be a factor. In recruiting, look for parents of older children or youth, or parents of young children who might be willing to give a few hours per week as long as they can bring their own child along. Other ideas include posting a job announcement at the student center of a local college, talking with a professor of child development, or checking with congregations with worship hours different from your own. With paid staff as the foundation, some churches fill their needs using a combination of employees and volunteers, with one or two paid caregivers ensuring continuity and a safety net for volunteers who step in as the need arises.⁴

Protecting Children from Harm

Churches must screen all staff, whether volunteer or paid, to ensure that young children are safe from inappropriate behavior or sexual abuse. At a minimum, everyone must be required to complete an application form and be subject to a criminal background check conducted by an agency such as Trusted Employees

(www.trustedemployees.com). Include documentation concerning background checks in the personnel file. Make sure to have at least two nursery attendants present at all times, with at least one worker who is eighteen years old or older. For more information, see Church Mutual's web page, "The Background Screening Basics."⁵

The Nursery Home Visitor

To maintain ongoing care for a family with young children, Mary Alice Gran recommends recruiting a nursery home visitor who sees the family at home at least once after a child is born in order to welcome the child on behalf of the church. This person's primary role is to be someone who listens, supports the family, and, if necessary, acts as an advocate for the family's needs with the congregation. Given the time and stress that young families experience, plan to stay only a brief time. The visitor may bring information about baptism, a nursery handbook, a statement of the church's philosophy on caring for the young child, or a gift such as a book on parenting. Mary Alice Gran's *The First Three Years* provides a variety of parent support leaflets.⁶

Commit to Children's Ministry

As one pastor said, "I learned as a pastor that if the preschool ministry was not going well, the rest of the church probably was not going well either."⁷ Conversely, a church that pays special attention to its nursery may be laying the foundation for revitalization. It signals to young families a commitment to provide a place of belonging for anyone, no matter what age.

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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:

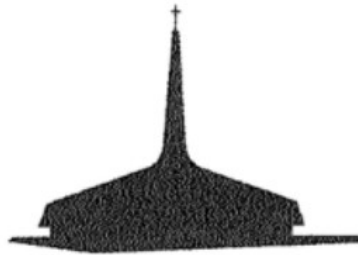
Emmanuel Lutheran Church,
1036 W A Street,
Moscow, ID 83843.

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



Stay Tuned for Mission 100!

2018 marks the 50th year of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Your Stewardship Mission Group together with other active members is planning a year-long celebration to mark our first FIFTY years and, more importantly, look forward to our NEXT 50 years of mission and ministry.

MISSION 100 WILL KICK OFF THIS FALL SO GET READY!



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 Dags**, 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!

Pastor's Discretionary Fund



The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is used by the Pastor to assist individuals and families that are in need. Most often it is used to assist people who stop by the church office and request assistance for basic needs. Community organizations may also refer to Pastor, persons who need assistance. Pastor investigates each case by checking in with the Sheriff's Office and or Latah County Social Services both of which share a common data base that can spot repeating requests and persons to keep an eye on. These requests to the Pastor's Discretionary fund may be:



- ◆ They are homeless and need a place to stay for a night or two. *The fund can provide temporary hotel housing for up to 3 nights while other arrangements are being made. Pastor will assist these people in connecting with local resources. Most people may receive housing assistance up to 2 times per year, however circumstances and situations may direct more assistance... especially when there are children involved.*

- ◆ They may need assistance with utilities that are about to be denied. *Pastor calls the utility provider and helps to set up a payment plan that includes an initial payment from the Discretionary Fund.*



- ◆ They are traveling through town and need gasoline or vehicle repairs so they can continue to their destination. *Their personal resources are depleted. Pastor assists them in purchasing fuel or finding a mechanic who can repair their vehicle for a reasonable rate.*

- ◆ People need to see a doctor or need medicine. *Pastor uses the Moscow Clinic to provide these services. They may need a prescription filled and this is done through Rosauers Pharmacy.*



- ◆ People may need food. *They are connected with our local food bank and/or food is given from our ELC kitchen surplus or is purchased by Pastor.*

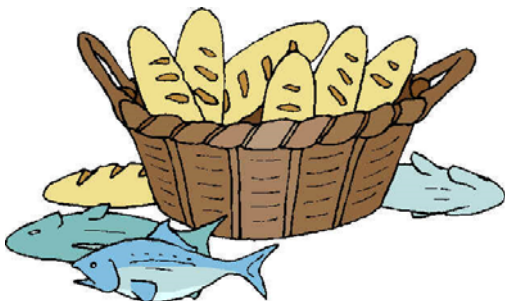
- ◆ Preschool families sometimes need assistance *with, rent, utilities, food, medicine, clothing or tuition.*



ELC has the gracious ministry of "loaves and fishes," assisting people with their most basic needs. This is a very "hands on" ministry through our Pastor.

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is in need of your financial support.

Could your support for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund be above and beyond your usual gracious giving? If you are able to, please give a separate offering ear marked for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



(Our Church Treasurer and our Pastor administrate the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.)



Adopt a Flower Bed

THE WEEDS ARE "GROWING LIKE WEEDS" AGAIN...

...and it's a huge job keeping things looking nice and inviting here at our church home.

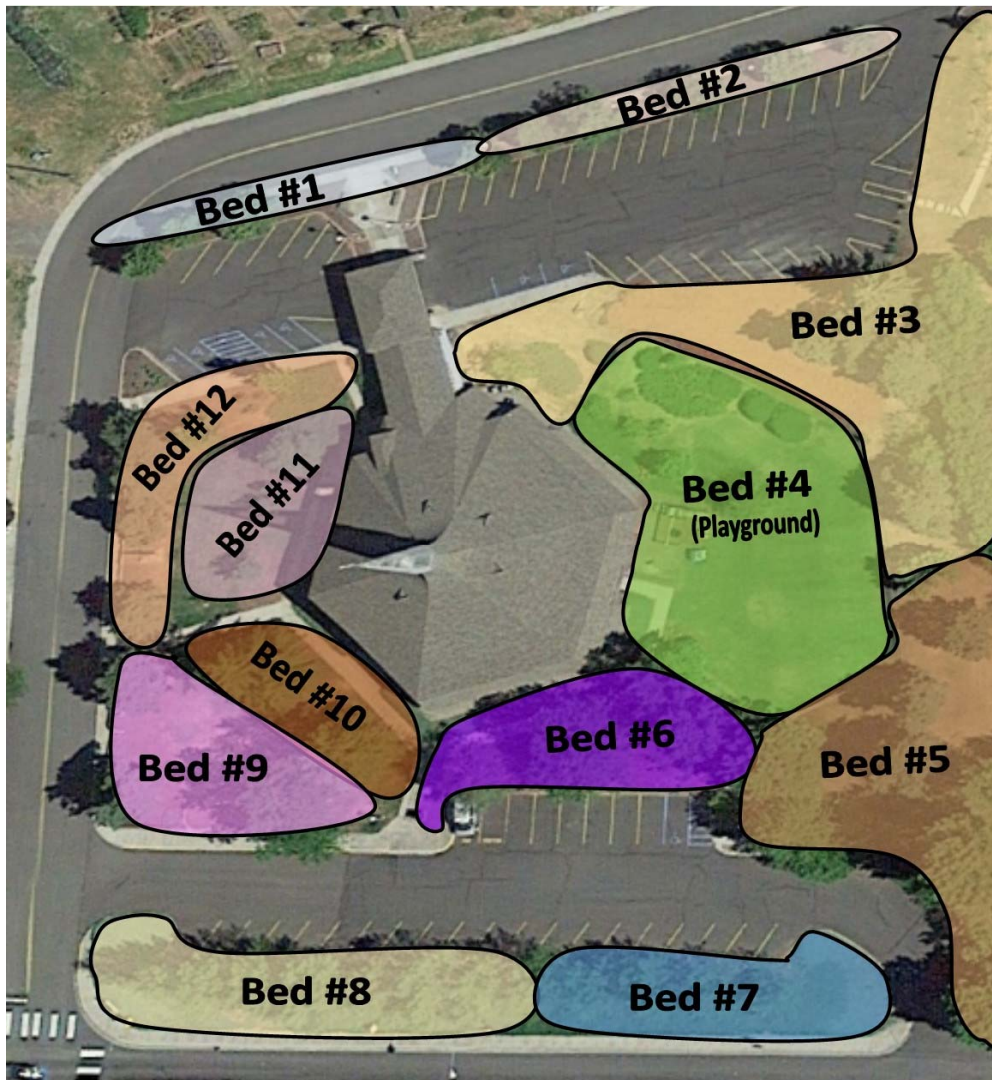
YOU can help? ADOPT A FLOWER BED!

The church grounds have been divided up into 12 areas all ready for a family... group... couple... individual... to adopt!

Let CindyMarie know which area you would like to "call your own."

Call 208-882-3915, email emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com, stop by the Church Office or just mark pick an empty plot from the Flower Bed Map posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall!

THANK YOU!!!



Thank you so much for helping to care for the beautiful grounds surrounding our church home!

- Please choose a bed from the Adopt a Flower Bed Map;
- Fill in the requested information under your chosen area number;
- As time and weather allow please care for your chosen area by pulling weeds, picking up trash, and generally making it look nice;
- You will be responsible for your area until spring of next year (*or you contact the church office and release your interest in the plot.*) Next spring you can choose to adopt your same area, pick a different plot, or give someone else a turn.



Our theme for this week is "Speak Life!" based on John 8:12 "Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

Please join us for Lutherhaven Day Camp/ Vacation Bible School (VBS) sponsored by Lutherhaven Ministries and Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Lutherhaven DAY CAMP & VBS at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

June 18-22, 2018

**SPEAK
LIFE!**

John 8:12

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Join us for a fantastic week of Bible encounters, arts & crafts, games, singing, puppet shows, & much more! The Lutherhaven camp counselors will be here too!

4 yrs-Kindergarten — 9:00am-11:30 only
Entering Grades 1st-6th — 9:00am-3:00pm

Registration information:

<http://www.emmanuelmoscow.org>

1036 West 'A' St., Moscow, ID 83843
(208) 882-3915

We are looking forward to a great week filled with Bible encounters, games, arts and crafts, singing and worship.

You'll find the parent letter with detailed information, and registration form on our website (emmanuelmoscow.org) or on hardcopy in the Narthex, lower level entryway, or church office.

There is no charge for this event!