



# Emmanuel Lutheran News

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*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy them. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.*

*- 1st Corinthians 3. 16-17*

So, last year my daughter Abigail decided she wanted to run a marathon. Forty-two kilometers. 26.2 miles. I've run two of these things and they're no joke! The race itself is a big party, with folks in costume, crowds cheering the runners on, bands playing, it's a ton of fun. But getting ready for it, training for that long run: It's just terrible. Long, long time spent churning out mile after mile of sweat, toil, blood and tears. No cheering, no bands playing, no party. But once my daughter decides on something, well, there she goes. She's getting ready for the Leavenworth Marathon, the first weekend in October. Fantastic.

Except, of course, she roped me into being her running partner. She knows I wouldn't want her running those long training miles all by herself - what kind of dad am I, after all? So here I am, chugging along, the runs getting longer and longer as the day approaches. Eleven miles yesterday, and this morning I'm feeling every one.

You know the bible says my body is a temple of the Spirit of God, right? This body, athletic and sleek and strong (in my imagination, at least) is a temple! Treat it with respect! No more nachos, no more sugar, no more empty calories. I'm a TEMPLE!

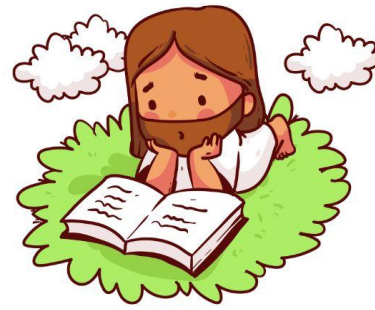
That's great training mentality. If you're going to train like that, you gotta take care of your body.

But....it's not EXACTLY what St Paul means. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, which we are reading and meditating on most every Sunday this summer, St Paul is helping his young church understand itself as God's dwelling on earth. These Corinthians are eager to distinguish themselves one from another, even in the congregation - one follows one leader, another follows another, you know how factions and divisions can set in. St Paul knows the human need to express individuality, even while at the same time we long for community. Sometimes the individual expression is stronger, sometimes the community expression is stronger. But now, St Paul insists, the Spirit of God is calling these individuals into one body, (THAT's the temple, the ONE body, not their own individual bodies), so that ONE body can begin to do great things. Individuals can do great things, sure, but communities together can do so much more.

We all want to be our own selves, but every one of us, deep down, wants to be part of something bigger - atheist, christian, agnostic, all of us want this. The trick is to find a community that allows for self-expression, while still holding together in one Spirit to accomplish the goals everyone strives for. If the Spirit of God is dwelling in THAT temple, the unified body of believers, individual as they are, then the Spirit's goals can be achieved - not by individuals, but by powerful group effort that is so much stronger than the sum of individual efforts.

So my daughter and I are forming this community to run together, so we can achieve more than if we did by ourselves. That's just a human effort, no Holy Spirit required there (although you can be I'll be praying for Holy Spirit power in the weeks ahead!) The people, individual members of Emmanuel and St Johns are also joined together, maybe not to run long distances, but to do the work the Spirit has for us. We are part of something bigger. The Spirit dwells in us, in this temple (our people, not the buildings). I for one look forward to what the Spirit has for all of us.

Grace and peace,  
Pr Greg



*Bible Study will continue on the Book of Revelations*

*We will have Bible Study on  
August 6 and August 27*

*1 pm, Church Basement*

A few weeks ago, four of us gals got together and went through the quilts and material down stairs. Oh my! So MUCH material!! We didn't count quilts at the time, which we should have, but counting them now, I believe we have five big quilts, five medium ones, several of various sizes, and five smaller/baby quilts. All of these we kept. There are seven or eight that are unfinished, and several polyester ones that are in various stages of "doneness." We would really like to give those and all of the polyester material that is down there away, as none of the quilting ladies like to work on it.

There is a lot of other material that is just waiting for someone to make something out of it! Some of it has already been cut into squares!

We were given a lot of beautiful smaller quilts. Not really having a use for as many as were given, we donated them forward. Our local fire department wanted three and we will be giving the rest to the Vanessa Behan Crisis Center.

If anyone is interested in the material or the polyester or the partially completed projects, please let either Chris Cook or Buddi Williams know.

*Reardan Fire and Rescue*



*Reardan, Washington*

*To The Lutheran Lady Quilters,  
Thank you so much  
for the beautiful baby  
quilts. We love all  
of the vibrant colors.  
We appreciate your  
thinking of us.*

*Linda Daugherty  
EMS Captain  
Luvco Fire Dist 4*

## ***Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes***

***July 1, 2025***

Members present: Charlotte Preuschoff, Chris Falk, Tessa Wicks, Barbara Hamilton, Pastor Carol Yeager and Pastor Greg Yeager.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by President Charlotte Preuschoff, with the Pastors delivering an opening prayer.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes were approved prior to the meeting via email by the council.

### **Pastors' report:**

Upcoming month's schedule:

Pastors' Vacation: July 8-10, August 17-20

Community Worship: July 6<sup>th</sup> with the Reardan Bible Fellowship hosting

VBS: July 28-August 1; Lutheran Church in charge of hotdogs for the BBQ and Charlotte is taking care of that. Our church is also providing VBS snacks that day and will need cupcakes baked by the congregation.

**Church Secretary report:** Money had to be transferred from savings to cover the annual insurance payment that was made in June.

### **Financial report:**

The financial report for the month of June was presented, with a few questions being brought up. Pastor Carol will discuss those questions with Johanna on 7/2 during office hours and report back. Discussion followed. Barbara Hamilton moved, and Tessa Wicks seconded to accept the report. Motion carried. The May financials have yet to be approved but will be presented at a future meeting.

### **Committee reports:**

**Worship & Music/Outreach & Fellowship:** Buddi reported that we had our Senior Celebration of Kira Hoff and EJ Preuschoff on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each graduate picked out a quilt and we had a reception following the service. Buddi also conveyed her appreciation to all congregation members that have served and read on Sundays. She's also found a place to take the smaller quilts that Emmanuel Lutheran would like to donate. More details to follow. Emmanuel Lutheran will be hosting the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Worship in the Park.

**Property & Remodeling:** Smoke alarms have been purchased for the church and need to be installed. Chris Falk also recommended the purchase of fire extinguishers for areas of the church that aren't already covered. He'll look into getting those. Chris also said he would follow up on the parsonage door project and that the sprinkler between the parsonage and church has been repaired.

### **Old Business:**

**St. John's Financials:** St. John's is holding a financial round table meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> to address financial concerns with the congregation. Charlotte mentioned holding a similar meeting with our congregation.

**Goals for 2025-2026:** Ideas were again floated for increased community and congregational engagement such as: 5<sup>th</sup> quarter post-football game hang-out; after-school drama program (Pastor Carol will be in touch with the Reardan Superintendent to coordinate); having the church open for community events, such as Mule Days; and meeting with the other Reardan congregational leaders.

Pastor Carol is still working on setting up a Venmo QR code for contributions to the church account.

### **New Business:**

Weekly garbage collection: Charlotte will create a sign-up sheet for members to help with this weekly task. The Wicks family signed up for the month of July.  
Pastor Carol mentioned the VBS Collection Jar in the church – this is for any monetary assistance to help the program.

**Roundtable Topics:**

Pastor Carol mentioned the possibility of procuring an AED machine for the church. Discussion followed. Members were encouraged to pray for congregational family members who are ill. Barbara also made mention of some door-to-door scams going around (i.e. selling gravel, asphalt, landscape services, etc.) and for people to be aware.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tessa Wicks, Council Secretary

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**COMMUNITY  
WORSHIP IN  
THE PARK  
SUN AUG 3<sup>RD</sup>  
10AM**

**Everyone is invited to join us in casual community worship at Reardan City Park, sponsored by congregations of We C.A.R.E., hosted by Emmanuel Lutheran Church.**

**Speakers: Pastors Carol & Greg Yeager**

**Bring a lawn chair or blanket, refreshments and fellowship time following the service.  
Offering collected will be donated to support the ongoing mission of We C.A.R.E.**



Recently, the office received a copy of the cookbook published for the Centennial of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Many of the recipes in the book are from families we all know and love or have heard the name floating around our church. Some of the recipes will be shared in the newsletter. If you would like to view the cookbook in person, it will be in the church office.

## Blueberry Torte

### Crust

20 graham cracker crumbs

$\frac{1}{2}$  c. sugar

$\frac{1}{4}$  c. melted butter - (8x10 pan)

### Cheese Filling

2 eggs

$\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. vanilla

$\frac{1}{2}$  c. sugar

1 8oz pkg. cream cheese

Beat eggs - add softened cheese, sugar, and vanilla  
beat well

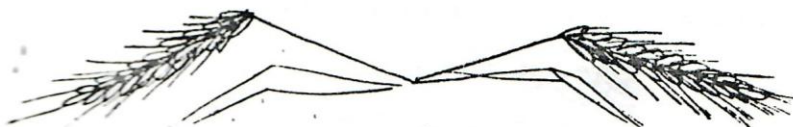
Fill into crust, bake 350°  
for 30 minutes  
cool.

Cover with 1 can blueberry  
(cherry) pie mix

Refrigerate

Serve with whipped cream

Roberta Falk



This recipe came from Robert Falk, Pastor Phil Falk's wife, Brad's mom and Chris's grandmother. Sounds yummy!!!!





***To our farm families, have a safe and  
productive harvest!  
To the rest of Emmanuel's families, have a safe and  
fun end of the summer!***

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