

The Vine

The monthly newsletter of Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Greenvine, Texas
August, 2023

Our Mission Statement

Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church shows our loyalty to Jesus Christ through:

- **devotion in WORSHIP**
- **excellence in EDUCATION**
- **and SERVICE that is faithful to the needs of our members, families, neighbors, and community.**

Dear Friends,

I hope that you all had a fruitful summer and were able to get some rest and relaxation. I know that taking one weekend off did wonders for my spiritual wellness. Sometimes we just have to take a breather and take care of ourselves so that we can be there for others when needed, not to mention for ourselves. This month we look forward to our schools going back in session and for our church council to begin planning for the next calendar year. We hope that many of you were able to attend a table for 8 and begin dreaming about what our future holds together. This is the beginning for our planning at our council retreat on August 12th. Please hold us in prayer as we lay out our goals for the upcoming year.

I think it is an exciting time for Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church to be a catalyst in this community. Next week I will be meeting with other local Pastors in our Brazos Valley Conference to discuss how we might share in ministry together. Top on my list is how we might hold a local youth gathering and a Women's retreat, but there may be other ways that we might explore in sharing with one another the mission that God has for us in this area and in our Burton and Brenham communities specifically. Many other churches are going to be in transition with Pastors soon and that is why it is important for us to begin thinking about how we can be the church better together. The Burton Bridge Summer Camp for kids is a great example of how people from the community and other churches come together with Lutherhill and reach the lives of 40 children in our community. What a blessing this is for our community.

We continue our summer of thinking about discipleship and what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. One thing I know for certain is that this congregation knows how to walk with one another no matter what the circumstances are and for this I am grateful. This is not always true in congregations, and this will help as we communicate with one another and dream of new and innovative ways of doing ministry in this place and expanding on what we are already doing. The key is that we know how to be and do and that is important for us and for the world around us as we build the Kingdom of God. I look forward to hearing about the many conversations that have been had around the many tables throughout the summer and look forward to sharing them with you all next month.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Please pray for the future of this church and community and all that we are in the name of Jesus Christ who gives us the strength and gifts to prosper.

Blessings,

Pastor Cindy

Please keep in prayers.....

AUGUST BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 17-Shayle Woods
25-Joyce Gouldson
Darian Cuevas

Aug. 25-Brandon Schulte
29-Cody Kroll

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 01-Chet Fritsch
Aug. 06-Thelma Doppellhammer
Josh Kaminski
11-Rachel Joswiak
16-Linda Makowsky
18-Marc Chapman
Paige Fritsch
Peggy Schmidt

Aug.22-Richard Hanath
25- Linda Gaskamp
26-Stephanie Eckert
28-Kathy Carroll
29-Grace Boehnemann

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. 02-Brandon & Emily Schulte
06-Ronnie & Bonnie Schulte
17-Ryan & Angie Fritsch

Aug. 19-Glenn & Jerri Linke
30-Delbert & Peggy Schmidt



PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers: Vernell Mertz, Rosalie Moehring, Lois Jurries, Evelyn Fuchs, Cathy Ganske, Diane Boehnemann, Wayne Fuchs, Grace Boehnemann, Carrie Busch, Dusty Morgan, Billie Eckert, Jeanette Schwartz, Glenn Linke, Charlie Drodgy, Ralf Thiemer, Cindy Lyles, James Chapman, Brian Wostal, Mollie Grote, Diana Garner, Floyd Bentke, Leif Diller (boot camp in Georgia) and Jessica Teufel who lost her house in a recent fire.

JUNE ATTENDANCE:

04-44 11-58 18-53 25-48

USHERS NEEDED

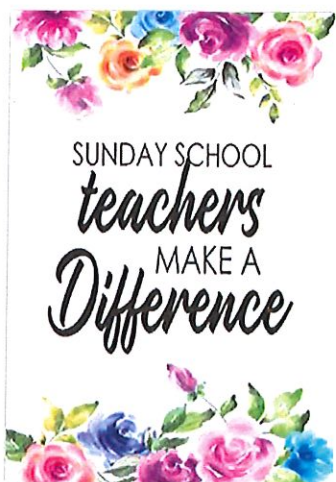
We are in need of ushers; over the past years our numbers for ushers have declined. If you like to help out, please let Donna know.

Pray
For Rain

BLESSING OF PACKBACKS & TEACHERS (August 13th)



Blessing of backpacks, students, and teachers will be during worship on Sunday, August 13th. Please bring your backpack and place in front of the altar when you arrive at church.



Looking for a few people to help with children and adult Sunday School on a rotational or "as needed" basis. Especially needed are adult class leaders. Volunteering would not be a weekly commitment. Lesson materials are provided.

Can you help?
Please contact Jeanette Shepherd or Pastor Cindy if interested or for more details.



Sunday School Kick-Off is September 10th!

Please join us during the Sunday School hour for food and fun stuff! Be on the lookout - more details to come!

Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran
Church Council
July 19th, 2023

Attendees: Marlyn, Carolyn, Mark, Tonja, Luke, Cindy

Council Meeting Starts 6:01 by prayer courtesy of Luke.

The minutes from the June 21st council meeting were read individually. Marlyn points out that our current deficit was ~\$5,000 at the time, not ~\$20,000 as reported. The ~\$20,000 was merely a projection of where we could be by the end of the year. Tonja motions to accept the minutes after amending what Marlyn had pointed out. Seconded by Carolyn. The motion passes.

Marlyn begins report by saying expenses are up this month due to payments to Synod benevolence, Luther Hill for our youth campers, and to the Burton Bridge Ministry. Nothing of note is left to discuss per Marlyn. Business as usual. Carolyn motions to accept the treasure's report. The motion was seconded by Luke. The motion passes.

Cindy starts her Pastor's Report by saying that she has had a month of many visits including a few congregational members receiving visits due to illnesses. Cindy will have two engaged couples that will go through pre-marital counseling. She reiterated for council that August 12th is our council retreat and will be meeting in Round Top at Jeanette Sheppard's family farm house. Cindy has purchased the green Paraments that we had approved for purchase in 2023. The "Executive Team" which includes Council President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Cindy will need to meet soon to plan out our fall services. Including ideas for Sunday worship, themed Sundays, Congregational events, etc. The Confirmation group is on track for their First Communion to be on Reformation Sunday, October 29th, 2023. She informed council of how many local churches will be without pastors soon due to retirement or personal reasons. She brings up the importance of shared ministry and thinks it will be an important thing for this area in the coming years. Phil Fenton will be pastor this weekend while she is out of town.

Tonja motions to purchase three diaper changing stations with approximate cost of \$700.00. Seconded by Marlyn. Motion to purchase the stations passes.

Troy has asked for Mark to assist in reviewing our Church Bylaws with Mark. Troy believes that by the September council meeting, they will have recommendations for changes. Jeanette Shepard did not need church to purchase Sunday school chairs. She had found some that will work. Council had a discussion on "God's Work, Our Hands". Burton Bridge has sent three recommendations that include painting two non-slip ramps for residents in Burton area. Also, around September or October, Troy would like to have a work day where we meet up at church and help clean up and to throw away clutter.

6:58 The Lord's Prayer is said in unison and the meeting is closed.

Submitted by,

Luke Eckert
Secretary

Emmanuel Lutheran Monthly Banking Financial Data
As of June, 2023

Total Cash
Balance
Amounts

6/30/2023 General Operating Fund

Year 2023 Total Budget Income Amount	\$9,259.00
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Budgeted Expense	\$13,936.66
Year 2023 Net profit/deficit	\$4,677.66 deficit

6/30/2023 General Fund Balance

\$28,647.65

6/30/2023 Total SUPER NOW Fund

Year 2023 Total Income/Deposits	\$10.47
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Non-Budgeted Expense	\$300.00
Year 2023 Net profit/deficit	\$289.53 deficit

Portion Balances of the SUPER NOW Fund

Memorial Fund Balance	\$9,728.26
Property Fund Balance	\$4,674.86
Cemetery Fund Balance	\$6,990.91
LYO Fund Balance	\$2,843.98
Camp Fund Balance	\$7,558.65
Parish Hall Upgrade Fund Balance	\$2,873.60
6/30/2023 TOTAL Money Market Fund Bank Balance	<u>\$34,670.26</u>

6/30/2023----2nd Mile Giving Fund

\$3,321.75

6/30/2023 Emmanuel Lutheran TOTAL Cash Balance

\$66,639.66

Worship Ministry Schedule-AUGUST

Date	Altar Flowers	Communion Committee	Assisting Minister	Acolytes	Head Usher -- Marilyn Dreyer	Tellers
Aug 06	Glenn & Jerri Linke	Carol Schmidt Linda Gaskamp	Bonnie Schulte	Claire Schulte	James & Sharon Chapman Ashley Brode	Carolyn Thiemer Mark Shepherd
Aug 13	Carolyn Wickel	Diane Boehnemann Angie Fritsch	Judy Witte	Cody Kroll	Troy & Julie Weidemann Marilyn Doppelhammer	Tonja Scheer Luke Eckert
Aug 20	Ryan & Angie Fritsch	Donna Putnam Kelley Shuford	Barbara Donnelly	Jacob Brode	Karla & Alexis Antkowiak Leslie Boehnemann	Kylie Antkowiak Troy Weidemann
Aug 27	Diane Boehnemann Donna Putnam	Denise Brode Kareen Resendez	Sharon Chapman	John Brode	Donna Putnam Connie Higgs Barbara Donnelly	Sharon Chapman Melissa Diehl

Memorials --

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Sunday Schedule

10:00 am Worship
WITH COMMUNION

Church Council

President
VP
Treasurer
Secretary

Troy Weidemann	979.530.8357
Mark Shepherd	281.732.5076
Marlyn Doppellhammer	979.551.6500
Luke Eckert	979.251.1570
Tonja Scheer	940.782.8339
Carolyn Thiemer	979.551.5358
Kylie Antkowiak	979.203.7065
Melissa Diehl	979.530.3108
Sharon Chapman	979.203.4413

