



# The Vine

The monthly newsletter of Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Greenvine, Texas  
November 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,

As we approach the end of our second year together, I want to say that this has been a year that we have done quite a bit of listening to one another and to God. It is my hope that you have felt the work of the Holy Spirit in our congregation and community, but also in your own lives. I have seen so much growth this past year among all of you. I don't mean in numbers; I mean in your faith. It is especially apparent in our young people. The five youth that I have had the privilege to share with over the past year or so for confirmation have shown me how important it is to understand what we believe. By the time you read this, they will have shared their faith statement with family and friends and the congregation, and you will hear how their faith has grown deeper as they have learned more about the Bible, the Small Catechism and how that all relates to everything else in their lives. I am so proud of them and all they have been able to learn over this most formative year. It is my prayer that all of us learn as much as we can about our relationship with God and with one another and with the people in our community to be the best version of ourselves in this world.

These final two months of the year will be filled with all kinds of opportunities for you to serve in the congregation with your specific gifts and to participate in the life of the church and in the life of the community we live in. I hope you prayerfully consider thinking about the different ways you may be able to serve and to lead in whatever way God is calling you. We will start the month with All Saints Sunday in which Pastor Karen Buck will join you in remembering the Saints. I will be in Arkansas presiding at the Marriage between Karlie Weidemann and Kolton King. The following Sunday we will honor our Veterans by displaying photos in the sanctuary of those who have served in the Military who are members now and those in our families that have served. Please bring photos or send your electronic photos to the church to be entered into the PowerPoint for that Sunday. After the worship service that Sunday we have our congregational meeting where we talk about the goals for next year and approve the budget for 2024. We will also have breakfast burritos as a way of saying thanks for all you have given throughout this year. That afternoon we will have a fundraiser for the Burton Bridge Ministry called Hymns and Beerfest which is the 9<sup>th</sup> year the community has done this. You can find more information on all these things and others on another page of this newsletter. Finally, we will enter the Advent Season on November 26<sup>th</sup> and add our Wednesday evening Dinner Church services.

There is a lot going on this month so be sure to get everything marked on your calendars, so you don't miss anything. I look forward to finishing the year in a way that pleases God and deepens your faith in both fellowship and worship opportunities. I thank God for this call to a church that is so active and willing to serve God in so many ways. I hope that you have been enjoying our dive into the Narrative Lectionary and hearing stories that you may not have hear of in a while or are not as familiar with. We will take a break from this lectionary during Advent and discuss continuing it in the New Year.

Blessings,  
Pastor Cindy

**Please keep in prayers.....**

**NOVEMBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Nov. 02-Ronnie Schulte  
12-Kelly Henk  
13-Jo Ann Beckermann  
17-Rowdy Weidemann

Nov. 18-Delbert Schmidt  
23-Karla Antkowiak  
Micah van Marcke

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Nov. 04-Bridget Bartels  
Kylie Antkowiak  
05-Lacy Eckert  
07-Russell Shay  
09-Jonna Klump  
10-Kay Matthies  
11-Carrie Busch  
18-Billie Eckert

Nov. 19-Russell Klump  
22-Shayle Woods  
24-Jacob Brode  
26-Roy Schmidt  
Denise Brode  
Camdyn Kaminski  
27-Alexis Antkowiak

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Nov. 08-Michelle & Tim Cloud  
16-Linda & Charles Gaskamp  
26-Jonna & Russell Klump



**PRAYER LIST**

**SHUT-INS:** Vernell Mertz, Lois Jurries, Rosalie Moehring, Grace Boehnemann, Evelyn Boehnemann, Jeanette Schwartz, & Daulene Hopmann

**MEMBERS of our CONGREGATION:** Cathy Ganske, Billie Eckert, Carrie Busch, Diane Boehnemann, Glenn Linke, Ralf Thiemer, & James Chapman

**FRIENDS and FAMILY MEMBERS of OUR CONFREGATION:** Josh Guelker, Dusty Morgan, Charlie Droddy, Pat Joswiak, Lynnlee Kocurek, Albert & Caroline Linke, & Bill Holland

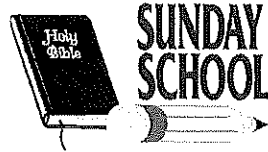
**SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

03-51 10-87 17-44 24-45



**PRAY PARTNERS**

Please continue to pray for your child and youth prayer partner. Thank you for praying at least weekly for your partner. A weekly prayer can be found in the Sunday worship handout.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We continue to learn about people in the Old Testament. Most recently, we've been learning about David as a shepherd boy, the primary author of Psalms and a king of Israel. In upcoming lessons, we will learn about Solomon, Naaman. Be on the lookout for upcoming information about Advent and Christmas. Haven't been to Sunday School? We'd love to see you there!



## TURKEY STEW FUNDRAISER (JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024)

### Turkeys

Debbie and Ricky Kieke have generously donated all the turkeys needed for the fund raiser.

### Raffle

Several gift cards have been donated for the raffle. Additional gift cards are appreciated. Gift cards can be of any monetary value and from any local business or restaurant. Please contact Mark Shepherd at 281-732-5076 with questions or donations.

A limited number of tickets will be printed. The cost of each ticket will be \$10.



## FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for 2023 is on the table in the narthex. **Please sign up or you may call Donna at 979.277.4944 and she will give dates that are available. We need to have the Ladies Handbook printed by December 8<sup>th</sup>.**



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>)

We will remember those who have died during the past year. If you have any names that want to be included, please let Donna know by Tuesday morning, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Karen Buck will be leading our worship.



## BBM VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 4-6 pm Whitener-Winkler Pavilion



### VETERANS RECOGNITION SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12TH)

We will be recognizing our veterans during worship. Please submit photos electronically to the office by November 7<sup>th</sup>.



### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Our congregational meeting is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> following our worship service. We will be presenting the 2024 budget for approval, elect new council members, and other important business. **\*\*We will also have our Thanks for Giving Breakfast Burritos following the congregational meeting.**



### HYMN & BEER FEST

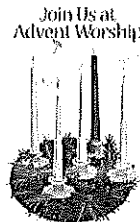
The Hymn & Beer Fest is on November 12, 2023 at Brazos Valley Brewery from 4:00 to & 7:00 pm. Allison Crowson & On Zion's Hill will be playing. There will be a silent auction. Guaranteed a great time! Cost is \$25.00.



### NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

**Conference Youth Gathering:** Gathering for 7-8 Graders open to Brazos Valley Conference Churches. 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Oliver Whitener-Roy Winkler Pavilion. The event will be led by Lutherhill Staff. Bring a friend.

**Burton Bridge Ministry Thanksgiving Meal:** 5:00 p.m. at Burton American Legion



### WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT SERVICE ( NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>)

Dinner church will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm. Please look for the sign-up sheets. They will be on the table in the narthex.

## Worship Ministry Schedule NOVEMBER

Date	Altar Flowers	Communion Committee	Assisting Minister	Acolytes	Head Usher – Donna Putnam	Tellers
Nov 05	Kay Matthies	Karla Antkowiak Jonna Klump	Sherry Krinke	Claire Schulte	Karla Antkowiak Alexis Antkowiak Linda Gaskamp	Carolyn Thiemer Tonja Scheer
Nov 12	Roy & Carol Schmidt	Peggy Schmidt Linda Makowsky	Alexis Antkowiak	Cody Kroll	Brandon Schulte Russell & Jonna Klump	Luke Eckert Kylie Antkowiak
Nov 19	Charles & Linda Gaskamp	Billie Eckert Ruby Wagner	Barbara Donnelly	Addie Diehl	Ronnie Schulte Tonja Scheer Josh Kaminski	Troy Weidemann Sharon Chapman
Nov 26	Rick & Debra Eckert	Thelma Doppelhammer Pearlie Hanath	Bonnie Schulte	Gracyn Kaminski	Connie Higgs Nikki Boehnemann Karlie King	Melissa Diehl Marlyn Doppelhammer

### Memorials –

Gifts received this past month were given in memory of **Brian Wostal** and **Marvin Jurries**. Thank you for honoring our loved ones with a gift to our church's Memorial Fund.

Greenvine Lutheran Church Council Meeting

September 20, 2023

Attendees: Troy, Tonja, Melissa, Mark, Carolyn, Luke, Cindy, Donna

6:04 Troy leads in prayer before beginning the meeting

The minutes are reviewed by council individually. Melissa motions to accept the August minutes are written. Carolyn seconds the motion. The motion passes.

Donna leads discussion over the financial report in Marlyn's absence. Some notes, the baby changing stations cost will be taken out of the property improvement fund, originally it was taken out of the non-budget expenses as shown on the report. Our expenses were slightly up due to the cost for Pastor's Continuing Education, \$1,086.87. Church giving has remained at a steady pace compared to the rest of the year. We remain on pace for our planned yearly budget. Carolyn motions to accept the report. Luke seconds the motion. The motion passes.

Cindy lets us know that this past month was comparatively slower than previous months. Although, still busy. We will be adding 3 adults and 2 children to our church family September 24 at our New Member service. Carolyn and Troy will begin planning for our Wednesday Evening Advent services that will include group meals. The first Wednesday night service will be November 29<sup>th</sup>. Cindy will be at the First Call Theological Training at Disciple Oaks Camp and Retreat in Gonzales from September 25-27 Cindy will be on vacation October 4-11. Pastor Pat Lehrer will be supply preacher in Cindy's absence in October. Karen Buck will be supply pastor November 5<sup>th</sup> while she is out of state for Karlie and Kolton's wedding.

We still need some more cleaning and decluttering done at the church even after working on God's Work, Our Hands weekend. There was a lot of progress, but a lot left to do. Troy feels that we need to have repairs done around the Sanctuary. He plans on meeting with the Executive committee about having these repairs budgeted for in 2024. October 8<sup>th</sup> will be the date we will meet after church to work on the church more. November 12<sup>th</sup> will be our Fall Congregational Meeting. Mark and Troy are wrapping up with cleaning up the bylaws. Mostly just making final adjustments and it should be ready for review soon. Troy will be meeting with the endowment directors to discuss future budgets with them as well.

Next Meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2023

7:13 The Lord's Prayer is spoken in unison to close out the meeting.

Faithfull submitted by

Luke Eckert

Greenvine Lutheran Church

Church Council Secretary

Emmanuel Lutheran Monthly Banking Financial Data  
As of September, 2023

Total Cash  
Balance  
Amounts

9/30/2023 General Operating Fund

Year 2023 Total Budget Income Amount	\$7,821.00
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Budgeted Expense	\$11,600.60
Year 2023 Net profit/deficit	\$3,779.60 deficit

9/30/2023 General Fund Balance

\$18,022.01

9/30/2023 Total SUPER NOW Fund

Year 2023 Total Income/Deposits	\$5,138.93
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Non-Budgeted Expense	\$300.00
Year 2023 Net profit/deficit	\$4,838.93 profit

Portion Balances of the SUPER NOW Fund

Memorial Fund Balance	\$7,427.26
Property Fund Balance	\$9,712.75
Cemetery Fund Balance	\$5,782.91
LYO Fund Balance	\$2,843.98
Camp Fund Balance	\$7,558.65
Parish Hall Upgrade Fund Balance	\$2,873.60
<b>9/30/2023 TOTAL Money Market Fund Bank Balance</b>	<b><u>\$36,199.15</u></b>

9/30/2023----2nd Mile Giving Fund

\$2,946.34

9/30/2023 Emmanuel Lutheran TOTAL Cash Balance

\$57,167.50

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DONNA PUTNAM  
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In Office Tuesday/Thursday a.m.

**Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship  
WITH COMMUNION

**Church Council**

President	Troy Weidemann	979.530.8357
VP	Mark Shepherd	281.732.5076
Treasurer	Marlyn Doppellhammer	979.551.6500
Secretary	Luke Eckert	979.251.1570
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	Carolyn Thiemer	979.551.5358
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