



# The Vine

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

Welcome to the Fall! Although the weather does not seem to be following along with what I would consider to be Fall being from the Midwest. Typically, we see leaves changing colors and cooler temperatures, but even in the Midwest, they are not seeing these changes this year. It is hot everywhere and here it is extremely dry. We continue to pray for rain for our land and our animals. With that said, we will be transitioning in our church year in September. Starting September 10<sup>th</sup> we will be following the Narrative Lectionary(NL) as opposed to the Revised Common Lectionary(RCL). The Lectionary is the standard chosen scriptures for every Sunday in a cycle. The RCL is a three-year cycle that follows different Gospels each year, for instance, we are now finishing up the year of Matthew. The NL follows a four-year cycle and uses the main texts during seasons which do not always include a Gospel lesson. During the fall this year, we will be going through the Old Testament beginning with Genesis. You will be able to hear stories we don't ever get in the RCL. There will be only one reading along with a short Gospel text each week. The focus of preaching will be on the Old Testament stories. I am looking forward to something different that will expand our knowledge of the Bible and help with seeing God in new and different ways. I will also be looking at your hymn selections and incorporating them into the worship services. I hope you will all enjoy something new to deepen our relationship with God.

Thank you to all who attended the Tables for 8 over the summer months. The council has put together a plan for this next year and will be sharing that with you starting this month in the newsletter from Council President Troy Weidemann. You will find many opportunities to serve on ministry teams that will equip the congregation to be more efficient and provide more input on what goes on in the church on a regular basis. We are a very active church already and want to be sure that opportunities will be provided for more people to engage in ministry together. You know the areas that you are passionate about and could use your gifts to be a part of the ministry teams. I do not believe in creating ministry teams just to have meetings, these are functional teams that will allow the congregation to have systems that will cover the work that God calls us to in all aspects of being the church. I know that many of you are serving on a regular basis in the community in many ways and that is what will enhance our ministries. You are the eyes and ears of the congregation that can see where we need to focus our energy.

This congregation has many gifts and many people who can come together to give people a glimpse of who God is and how much they are loved. That includes all of you. You are doing amazing ministry already, now it's time to continue to do what you do best in a way that is more organized and functional and includes all the baptized. Thank you all for what you are already doing, and I look forward to seeing how God works among you in the months and years ahead.

Blessings,

Pastor Cindy

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

**SEPTEMBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Sept. 07-Angie Fritsch Elijah Warner 09-Cory Sikes 10-Ralf Thiemer 17-James Chapman	Sept. 20-Judy Witte 25-Ricky Kieke 26-Shery Krinke 27-Phillip Diehl 30-Craig Gouldson
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**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Sept. 04-Amy Kroll 08-Daulene Hopmann 09-Jo Ann Beckermann 11-Natasha Sikes Elaine Wickel 12-Elijah Warner 13-Ronnie Schulte	Sept. 19-Karen Sloan 21-Dale Kroll Hank Beckermann 23-David Warner 24-Rowdy Weidemann 26-Brian Jurries 28-Micha van Marcke 30-Delbert Schmidt
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**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Sept. 06-Mary Jane & Lee Sikes



**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 Droddy, Ralf Thiemer, Cindy Lyles, Mollie Grote, Pat Joswiak, Josh Guelker, and Sam Wostal.

**JULY ATTENDANCE:**

02-63 09-56 16-42 23-38 30-58

# *Pray for Rain*



**COFFEE & DEVOTIONAL**

Coffee and devotional will be on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am. It will be held at the Tilted Windwill. (downtown Brenham)



Please join us September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am (here at the church) to declutter the choir loft, classrooms and the Sacristy. The more hands we have, the sooner we will get done.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY; SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> at 9:00 am**

Join us on September 10<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the beginning of the Sunday School year! Get ready for a fun morning of learning, worship, and bubbles and balloon fun. Meet at the Tree Chapel at 9:00 am. **\*\*Please check the church's Facebook page and website for more details to come!**



Join us in celebrating together, two very special people:  
**Jo Ann Beckermann & Harry Penkert.**

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

1:00 to 3:30 come & go

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Greenvine

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**No gifts please! Your presence is a gift in itself.**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

We will be welcoming new members to our church. It will also be the last time for our confirmation students to meet. They will be working on their faith statements.



### *Feeds, Leads, and Love's*

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends

Over the last few months your Council has been listening. Listening and asking question to members in various ways. One of the first question you may have heard was "What is God up to in this Place". What a great way to start a conversation. And I tell you, God is up a lot in and around Greenvine! Other questions we asked.

- What are the priorities of our ministry?
- In what ways are we already reaching people in our community?
- In what new ways might we consider reaching our community?
- How might we support the ministries we currently are doing and would like to do with our facilities, time, and any other resources?
- How might we combine resources outside the congregation in order to build more relationships and do what God is calling us to do?

If you have any thoughts on these questions please contact a Church Council Member, we still want to hear from you.

At our Council Retreat "Retreat in the Heat" we read Matthew 14:22-33. It's the story of Peter walking on water toward Jesus. We discussed the passage and how faith and fear go hand in hand. We talked about how change can be fearful but also fruitful when you have the faith to get out of the boat. Very powerful. After our devotion we unpacked all of the notes we brought from each of you and started compiling them to list on large tablet paper. These lists, once combined took up Five pages! Five pages that grew, from a few questions asked, to where the Holy Spirit is leading our Congregation. With all this new information gathered, a few committees or ministries will need to be formed. Some of these are already functioning, while others will be new. Each will have a Council lead to communicate information back to our Church Council meetings.

Here is a list of the Committees and the Council member lead.

- **Youth and Family:** Council Lead: Troy Weidemann
- **Fellowship:** Council Lead: Carolyn Thiemer
- **Worship and Music:** Kyle Antkowiak
- **Outreach:** Mark Shepherd
- **Cemetery, Stewardship and Endowment:** Council Lead-Marlyn Doppelhammer
- **Memorial:** Council lead-Tonja Scheer
- **Future Planning Task Force:** Church Council

Starting this week, we will begin to fill these committees. If you are interested in any of these areas please contact the lead Council Member. The Cemetery, Endowment, and Memorial committee are already active and have great members helping with them. The Council lead for these will contact each and relay any information back to Council as needed.

I am excited about where God is leading us. Maybe it is time to get out of the boat and get our feet wet.

Christ Peace,  
Troy Weidemann, Council President

Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran  
Church Council  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 July, 2023

Total Cash  
Balance  
Amounts

7/31/2023 General Operating Fund

Year 2023 Total Budget Income Amount	\$9,292.00
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Budgeted Expense	\$11,772.38
Year 2023 Net profit/deficit	\$2,480.38 deficit

7/31/2023 General Fund Balance

\$26,474.47

7/31/2023 Total SUPER NOW Fund

Year 2023 Total Income/Deposits	\$10.56
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Non-Budgeted Expense	\$2,298.03
Year 2023 Net profit/deficit	\$2,587.47 deficit

Portion Balances of the SUPER NOW Fund

Memorial Fund Balance	\$7,430.23
Property Fund Balance	\$4,674.86
Cemetery Fund Balance	\$6,690.91
LYO Fund Balance	\$2,843.98
Camp Fund Balance	\$7,558.65
Parish Hall Upgrade Fund Balance	\$2,873.60
<b>7/31/2023 TOTAL Money Market Fund Bank Balance</b>	<b><u>\$32,082.79</u></b>

7/31/2023----2nd Mile Giving Fund

\$3,321.75

7/31/2023 Emmanuel Lutheran TOTAL Cash Balance

\$61,879.01

## Worship Ministry Schedule-SEPTEMBER

Date	Altar Flowers	Communion Committee	Assisting Minister	Acolytes	Head Usher – Phillip Diehl	Tellers
Sep 03	Lee & Mary Jane Sikes	Melissa Diehl Brooke Kaminski	Sherry Krinke	Addie Diehl	Mark & Jeanette Shepherd Brandon Schulte	Carolyn Thiemer Mark Shepherd
Sep 10	Richard & Pearlle Hanath	Alexis Antkowiak Kylie Antkowiak	Donna Putnam	Gracyn Kaminski	Ronnie Schulte Russell & Jonna Klump	Tonja Scheer Luke Eckert
Sep 17	Jimmie & Billie Eckert	Lacy Eckert Debra Eckert	Alexis Antkowiak	Ronson Muegge	Tonja Scheer Nikki Boehnemann Josh Kaminski	Kylie Antkowiak Troy Weidemann
Sep 24	Karen Sloan	Abby Kieke Debbie Kieke	Barbara Donnelly	Sophia Bartels	Donna Putnam Connie Higgs Karlie Weidemann	Sharon Chapman Melissa Diehl

### Memorials –

Gifts received this past month were given in memory of **Brian Wostal, Cole Dismukes, & Pete Mauerhofer**. Thank you for honoring our loved ones with a gift to our church's Memorial Fund. Also, a donation was given in honor of **Ruth Kosieracki** for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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**Sunday Schedule**

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

**Church Council**

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