

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 in Christ,

I write to you this month in both Thanksgiving for this past 18 months of our ministry together. This month will mark a new chapter for both the people of Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church and for myself. You voted on November 21st to call me as your next Pastor. Today, I can humbly accept that call after completed my Master of Divinity and approved by both my Candidacy Committee and the Seminary for Ordination. I look forward to our next three years together. We have some lofty goals to accomplish over these next years, and I believe that with the help of God in Jesus through the Holy Spirit we will be able to accomplish all that God has for us. Together we will work on church growth through deepening our faith and building relationships. We will focus on Youth and Children while offering opportunities for cross generational activities and learning. We have established stakeholders in the community and will continue to build relationships and strengthen our community engagement in new and exciting ways, while continuing the ways in which we are already connected. We will work on getting more people engaged in worship and equipping leaders. Finally, we will continue our focus on stewardship of all that God has given to us. Ruben and I look forward to being grounded in the communities of both Burton and Brenham where our new home is located. I give thanks to God and the call of the church for the gifts that God has given me to minister in this place. I am beyond excited to continue our ministry together for the sake of the world.

This month holds many opportunities to worship in thanksgiving. I will be ordained in Aurora, Colorado on January 15th. Following Ordination, it is a time for us to celebrate and mark our new journey together with an Installation Service. That day will be January 23rd at 2:00 p.m. The church council came up with the idea to gather for a meal and fellowship prior to the service at 12:30 p.m. The meal will include Turkey Stew with a potluck for all the sides and desserts. We will NOT have our 10:00 a.m. service that morning.

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) Remember that when we abide in Jesus we will bear much fruit. Our branches are about to bear lots of fruit with by abiding. I look forward to being a part of the branches here at Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church for as long as our work continues to be fruitful. God's Blessings on this new year, let it be filled with JOY.

Blessings,

Deacon Cindy

Please keep in prayers.....

JANUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 06-Dennis Newton
11-Bridget Bartels
16-Roy Schmidt
19-Russell Klump

Jan. 19-Russell Shay
22-Connor Cloud
28-Jonna Klump
29-Colt Kmiec

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 02-Lois Jurries
08-Pearlie Hanath
10-R.H. Muegge II
13-Gavin Cloud
16-Mary Jane Sikes

Jan. 18-Hayden Bartels
21-BraytenRolling
28-Kimberly Sequeira
Jeanie Muegge
30-Marlyn Doppellhammer

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 10-Amy & Dale Kroll



PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers: Vernell Mertz, Rosalie Moehring, Lois Jurries, Evelyn Fuchs, Diane Boehnemann, Linda Gaskamp, Pat Joswiak, Delbert Schmidt, Mark & Jo Ann Hundermer and the family of Lee Sloan who passed away recently.

NOVEMBER ATTENDEANCE

07-66 14-56 21-57 28-44



DEACON CINDY'S ORDINATION

Deacon Cindy will be ordained on January 15th at 2:00 pm at the Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church in Centennial, CO. Glenn Schoeneberg will be our minister for the January 16th.

Pastoral
Installation

DEACON CINDY'S INSTALLATION & MEAL (January 23rd)

Please join us for Deacon Cindy's installation on January 23rd. Please join us at the parish hall at 12:00 pm for fellowship. Turkey stew (free-will donation) will be served at 12:30 pm. There is a sign-up for members to bring desserts and other things. Her installation will be 2:00 pm. ****Please note—there will no church services at 10:00 am!****

BIBLE STUDY

There will no bible study for the month of January. We will continue in February.



SPECIAL THANKS....

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Family,

As for many years now, thank you again for purchasing Holiday Magic gifts for the residents who live at Brenham State Supported Living Center (BSSLC)! Even though I retired from BSSLC, it still warms my heart to see you continuing to support this annual project.

As for all of us experiencing different ways of life because of the pandemic, these gifts will be extra special this year! The residents will enjoy Holiday Magic when they open the gifts Christmas morning!

Love my church family! God Bless You!

Thanks again,
Bonnie Schulte



SPECIAL THANKS.....

We would like to thank Barbara Donnelly, Ralf Thiemer, Connie Higgs, Judy Witte, & Jimmie Eckert for serving on the church council for the past years. 2022 Council officers are: Mark Shepherd, President; Tonja Scheer, Vice-President; Marlyn Doppellhammer, Treasurer; and Luke Eckert, Secretary. Other members of the church council are: Dale Kroll, Karlie Weidemann, Melissa Diehl, & Kylie Antkowiak.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thanks to Jeanette Schwartz for donating her Thrivent Choice Dollars to the church. It is great appreciated.



Special Thanks to Troy and Julie Weidemann for the coordinating the Christmas program, "Twas the Night Before Christmas"; and those who participated in the program. Also, thanks to Karen Sloan for playing the organ and the Hilltop Ramblers for providing special music. Thanks to the people who donated money and other items for the goody bags for the kids and the Ricky Kieke family and Donna Putnam for putting them together.



ANNUAL JANUARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting will be held on January 30th following worship. We will hear reports from 2021.



Worship Ministry Schedule-JANUARY

Date	Altar Flowers	Communion Committee	Assisting Minister	Acolytes	Head Usher – Ralf Thiemer	Tellers
Jan 02	Poinsettias	Carolyn Thiemer Carolyn Wickel	Thelma Doppelhammer	John Brode	Ashley Brode Jonna & Russell Klump	Mark Shepherd Tonja Scheer
Jan 09	Dale Kroll family	Jonna Klump Karla Antkowiak	Sherry Krinke	Sophia Bartels	James & Sharon Chapman Brian Wostal	Marlyn Doppelhammer Luke Eckert
Jan 16	Tonja Scheer	Peggy Schmidt Linda Makowsky	Donna Putnam	Chet Fritsch	Karla, Kylie & Alexis Antkowiak	Dale Kroll Karlie Weidemann
Jan 23	Jeff & Judy Witte	Billie Eckert Ruby Wagner	Alexis Antkowiak	Paige Fritsch	Glenn Linke Marlyn Doppelhammer Rowdy Weidemann	Kylie Antkowiak Melissa Diehl
Jan 30	Dustin & Abby Majewski	Donna Putnam Diane Boehnemann	Barbara Donnelly	Jacob Brode	Donna Putnam Carolyn Thiemer Connie Higgs	Mark Shepherd Tonja Scheer

Memorials -

Gifts were received this past month in memory of **Bobbie Faye Kroll**. Thank you for honoring our loved ones with a gift to our church's Memorial Fund.

Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Council Meeting November 17, 2021

Barbara Donnelly called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Secretary's report - submitted by Judy Witte. Approved as presented

Treasurer's report - submitted by Connie Higgs. Approved as presented

John Brode presented an idea that he has for an Eagle Scout project. He is interested in creating a permanent pathway to the tree chapel. He informed the council that he would be in charge of creating the pathway and fundraising or getting the supplies donated. It would be helpful if volunteers would donate time to assist him once the project was ready to begin. The council voted to accept the offer for his Eagle Scout Project. More information to come once John researches more details about the project.

Deacon Cindy's report - made several visits to Bobbie Faye Kroll to be with her and her family after entering Hospice, visits to Rosalie Moehring, Evelyn Fuchs, Vernell Mertz and Jeanette Schwartz, hospital visits to Rosalie Moehring and Rick Eckert, call to Peggy Schmidt concerning Delbert. Presided over the funeral for Bobbie Faye Kroll. Special worships including Reformation and Confirmation, All Saints Sunday and Baptism of Emma Matthies. Organized fundraiser for Burton Bridge Ministry at the Beer and Hymn fest. Continues to work closely with Audrey Edwards who is developing the church's website to ensure that all pertinent information is included. A video will be available after the website is complete so that the website can continue to be updated without Audrey's assistance. Deacon Cindy would like to update her office at the beginning of next year (repaint and organize to fit her needs).

Sunday School update - attendance is low but continues. Thanks to Jeanette Shepherd for the curriculum and all others that are assisting. Albs have not been purchased - waiting to see what sizes are needed. Stewardship Steering committee (Deacon Cindy, Ralf Thiemer, Mark Shepherd and Marlyn Doppelhammer) met recently. (see attached report for activities that have been done to promote stewardship and recommendations for consideration for 2022). Upcoming topics - Women's fellowship at Busted Oaks Cellars on December 5, 2021, new paraments have been ordered for Advent - Carolyn Thiemer is making matching banners, Wifi has been installed by Round Top Wifi - a new camera for the sanctuary is being donated to improve the Wifi service. The Christmas tree will be decorated on November 23, 2021. Advent services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. New confirmation class will begin on December 12, 2021 with Jacob Brode and Sophia Bartels. The deadline for pre-registration for the National Youth Gathering to be held next summer is on November 21, 2021 Phillip Diehl will be attending. Deacon Cindy met with Bridge Ministry leaders to discuss Camp Hope to be held in Greenvine. Luther Hill will provide curriculum and 6 leaders for the upcoming year. Bridge ministry will pay for this service. Hosts are needed to provide housing for the leaders

Old business -

Council officer positions should be considered for 2022.

Mark from Round Top Wifi began installation to install new Wifi on Tuesday. Internet services will be provided by his company for \$60/month. Dale Kroll gave an update on Wreaths Across America. 45 wreaths are due to be delivered on December 19, 2021 to honor the veterans of our congregation and community. Barbara was informed that \$1000 from the Elsie Key Estate will be given to the memorial fund. An updated phone/address list is needed for members of the congregation. Forms will be available on Sundays for members to complete.

New business -

Council agreed to hold a Celebration for Giving Lunch on December 12, 2021 from 11:30 -1:00. Two members offered to pay for a catered meal to thank members for their giving of time, talent and monetary donations - a reflection of stewardship. Mark will have a sign up sheet for members to RSVP for a head count. Tonja will design the invitation that will be sent.

A Congregational meeting will be held on November 21, 2021 to call Deacon Cindy to our congregation as a full time pastor with a 3 year contract and compensation package. Barbara will check with the synod concerning what needs to be presented.

Everyone is welcome to come for fun and fellowship while decorating the church Christmas tree on November 23, 2021.(Also move some boxes from the Parish Hall to outside storage if time allows).

Julie and Troy Weideman are making plans for the Christmas Eve service - please notify them if you are able to assist.

Members will be asked to contribute food for Red bags to be filled for the Advent food drive to support the BBM mobile food pantry.

The council agreed for the following sub-committees to be initiated to assist in supporting the church. .
Worship, property maintenance, evangelism, IT (Information technology) and Education/Faith Formation
A sign up sheet will be placed in church for members to sign-up.

The next council meeting/Christmas party will be held on December 14, 2021 at 6:00 at Deacon Cindy and Rueben's new home.

The ladies serving circle needs to be reorganized from 3 zones to 2 zones. Barbara will contact those involved to ask them to complete this task.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prayerfully submitted.

Judy Witte, Secretary.

Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Special called Congregation Meeting
November 21, 2021

Barbara Donnelly called the meeting to order. The meeting was called for the congregation to vote on extending a call to Deacon Cindy Robles to be the pastor for a 3-year term at the agreed compensation package. Paper ballots were handed out to all members.

The result of the votes were as follows:49 for and 1 against.

Barbara informed the congregation that there is an information sheet at the back of the church for members to pick up. The information includes what Deacon Cindy will give special attention to during this period and ways that the congregation will encourage and support Deacon Cindy's ministry during this period. Her contract will be reviewed annually.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prayerfully submitted,

Judy Witte, Secretary.

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School &
Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
WITH COMMUNION

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