

THE BELL TOWER



Emily's Chronicles

AUGUST 2022

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”- 2 Corinthians 5: 17

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Cody UMC,

Soon the briskness of fall will be upon us, but until then we have plenty of summer left to enjoy. The last week of July Alex, Thea and I went up to Luccock Park Church Camp in Paradise Valley, Montana. We missed out on helping with camp last year because I was still recovering from my C-section. I am so glad we got to be a part of camp this year.

This is the camp that I attended since elementary school. I've counseled and led the camp for six years. This is my second year leading the camp as the spiritual leader. Alex and I got married at this camp! Needless to say, camp has a special place in my heart.

Camp is not only a special place, but my time at camp is a time where I get to be renewed. Yes, it is a lot of work putting a camp together. There is something refreshing even in all the planning and preparation. Once the camp is underway, and all the campers begin to arrive, I start to feel the weight of the world leave my shoulders. I see the faces of all those kids light up as they embrace one another and share how their year went.

I walk outside early in the morning and feel the coolness of the mountain air. I hear the birds chirp as they fly by. The sun begins to peak over the mountain and the dew reflects a light and warmth off the meadow. I take a deep breath and feel the Spirit move within me. My soul truly renews at camp. I try to capture that feeling for as long as possible.

I felt the old things fade away and the newness of life fill my heart. Having the opportunity to refresh my mind and spirit in one of the most beautiful places on earth with some of the most incredible friends I've made over the years is exactly what I needed. Being immersed in creation and God's abundance shows me all the ways God is making something new.

May you find a sense of renewal. Even with the busyness and craziness of life, may you find the thing that gives you peace and a fresh start. May God continue to hold you and give you peace and comfort.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Emily

Reverend Emily L. Rettinghouse



A week in Paradise



Luccock Park Church Camp
Paradise Valley, Wyoming

Capital Campaign for New Carpet

****update note**** Our timeline has slipped on the fund-raising auction. This article reflects those changes.

The Finance Committee, with help from the Trustees, is starting a capital campaign to help fund new carpeting for the church. Trustees have accepted a bid for \$36,000 to install carpeting in October. We plan to use some endowment fund money to fund a portion of the expense. We also want to use funds from a capital campaign to fund the remainder. We have a goal to cover up to half the expense, \$18,000, with funds generated from the capital campaign.

We are looking for donations from the congregation to help with the campaign. You can make donations through any of our traditional methods. There will be a category you can use for online donations through Church Connect. We just ask that you include a note with any donations that indicates that the donation is for the Carpet Fund. We will be running the campaign through October.

In addition, to direct donations we are also planning an online auction of donated items to generate additional funds. We will be using Swenson's Auctions out of Powell to conduct the auction. Our items will be included in one of Swenson's periodic consignment auctions this fall.

So, if you have some garage sale items or just have some things you want to get rid of this is an opportunity to clean out some clutter and help with our Carpet Campaign at the same time. We intend to collect items over a two-week period around the end of August or early September. If you have some larger items that you need help with, we will have some volunteers from the church which will help with transportation.

Additional information on timing and logistics will be available in August. As you try to decide if anyone would want your stuff, error on the side of donating. If you have questions, contact me or one the Trustees. Every \$5 helps. Please no damaged or broken items.

Stay tuned for more information.

Bryan Armel – Finance Committee Chair



Current safety precautions will continue indefinitely. The Safety Team will continue sanitizing the Church weekly and after wedding and funeral gatherings.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our Church safe. We will have a Safety Team meeting **August 23, at 1:00pm.**

The Safety Team

Greetings from your Membership/Nurture Committee:

Please join us for a fabulous pancake breakfast and welcome for new members on Sunday, **August 14**, following the worship service. Everything is provided, so just bring yourself.

We look forward to seeing you.

Carolyn, Dave, Annie, Judie, Dixie, Lu, Lynn



Thank you to all who signed up this summer to host the coffee hour after Sunday services! It is sooooo appreciated!

If you haven't had the joy of hosting the coffee hour after church, please sign up for a summer spot!

Special thanks to Emelyn, Eva, Angel, Merry and John for hosting once a month!



Thank you to our church family for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time. For all of the prayers, the many cards, the food and flowers. It was all so overwhelming and we are all very grateful.

God bless you all,
Judie, Suzanne, Sean and families

Thank you all so much for your love, support, and for celebrating my ordination! The gifts, cards, food, and fellowship were all so meaningful and I'm so honored to be your pastor!

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Emily



Worship Committee News

August 7, Holy Communion, Communion Stewards Kandi Parker and Jenny Zink

Looking ahead in August, last year we experienced worshipping with our friends at Trinity Lutheran and Christ Episcopal Church congregations and the same is planned for Sunday, August 28. Watch the bulletin for more announcements and information.

We are looking for Ushers to help in August and September. Thank you so much to Denise Arthur and Dixie Barnhart for being head Ushers in July.

Readers for August:

Lauren Newton 7

Cameron Newton 14

Jann Smith 21

Jenny Zink 28

Jenny Zink and the Worship Committee



United Methodist Women-United Women of Faith and Circle News:

Our next planned time together will be on **August 10, at Noon** – our Annual Carry In Picnic at **Dacken Park**, 1802 - 22nd Street in Cody (on the west side of the First Presbyterian Church). Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share. Beverages and table service will be provided. Mark your calendars – plan to join us. If you are new to our church family, or just interested in finding out more about this wonderful group of women – you are most welcome to come join us.

If you need a ride, please call Karen Birzer.

UMW and Circle monthly meetings will resume in September. Check the program book for dates.

Check the bulletin board in Koemel Hall for a Newsletter from the Hruska Family in Croatia! (My daughter and her family are in ministry there.) In June they were able to help run a kids vacation Bible School in Darda, Croatia. My grandson, John graduated from the 8th Grade too!

Blessings, Karen Birzer, UMW/UWF President



August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Snacks for Kids 2-4 pm Mentock 12 Step Group 6-7 pm	5	6
7 10 am Sunday Worship & Holy Communion	8	9 Ad Council 7 pm	10 UMW Carry In Picnic Noon at Dacken Park	11 Snacks for Kids 2-4 pm Mentock Park 12 Step Grp. 6-7 pm	12	13
14 10 am Sunday Worship Welcome New Members Pancake Breakfast after service.	15	16	17	18 Worship Committee 1:30 pm Snacks for kids 2-4 pm Mentock Park 12 Step Grp.	19	20
21 10 am Sunday Worship Trustees 11:15 am	22	23	24	25 12 Step Grp. 6-7 pm	26	27
28 Watch for Info! Combined Worship at: _____ Pastor & Family on Vacation this week	29	30	31	Sept. 1 12 Step Grp. 6-7 pm	2	3

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Ordination Celebration





Happy Birthday to You!

Sarah Boehme	Aug.	3
Gene Parker		5
Emma Foley		5
Ed Martin		9
Trevor Cook		19
John Leroux		22
Gretchen Henrich		24
Grace Buntyn		28
Joy Lyons		31
Bill Buntyn		31



Happy Anniversary

Tim & Angie Foley	Aug.	4
Rick & Laura Cook		8
Les Honfi & Marcia Dorn		8
Gene & Kandi Parker		12
Bill & Grace Buntyn		16
Don & Norma Schlaf		22
Gil & Paula Curry		24

Cody Cupboard Update:

January	32 Pounds
February	56 Pounds
March	61 Pounds
April	87 Pounds
May	35 Pounds
June	40 Pounds
July	91 Pounds

Thank you Cody UMC for your generosity!

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Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." John 21:15

"Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it."

**1 Peter 4:9-10,
*The Message***



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