



Emmanuel United Church

The Council Chronicle

June 25, 2026

Summer is officially here! School is out, the sun is shining, and your Church Council held its final meeting before the summer break on June 23. In addition to wrapping up important, timely agenda items, we took some time to look back and reflect on the past year. We have so much to celebrate, and we are deeply blessed and thankful for our incredible community. God is indeed walking with us on the journey.



*Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in
Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

Partnerships

Sponsoring community-focused initiatives is just one way Emmanuel lives out our vision to be a Christ-like community of faith. We are absolutely thrilled to be sponsoring three wonderful initiatives this fall:

- **PARN (A Queer Prom):** A safe, joyful celebration hosted right in our church auditorium in September.
- **Stage Café:** A supportive, secure environment for youth to connect and share their creative talents.



Community Yoga: An opportunity for health and fellowship, with sessions running on Monday evenings beginning in September.



We are pleased to share that starting this September, Patricia Hanley will be offering **English as a Second Language (ESL) support** at Emmanuel. This program is dedicated to helping adults in our community learn to read and write in a supportive, welcoming environment



Come and learn more about this partnership at a **congregational meeting** on Sunday, July 12 following worship.

Gathering around the table is a wonderful way to connect. This September, we look forward to renewing our partnership with Traill College of Trent University as our **monthly community dinners** return.

Following the inspiration and ideas gathered from our four **Emmanuel Imagine Sessions** over the past year, we are excited to announce our engagement with the **Relèven Brokerage Foundation**. They will be partnering with us to explore an exciting new future and help turn our shared vision into reality!

We are absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news! At the end of May, the Commission informed us that **Rev. Kristiane** will be remaining with us as our minister for another year. We are incredibly grateful for her continued leadership, guidance, and presence in our church family.



Is your contact info. up to date?

The church office is in the process of creating an updated directory! Please take a moment to ensure we have your correct mailing address, phone number, and email address so we can stay connected.

- **Rubidge St. Property Update:** We are pleased to share that the required paperwork for listing the Rubidge St. property has now been completed. The listing agent for the property is Trudy Wilson with REMAX
- **1st Affirm Forum:** Our inaugural Affirm Forum was a wonderful success, drawing 14 participants together across different church communities. We deeply appreciate Wendy Templeton, Maggie Allin, and AJ MacNaught for their time and leadership in facilitating this session.

Reflecting on the **blessings of the past 2025–26** church year, we offer our deepest gratitude for:

- The guidance and support of the Commission.
- The inspiring, open, and warm leadership from Rev. Kristiane.
- Ten wonderful years of ministry together as Emmanuel.
- The spirit of cooperation and collaboration guiding our steps forward.
- A vibrant vision of Christ-like hospitality that welcomes all.

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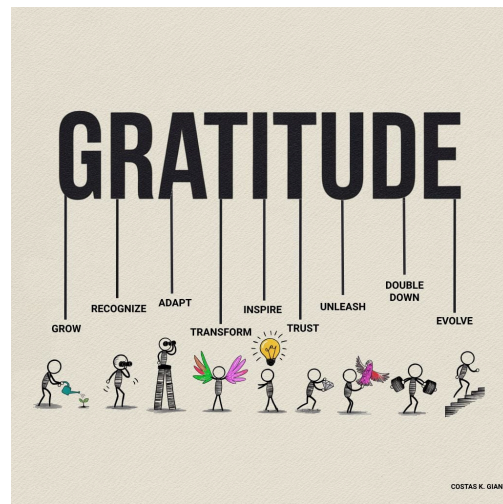
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We wish you a safe, happy, and beautiful summer holiday filled with rest and renewal. May God bless your journey, and we look forward to seeing you all back in September!



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My command is this: Love each
other as I have loved you.

John 15:12 (NIV)

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