

# Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

October 2017

## Happenings!

**Sunday, October 1**—Youth Gathering Meeting, Emanuel Golf Outing

**Saturday, October 7**—Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, October 8**—Confirmation

**Friday, October 13**—Help at Our Savior's Food Pantry

**Sunday, October 15**—First Bible Class, Youth Gathering Meeting

**Sunday, October 22**—Pumpkins & Praise

**Saturday, October 28**—Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, October 29**—Reformation Sunday

**Monday, October 30**—Youth Gathering Fundraiser at Panera Bread

**Mission Statement:**  
Forgiven  
by Grace,  
Serving by  
Faith

**Vision Statement:**  
To Grow in  
Faith, Love,  
and Spirit



The "Sliding Into The School Year" was a big hit! We had participants from age 5 up to 37! Those watching were pretty entertained as well!

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# Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

*"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;  
for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers."  
Psalm 24:1*

Dear partners in witness and service:

We often thank God for all of God's generous gifts to us. Gratitude is a mark of spiritual health. But this talk about "gifts" can create the impression that God has handed ownership over to us. After all, that's how we give gifts to one another.

God does not hand over the ownership of Creation to us. We are not the owners. We are stewards—careful and responsible managers of God's good Creation. In the fine book, *Embracing Stewardship*, Chick Lane puts it this way:

"With God, there is no transfer of ownership. God is still the owner. Although it may be a bit awkward, we should quit using the 'gift' language in favor of language such as 'trust.' Everything we have is a trust from God, place by God into our care and management."

So we are stewards of God's good creation. We manage what belongs to God. And how we manage what belongs to God is a faith issue. If we are faithful stewards, we will look to God for how we use all of God's possessions that we manage—how we use our time, how we use our talents, and how we use our treasures.

Too often, we connect the word "stewardship" with money—particularly with "paying the bills at church." That is a narrow slot that limits stewardship and chops our faith lives into separate compartments. Every second of our lives belongs to God. Every second of our lives is a trust from God. Every second of our lives is an opportunity to love God and serve our neighbor.

This fall we celebrate God's trust in us under the theme, "Emanuel's Got Talent!" We will hear about how God has entrusted us with more than money. We will be challenged to put our whole selves to work for God's salvation project. You'll hear more about that at worship, in this newsletter, online and through the mail.

You have been entrusted with time, talents and treasure for God's great work of compassion and joy. Together we will pray about how we are called to manage what God has entrusted to us for the good of all.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

We lift up in prayer and express our Christian sympathy for Chris Sorensen and family at the death of his grandfather, Frank Berg, last month.

We also lift up in prayer and express our Christian sympathy for the family of Pastor Noel Kropp, who passed away September 8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Kropp was the former chaplain at Bethany Lutheran Home. He regularly attended Wednesday evening services at Emanuel and has filled in for pastor Hennings many times.



We lift up in prayer and express our Christian sympathy for the family of Kara Nickels, who passed away September 12<sup>th</sup>. Services were Saturday, September 30. Kara is the daughter of Alan Ellis, Mother to Madison & Shae Nickels and ex-wife of Mike Nickels.

# Now Collecting Names for Thanksgiving Baskets

BY LINDA STEENSLAND

Wider Ministries is planning to offer Thanksgiving Baskets again this year. If you have a friend or fellow church family to recommend, please contact Michaela at the church office, or Linda Steensland by early November. It should be the only Thanksgiving basket that they receive.



# Stewardship

BY RICK STONE

"Emanuel's Got Talent" is our theme for our 2018 Stewardship Drive.



This year we will have five temple talks beginning October 22nd through November 19th.

On Sunday, November 12th, you are invited to a congregational dinner starting at 5:00 P.M. hosted by Emanuel's Youth. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Cindy Johnson, Pastor at St. John's in Carroll, Iowa.

We look forward to providing an educational and inspiring Stewardship event.

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. We ask that you mow the lawn **sometime** during your scheduled week, preferably by Thursday. If you have a conflict, just trade dates with someone on the list. Mowing consists of the church lawn and the Pastor's lawn. **If you use all the gas in the container, please fill up the container and turn the bill into the church. Keys for the mower and the garage are in the secretary's office. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.**



October 1	Al Martens
October 8	Larry Hansen
October 15	Tyler Hansen
October 22	Jesse Hansen
October 29	Mike Winter

# Youth Gathering

BY DEANN OVER

Plans are well underway to send a total of eighteen of Emanuel's youth and adults next summer to Houston for two events:

From June 24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>, two of Emanuel's families will be attending the tAble - a pre-event to the Youth Gathering for youth with disabilities.



Then from June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, youth and adult leaders will be attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Preparation for their experience, "Gather for Community" sessions, will be held



monthly and the congregation are invited. This will mark the largest group sent by Emanuel and we are asking for your support both financially

and prayerfully. The first community fund raiser will be at Panera's (Council Bluffs location) on Monday, October 30 between 4:00 and 8:00pm. Please see flyer on page 7 for details.

**This Month's  
Gathering Meetings:  
Sunday, October 1st—  
10:45 am in the sanctuary**

**October 15  
10:45 am in the sanctuary**

All God's  
Creatures



# Blessing of Pets

We will host our annual Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. in the LOWER parking lot at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Please bring your animal friends and family for this service of blessing and joy. We have blessed dogs, cats, hedgehogs, turtles, goats and many other species of God's beloved creatures over the years. We hope to see you there!



Daphne Miller  
Harvey Coble  
Melvin Bird

Glen Fahrenkrug  
Mildred Rogers  
John Smith II

Lucille Weatherill  
Dana Blessum  
Glenda Smith

Dwight Rogers  
Clair Ossian

Andrea Britton  
Kaye Bird



**Oct. 01** Jessica Gearhart  
Ron Smith

**Oct. 09** Lacey Fischer  
Nicole Fischer

**Oct. 23** Emma Wilson

**Oct. 02** Tyler Hansen  
Emma Howe  
Courtney Trede

**Oct. 10** Jesse Hansen

**Oct. 25** Hannah Goldapp  
John Spilde

**Oct. 15** Paige Holeton

**Oct. 28** Darlene Reed

**Oct. 04** Jeanine Schademmann  
Norma Stairs  
Cole Templeton

**Oct. 16** Jill Burton  
Michael Dillon  
Matt Petersen

**Oct. 30** Renea Kelso

**Oct. 06** Catlin Buley  
Lori Johannes  
Kyle Sorensen

**Oct. 20** Alicyn Geisler

**Oct. 31** Judith Loos  
Danielle Schaal  
Matt Todd

**Oct. 22** Cynthia Richards



**Oct. 06** Larry & Andrea Britton

**Oct. 07** Autumn & Adam Tanner

**Oct. 16** Tom & Beth Lewis

**Oct. 17** Gerald & Debra Ebsen

**Oct. 27** Keven & Debbie Ferguson

*If we've missed a birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please let the church office know!  
Contact Michaela at (712) 323-9665 or [emanuellutherancbia@msn.com](mailto:emanuellutherancbia@msn.com)*



## Worship Assistant Schedule

(if unable to serve as scheduled, please arrange a substitute and notify the church office of the change)

<b>Sunday, October 1</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Carly Sorensen
<b>Ushers</b>	Joel & Christi Hauschild
<b>Acolytes</b>	Cael Hansen & Owen Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Children's Message</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Elaine Sasso, Peggy Jarrell, Kevin Epperson
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie & Matt Solon
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Sunday, October 8</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mike Winter
<b>Ushers</b>	Joel & Christi Hauschild
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lauren Hansen & Xander Richards
<b>Lector</b>	Deann Over
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Kylie Hansen, Brenda Hennigs
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	LaWayne & Jim Andersen
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Sunday, October 15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Ushers</b>	Joel & Christi Hauschild
<b>Acolytes</b>	Andrew Borwick & Kylie Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Children's Message</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Carol Fahrenkrug & CarLes Kemmish
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Cheryl Rowe
<b>Sunday, October 22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Joel & Christi Hauschild
<b>Acolytes</b>	Grace Hansen & Aaralynn Conley
<b>Lector</b>	Kevin Epperson
<b>Children's Message</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Phil & Jane Meyer
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Daralene Jeppesen
<b>Sunday, October 29</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick & Jan Stone
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tyler Steensland & Amari Johnson
<b>Lector</b>	J. Husmann
<b>Children's Message</b>	John Husmann
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Barb Burns & Pat Hiller
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Elaine Sasso

If you are interested in helping with worship, please contact the church office,  
(712) 323-9665, [emanuellutherancbia@msn.com](mailto:emanuellutherancbia@msn.com) or sign-up on our website at: [www.emanuelcb.org](http://www.emanuelcb.org)



Altar Flowers

**October 1**

**October 8**

Judy Borwick

**October 15**

**October 22**

**October 29**

*The flower sign-up is on the bulletin board above the usher stand.*



**October 1**

Children & Youth

**October 8**

VanSickle Family

**October 15**

Fresh Start Team

**October 22**

**October 29**

Boy Scout Troop  
550 Pancake  
Breakfast

*The coffee hour sign-up chart is in the kitchen. Duties include picking up donuts, starting coffee, pouring juice and clean-up.*

# October 2017 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Gathering Meeting 1 pm Fellowship Hall In Use	<b>2</b> 11 am Communion at Midlands 11 am Tai Chi	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Adult Study & Kidz Kamp 7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b> 10 am Blessing of the Animals
<b>8</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Wider Ministries Meeting 11 am—2 pm Confirmation	<b>Columbus Day</b> 9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi	<b>10</b> 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 2:30 pm Bingo at Bethany 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Adult Study & Kidz Kamp 7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm North Broadway Neighborhood Association Meeting 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal	<b>13</b> Office Closed 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's 	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am First Bible Class 10:45 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting 4 pm Fire Pit Night	<b>16</b> 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Church Council Meeting 7 pm MS Support Group 	<b>17</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Children & Youth Meeting	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Adult Study & Kidz Kamp 7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal	<b>20</b> Office Closed 9:30 am Blessings & Brunch	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 11 am Pumpkins & Praise Children's Event 	<b>23</b> 11 am Tai Chi	<b>24</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Adult Study & Kidz Kamp 7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b> 12 pm Fall Piano Party 3:30 pm Trunk or Treat in Lower Parking Lot 
<b>Reformation</b> <b>29</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 4 pm—6 pm Girl Scouts 	<b>30</b> 11 am Communion at Midlands 11 am Tai Chi 4 pm—8 pm Youth Gathering 	<b>Halloween</b> <b>31</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	<b>1</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Adult Study & Kidz Kamp 7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm. Game Day 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal	<b>3</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b>





Since 2007, the Iowa Cookie Crumbs have sent over **one million one hundred thousand** (1,100,000) cookies to our deployed men and women. We are now preparing for our 2017 Operation Holiday Cheer and again want to thank Emanuel for the use of the church for all our packings, a place to store our supplies and members on-gong support.

Dates and times for **Holiday Cheer Comfort Items Packing**:

**Sunday, November 5, 2:00-6:00PM**

- collection of comfort items in the Fellowship Hall

**Monday, November 6, all day**

- sort items, and prep for packing

**Monday, November 6, 7:00PM**

- pack Holiday Cheer Comfort Items' boxes

Followed by our **Holiday Cheer Cookie Packing** on:

**Tuesday, November 14, 10:30AM**

- pack Holiday Cheer Cookie boxes

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While we have list of suggested items to include in the boxes (games, puzzle books, individually wrapped snacks, beef jerky, nuts, etc.), we also have a list of "free stuff" we will include:

### **Cookie Crumb Holiday Comfort Boxes - Free Stuff**

- 2018 Calendars (Any size) - From charitable organizations and businesses
- Unused Stationery and Holiday Cards - Deployed troops are not charged postage. We receive great feedback that they are able to send holiday greetings back to their loved ones in the states.
  - Note: Unfortunately we cannot send cards with the true meaning of Christmas
- Travelers - If you've recently traveled - disposable razors, lotions, shampoos, aspirin, etc.
- Letters or cards of support - we always include in our holiday as well as monthly boxes. The ones kids write are great!

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There will be a box in the Fellowship Hall where you can leave items along with the complete list of suggested items. More information about the Iowa Cookie Crumbs can be found at our website – just 'google iowa cookie crumbs' - and on facebook.

Members of Emanuel as well as supporters of the Iowa Cookie Crumbs are always welcome at any of the packings.

If you have any questions, please contact Deann Over, 712 322-5075.





It is hard to believe that it was fall, as our high that day was 90°, and the next day it was 66°! Our plastic was 200 ft long and 8 ft across for our giant water slide.

## Children's Ministry Keeps Busy for Fall

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

I'm excited about the start to our fall children's ministry. On September 24<sup>th</sup> we had a slip-n-slide event out back. We had 24 participants along with lots of spectators! Thank you to everyone who helped!

Thank you to Brenda for her leadership again this year for Kidz Kamp on Wednesday nights. We are looking for volunteers to take a week or two to teach the class. Lessons are all planned out for you already. Please contact Brenda if you are able to help out.

We will once again hold our "Pumpkins & Praise" Event on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will have carve pumpkins as well as lunch and will hopefully have time for some games. Visitors are always welcome, so bring a friend! We would like to have a rough estimate of how many to expect, so we have enough food and supplies please let us know if you plan on coming via the website, facebook, email or call the office.

On Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual "Trunk or Treat" event from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This gives us a chance to have a family friendly event, giving children a safe place to get treats. Our neighbors

at Midlands Living Center will also be hosting trick-or-treating during this time. We invite as many people as possible to hand out treats in the lower parking lot. If you search "trunk or treat" online you can find all kinds of creative ideas if you would like to dress up and decorate your car. If you are not able to make it, but would like to leave treats to be handed out, you may drop them off in the church office during office hours.

I know it is only October, but we have already started planning for the Christmas program. It will be held December 17<sup>th</sup> during worship. We do need adult actors this year as well! We have some parts that will take a little more time to prepare for, so if your child is interested in taking on a larger roll, please let me know as soon as possible ([emanuellutherancbia@msn.com](mailto:emanuellutherancbia@msn.com)). We hope to have all rolls assigned by the end of the month. Practice will be on Wednesday nights during Kidz Kamp in

November and December, as well as a few Sundays in December. Plan on attending the November 10<sup>th</sup> potluck and movie night as we watch "The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever" to help us prepare for our own Christmas program.



# A Message from Bethany

SUBMITTED BY DIANE CARLON



## Trick or Treat Candy

Donations of candy are being accepted to help treat the many children who will be visiting Bethany on Monday, **October 30th from 6:00 -7:00 p.m.** Each year approximately 350 children come through our doors to greet our residents/tenants and receive a treat. You can hear the laughter and see the smiles on everyone's faces. It is one of the many highlights of the fall season. If you are able to donate candy, it would be greatly appreciated. All items must be individually wrapped and can be left at your church or dropped off at Bethany Lutheran Home or Bethany Heights. We would also like to invite you to join us on the 30th. Thank you for your support.

## Thank You

The Bethany Auxiliary and Key Ladies would like to thank everyone for their support of the annual Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale. More than 200 individuals attended the luncheon served by the 14 sponsoring congregations. We would like to also thank those who contributed items for the bake sale and the luncheon. Thank you for your continued support of the Bethany Auxiliary, Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. It is greatly appreciated.

## Bethany Auxiliary Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Bethany Auxiliary will be held on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Dining Room at Bethany Lutheran Home. Various reports and election of officers for the coming year will be included in the meeting. All members of the Auxiliary are encouraged to attend.

## The Christmas Store is coming

Donations are being accepted for the Bethany Christmas Store. Each year this project is provided free to our Bethany Residents. The residents experience great joy in shopping for their loved ones thanks to your generosity. Donated items must be **new** and can range from infant to adult. Please check with your Bethany Key Lady for more information or drop-off location or contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Gift bags, tissue and gift tags are always appreciated. As you shop this fall, we hope you will remember the Bethany Christmas store. **(Due to Fire Codes, candles that burn cannot be accepted. Flameless or battery operated candles however are permissible).** The dates for this year's Christmas Store are December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:30 a.m. and December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping residents shop at the "store" or "gift bag wrap", please contact Kaily Stanley at Bethany at 712-328-9500. This is also a great community outreach project for youth and confirmation classes.

## Volunteers Needed

Bethany Lutheran Home is looking for more volunteers. There are several options available. We are in need of volunteers to help on shopping trips, museum visits and other outings, both assisting and wheelchair "push" power. Any fees or admission associated with the activity will be covered by Bethany. In addition, we are looking for volunteers to help on a regular basis with the General Store, playing games or cards, helping with crafts or assisting with the gardens. If you would be interested in learning more about opportunities available, please contact Kaily Stanley at 712-328-9500.

## Garden Produce-

Thank you for your generous donations of garden produce. What a blessing it has been for our residents and tenants to enjoy homegrown vegetables. They definitely let us know they can tell when something is homegrown. We continue to enjoy the generosity of the bounty and appreciate your donations. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Thank you again.

## Bethany General Store

The BLH Residents enjoy shopping each month in the Bethany General Store. Residents are able to shop free using General Store Bucks they receive when participating in various activities. The store is very popular and is in need of additional supplies. We're asking for your help to restock the shelves. Many of our residents have limited resources so the store allows them to shop for items they may need or would enjoy. We are currently in need of the following **NEW** items: individual servings of snacks (soda, candy bars, chips, etc.), personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, perfume or cologne, after-shave, men's and women's body wash, footie socks, etc.), small wall art, small radios or clocks, Word Find Books. Stuffed animals and costume jewelry are also popular items and can be contributed, **if in good condition**. If you are interested in donating to the store, please contact Kaily Stanley at 712-328-9500. Thank you.

## Bible Study/Bible Discussion Volunteer Needed

The Activities Department at Bethany Lutheran Home is looking for someone to lead a Bible Study, Discussion or Devotion/Story Time in our Ivy Terrace Memory Care area. The time and date are flexible depending on schedule. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kaily at Bethany Lutheran Home at 712-328-9500, ext. 230.



# Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens



Far too often, there are children who arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with almost nothing in their possession. And for children or youth who have been in the foster care system, it's not uncommon for them to arrive with everything they own in a single garbage bag.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations because you faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for hats, gloves, and mittens for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. It's important for us to give children the opportunity to shop for their favorite new winter coat. Because of that, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, each child will have the simple joy of buying their new coat, knowing

that they are loved and cherished.

Your church has likely received or will soon be receiving a letter inviting you to participate in LSI's hats and mittens appeal. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*



On Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be featuring Re-Formation Art of Emanuel.

What is this??!!

It is poems, music, drama, paintings, drawings, pottery; any art form that tells about the Reformation (past) or Re-Formation (going on now and in the future).

Please help us make this classic! Start now and bring your art. Visual art needs to be at the church by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Other art forms may be worked into the service so those are needed by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Cindy Richards for more information.

## Reformation Commemoration Service

A Reformation Commemoration Service is to be held jointly by the Nebraska and Western Iowa synods on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 from 2-3:15pm with reception to follow. The service will be held at St. John's Parish on the Creighton University campus in Omaha, Nebraska. Bishop Brian Maas of the Nebraska Synod and Bishop Rodger Prois of the Western Iowa Synod will be leading the worship service. The service also will feature choral music to help commemorate the occasion. Representatives of the ELCA's ecumenical partners will be invited to attend and participate. **Registration for the event will open on September 15<sup>th</sup>.** You may register for the event at:

<http://nebrasakasynod.org>





# Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes for 09/18/2017

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

Present: Rosie Spangenberg, Suzanne Winter, Mike Winter, Bob Vergamini, Elaine Sasso, Patty Maxwell, Connie Solon, Stephen Lewis, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Peggy Jarrell, Judi Malloy, Valarie Weelborg, Dwight Rogers

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Rosie Spangenberg

Devotions: Connie Solon

### Council Agenda:

- Motion by Connie Solon, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the secretary minutes for August 21, 2017. Approved.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Stephen Lewis to approve the Financial Secretary (Consolidated Fund) report. Approved.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Elaine Sasso to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Connie Solon, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Suzanne Winter to approve allowing Pastor Hennigs to take the first five days of December, including Sunday, and the last full week of December (25-31, including Sunday) as vacation. Approved.
- The council received and reviewed the 13 point report from Pastor Hennigs. This included a report from the Pastor regarding the Emanuel Fresh Start Team that met on August 29. There is a potential that Emanuel may receive a new candidate recommended by the Church of Damascus Road. The ELCA Mission Investment Fund has provided feedback on our application for a loan and have asked for additional information about our daycare mission project. The construction committee is waiting for updates on this process. It was also reported that a church member in consultation with council president received \$300 from the Special Needs Fund. The fund balance is approximately \$1,100. It was reported that home based daycares are dwindling and the need in our area for daycare services has increased. The owner of Midlands has great interest for his employees and it is expected that we may have a waiting list once the daycare facility is open and operating.
- Stephen Lewis gave a report on the Youth and Children's Ministries Committee. There are 11 kids and 7 adults planning to attend the youth gathering in Houston. The Angel Tree Bible Camp was held from July 23-28 and 9 youth plus Pastor Lowell attended. The car wash/coffee hour donation was \$640 less the cost for donuts and coffee and left approximately \$600 to cover the van expenses for the rental van used for the youth mission trip. The final van related expenses were \$559.19. In 2017, fundraisers for the Youth Fund have raised \$3,339.18. The 2017 fundraisers for the 2018 Youth Gathering have raised \$2,405.40.
- Bob Vergamini gave the Property Committee report and reminded us that September 23, 2017 beginning at 8 a.m. is workday at Emanuel.
- Suzanne Winter gave the Wider Ministries report. A meeting was held on Sunday, September 17. The Joyful Noise offering for October will be Thanksgiving baskets and for November will be Hope Net. The committee is attempting to compile a list of the last two years recipients of Joyful Noise offerings so they can keep track of what organizations have been invited for Joyful Noise Sundays. A discussion was also held by the committee on how they will solicit names for Thanksgiving baskets for this year. In the past, the names were received from church members who are teachers, but most of those teachers have retired. This year, notice will be in the newsletter and bulletin asking for names of families who might need a basket. Michaela is to take names if she gets phone calls asking about the Thanksgiving baskets. The committee will also contact Kanesville Therapy. They have given names in the past. Names must be submitted on or before November 12, 2017.
- Rosie Spangenberg gave a report for the Worship and Music Committee that met on September 17. The Hanging of the Greens will occur on November 29. The Christmas program practice will be



December 6 and December 13 and on December 20 is the Blue Christmas service. Mike Loos is experimenting with different battery operated Holy Spirit candles. The chalice/reserve sign purchases have been ordered. The Fine Arts Festival will take place on October 29 and Boy Scouts will be making pancakes that day. Coffee hour on August 27 raised \$50 for the van fund. Other committees could put this on their wish list and contribute to it. Rosie asks that the ministries at Emanuel provide a description for each committee and she wants this to be a priority for October. It was reported that many people are having difficulty in getting the plastic communion cups out of the communion trays and Marge will research if different sizes/styles are available. Jonathan Rundman will be bringing his band for a concert on Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23, 2018. Funds will come from donations. Tickets may be sold for the concert.

- Pastor Hennigs gave the Evangelism and Visitation Committee report. He reported that mailings are going out and information is being placed on facebook and the church website.
- Connie Solon gave the Mutual Ministries report. This Stewardship Committee met on September 5, 2017 and the theme for this year will be "Emanuel's Got Talent". There will be five temple talks beginning October 22 through November 19. Members will be invited to a dinner on November 12 beginning at 5 p.m. hosted by the youth. There will be an outside speaker named Cindy Johnson. Richard Reed will be making the pledge cards. The Stewardship Committee would like to have all committee budgets by the December council meeting. The Finance Committee wants to review any movement of funds from one category to another before they are made. It is important that donor intent be honored and a policy needs to be adopted to insure that those donor intents are honored.
- Pastor Hennigs gave a report from the Faith Team that went to Denver. He, along with two church members and Pastor Unga from the Synod office, attended a series of workshops. The role of the Faith Team is to establish core values and a mission statement. Pastor Unga meets with the Faith Team at

each meeting. There are developing a mission and service for the next generation. It was reported that from 1989 to 2013 church attendance fell from 165 to 70 average weekly attendance. The decline stopped and reversed since 2013 and the average for 2016 was 114.

- Motion by Bob Vergamini, second by Patty Maxwell to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Approved.
- All reports presented to the council may be viewed by any church member at the church office.
- The next meeting will be Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7 p.m.

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE HURRICANES IRMA AND MARIA

SEPTEMBER 2017

ELCA.org/disaster

Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria were among the most powerful storms ever recorded in the Atlantic, leaving widespread damage across Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other locations in the Caribbean.

As a church, we're standing by our neighbors who have been affected as they begin the long road to recovery. Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliates are collaborating with community leaders and government officials to respond. Please give now to support this response.

Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by these hurricanes for years to come. Unfortunately, these were not the first major hurricanes with catastrophic effects this season, and they may not be the last.

**Your gifts will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response. Give now to support survivors of disasters.**

### YES, I WANT TO HELP!

- ☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane response* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0087  
☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where needed most* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0010

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Give through your congregation or make your check out to  
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center**  
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Hurricane response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



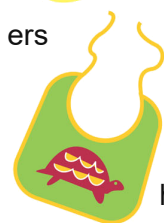
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# Community Baby Shower

Wider ministries will be collecting items for the Community Wide Baby Shower later this month. Items needed are baby towels, baby washcloths, bibs, bottles, pacifier, swaddling blankets, diapers, wipes, hats, onesies, socks, baby shampoo, baby lotion and books.



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This event is organized by Catholic Charities and is open to all expecting mothers or families with newborns.

Please contact Linda Steensland or any other member of the wider ministries committee if you have any questions.



## Christmas is coming!

**Be watching for our Angel Tree Information!!!**

BY BRENDA HENNIGS

Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship that serves incarcerated parents by providing a pathway for strengthening and restoring their relationships with their children and families

Angel Tree is a unique program that gives our church an opportunity to share Christ's love with the families of prisoners.

Angel Tree connects parents in prison with their children through delivery of Christmas gifts given on behalf of the parent in prison.

More details and ornaments will be posted soon!



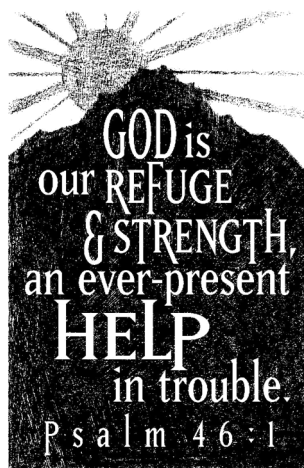
Attendance & Offering		
Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
September 3	90	\$3,140.00
September 10	105	\$3,050.00
September 17	122	\$1,801.00
September 24	140	\$2,600.08

# Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



Martin Luther's most well-known hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", has been translated in over two hundred languages and nearly one hundred English translations have been made of it. The hymn, written in the late 1520's, is based on Psalm 46. Using that same psalm, Susan Briehl and Zebulon Highben wrote the following hymn, "God Alone be Praised" for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Throughout October you will be hearing this hymn by the band and choir, and as organ and piano pieces. As a congregation, we will sing it on Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.



## God Alone be Praised

Oceans rise, the coastland trembles:  
Mountains melt and dry earth crumbles.  
All the world with longing groans.  
Love abides; this gracious promise  
Is our help, our hope and solace.  
God's strong word is solid ground.  
Nations rage, the empire falters;  
Seeking refuge, exiles wander.  
Walls and weapons rise from fear.  
Through this wilderness a river  
Flows to heal and bless us ever.  
God the crucifies dwells here.

Come and see; God's mercy gathers  
All that sin and grief have shattered.  
Life from fields of death is raise.  
Peace, be still; let prideful thunder  
Yield to songs of joy and wonder.  
God and God alone be praised.

During the ALCM Biennial Conference last summer, the whole creative process for this piece was explained to us. On Reformation Sunday we are having a Fine Arts Re-Formation here at Emanuel. This has all of us thinking about what we can create. What was known about the creative process is also going through a re-formation. It is not-as was previously

thought- just a right brained process and only a few people can tap into that part of their brains. It is now known that it is very much a whole brain process that we all can tap into. Many people have talked about this process and the various steps involved. The consensus is that we prepare to create by gathering information, then we let it ruminate as our conscious brain forgets about it for a while. Later we come up with many ideas, some which will work and others which won't, and finally we try them. Often the creative part is combining

thoughts, processes, ideas, or other previous creations into a new image, idea, or product. We revise and revise and revise. Final products may again be revised at a later date-after more information gathering, rumination, and illumination takes place. Many of the greatest artists, poets, composers, and novelists have taken a long time to deliver their piece. Holden Evening Prayer by Marty Haugen was a collaborative process. It was sung by the participants at Holden Village and their input was valuable to Marty as he revised, elaborated, cut back, and fine-tuned the piece.

This starting process, this working process, is where we are now in Emanuel. Not only in our fine arts for Reformation Sunday but in the church as a whole. And our ideas, even if they are not fully developed yet, need to be put out there for collaboration to get different perspectives. This is when the egos get left at home- in a jar- with a lid- on the shelf in the basement.

As we prepare our works to be displayed, spoken, and sung on Reformation, we can rest assured that perfection is not the goal. This creative process is starting to unfold here at Emanuel. We will have works in various stages of this process. But the process has begun! The work has begun. And God is leading! Where will this process take us??

## Finance Team Update

### Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

**August Income:** .....\$7,201.94  
**August Expense:** .....\$13,195.14  
**August Balance:**.....-\$5,993.20

YTD Income: ..... \$103,463.52  
YTD Expense: ..... \$106,650.55  
YTD Balance ..... -\$3,187.03  
Plus Carryover..... \$9,506.26  
General Budget Fund ..... \$6,319.23



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### **Game Day**

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm  
*Fellowship Hall*

### **R.O.M.E.O.'S**

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)  
Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am  
*Village Inn East*

### **Adult Fellowship**

Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am  
*Pizza Ranch*

### **Blessings & Brunch**

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am.  
*Fellowship Hall*  
All women are welcome!

### **Mission Action Committee** (Quilters)

Wednesdays, 9:30 am  
*Fellowship Hall*

*Mission Statement: Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith*

*Vision Statement: To Grow in Faith, Love, and Spirit*

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### *Worship Services:*

Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship

Wednesday meal at 6:00 pm, Kidz Kamp & Bible Discussion at 6:45 pm and worship at 7:30 pm

### *Staff:*

Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Director of Music Ministries, Cindy Richards

Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis