

# Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

November 2016

## Happenings!

**Sunday, November 6**—Confirmation Sunday and Daylight Savings Time Ends!

**Friday, November 11**—Food Pantry Volunteers meet at Our Savior's Lutheran

**Sunday, November 13**—Confirmation Large Group, Stewardship Dinner

**Thursday, November 17**—DaBand playing at Trinity Lutheran's annual Æbleskiver dinner in Avoca.

**Friday, November 18**—Lock-in for High School & Middle School Students

**Saturday, November 19**—Family Movie Night

**Sunday, November 20**—Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

**Sunday, November 27**—Confirmands go to cut down a live tree

**Wednesday, November 30**—Hanging of the Greens

Mission  
Statement:  
Forgiven  
by Grace,  
Serving by  
Faith

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



Author Joy Johnson shares stories and laughs on October 8<sup>th</sup> with a crowd of nearly 50. Proceeds from the event benefited the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mission project, the Igumbilo Girls Lutheran School in Tanzania.

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# Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

I am so excited by our fall stewardship theme, “On the Verge.” It really captures where Emanuel Lutheran Church is at this stage of our journey together. We are right on the edge of another generation of great mission and service here. Worship attendance is up. Our Wednesday evening programming has great potential. We are getting close to some real proposals about a congregational day care. Adult education is growing. Prospective members are joining. Longtime members are returning. We have two dozen youth who attend events and activities regularly. It seems like things are ready to “pop”!



Or are they? If we relax in our efforts, we are “on the verge” of returning to a declining and dwindling congregation. We have restored our mission and service to levels of about twelve years ago—about the time when decline and distress really took hold. We have much more work to do. If we do not continue to press forward, in a few years we will return to the near-death state that existed here in 2012.

I don’t want to be an alarmist, but I want to be realistic. We need your energy. We need your prayers. And we need your dollars. Offerings so far this year are well below the same time a year ago. That is in spite of continued growth in every other area. I find that discouraging and, at times, demoralizing. Now is the time to step up and keep the faith promises you made a year ago. And it is time to do even more so the growth can continue.



The future is bright with promise. I see a congregation in a few years with a flourishing church daycare serving lots of families—many of whom might become part of our church family. I see a midweek program of community, worship, children’s activities and adult education that is growing by leaps and bounds. I see a youth program that invites new young people into fellowship and education. I see even more community service than we have now.

Emanuel Lutheran Church is “on the verge.” Will the result be the next generation of mission and service or a retreat into decline and distress? That is up to us, right here and right now. I know what God wants for Emanuel Lutheran Church. I find it in the words of Ephesians 3:20-21—“*Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.*”

God wants to accomplish in and through us far more than we can ask or imagine. Let’s make this congregation one that gives glory to God in Jesus. We are “on the verge” of the next great generation of mission and service here. Will you be part of that future here and now?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

Thank you to the women of Emanuel for sending the flowers while I was in the hospital and for Pastor Lowell for visiting.  
-Ron Smith



Thank you! The flowers & cards were greatly appreciated after my surgery and recuperation. Thanks to All in the Emanuel Family,  
-Alan Ellis

## Be a Life Saver!

AED Reminded. The AED is located in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary doors. If you would like an update on how to use it please let Linda Martens know.



# What We Offer Online

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

For those who haven't noticed, we revamped our website earlier this year. The website was previously hosted by Thrivent. It was a good start, but the options were every limited. When Thrivent decided not to host sites anymore, we were given a date to have a new site set-up through somewhere else.

So we recreated a site through wix.com. It is easy to navigate, looks nice and is much easier to customize. Since the church is really about the people, not the building, there are several pictures of events and the people that are the heart of the Emanuel on the site.



The current website address is <http://emanuellutherancbi.wixsite.com/emanuel>. My hope is that we might be able to get a custom domain name that is simpler. This would make it easier for people remember and much shorter to type.

The functionality of the site is also growing. In addition to weekly announcements, sermons (text format and video), newsletters, worship assistant sign-ups, events and a real-time calendar, I hope to soon include links to partner sites and community resources.

In addition, we have a facebook page, which events are often listed on. This makes it easier to share these events with others on social media. Other reminders are also posted on this account. You can "Like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/emanuellutherancbia/>.

## Mowing Team

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 which is open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.**



November 5 Chris Sorensen  
November 12 Alan Ellis

# Emanuel Lutheran Church is On The Verge

BY RICK STONE

As our temple talks have indicated, these past few years Emanuel has greatly expanded our missions in many ways. We appreciate the themes of Kevin's, Megan's, and Brenda's temple talks the last three weeks as well as the weekly re-cap mailed to all members. The final two temple talks will discuss our potential and progress of developing a Christian day-care at Emanuel and our opportunities for enhancing our worship experience.

The week of November 7<sup>th</sup>, each of us will receive a mailing with our pledge card to complete and bring to worship on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone is invited to what promises to be a great time for fellowship and time to further reflect about our personal pledge to Emanuel in time, talent, and finance. Sunday evening, November 13<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Luke Kuenzil of Mineola will speak on the theme, "Life and Hope Now and in the Future of the Church". Please reserve this date now. A sign-up sheet will be available at the church services. That evening, our youth and youth leaders will provide the meal with a free will offering going toward the 2018 national youth convention. The meal will include pork loin, cheesy potatoes, salad, roll, and apple crisp-making me hungry even at 9:00 a.m. We are looking forward to your presence on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider increasing your support of the ministry of Emanuel Lutheran Church not only in 2017, but also in the reminder of 2016.





Ray Kanger  
Betty Ebsen

Daphne Miller  
Viola Anderson

Glen Fahrenkrug  
Deb Hipnar

Lucille Weatherill  
Dwight Rogers

Helen Stinson  
Andrea Britton



**Nov. 01** Larry Hansen  
Christopher Hite  
Cara Lewis

**Nov. 02** Kevin Ellis

**Nov. 04** Norma Heath  
Ehren Schweer  
Margaret Tiffey

**Nov. 06** Sydni Burns  
Cory Hansen  
Kaden Krauth

**Nov. 07** Jennifer Hansen  
Sean Larson

**Nov. 08** Nichlos Matuszeski  
Alan Spilde

**Nov. 09** Beth Chatterton  
Ryley Holeton  
Dana Reedy

**Nov. 11** Janice Stone  
Kristin Wilson

**Nov. 12** Kay Otto

**Nov. 13** Daralene Smith

**Nov. 14** Haley Holland  
Michaela Lewis

**Nov. 15** Connie Beckman  
William Spangenberg

**Nov. 16** Todd Over

**Nov. 17** Penny Dahlke  
Clare Plummer

**Nov. 18** Matt Clark  
Staci Gysin  
Alexxia Richards

**Nov. 19** David Fietz  
Patricia Gehrig  
Judy Johnsen

**Nov. 20** Edna Morgan  
Brady Spangenberg  
Valerie Weelborg

**Nov. 21** Grace Hansen  
Jessica Hipnar  
Ruth Sullivan

**Nov. 22** Barry Larson  
Carl Wilson

**Nov. 23** Courtney McPartland  
Ken Nelson  
Joel Parker

**Nov. 24** Lauren Hansen

**Nov. 26** Aaralynn Conley  
Char Les Kemmish

**Nov. 27** Warren Jones  
Gary Pleas

**Nov. 29** Loren Carrier  
Gabriel Gurnicz  
Brayden Hansen  
Steve Plummer  
Mia Vodicka

**Nov. 30** Helen Baker  
Joanna Christensen  
Mike Hipnar



**November 8** Bob & Kay Otto

**November 22** Oscar & Deann Over

*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)

Sunday, November 6	9:30 a.m. Service
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike & Suzanne Winter
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lauren Hansen & Alexxia Richards
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Steensland
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Deann Over, Kevin Epperson
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie & Matt Solon
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Brenda Hennings
Sunday, November 13	9:30 a.m. Service
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike & Suzanne Winter
<b>Acolytes</b>	Owen Hansen & Shae Nickels
<b>Lector</b>	John Husmann
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Elaine Sasso, Jolene Hansen & Peggy Jarrell
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Pat Hiller
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Cheryl Rowe
Sunday, November 20	9:30 a.m. Service
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike & Suzanne Winter
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tyler Steensland & Kylie Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Darlene Jeppesen
Sunday, November 27	9:30 a.m. Service
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike & Suzanne Winter
<b>Acolytes</b>	Xander Richards & Amari Johnson
<b>Lector</b>	Loren Carrier
<b>Children's Message</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Jolene Hansen
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Linda & Amy Steensland
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Peggy Jarrell

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



Altar Flowers

**November 6**

**November 13**

**November 20**

**November 27**

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



**November 6**  
Children & Youth

**November 13**  
Lutheran Lakeside  
Capital Fund

**November 20**  
Fresh Start Team

**November 27**

*The coffee hour chart is in the kitchen.*






Have you visited our new website?

You can view events, the newsletter, past newsletters, announcements, sermons, past sermons and more!

You can even sign up to help with worship!

<http://emanuellutherancbi.wix.com/emanuel>

# November 2016 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 5 pm Confirmation Dinner	<b>31</b> 11 am Tai Chi 6 pm—7 pm	5:30 Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	<b>1</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:00 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship 7:15 pm Bible Studies & Activities	<b>2</b>  9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 6:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>4</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b> 5 pm Fellowship Hall In-Use (Reed)
<b>Daylight Savings Time 6</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion and Confirmation 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45am-11:30am Adult Study 2 pm-7 pm Cookie Crumbs Collecting Comfort Items in Fellowship Hall 	<b>7</b> 11 am Tai Chi All-Day Cookie Crumbs Prep for Packing 7 pm Cookie Crumbs packing Comfort Items	<b>Election Day 8</b> 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 5:30 Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Church Council Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6:00 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship 7:15 pm Bible Studies & Activities	<b>10</b> 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm North Broadway Neighborhood Association Meeting	<b>Veterans Day 11</b> Office Closed 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's 	<b>12</b>
<b>Joyful Noise 13</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45am-11:30am Adult Study 11 am Confirmation Large Group 5 pm Stewardship Dinner	<b>14</b> 9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi	<b>15</b> 9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 6:45 pm Worship & Music Meeting 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Children & Youth Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:00 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship 7:15 pm Bible Studies, Activities & Filling Thanksgiving Baskets 	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Practice 5 pm-7pm DaBand will be playing at the Aebleskiver Dinner at Trinity Lutheran in Avoca	<b>18</b> Office Closed 9:30 am Blessings & Brunch 7 pm- Midnight Lock-in for High School & Middle School Students 	<b>19</b> 1 pm Fellowship Hall In-Use (Lewis) 7 pm Family Movie Night 
<b>Pledge Sunday 20</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45am-11:30am Adult Study 11 pm Thanksgiving Basket Distribution 5 pm Fellowship Hall In-Use (Christie)	<b>21</b> 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm MS Support Group	<b>22</b> 5:30 Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Wider Ministries Meeting	<b>23</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:00 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship 7:15 pm Bible Studies & Activities	<b>24</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> Office Closed 	<b>25</b> Office Closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45am-11:30am Adult Study	<b>28</b> 11 am Communion at Midlands Living Center 11 am Tai Chi	<b>29</b> 5:30 Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	<b>30</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:00 pm Dinner Hanging of the Greens	<b>1</b> 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 6:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b>

# Tabitha Cluster

BY CAROL JEPPESEN

The Tabitha Cluster met on Saturday, October 8, 2016, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs. Due to illness, a representative of the WISWO Board was unable to attend. The theme was "Rejoicing in Commitment to Global Missions". The meeting started at 9 am with singing "We are an offering".

Following opening interative liturgy from the Women of the ELCA Resource Booklet regarding missions, Carol Jeppesen read scriptures regarding missions: Acts 11:15-18; 1 Cor 1:2-10; Galations 3:26-29. After comments regarding these scriptures, a blessing and prayer were given. The business meeting was conducted with appropriate approvals made of the secretary's and treasurer's report.

There were two positions on the Planning Committee that expired – Norma Morford and Lonnie Wilkinson. Both current position holders agreed to continue and there were no nominations made from the floor. Due the absence of a WISWO Board member, the elected will be installed at the next Tabitha meeting.

A discussion was held with regard to the treasury of the Cluster. It was voted to send \$250 to the Seminary Scholarship Fund. The offering collected was \$411 with \$205.50 going to WISWO and \$205.50 to the Igumbilo Girl's School in Tanzania.

After adjournment, the Cluster attendees were invited to Emanuel Lutheran's final event for their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. There was a salad and dessert brunch served followed by an entertaining presentation by Joy Johnson, a noted author of grief information and founder of the Ted.D.Bear Foundation. The next Tabitha Cluster Meeting will be held in the fall of 2017 at Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs.

# Wider Ministries

BY JUDI MALLOY

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for the baby shower for Phoenix House. Also thank you to those who helped box them up and to Linda and Greg for delivering them on Sunday. Your gifts will be such a blessing for new moms.

Linda, Jan and Judi spent a couple of hours helping inventory diapers for the shower at Phoenix House as a part of the God's Work, Our Hands. There is always a need for volunteers there. If you find that you could give a couple of hours at any time, just call and ask how you can be of help. Phoenix House fills a great need in our community and has to rely a great deal on volunteers for many tasks. They would love to have you be a part of their mission and I know you will feel blessed for what you give.

Our Joyful Noise Offering for November 13 will be for Our Savior's Food and Pet Pantry. Thank you for continuing to be generous with your donations of food and pet items. The money from our offering will be used to purchase things that are not given in any other way. They are able to buy many things at lower cost through the food pantry association. Also, a big thank you to all who have been helping at the food pantry on the 2nd Friday of the month. The people of Our Savior's have been wonderful about continuing to help us learn and grateful for our commitment to an important ministry. So far we have not had many on our Friday but we have been told that it took several months before the numbers grew when they started the pantry. The 4th Friday now has 20-50 people coming so I'm sure our numbers will be going up. Since this an ongoing commitment please consider being a part of the team. Our responsibility will be the 2nd Friday of each month from 5-7 pm. We currently have a team of 8 and 4 subs but anyone is welcome to join us.



**Emanuel and Our Savior's volunteers working at the food pantry.**

The December Joyful Noise Offering will be for the Angel Tree project that provides Christmas gifts for children. There will be more information about who benefits from this project and how you can take part in the near future.

Linda Steensland has been getting information out about the Thanksgiving Basket ministry. We plan to take part in the community Thanksgiving dinner with the green bean casseroles again. We don't have the number needed yet but we will soon.

As always, thank you for all you do to help others. You truly understand the concept of "God's Work, Our Hands."



# Children's Ministries

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Trunk or Treat Event on Halloween!

Our Pumpkins & Praise Event was well attended as well. Thank you to Dr. Phil Meyer, who donated pumpkins and everyone who helped during the event.

We have several things coming up between now and the end of the year. Our November event will be the Hanging of the Greens on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to help us "deck the halls" here at church. Dinner will be included. We will have activities for kids and go over the Christmas program.

We continue the Wednesday night programming for kids. Brenda Hennigs is the leader for the program and the kids who have been participating have really enjoyed it. The new schedule on Wednesdays provides educational opportunities for kids while adults take part in Bible study. Dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by a short worship service at 6:45 p.m. The classes start at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

The next Family Movie night will be November 19th. We will be watching "Elf". The movie follows the story of a human raised as an elf at the North Pole who sets out to find his biological father, spreading Christ-



mas joy (and chaos) along the way. Invite friends, family and neighbors! We will have popcorn. Feel free to bring snacks to share and your own drink.

On Wednesday nights in November, there will be some time for kids to learn songs for the Christmas Program. On Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> (Hanging of the Greens) we will go over songs and parts for the Christmas Program. On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> we will practice after church in the Sanctuary and there will be a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

If we have any adults who would like to help with the program, please let me know! Not only will we need help with directing and practice, but also with costumes and props!

## Important Dates:

**Wednesday Nights in November**  
Children's Activities &  
Song Practice for Christmas Program

**Wednesday, November 30**  
Hanging of the Greens  
Go Over Christmas Program  
Parts and Songs

**Sunday, December 4**  
Practice for Program after  
9:30 am Church Service

**Wednesday, December 7**  
Dress Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 11**  
Christmas Program at  
9:30 am Church Service







Confirmation students with Bishop Roger Prois at ConFest in Atlantic Iowa in October.

## Upcoming Dates:

**Sunday, November 6**  
Rites of Confirmation

**Sunday, November 13**  
Large Group Confirmation

**Friday, November 18**  
Lock-In for Middle School &  
High School Students.  
Bring a Friend for Nerf fun,  
four square, Wii and other games  
for an evening of fun!

**Sunday, November 30**  
Confirmation students go with  
Pastor Lowell at 1 pm to get a  
live tree for the narthex.

## Youth Ministries

BY DEANN OVER

### ConFest

On October 5th, eight confirmation students, along with Pastor Lowell, Linda Steensland, Heather Linsenmeyer and Deann Over, attended ConFest at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Atlantic.

ConFest is a confirmation festival facilitated by Bishop Prois and his staff. What a great evening for confirmation students from area churches in the Western Iowa Synod to come together for worship, learning, fellowship and experiencing being Church Together!

Confirmation students Shae Nickels, Owen, Kylie & Lauren Hansen, Tyler Steensland, Aralynn Conley, Josh Hubbard and AJ Borwick.

### Care Packages

We are again planning to send a "care package" to our members attending college, technical school or serving in the military.

If you have a young adult attending one of these, please give the office their current address.

Plans are to have designated boxes by November 30 ready to be filled for students during finals.

If you would like to contribute to this project, suggested items would be microwave popcorn, peanut butter, crackers, trail mix, stamps, envelopes, hard candy, gift cards, etc. along with cards of encouragement.

### Special thanks to:

Bob Carlson for donating the basketball hoop in the upper parking lot

Darlene Jeppeson for sewing stoles for students being confirmed on November 6th



**Saturday, November 19**  
7 p.m.

We will provide popcorn.  
Weather will determine if we have the movie outside or inside.

We will be watching "Elf".  
*After inadvertently wreaking havoc on the elf community due to his ungainly size, a man raised as an elf at the North Pole is sent to the U.S. in search of his true identity. (Internet Movie Database)*



**Stewardship  
Dinner**  
**Sunday, November 13**  
5 p.m.



# Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes for 10/11/2016

RECORDED BY JUDI MALLOY, TYPED BY KEVIN EPPERSON

Present: Kevin Epperson, John Husmann, CharLes Kemmish, Judi Malloy, Oscar Over, Connie Solon, Bob Vergamini, Pastor Hennigs

Absent: Jolene Hansen, Peggy Jarrell, Patty Maxwell, Mike Winter, Suzanne Winter

Guests Representing the Daycare Feasibility Study Group (present only during presentation of study): Kim Egner, John Burns, Michaela Lewis, Jamie Hansen and Amy Steensland

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Kevin Epperson.

Devotions: John Husmann

### Council Agenda:

- Kim Egner gave an updated presentation on the Daycare Feasibility Study to council members, with input from members of the Daycare Feasibility Study Group. Discussion included required architectural changes to church property, projected expenses including start-up costs and ongoing operational expenses, along with financial funding options available. The Group provided council members with materials for review and discussion. Council members asked the Daycare Feasibility Study Group to consider forum presentations to the congregation during coffee hour one Sunday in November, as well as on a Wednesday evening. Council will review and further discuss the information at the November council meeting.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Connie Solon, to approve the Church Council Meeting minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting with the clarification of a second to the motion approving use of the church facilities for a multiple sclerosis fundraiser on October 28-29 by Peggy Jarrell rather than Peggy Maxwell, and spelling correction of Mike Loos. Approved.
- Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Approved.
- Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by John Husmann, to accept the Treasurer's report with clarification by Connie Solon. Approved.
- Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Connie Solon, to accept the Capital Fund report. Approved.

- Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to accept the Memorial Fund report. Approved.
- Pastor's written report was submitted and several items in the report were discussed. He is planning recognition of the Anniversary Team during a Sunday morning service. He will contact Cindy Wells from the Western Iowa Synod office and ask her to attend the recognition, and accept the money raised for the Igumbilo Girls' School in Tanzania, the Anniversary Team's mission project. He also announced there will be an ELCA trip to Tanzania in 2017.
- Stewardship Committee report included the request that committees turn in their 2017 budget requests by October 23, 2016 and the announcement that the stewardship/leadership dinner will be November 13, 2016 from 5-7 p.m.
- Children's/Youth Ministry report presented as printed.
- Fellowship and Support Committee announced the Fire Pit night October 16, 2016 from 5-7 p.m. The event is listed as one of the 100 Block Parties for Council Bluffs.
- Property Committee report was presented as written.
- Wider Ministries Committee reported that the Emanuel Team is continuing their work at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Food and Pet Pantry on the second Friday of each month. Joyful Noise Offering for October will be for Hospice With Heart with an informational session about Hospice following worship service. Plans for Thanksgiving activities are under way.
- The Worship and Music Committee has not met since the September meeting, so nothing new to report at this time.
- Evangelism and Visitation Committee reported a mailing was sent to the neighborhood about the upcoming Fire Pit night, and another mailing will be sent regarding Christmas activities and worship services. Jeff Smith has been helping with visitations to congregation members.
- Mutual Ministries Committee met in September, and plans to meet again in January 2017.

- A final list of recommended candidates to serve on the Renewal Team was presented. Pastor Hennigs will begin contacting individuals on the list about serving on the Renewal Team.
- New Business: motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Oscar Over, to approve Joel and Kristi Hauschild's request to become new members. Approved. Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by John Husmann, that Tristan Steensland, Carly Sorensen, Taryn McSorley, Ashley Hipnar, Claire Plummer, Alaire Carrier and Kobie Ferguson be received as confirmed members of Emanuel Lutheran Church through the rite of affirmation of baptism on November 6, 2016. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Connie Solon, to approve the transfer of membership request by Marsha Sullivan from Emanuel to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. Approved.
- Oscar Over reported he received a request to build a Fire Pit as an Eagle Scout project. Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to authorize the building of a Fire Pit with approval of the project and site by council at the next meeting, unless approval is needed sooner, in which case the Executive Council will review and take action as needed. Approved.
- Motion by Connie Solon, seconded by John Husmann, to allow Bethlehem Olive Wood Carvers to bring hand crafted items to sell in the Fellowship Hall on December 4, 2016. Approved.

## Help for the neighborhood

UNITED STATES  
ELCA.org/hunger



When William "Big Bill" Hogan was 16, he yearned to be a chef. Working in a number of restaurants over the past 30 years, his experience fostered a calling to serve people facing hunger. When he saw restaurants throwing away hundreds of pounds of food each night, he asked if he could have it to feed hungry neighbors out of his apartment. With food in hand, Bill began serving.

Members of Galilee Lutheran Church in Roseville, Minn., took notice and today Help for the 'Hood, a meal ministry, is part of Galilee's outreach to neighbors who go hungry, especially at the end of the month when resources for food become scarce. The ministry has become especially important during the summer when school-aged children are home.

"After 30 years in the food business, I'd rather have a ministry than a restaurant," Bill said. "Giving back feels good."

Students ages 11-18 help prepare and serve meals and acquire jobs skills along the way. Bill mentors the students and teaches them about the basics of running a small business and the importance of money management. The students also receive a stipend for their work.

Ler Say, 14, is one of the young members of his staff. Born in Burma, he helps cook, serve food and clean up the free lunchtime meals.

"It's heartwarming to help people out," Ler says. "This is a really good job with good people, and we make a brighter future for everyone. It's good job training experience for me, too."

Thanks to your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, more people in Roseville and communities across the country have food for today and skills for tomorrow.

Ler adds a personal message to supporters like you: "Please thank them truly and deeply."

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that fight hunger and poverty in nearly 60 countries around the world, including the United States.

### Will you help with your gift today?

**YES!** I would like to support ELCA World Hunger (WHG0038)

- ☐ I have enclosed my gift of \$100  
☐ I have enclosed my gift of \$250  
☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Mail** Make your check payable to "ELCA World Hunger." Place your gift in your congregation's offering plate or mail it to:

ELCA  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

**Online** ELCA.org/hunger/donate

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WHF16

• Council President Kevin Epperson announced that he and Oscar Over will go off council in January 2017. Bob Vergamini and John Husmann were appointed to one-year terms and are eligible to run for a full 2-year term in January.

• Motion by John Husmann, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

## Wednesday Night Schedule & Menu

6 p.m.—Dinner

6:45 p.m.—Worship

7:15 p.m.—Adult Bible Discussion & Children's Activities

**November 2**  
Chicken & Rice  
Salad

**November 9**  
Chili  
Cornbread

**November 16**  
Pulled Pork  
Coleslaw  
Chips

**November 23**  
TBD

**November 30**  
Hanging of the Greens  
Pizza



# Thanksgiving Basket Wish List

We Have A Goal of Providing 30 Baskets for those in need.

- Turkey gravy mix (60)
- Green beans (120+)
- Cream of mushroom soup (60)
- Onion rings
- Turkey or chicken stuffing mix (60)
- Jello or pudding mix
- Juice
- Cranberry sauce
- Cooking oil
- Turkey bags
- Aluminum foil
- Salt/pepper
- Canned fruit



Other items that can be donated:

- Poultry seasoning
- Sweet potatoes
- Black olives
- Green olives
- Pickles
- Other vegetables
- Cookies

Items can be brought to church until November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, and LSI is a proud partner of Iowa KidsNet, the statewide collaboration of agencies that helps Iowans become foster or adoptive parents for children in Iowa's foster care system.



Nationally, there are over 101,000 youth waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. We know there are no unwanted children, only un-found families! To learn how you or someone you know can make a difference, visit [www.IowaKidsNet.com](http://www.IowaKidsNet.com).

*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).*

## Taking Baby Steps

When his little sister was born, things started to change for Jaimee.

His mom, Jaymee, noticed he began to act out more, and she was afraid he felt neglected while everyone focused on the new baby. He struggled to stay focused in school, he never wanted to get out of bed in the morning, and he often became frustrated.

But after working with LSI's Behavioral Health Intervention Services, six-year-old Jaimee is creating a stronger, loving bond with his siblings and his mom.

Jaimee began meeting with his BHIS worker, Jose. When the duo first met, Jaimee was quiet and reserved, and he would get frustrated with the new games Jose brought to play with him.

Jaimee, his mom, and Jose now play games every week as a way to teach Jaimee to stay focused for longer periods of time. But Jaimee is learning how to use more than games to make each day better.

Jose is teaching Jaimee new songs to help him stay calm in stressful situations. When it's time to get up every morning, he sings a song to help him wake up and start the day.

"Now he has songs he can use to get him through the day," Jose says. "He's a charming boy to work with. He's a hard worker, and he's come a long way." When he's not spending time watching his favorite movies, Jaimee has started playing more sports at home with his cousins. He especially loves to wrestle any time he can.

"It's all about the baby steps," Jose says. "What might be a really small thing for him can be a really huge change."

Thanks to our generous donors, LSI can continue to keep Jaimee moving forward.



# Carvings from the Holy Land

On Sunday, December 4, 2016, we will have a special opportunity to view products and creations in wood created by the hands of Christian artisans in and around the Holy Land region. The Rishmawi Family has been designated as the representative for these wonderful Christian artisans and has been authorized to show their olive wood carvings.

The tradition of Olive wood carvings in the Holy Land has been handed down from father to son since the 12th century. Due to the difficulties the last few years in the Middle East, tourism has been dramatically reduced and these folks have suffered greatly. This is causing the Christian community to immigrate to different countries leaving the Christian population at 2% today from 25% ten years ago.

We invite you to visit their display tables and view some of the finest handcrafts available from the Holy Land. This Family strives to bring these fine carvings to our church.

**You can view these beautiful items On-Line @ <http://www.bethlehem-art.com/>**

*"We call on our churches worldwide to recognize that the very presence of the Christian communities in the Holy Land is threatened by the severity of the present conflict and by the economic devastation the conflict has caused. When the Mother Church is endangered, the entire Churches must be involved "*  
The Christian Bishops of Jerusalem

Please Join us on a life changing Pilgrimage to the Holy Land visit us at:  
[www.Goodshepherdtravel.com](http://www.Goodshepherdtravel.com)



## Emanuel Fire Pit Night





Since 2007, the Iowa Cookie Crumbs have sent over 987,000 cookies to our deployed men and women (we should be over one million in October!). We are now preparing for our **2016 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-going support.

Following are the dates and times for **Holiday Cheer Comfort Items Packing**:

**Sunday, November 6, 2:00-7:00PM**

- collection of comfort items in the Fellowship Hall

**Monday, November 7, all day**

- build boxes, sort items, and prep for packing

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

- pack Holiday Cheer Comfort Items' boxes (last year we sent 115 boxes to deployed troops)

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:

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

- 2017 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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If would like to donate, there will be a table in the Fellowship Hall where you can leave items to be included in the boxes along with a complete list of suggested items.

Following the November 7<sup>nd</sup> packing will be our **Holiday Cheer Cookie Packing** on:

**Tuesday, November 15, 10:30AM**

- pack Holiday Cheer Cookie boxes – We use large post office Military Flat rate boxes at a cost of \$16.75 per box (last year we sent 201 boxes containing 30,743 cookies)

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

More information about the Iowa Cookie Crumbs can be found at their website – just 'google iowa cookie crumbs' and facebook.

Should you wish to bake cookies, make a donation for postage or have any questions, please contact Deann Over, 712-322-5075.

# List of Suggested Items for the Iowa Cookie Crumbs 2016 Holiday Comfort Item Boxes



(Note: Our Holiday Boxes are a larger than our normal cookie boxes!)

**Holiday Cheer Comfort Items packing will be Monday, November 7, 7:00PM**

At Emanuel Lutheran Church, 2444 North Broadway, Council Bluffs.

**Collection of items will be Sunday, November 6 at Emanuel from 2:00 PM-7:00 PM.**

Questions? Please contact Deann Over, 712-322-5075.

**Holiday Related Items:** Wrapped Christmas candy (such as candy canes, etc.) for the stockings. Unsigned Holiday/Christmas cards (no religious ones) with envelopes for the soldiers to address and send to their loved ones back home. Small Christmas decorations. Holiday CDs, Holiday movie DVDs, such as Christmas Vacation, comedies, and those the soldiers might enjoy - new and used.

We cannot send any religious items of any kind or reference to the true meaning of Christmas.

We cannot send any suggestive reading material.



**Games:** Board (Sorry, checkers, Scrabble, etc.) Card (UNO, Phase 10, Rook, Skip Bo) Yahtzee, cribbage, dominos (if they are the light weight sets), puzzle books such as word search, crossword and sudoku. Small dart boards, hackie sacks, Frisbees, electronic handheld games, minifans, flashlights, foam footballs or basketballs. Batteries (AA, AAA, 3 volt lithium, 9 volt).

**Comfort Items:** Tube socks, emery boards, combs, cotton balls, q-tips, band aids, boot shoe-laces, handiwipes, lip balm, hand sanitizers, stationery & envelopes, pens, foot powder, tampons, nail clippers, eye drops, metal silverware, small tubes of moisturizing cream, small cans of Febreze, nice bars of soap, nail polish, disposable razors, shampoo, mouth wash, deodorant, body wash, baseball hats.

**2017 Calendars** - they like to mark off their days until they are home

**Snack Items:** Beef jerky, canned or packaged meat/fish, crackers, nuts, energy bars, hard candy, small mini chocolate bars, Tootsie Rolls and Tootsie Pops, individually wrapped red licorice, energy drink mixes, Kool Aid individual packets, small cans of fruit with pull off lids, cough drops, small cans of Pringles, snack crackers/chips, sunflower seeds, trail mix, M&Ms, instant oatmeal & soup, instant cocoa & coffee, tea bags, etc.

Anything else you can think of that would fit into the Christmas stockings or the boxes that might bring a smile to their faces!





# Bethany News

BY LAUREN BURKE



## Medicare Part D Update

The open enrollment window is October 15-December 7. This is the time to review your current prescription drug plan for 2017. (Any changes will take place beginning January 1, 2017). Bethany will once again be offering **free assistance** in reviewing your current plan and options for the coming year. Many have indicated their prescriptions costs have gotten higher recently. This typically is due to the "donut hole or gap". Now is the time to review your policy for next year for premium costs, deductibles and covered prescriptions. It is not uncommon for changes in your policy to occur each year. We're here to help you. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451.

## Bethany Christmas Store

The Bethany Christmas Store will be held **December 5th and 6th from 9:00-11:30 a.m.** and on **December 7th from 6-7:30 p.m.** The Christmas Store is an area where Bethany residents can "shop" free of charge for items for their families for Christmas. Many of our residents do not have the means to purchase items for their loved ones, but still appreciate the opportunity and memories of giving presents at Christmas. Donations of **new items for all ages and gender** are appreciated. Gift bags, gift tags and tissue paper are also helpful. We are also looking for volunteers, confirmation groups, etc. to assist our residents as they shop for the holidays. For more information, to donate items, or to be a volunteer please contact Kaily Stanley at Bethany at 712-328-9500. Thank you for your support.

## Halloween Update

Thank you for your generous contributions of candy for our annual safe Halloween Trick or Treat Night. Your overwhelming generosity of candy was greatly appreciated and the residents and tenants enjoyed the evening. Thank you for your continued support.

## Being Thankful

During this season, we want to thank you for your involvement with Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. Whether you are involved in volunteering on a regular basis, helping out with monthly Bingo and Birthday Parties, visiting Residents and Tenants, helping with the Auxiliary and their projects, remembering Bethany with your financial contributions or remembering Bethany in your prayers, we are most appreciative of your involvement. It continues to be our mission to serve while sharing Christ's love. Thank you for your support of Bethany and those we serve.

## Remembering Bethany

As the year is coming to a close, we would ask that you consider making a year-end gift to Bethany. Whether it is designated for a specific purpose or to help us continue to carry out our mission, we greatly appreciate your support. Contributions to Bethany are tax deductible to the extent of the law. If you have any questions or would like to discuss ways you can help Bethany, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Thank you.



## Æbleskiver Dinner

**Thursday, November 17**  
5 p.m.—7 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran in Avoca  
(301 N Chestnut St, Avoca, IA)

Enjoy great food and great music!  
DaBand will be playing!



# Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



We are currently using “Now the Feast and Celebration” for our liturgy on our more formal first and third Sundays (and special days). This communion liturgy was written in by Marty Haugen in collaboration with then campus pastors at Pacific Lutheran University Susan Briehl, Dan Erlander and Martin Wells. It was commissioned by the Campus Ministry Department of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. To give a more thorough insight into it’s creation I quote the introduction in the keyboard score, written by Marty Haugen June 3, 1990.

“Settings of service music provide the ‘backbone’ of worship for a community, a relatively unchanging experience in contrast to the hymns and psalms. This stability is an integral part of ritual, and we grow in faith precisely through the experience of a repetitive rhythm of our prayer in common. At the same time, it is critical that we understand that the way Christians have prayed through the centuries has evolved

(albeit slowly), adapting in its elements, style and language, in a constant tension between the renewal and preservation of Christian tradition. As part of this long, evolving stream of Christian worship, we need to continually critique and examine our worship traditions, even as we seek to defend their integrity and vitality as celebrations of the heart of our faith.

This particular setting is suggested as an ‘alternate’ setting, for it presumes that a community already has such a backbone of service music. It is my hope that this setting would help members of a community grow in their vision of worship, first through hearing new texts and music, and perhaps then hearing their established texts and music with new ears.”

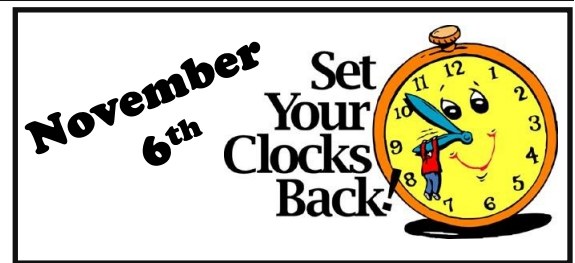
Let it open our ears, minds, and hearts to what this liturgy can reveal to us.

## Advent Boxes

Advent is fast approaching! Typically, families will make use of an Advent Calendar during this season. These calendars may provide scripture, or thought provoking prayers, or a family activity for each day during Advent. This year, your Wider Ministry Committee is inviting you to do something DIFFERENT!



On Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>, during the Hanging of the Greens, each family will be making a **Reverse Advent Box!** During the season of Advent, we would encourage you to place in these boxes an item to be sent to local pantries, shelters, and ministries that provide services to our neighbors here in Council Bluffs! These boxes can be decorated as you wish. During the Hanging of the Greens we will have supplies available to help you personalize your family box! Each box will also have a printed list of suggested items you can place in your box during the 28 days of Advent. If you happen to miss the Hanging of the Greens, NO WORRIES!!! Boxes will also be available each Wednesday and Sunday, beginning November 27<sup>th</sup>. It is our prayer that every family will participate in this fun new way of sharing Christ’s love by giving to our neighbors in need.



Attendance & Offering		
DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
October 2	123	\$2,978.00
October 9	110	\$2,561.04
October 16	90	\$1,646.05
October 23	82+	n/a
October 30	N/A	n/a

## Finance Team Update

### Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

September Income: .....\$8,592.07  
 September Expense: .....\$11,844.14  
 September Balance .....\$-3,252.07

YTD Income: ..... \$100,921.72  
 YTD Expense: ..... \$116,227.60  
 YTD Balance ..... \$-15,305.88  
 Plus Carryover..... \$13,968.78  
 General Budget Fund ..... \$-1,337.10



**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Game Day**

Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 pm  
*Fellowship Hall*

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

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

**Adult Fellowship**

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am  
*Pizza Ranch*

**Blessings & Brunch**

Friday, November 18<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 at 6:45 pm, preceded by a meal at 6:00 pm ,  
and followed by adult Bible discussion in the fellowship hall  
and Kidz Kamp in the youth center.

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