

# Garden of Reading'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

July 2017

## Happenings!

**Sunday, July 9**—Car Wash in Upper Parking Lot to benefit Youth

**Friday, July 21**—Family Potluck & Movie Night

**Sunday, July 23-Friday July 28**—Youth Mission Trip to Eldora, Iowa

**Sunday, July 30—Thursday, August 3**—Rome: Paul and the Underground Church Vacation Bible School at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**Saturday, August 5**—Rachel Kurtz Concert at Bayliss Park

**Sunday, August 6**—Worship at Bayliss Park

Mission Statement:  
Forgiven  
by Grace,  
Serving by  
Faith

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



Staff and campers for the Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp, held June 12-15. There were 19 campers, six junior staff, eight adult volunteers and three staff from Lakeside!

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# Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

You may have noticed on recent calendar announcements the notation, "FAITH Team meeting." What is the FAITH Team? This is the name of the team that is overseeing the redevelopment and renewal process here at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

The team was selected by the Church Council after several months of deliberation. The Emanuel Renewal (FAITH) team met the first time on May 22. Members of the team include Mike Hipnar, Judy Heithoff, Jan Stone, Tyler Hansen, Chris Sorensen and Alan Ellis. I serve as facilitator and resource for the team.

The team is working to oversee and coordinate our efforts as a congregation to move into the next generation of ministry and mission here at Emanuel Lutheran Church. In the short term, that work will involve getting acquainted with the task and with one another.

That work will also involve helping to prepare an application for ELCA grant support for our upcoming day-care mission project. I will take the lead on that task, but team input will be critical. That work will also involve engaging the congregation in a "Congregation Health Survey" to create a baseline of information for future projects and visions.

After that, we will see where this takes us. The FAITH team will prepare the congregation to move into the next generation of healthy and flourishing mission and service here at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

The team is also and always looking for LHF ("low-hanging fruit"). In response to input from the FAITH team, for example, we now have a Guest Wifi network here at Emanuel. It is available to users here and is separate from our office Wifi network. We will be looking for additional ways to expand and enhance our mission and service here. Watch the newsletter and announcements for regular updates.

Thank you for your support and prayers for our growing and thriving life together in Jesus' name.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell



We lift up in prayer and express our Christian sympathy for Gary Pleas and his family at the death of his mother,

Norma Pleas, in June. We hope that the promise of the new life with Jesus will bring you comfort.

Thank you for your many memorials, cards, and prayers when my mother passed away. I appreciated each one.  
- Marjorie Powell



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.**

- July 2 Ken Kemmish
- July 9 Phil Meyer
- July 16 Al Martens
- July 23 Larry Hansen
- July 30 Tyler Hansen



# Emanuel Bringing Rachel Kurtz to Council Bluffs

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Mark your calendars on Saturday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m., for a concert you won't want to miss. Rachel Kurtz will perform at Bayliss Park in a free concert sponsored by Emanuel Lutheran Church. There is no admission charge for the event. A free-will offering will be received to help with the costs of sending Emanuel youth to the next ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston in the summer of 2018.

Rachel Kurtz is a Minneapolis-based songwriter, performer and recording artist. Churches across the country have discovered Rachel's powerhouse voice and joyful presence thanks to her relentless touring schedule, and her featured appearances on the main stage of recent national youth gathering. Her song "Make A Difference," unveiled at the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering, has become a widespread sensation sung by praise bands, youth groups, and school choirs from coast to coast. Rachel has participated in benefit concert tours across the country with fellow musicians Agapé and Lost And Found, helping to raise \$125,000 for ELCA World Hunger. In addition to her music leadership at conventions and congre-



gations, Rachel is also an in-demand retreat facilitator and keynote speaker at youth weekends, women's retreats and many times at Sunday morning worship. Rachel is an incredible singer/songwriter with a beautiful voice and an amazing story. Rachel shares personal testimonies of tragedy and triumph with a vulnerability that captivates her audience. She has performed at the last three ELCA Youth Gatherings and has had the opportunity to travel to Africa, Germany and India with her music ministry. She has a strong desire to make a difference in the world through her music and a passion for global justice.

Bring your lawn chairs and your hearts for a great time in the park. The venue in case of inclement weather will be Emanuel Lutheran Church, 2444 North Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa. For more information, please call the Emanuel office at 712-323-9665 and/or email

the office at [emanuellutherancbia@msn.com](mailto:emanuellutherancbia@msn.com). You can find Emanuel on Facebook or go to the church's website, [www.emanuelcb.org](http://www.emanuelcb.org). Emanuel Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## Have You Seen the Latest Addition to our Property?

BY DEANN OVER

You might notice some changes to the property up near the gaga pit, which was added in 2015 by Brennan Plummer as his Eagle Scout project.

We were contacted by Ian Walden from troop 249 about an Eagle Scout.

He chose the construction and installation of a fire pit and benches for Emanuel as his Eagle Scout project!

Thanks to the approved Thrivent Action Team Project, Ron Reiff's generous donation and Ian's fund raising we look forward to the area being enjoyed by all ages!



Troop 249 by the benches and fire pit they installed in June. We are thankful for these wonderful young people who worked on this project.



Daphne Miller      Glen Fahrenkrug      Lucille Weatherill      Dwight Rogers      Andrea Britton  
 Harvey Coble      Mildred Rogers      Dana Blessum



<b>July 01</b> Irv Mass	<b>July 12</b> Nina Baker Tori Hansen	<b>July 25</b> Jake Ferguson Andrew Hubbard Xander Richards Autumn Tanner Josh Wallenberg
<b>July 03</b> Greg Steensland	<b>July 15</b> Ashley Johnson Mary Lou Johnson Joel Springer Alisha Tadlock	<b>July 26</b> Mary Clark Sydney Holeton
<b>July 04</b> Jesse Buley Jackie Ogg	<b>July 17</b> John Burns	<b>July 28</b> Beth Lewis Darryl Petersen
<b>July 05</b> Ethan Miller Suzanne Tucker	<b>July 19</b> Oscar Over	<b>July 29</b> Bobby Fischer Kristy Naumann
<b>July 07</b> Jeffrey Fischer Michele Loos Chad Stinson	<b>July 20</b> Megan Jones Suzi Sullivan	<b>July 31</b> Gabriel VanSickle
<b>July 09</b> Alex Miller Margie Powell-McIntosh Connor Snyder	<b>July 21</b> Matthew Maxwell	
<b>July 10</b> Heidi Comley Bruce Ellingsen	<b>July 23</b> Emily Edson Keven Ferguson Cheryl Rowe Jodi Vodicka	
<b>July 11</b> Benjamin Hansen		



**July 5** Terry & Connie Eyberg  
**July 10** Todd & Jeanine Schademann  
**July 16** Ridgeway & Danette Hein-Snider

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

# Worship Assistant Schedule

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



## Altar Flowers

**July 2**

Jacquie Moats

**July 9**

**July 16**

**July 23**

**July 30**

Marc & Katty  
VanSickle

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



**July 2**

Matt & Connie  
Solon

*(Thursday Morning Bible Study)*

**July 9**

**July 16**

Fresh Start Team

**July 23**

**July 30**

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

<b>Sunday, July 2</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	John & Jan Husmann
<b>Acolytes</b>	Grace Hansen & Aaralynn Conley
<b>Lector</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Elaine Sasso, Angel McGee
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie & Matt Solon
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Sunday, July 9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	John & Jan Husmann
<b>Acolytes</b>	Amari Johnson & Austin Borwick
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Steensland
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Rosie Spangenberg,
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie Eyberg & CharLes Kemmish
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Cheryl Rowe
<b>Sunday, July 16</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	John & Jan Husmann
<b>Acolytes</b>	Shae Nickels & Kylie Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Darlene Jeppesen
<b>Children's Message</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Mike Winter, Suzanne Winter & Robert Vergamini
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Linda & Al Martens
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Sunday, July 23</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	John & Jan Husmann
<b>Acolytes</b>	Andrew Borwick & Dakota Hopkinson
<b>Lector</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Children's Message</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Rosie Spangenberg,
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Jane & Phil Meyer
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Darlene Jeppesen
<b>Sunday, July 30</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	John & Jan Husmann
<b>Acolytes</b>	Owen Hansen & Tyler Steensland
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Winter
<b>Children's Message</b>	John Husmann
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Robert Vergamini,
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Linda & Amy Steensland
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Elaine Sasso

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

# July 2017 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour	<b>3</b> Office Closed 11 am Tai Chi 6 pm Symphony Rehearsal in Youth Center	<b>4</b> Independence Day Office Closed 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship on Patio or Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 	<b>7</b> Office Closed	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Joyful Noise 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:30 am—Noon Youth Car Wash in upper parking lot	<b>10</b> 9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi	<b>11</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>12</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship on Patio or Fellowship Hall	<b>13</b> 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm North Broadway Neighborhood Association Meeting	<b>14</b> Office Closed 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's 	<b>15</b> 
<b>16</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting	<b>17</b> 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Church Council Meeting 7 pm MS Support Group	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Children & Youth Committee Meeting	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship on Patio or Fellowship Hall	<b>20</b> 11 am Tai Chi	<b>21</b> Office Closed 9:30 am Blessings & Brunch 6 pm Potluck 6:30 pm Movie: A Dog's Purpose 	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Youth Mission Trip 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 	<b>24</b> Youth Mission Trip 11 am Tai Chi 	<b>25</b> Youth Mission Trip 5:5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Wider Ministries Meeting 	<b>26</b> Youth Mission Trip 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship on Patio or Fellowship Hall 	<b>27</b> Youth Mission Trip 11 am Tai Chi 	<b>28</b> Youth Mission Trip Office Closed	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 5 pm VBS Cookout at Our Savior's 6 pm Vacation Bible School at Our Savior's 	<b>31</b> 11 am Communion at Midlands 11 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm VBS Dinner at Our Savior's 6 pm Vacation Bible School at Our Savior's 	<b>1</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm VBS Dinner at Our Savior's 6 pm Vacation Bible School at Our Savior's 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 5:30 pm VBS Dinner at Our Savior's 6 pm Vacation Bible School at Our Savior's 	<b>3</b> 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 5:30 pm VBS Dinner at Our Savior's 6 pm Vacation Bible School at Our Savior's 	<b>4</b> Office Closed 	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm Rachel Kurtz Concert at Bayliss Park 

# Youth Summer Mission Trip Serves at Angel Tree Camp

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

A group of Emanuel youth and adults will have the chance to work for a four days this summer at an Angel Tree Camp. This camp serves children who have a parent in jail or in prison. The group will work alongside the highly trained and experienced full time staff as volunteer staff with children from grade one through five. The mission trippers will serve at the Angel Tree Camp near Eldora Iowa from 5 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, through Friday evening, July 28<sup>th</sup>.



The Angel Tree camp concludes at noon on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. That afternoon the group will travel to near Pella, Iowa, to tour and enjoy the soon-to-be completed permanent home for the Angel Tree camps. They will stay at the camp near Pella that night and then spend most of Friday at Adventureland in Altoona. The group will plan to be home before 9 p.m. that night. We will work with the folks at Adventureland to get a church group admission rate for the day.

The cost for the week is \$200 for the camp plus spending money for a day at Adventureland on Friday. Participants will use funds from youth accounts, raise some funds between now and then, and contribute some of the costs out of pocket.

This is an opportunity for one or more additional adults to come along as chaperones and drivers. Adults will not be sleeping in the cabins and will thus have more comfortable accommodations. **BUT EVEN THE CABINS ARE AIR-CONDITIONED!**

Our young people will provide care and attention to the campers under the supervision of experienced adult leaders. And it's CAMP! Activities will include swimming, hiking, fishing, crafts, music, worship, games and cabin life. Our young people will be working during the week, but it's CAMP! A workday at camp is better than most days doing other things.

Our young people can bring friends along as well, if the friends are willing to pay their way and/or assist with fundraising. This is a great opportunity to serve in a deeply meaningful way and a fantastic way to live out our faith. The youth of Emanuel thank you all for your prayers and support as our young people seek to serve faithfully and with the love of Christ.

## Don't Miss VBS!

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

Vacation Bible School is coming up at the end of the month! The event is free and children attending are welcome to bring friends! Join us as we journey through ancient Rome. Explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tiptoe past watchful Roman guards, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, race chariots, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God's love.

You can register online at [www.emanuelcb.org](http://www.emanuelcb.org). There are also registration forms in the fellowship hall.



The program is designed for children from preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but middle school and high school students are encouraged to volunteer to help throughout the week.

We are in need of adults as group leaders, actors, activity leaders, kitchen helpers and more! We hope you are able to join us July 30-August 3!

If anyone has experience with building sets or tracking down props, we would love your help to make Rome come alive!

We are working with Our Savior's Lutheran Church again this year and it will be held at their location (600 Bluff Street).

An illustration of car wash supplies: a bucket of soapy water with bubbles, a brush, a spray bottle, a sponge, and a green garden hose.

**CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**

**July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 a.m.—Noon**  
*Upper Parking Lot  
at Emanuel Lutheran Church*

Proceeds will go towards mission trips, camperships and the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering



# WOW What a Week!

BY DEANN OVER

The Lutheran Lakeside 4 Day Camp was a great success again this year! Three staff camp counselors arrived on Sunday and were housed by Sandy and Jeff Smith during the week. Paige, the lead counselor, along with Doris and Lynette (from Kenya!) led nineteen 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade energetic campers daily in spirited opening and closing programs, Bible study, crafts, games (indoor, outdoor & water) and other activities including singing for our “next door” neighbors at Midlands. On Thursday, parents, grandparents and

others enjoyed an “end of camp” program performed by the campers.

With the help of Emanuel’s volunteer six Junior Staffers and “Kitchen Crew” the hungry campers enjoyed lunch, morning and afternoon snacks. The Children’s/ Youth team was again overwhelmed with generous donations of food, time and money! At least eight adult volunteers came throughout the week to help prep food for feeding a *minimum of 30 daily!*

To all the volunteers,

Thank you all for your help this week with food or just being an extra set of hands or another voice of authority. Your leadership has truly been valued!

Thanks again,  
Paige ~~Smith~~

Thank you for all the help you have given us. It has not been easy but it has definitely been fun. May God bless you guys alot. Had lots of fun and hope to be back.  
Lynette ~~Smith~~ \*Kenya.  
...to very thoughtful you!

**Notes from our Councilors at Lutheran Lakeside Day CAMP**

We would not have made this day camp a success without all of you. For the yummy snacks and everything each one of you helped us with. Your kindness will always be cherished!  
~Doris & Kenya  
~~Paige~~

We are blessed to have such wonderful volunteers and supporters – with special thanks to Jeff & Sandy Smith, Pastor Lowell & Brenda, Sharon Hansen, Linda Martens, Judy Heithoff, Linda Steensland, Carol Fahrenkrug, Connie Solon, Barb Burns, Peggy Jarrell, Jamie Hansen, Elaine Sasso, Jan Stone, Michaela Lewis, Esther Bender and Jan Husmann. Junior staffers were: Austin & A.J. Borwick, Angie Maxwell, Lauren & Kylie Hansen and Xander Richards. And, as an added gift, a few of us were able to experience some of CB and Omaha’s attractions through the excited eyes of our Kenya visitors!

## Drivers Needed

Drivers are needed to take campers from the Kmart parking lot to DesMoines (morning) on the following dates: July 3 and July 24.

Drivers are needed to pick-up campers in DesMoines and bring them back to the Kmart parking lot on the following dates: July 6 and July 27.

If you are interested in helping on any of these dates, please contact Linda Steensland.

## Synod Assembly Report on July 23<sup>rd</sup>

You can hear a report from our recent Western Iowa Synod Assembly when you come to worship on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rosie Spangenberg and Jeff Smith served as our assembly voting members this year. Sandy Smith serves on the Western Iowa Synod Council, and Cindy Richards was part of the worship team at the assembly, held in Sioux City, June 9-11. Rosie will share her experiences of the assembly during worship. Don't miss this opportunity to hear what a wonderful church we share and support through our Western Iowa Synod and the ELCA!



## God's Work, Our Hands



As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry! Thanks to you, we're able to provide education for young parents and empowerment to some of Iowa's most vulnerable children and families. This month, we would like to give special thanks for those of you who have made LSI a focus of a "God's work. Our hands." project.

This project is part of the anniversary celebration of the ELCA, and it's a way to reach out to your communities and build a stronger Iowa. This year September 10<sup>th</sup> is the date when congregations are encouraged to participate in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to do good deeds or raise money as a church body for a nonprofit like LSI.

We thank you for your witness of God's love and your service! If you are interested in supporting those served by LSI and would like to know more about current needs, 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](http://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## Help for Hope Net

An update on Hope Net Ministries, Sequels 2 Thrift Store - stock has been unloaded and volunteers are urgently needed to help unpack boxes, fold clothes and shelf items. If you have an hour or more to donate, we would appreciate your help! Also, we are in need of volunteers who are willing to serve on a regular basis a few hours each week or month. Please contact Jo, store manager at 402-689-3111 or the store phone will soon be available at (712) 256-9985. The store is located at 717 W. Broadway in Council Bluffs. All proceeds from the store are used to support the programs of Hope Net Ministries to help formerly incarcerated women and their children, here in the Council Bluffs area.



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**8 am—2 pm**  
***Emanuel Lutheran Church***

Set-Up in the Evenings August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you have items you would like to donate for the Garage Sale, they are being collected and stored at the Church. No clothing please.



# Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes for 06/19/2017

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

Present: Mike Winter, Bob Vergamini, Elaine Sasso, Peggy Jarrell, Patty Maxwell, Connie Solon, Judi Malloy, Valerie Weelborg, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Rosie Spangenberg, Suzanne Winter, Stephen Lewis, Dwight Rogers

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Secretary Mike Winter due to the illness of President Rosie Spangenberg

Devotions: Elaine Sasso

### Council Agenda:

- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the secretary minutes for May 15, 2017. Approved.
- Motion by Connie Solon, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the Financial Secretary (Consolidated Fund) report. Approved.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Patty Maxwell to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Patty Maxwell, to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Pastor Hennigs gave his report which included 12 items. He asked the council to approve adding Alan Ellis to the Emanuel Renewal (Faith) team. Motion by Patty Maxwell, seconded by Valeria Weelborg to add Alan Ellis to the Renewal Team. Approved.
- Pastor asked the council to approve vacation time for him from July 11 through July 22. He reported that Pastor Noel Kropp has agreed to serve as supply pastor on July 16. Motion by Peggy Jarrell, second by Bob Vergamini to approve the pastor taking vacation from July 11 through July 22, 2017. Approved.
- Pastor reported Rosie Spangenberg will be making a report concerning the Western Iowa Synod Assembly at the regular worship service on July 23.

- There was no report from the Stewardship/Finance Committee.
- Stephen Lewis filed a written report for the Youth and Children's Ministries Committee. The Eagle Scout project building and installing a fire pit and benches has been completed by Ian Walden. The actual cost of the project was only \$8.83 because of the Thrivent Approve Project, Menards Rebate, fundraiser by Eagle Scout candidate Ian Walden and Ron Rieff's designation donation. The actual cost would have been \$676.78.
- There will be a mission trip to Angel Tree Camp from Sunday, July 23 until Friday, July 28.
- There was no report from the Fellowship and Support Committee.
- Bob Vergamini reported that the Property Committee will be meeting on June 25.
- Judi Malloy made a report for Wider Ministries and indicated that Heartland Bridges may be at the service on July 9 for Joyful Noise.
- Rosie Spangenberg filed a report for the Worship and Music Committee. The communion trays/offering plates were purchased using Viola Anderson Memorial Funds. They will be dedicated at the July 2 service. We are reminded that the Rachel Kurtz concert will be held in Bayliss Park on August 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and that she will appear at the joint service with Our Savior's and St. Paul's at 10 a.m. August 6 in Bayliss Park.
- The Evangelism Visitation Committee reported that the new member reception was held on Sunday, May 21 and the new members were received.
- Connie Solon reported that the Mutual Ministries Committee will be meeting on June 25.
- Pastor Hennigs reported that the Emanuel Fresh Start Team met on May 23 and everything is going well.

- Pastor reported that the Faith Team now has a guest wi-fi network at Emanuel available to users and that the router has the capacity to manage up to four networks at a time. There has been no cost for this addition so far thanks to Michaela's good work.
- There was no report from the Stewardship and Finance Committee concerning the gifts acceptance policy.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, second by Peggy Jarrell to adjourn at 7:24 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, July 17, 2017 at 7 p.m.



## Free Summer Meals

### Site for Children & Accompanying Adults

Provided by the Council Bluffs Community School District USDA Dunded Program  
Expansion and Outreach Support Provided by the Arby's Foundation and the Iowa West Foundation

Provided through August 11 (closed July 3 & 4)

Site	Breakfast	Lunch
Bloomer Elementary (210 S. 7th St)	—	11:45 am—12:30 pm
Broadway Skate Park (1300 W Broadway)*	—	12 pm—12:30 pm
Carter Lake Boys & Girls Club (4101 N 17th St)	8:30 am—9 am	11:15 am—1 pm
CB Public Library (400 Willow Ave)*	—	12 pm—12:30 pm
Edison Elementary (2218 3rd Ave)	8:30 am—9 am	11:15 am—12:30 pm
Franklin Elementary (3130 Ave C)	—	12 pm—12:30 pm
Longfellow Elementary (2011 S 10th St)	8:30 am—9 am	11:15 am—12:30 pm
Roosevelt Elementary (517 N 17th St)*	—	11 am—11:30 am
Rue Elementary (3326 6th Ave)*	8:30 am—9 am (M-Th)**	11:30 am—12:30 pm**
Thomas Jefferson High School (2501 W Broadway)*	8:30 am—9 am**	11:30 am—12:30 pm**
Wilson Middle School (715 N 21st St)	8 am—8:30 am	11:30 am—12:30 am

\* Last Day will be July 28th instead of August 11

\*\*Times from July 10-July 28

For more details and for menus, visit [www.cbsummerlunch.org](http://www.cbsummerlunch.org) or call (712) 328-6420.

All meals must be eaten at the site. No food taken out. Must wear shirt and shoes to meals. An adult may eat with a child for free. All meals provided by this USDA funded program are free.

**Friday, June 23**  
**6 p.m. Potluck**  
**6:30 p.m. Movie**

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
Bring a dish to share &  
a friend or neighbor!



We will be watching:

## A DOG'S PURPOSE

A dog looks to discover his purpose in life over the course of several lifetimes and owners.

Staring: Josh Gad, Dennis Quaid,  
Peggy Lipton and more

# A Message from Bethany

SUBMITTED BY DIANE CARLON



BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME / BETHANY HEIGHTS

## Garden Produce Always Appreciated

We all enjoy the taste of homegrown vegetables and fruits over the summer. Many of the residents and tenants were avid gardeners in their day and miss the taste of homegrown foods. If you are gardening this summer and have extra produce you would like to share, please feel free to drop it off at Bethany Heights or Bethany Lutheran Home during the week. We would greatly appreciate it and the smile you'll see on the faces of our residents and tenants is priceless!



## Bethany Auxiliary Meeting

The Bethany Auxiliary will be meeting Monday evening, **July 10<sup>th</sup>** at Bethany Heights. A short business meeting will be held at **6:00 p.m.** followed by Bingo and a pie social with the tenants. Please note the time change from the regular meeting time. Contact your church key lady for more information.

## Employment Opportunities

Bethany currently has several positions available. For more information, please visit [www.careerlink.com](http://www.careerlink.com) or [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com) or contact our Human Resources Coordinator, Cindy Schechinger at 712-328-9500.

## Bethany Heights Now Offering Independent Living Option

Not quite ready for the services of assisted living, but would enjoy the benefits of a senior community? Maybe someone interested in living independently or having the benefits of an assisted living community available when they need them? Bethany Heights offers both independent and assisted living services in full size apartments ranging from a Studio to Two Bedroom/Two bathroom. As an individual's needs increase, services are delivered directly to your apartment. Something unique to the area. Both living options include meals, recreational activities, transportation, utilities, Cox cable and WiFi, housekeeping and much more. We'd love for you to schedule a visit. Small pets are welcome. Some Long Term Care Insurance Policies are eligible for use with assisted living services at Bethany Heights. For more information or to set up a visit, please contact Paula Fandry at Bethany Heights 712-328-8228.



MY PEOPLE WILL LIVE IN PEACEFUL DWELLING PLACES.

ISAIAH 32:18, NIV

## Spring Work Day

BY OSCAR OVER

Thanks to the 14 volunteers on Saturday, June 3rd for the spring work day! (Hopefully we didn't miss anyone!)

Mulch (thanks to Alan and Brendan Ellis (for delivering/unloading/spreading) along with outside volunteers: Ken Kemmish; Al Martens; Larry, Tyler, Lauren & Kylie Hansen; Mark Ellis; Kevin Epperson; Deann & Oscar Over.

Kevin and Richard Reed installed a new exit sign in the Youth Center. And CharLes Kemmish worked in the classroom.



6 p.m.—Dinner      6:45 p.m.—Worship

**July 5**

**Sloppy Joes, Mac & Cheese**

*Steve & Michaela Lewis*

**July 12**

**Nacho Bar**

*Chasity Christie, Emma, Mia, Xander & Alexxia Richards*

**July 19**

**Spaghetti**

*Jeff & Sandy Smith*

**July 26**

**TBD**

*Menu is subject to change*

# Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



The 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Anniversary? Well-the anniversary of the 95 thesis being pounded upon the door. But the reformation itself? Reformation is the act of reforming-improving what is unsatisfactory. And that is still going on today.

In music there is always reformation, always changing what is written, updating, improving. From chant, chorales, gospel, folk, to contemporary-it's always changing. Not that we leave what was - because we don't. We continue to use songs written as far back as the 1600s. Many of the tunes used came from even further back. But we still use them. There is no right or wrong in the music we use in church. There are some songs that are easier to sing and there are some songs that move us more due to their rhythm or melody. When we look at the music in our Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal we find solid theology and wonderful melodies. Most do not have their origins in the United States. Many are from around the world including those old hymns we love of European

origin. Many are based on folk tunes that have exceptional lyrics. As you prepare for worship on Sunday mornings, please take some time to read through these hymns and let me know what looks interesting to you.

Recently we used many Latin and African hymns. The responses to these have been tremendous! In the future we will be using them again. New music awakens our minds to what we are singing. It challenges us to be a part of worship instead of singing words while our thoughts are elsewhere. (How many verses did I just play?) Yes, it happens to all of us! Let's stay engaged. The Holy Spirit is speaking. We must listen!! There is still reforming to be done.

Groups  
**ROME**  
Paul and the Underground Church

**July 30-Aug. 3**  
**6 p.m.-8 p.m.**  
Cookout July 30 at 5 pm  
Lite Dinner at 5:30 Mon.-Thurs.  
Register at  
[www.emanuelcbia.org](http://www.emanuelcbia.org)



Attendance & Offering

Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
June 4	88	\$3,277.00
June 11	113	\$2,254.00
June 18	87	\$2,531.00
June 25	80+	\$2,426.00+

## Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

**May Income:** .....\$10,119.00  
**May Expense:**.....\$12,325.07  
**May Balance** .....-\$2,206.07

YTD Income: ..... \$70,966.30  
YTD Expense:..... \$68,921.10  
YTD Balance ..... \$2,045.20  
Plus Carryover..... \$9,506.26  
General Budget Fund ..... \$11,551.46



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Game Day**

Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm  
*Fellowship Hall*

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)  
Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am  
*Village Inn East*

**Adult Fellowship**

Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am  
*Pizza Ranch*

**Blessings & Brunch**

Friday, June 21<sup>st</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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Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship

Wednesday at 6:45 pm, preceded by a meal at 6:00 pm

Staff:

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Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis

Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed