



The Garden of Readin' September, 2015

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Happenings!

Midweek Worship Moves to Wednesdays! Starting Wednesday evening, September 9, midweek worship will be on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come at 6:15 for supper then we will have "table worship" at 7pm with weekly communion. Invite your friends and neighbors. When the fall weather permits, we will take the chance sometimes to worship outdoors on the patio.

God's Work Our Hands—with Habitat for Humanity! You can work and/or provide snacks and refreshments for our GWOH project on *Friday September 11th and Saturday September 12th from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.* All shifts will report to the new ReStore at 1228 South Main Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503. Projects for both days will be determined based on weather and current needs of HFHCB. We ask all volunteers to please wear closed-toed and closed heeled shoes, clothing and shoes that can and will get dirty and possibly ruined and please bring a full water bottle to keep dehydration at bay. No skills are needed, we will have all tools and know-how to pass along for each and every task so everyone is welcome and we hope you learn something new or maybe perfect a skill you like during your time with us.

Rally Sunday Celebration on September 13th—Sunday School relaunches. We give new Bibles to our young people. We celebrate our fall Sunday School theme, "Bear with One Another." Get ready to meet our Sunday School mascots and join in the fun.

We pray for Jenny Jarrell and Ryan Smith as they prepare for their wedding on September 19th at 1 p.m. in our Sanctuary. The Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will be in use all day on September 18th and 19th for rehearsal, wedding and reception here at Emanuel.

Learn about MOSAIC's international ministry with the developmentally disabled. Megan Moslander with MOSAIC will be with us on September 20th to share information on several ways that we partner with the parents of developmentally disabled children in Tanzania and other countries.

SAVE THE DATE—"An Evening to Remember" on September 20th from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is for EVERYONE. Bring your favorite stories from Emanuel's history—whether the story is from seventy years ago or seven months ago or anywhere in between. The more stories the better! We will eat and laugh, share and celebrate together. This event is sponsored for our 125th Anniversary committee.

Service of Healing and Wholeness scheduled for September 27th. Be in prayer as we prepare for another Service of Healing and Wholeness. Those who wish can kneel at the altar rail for prayers and blessings for themselves and others. We extend our healing ministry that day by hosting a Red Cross Blood drive as well. It's another way to give of yourself so that others may live.

Periodic Pastoral Ponderings (PPP) (from a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

Dear friends in Christ,

As you will recall from last month's PPP, our Western Iowa Synod Bishop Rodger Prois and our Director for Evangelical Mission, Pastor Jeff Unga, have invited Emanuel Lutheran Church to enter a process of Congregational Renewal and Redevelopment with me as the pastoral leader at Emanuel Lutheran Church for this process. Pastor Unga met with our church council in August to further describe this process and to answer questions the church council may have about this process.

The first step in this process is for me to be approved as a Redevelopment Pastor with the ELCA's Division for Evangelical Mission. I will complete an application for approval. Then Pastor Unga will conduct a preliminary interview. Then I will be interviewed by ELCA churchwide staff for approval. I prayerfully expect that I will be approved for this ministry.

If and when that approval happens (this fall), then the congregation can decide whether to call me as your redevelopment pastor. We have time for that conversation to happen. In the meantime, we can and will move forward with plans and projects that will move us in the redevelopment direction. Those plans and projects really have two emphases. We will focus on spiritual growth in our church family. And we will work to connect to the people around us in the neighborhood and community.

If I am approved as a redevelopment pastor and the congregation votes to accept this invitation, then the congregation would agree to call me for a "term call" of up to five years. Let me review from my last article what that means.

A term call is a call from a congregation for a specified period of time with a specific purpose for that call. The purpose of this term call would be congregational redevelopment and renewal for Emanuel Lutheran Church. Then the congregation would budget some funds (up to \$500) to send me to the ELCA's Mission Redeveloper Training event in Chicago in February of 2016. Then the church council, in consultation with me, would appoint a seven member Renewal Team to oversee this process and report monthly to the church council and quarterly to the congregation on the progress of this process. The Renewal Team would begin its work at the point where the Transition Team has completed its work. If plans for renewal were to involve substantial investments of funds for current staff, for facility renovation, for ministry program materials, or other items related to growing the ministry here, the Renewal Team could develop a plan and submit a funding request to the Division for Evangelical Mission.

A few of you may recall that my contract as interim pastor here comes to an end on October 31, 2015. That contract can be extended on a month to month basis by mutual agreement between the church council and me. So we will continue with that arrangement until other decisions have been made.

You may also know by now that our Parish Assistant (and my spouse), Brenda, has accepted a position with UPS in Omaha as a human resources specialist. We will all miss having her skills and talents applied to our ministry here. I love working side by side with her and have enjoyed every minute of that work. But I know that the Holy Spirit is already raising up the next person for that ministry at Emanuel. We will let you know as soon as we have hired a new person for that role. Thank you for all your prayerful support!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

Here's a question for you



The Worship and Music Committee is considering offering gluten-free communion wafers at all of our worship services here at Emanuel Lutheran Church. The Committee has a few questions for you. First, would you like to have gluten-free wafers offered at our services here? Second, do you have any specific concerns about how the wafers are handled to guard against cross-contamination? Third, do you have any suggestions for the best way to serve the wafers—both when we use individual cups and when we use intinction?

Please share your thoughts with Mike Hipnar, chair of our Worship and Music Committee, or with Pastor Hennigs.

Emanuel Welcomes Our First Returning Citizen

By now you have probably met Monte Manser, our new friend in Christ. Monte has come to us from the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility, where he was an active participant in the Church of the Damascus Road. Monte is sponsored by the Emanuel Fresh Start Team (EFST). EFST is a group of Emanuel folks who have made a commitment to assist Monte as he re-enters the community and is re-integrated into responsible and law-abiding society.

EFST works with the Reentry/Reintegration ministry of the Church of the Damascus Road. This ministry connects local teams to ex-offenders who are seeking to live in a different way. This ministry is very much like refugee resettlement. EFST is assisting Monte to secure housing, employment, furnishings, clothing and other necessary items for living. The goal is to help Monte achieve full independence and self-sufficiency over the course of the next year. We know that ex-offenders with no support tend to re-offend at a rate of about sixty percent. We know that ex-offenders with this kind of support re-offend at a rate of less than five percent.

You will have many opportunities to get acquainted with Monte, to hear his story, and to encourage him in his journey. Please keep Monte, EFST, and the Church of the Damascus Road in your prayers in the coming weeks and months. Thank you for all you have already done to support this mission project!

Anniversary Team Sponsors “An Evening to Remember” on September 20th

The next event in our 125th Anniversary Celebration is called “An Evening to Remember.” That event will be held on September 20th from 5 to 7 p.m. All current and former members and friends of Emanuel Lutheran Church are invited to participate.



The evening will begin with prayer and a potluck meal at 5 p.m. We will dismiss for the meal by tables to have an orderly meal service. Anniversary team members will be responsible for setting up and decorating for the meal. You may bring your own table service and utensils along with a dish to share. But if that doesn't happen, we will have plates, glasses and utensils for you.

When everyone has received their food, Pastor Lowell will invite people to begin their remembering conversations. These conversations will begin at the tables. We will provide packets of sticky notes and pens at each table. Anniversary team members will be distributed among the tables to facilitate the conversations. The sticky notes will be used to put brief story notes on the timeline we have installed on the wall of the Fellowship Hall.

People will be invited to share their favorite Emanuel stories, first at the tables and then with the large group as time permits. It is helpful if a few notes from the stories are put on sticky notes along with approximate dates and people involved. The more stories the better. We will go from table to table, one story at a time. At the end of the evening, people will be invited to put their sticky notes on the appropriate part of the timeline on the wall.

In the last 30 to 45 minutes, Pastor Lowell will facilitate the development of “meaning statements”—patterns that arise out of the stories shared. These statements are valuable to understand ourselves currently and to think about future ministry and mission here at Emanuel. The event will close with prayer and community cleanup.

Please set aside the time to attend this enjoyable and meaningful event! If you are unable to attend, please consider sending your favorite Emanuel stories to Pastor Hennigs by email to be read at the event. You can send those stories to emanpas1@gmail.com. Thanks for being part of this great evening to remember!

Altar Guild Recognition, Review and Training on September 27

The Emanuel Worship and Music Committee wants to recognize all our faithful altar guild members. If you are one of those folks, please be sure to attend worship on Sunday, September 27th, so we can say a proper "thank you" at worship. You make sure that our services happen with grace and beauty, and ELC is grateful!



Following worship that day, Pastor Hennigs will meet with current and prospective altar guild members to review procedures for worship preparation and setup. ***If you have wondered about helping to prepare and set up for Sunday worship, then come to this meeting in the sanctuary.*** If you are a current altar guild member, please come to this meeting as well. We've had a few changes in our procedures over the last year. And we are anticipating a few more changes in the year to come. So please attend if you are available.

Sunday School students will also be invited to attend this meeting to learn more about how we prepare for worship and why we do what we do. We can all be students together that day. And we can all be teachers together that day. See you there!

Study Opportunities at ELC

Thursday mornings: We are studying the First Letter of John. The study is called "If We Walk in the Light." The study will include reflections on how this letter impacts life in a variety of cultural and personal settings.

Sunday evenings: We are now reading Jim Wallis' book entitled *On God's Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned about Serving the Common Good*. We in the church are not afraid of talking about politics and the gospel. If that's your thing, here's your chance! No right answers, but lots of good questions—and Wallis will challenge many of our assumptions about both politics and the Christian faith. That study will resume September 13th and then continue on September 27th.

Have a couple of hours to help with Emanuel's Meals on Wheels Route?

Since August, 2002, Emanuel members have delivered an average of 15-20 meals each Wednesday for this worthwhile program. Emanuel's "Route 9" takes less than two hours to complete.

Meals are available for pick up by volunteers at the Lakin Red Cross parking lot by 10:15. Our regular team members are Darlene and Richard Reed, Jane and Phil Meyer and Deann and Oscar Over.

If Meals on Wheels is something you might like to try, either on a regular once a month or an occasional Wednesday basis, please contact Deann Over (712-322-5075). We'd love to add more members to Emanuel's team!



Our Church Family

In Our Prayers...



Ray Kanger
Lucille Weatherill

Daphne Miller
Leona Carlson

Glen Fahrenkrug
Elizabeth Britton

Betty Ebsen
Deb Hipnar

Happy Birthday to...

September 1	Jack Peters		Judi Malloy	September 22	Norma Mass
	Kris Parker	September 14	Charles Madsen		Bernice Runnels
September 2	Darlene Jeppesen	September 15	Ryan Epperson		Alyson Sorensen
September 3	John Scheffler		Nina Reedy	September 23	Linda Over
September 5	Emma Wiggington		Dorothy Smith	September 24	Deann Over
September 6	Leona Carlson		Glen Fahrenkrug	September 27	Dan Heithoff
September 7	Daphne Mller	September 17	Dennis Eitmann	September 28	Alan Ellis
September 8	Lindsay Piper		Sandra Kanger		Ali Heithoff
	Carol Fahrenkrug	September 18	Sean Steensen		Amy Wilson
September 11	Terry Eyberg	September 20	Marcus McGee	September 30	Teresa Fischer
September 12	Kevin Epperson	September 21	Kristen Bender		

Anniversaries...

September 4	Susan & Rod Wilson	September 14	Greg & Linda Steensland
September 6	Forrest & Jean Foster	September 17	Jodi & Bran Vodicka
September 7	Mike & Michele Loos	September 23	Mike & Anita Garrett
September 8	Bob & Bette Juhl	September 28	Marge & Jerry McIntosh
September 11	Jim & LaWayne Andersen	September 30	Kim & Alan Egner

*If we've missed a birthday or anniversary
please let the church office know!*



Property Team

Mowers for September

September 6 – Mark Ellis

September 13 – Mike Nickels

September 20 – Ken Kemmish

September 27 – Phil Meyer

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church and parsonage lawns. Please mow sometime during your scheduled week, preferably by Saturday. If you have a schedule conflict, just trade with someone in the rotation. After mowing, if mower needs gas, please fill the tank and submit the bill to the church secretary. Larry Hansen will take care of all general maintenance and any oil needs. Keys for the mower and the garage will be in the church secretary's office. Return them when you have finished

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## Finance Team Update

### ***Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD***

***July Income: \$12,685.78***

***YTD Income: \$73,256.02***

***July Expense: \$8,606.33***

***YTD Expense: \$83,076.00***

***July Balance: \$4,079.45***

***YTD Balance: \$-10,117.87***

### **“Emanuel’s Free Little Library”**

Have you seen our very own Little Library? Hand crafted by our very own Pastor Lowell. It started with the Rotary Centennial Club looking for their 10th Anniversary mission project, chaired by Chris Reed. The idea was simple, add 10 more Little Libraries in our community. First step, find a builder. If you don't know yet, Pastor Lowell loves to build things, so why not get him involved. And the rest is history. Pastor Lowell has built two Little Libraries thus far and is working on three more for our community.



The first Little Library went to The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association (GNA). Soon it will be placed in the empty lot near Our Savior's Church, 600 Bluff Street. Another Rotary member, Bob Collins, has now followed God's work and St Paul's Episcopal Church at 22 Dillman Drive will also be placing a Little Library on their property. One of their church members built and painted theirs.

I would like to THANK the following for making the Free Little Libraries possible:

1. Pastor Lowell for building two of the libraries, plus three more coming
2. Thrivent Financial for the \$250 towards materials and registering on Free Little Libraries
3. Cory Peters, GNA Board President, for painting theirs and Emanuel's libraries
4. The Home Depot for donating materials for the first library

Chris Reed

The Pottawattamie County Thrivent Board is planning their summer outing and annual meeting to be together this year on Sunday, October 11th at 4pm at the St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Center in Co. Bluffs on North 16th St. All Thrivent members and anyone interested in what Thrivent has to offer are welcome to attend. A meal will be served along with some fun activities for the whole family. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any board member or Berni Bichel, President of the Board at 712- 486-2282.



I was telling a friend of mine about our new mission and her reply was “Now that’s God at work”! Nicely said, friend.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you for your wonderful support of our Children & Youth Ministry sponsored activities during the past month. Special thanks to:

- Everyone who donated, baked and purchased items at Emanuel's Garage and Bake Sale. The baked goods were excellent – we had very few left overs which were sold at the coffee hour. Combined sales of concessions and baked goods resulted in over \$650 which will be designated for our Children's and Youth Ministry programs and activities! Our special thanks to Jane Anderson and Judy Heithoff for their donations toward concession supplies.
- Everyone who donated to the Lutheran Lakeside Capital Fund Appeal – "ALL ARE WELCOME". Free will donations from our hosted August 9<sup>th</sup> coffee hour resulted in \$116 toward our \$500 challenge. We will also be hosting a coffee hour on August 23<sup>rd</sup> - watch for more opportunities to help reach our goal of \$500 in the coming months.
- Pastor Lowell for conducting New Bible Classes for those students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- Pastor Lowell for changes to our Confirmation program by selecting a new curriculum Collaborate Lutheran and meeting schedules.
- Pastor Lowell who is working on the planning team and as a presenter for Confest which will be hosted by Emanuel on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate over 100 confirmation students, pastors and leaders who will spend the evening with Bishop Prois and his staff from the Western Iowa Synod.
- Brennan Plummer, who chose as his Eagle Scout Project, building a Gaga pit for Emanuel. Location of the Gaga pit will be in the dugout area by the upper parking lot. This will be a great addition for outdoor fun. FYI: Gaga - played with a soft foam ball in an octagon pit - is dubbed a gentler version of dodge

ball. Object is to avoid getting hit by the ball below the knees – if touched by the ball below the knees you are out – last one in the pit wins. Plans are for construction to be finished in time for Confest.

And finally, we wish to thank our Gathering attendees, Jessica Hipnar, Haley Holland, Mattie Nickels, Baylee Snyder, Alyson Sorensen, Brendan Ellis, Marcus McGee and Will Schademann, along with their guides Alan Ellis and Chris and Megan Sorensen who lead the worship service following their return from Detroit. We could also feel the impact it made on their lives as well as the people of Detroit. Some "Not-so Trivial – Trivia"

- Approximately 288 youth and adults from the Western Iowa Synod, including Bishop Prois, were among the 30,000 attending the Gathering
- 650 attendees donated at least 8 inches of hair (minimum of 433 feet)
- How did they Proclaim Justice with God's Work? "Their" Hands?:
  - 1,425 backpacks distributed
  - 36 urban gardens installed
  - 99 picnic tables built
  - 3,200 vacant lots cleared of debris
  - 26 dumpsters filled
  - 2,033 mural boards painted
  - 600 neighborhoods affected
  - 319 vacant houses boarded up
  - 78.8 gallons of blood donated (609 units)
  - 1 MILLION diapers collected
  - 319,000 baby wipes
  - After Sunday morning, the ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water grand total was \$402,000
  - Emanuel's group saved from their daily meal allowance and were able to give \$378 in the Gathering's last day (Sunday) Worship service (They tithed !!!)

Your support, both monetarily and spiritually, continues to assist Emanuel's children/youth in furthering their faith journey to attend church camps, ELCA Youth Gatherings and service through mission trips.

Deann Over, for the Children's & Youth Ministries



**BETHANY AUXILIARY  
SALAD LUNCHEON AND  
BAKE SALE-** Mark your  
calendar and plan to

enjoy great food and fellowship at the annual Bethany Auxiliary Salad Luncheon, **September 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** The luncheon and bake sale will be held at Saint John Lutheran Church 633 Willow Avenue in Council Bluffs. Tickets are \$7. We promise you won't go away hungry!! Join us for lunch and help support the Bethany Auxiliary. Proceeds support Resident projects at Bethany. Thank you for your support.

In addition to the Salad Luncheon, there will also be a Bake Sale. We would encourage you to share your talents as well as encourage others to contribute items to the Bake Sale. Any and all items are appreciated!! Items may be brought to the church the day of the event. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451.

**BETHANY GOLF OUTING-** The event will be held at **Dodge Riverside Golf Course in Council Bluffs on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.** Registration begins at **7:30 a.m. with a Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. sharp!** Registration fee is \$70 and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, food and prizes. The outing is open to everyone. Individuals, Couples and Foursomes are welcome!!

**GARDEN PRODUCE WANTED-**Our Bethany Residents and Tenants always enjoy home-grown summer and fall garden produce. We know the weather has been difficult on many gardens, but if you have extra produce you would be willing to share, we would love it. Please feel free to bring it to either Bethany Lutheran Home or Bethany Heights.

**HALLOWEEN CANDY WANTED-** Fall is just around the corner and so is Halloween. Each year, Bethany opens its door to provide a safe, indoor environment for children to trick or treat. Our Residents/Tenants enjoy having the "little visitors" and love to hand out candy. Last year more than 300 children came to visit. The candy can be dropped off at Bethany during the week or brought to church and will be collected by Bethany. Any type of candy/treats/snacks are appreciated, but must be individually wrapped. Thank you for your support.

**MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT COMING SOON-**Open enrollment for Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plans begins next month. If you have any questions please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. This service is free and open to anyone.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE-** Help us spread the word. Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights have several employment opportunities available. More information can be found on the Bethany website at [www.bethanylutheranhome.org](http://www.bethanylutheranhome.org) or contact Cindy Schechinger, Human Resources Coordinator at 712-328-9500.



This month Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) celebrates Direct Support Professionals Week during Sept. 13 – 19. This

national awareness week recognizes the dedication of direct support professionals and their important role in caring for people in our communities.

At LSI, direct support professionals partner with children and adults with intellectual disabilities to help them pursue meaningful, personal lives through their personal goals. They also provide care for children and youth at our Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers.

This could mean helping an adult with autism live on her own or helping a child who was abused begin to heal. We thank you for your faithful support of LSI – you create so many new possibilities for children, families and adults!

LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](http://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

### Celebrating Life with Jamalia

Jamalia is excited for the weekend. She's been saving her money for a special event: a Friday night at the movies, complete with popcorn.

Her LSI staff is excited, too—because that's who they are. They cheer people on in all parts of their lives, celebrating every accomplishment and every opportunity for joy.

Jamalia is 29, and she has autism. She and her roommate, with help from LSI's services for people with disabilities, have lived together for more than ten years. Their apartment is a cozy place with a bright yellow kitchen table, an exercise bike, puzzles and favorite movies.

LSI's 24-7 supported community living services help Jamalia with her goals, make sure she is safe and ensure she never has to be alone.

Over the years, Jamalia has built a great daily routine. Her calendar is packed with activities ranging from Special Olympics to horseback riding to exercising on her bike.

"On days when I'm not here, I'm always thinking about what Jamalia and her roommate are doing," said Haley, an LSI staff who has known Jamalia for a long time. "I enjoy being here. It's rewarding to see someone grow and learn and succeed."

Jamalia speaks with few words, and those who know her well say she uses something else instead to express herself: her wonderful smile.

And for LSI, celebrating life with Jamalia is definitely something to smile about!



## Women's Ministry

### **Emanuel women HAVE Fair Trade coffee for sale in the Fellowship Hall!**

Thanks for your awesome support of this new ministry! We have had several requests for different flavors and types of coffee so check the coffee corner weekly for new items!

A bit of information on LWR Coffee Project!



Started in 1996, the LWR Coffee Project is collaboration between Equal Exchange and Lutheran World Relief to involve Lutheran communities and individuals in supporting small farmers around the world.

For each pound of fairly traded coffee, tea, and foods Lutherans purchase through the LWR Coffee Project, 20 cents per pound goes to LWR's Small Farmer Fund. That Fund amounted to \$34,435.48 in 2014 alone!

The Small Farmers Fund has supported a number of LWR projects across multiple regions. Below, are a few projects that the SFF supported in recent years:

- "Strengthening Small Coffee Farmers in Flores through Capacity Building;" Program Dates 10/14–9/15; This project aims to improve the livelihood and strengthen the ability of 100 small-scale farmers in Flores, Indonesia through teaching sustainable agriculture efforts.
- APOKO: Coffee producers working together in Rachuonyo South to sustain their livelihoods; LWR worked to improve the livelihood of more than 5,500 coffee producers in the Rachounyao South district in Kenya by significantly increasing both coffee production and farmers' income.

**A Note about Equal Exchange:** Equal Exchange is a Fair Trade organization that buys directly from small-scale farmer cooperatives, owned and run by the farmers themselves. Because our farmer partners are paid above market prices for their crops, they are able to make investments in community projects, educational programs, and technical trainings. These cooperative organizations also help keep rural communities healthy and strong, and keep local cultures vibrant. Equal Exchange is also committed to supporting sustainable farming methods that help green the earth through reforestation, natural resource conservation and organic practices.

## **WIDER MINISTRIES NEWS**

Thank you to all of you who brought in school supplies. We will use some of them for children at Phoenix House. The rest will be given to the teachers in our congregation. Teachers frequently buy school supplies to replace ones that are lost or used up. Our donations will give them an opportunity to have some on hand when they are needed.

Mark your calendars. We will be having a Red Cross blood drive on September 27, from 9:00 am to 2 pm. Information about how to sign up for an appointment will be out soon. You should be able to make an appointment by phone or on line. There are so many people whose lives are saved by your blood donations. Many of you have had family and friends who have required frequent transfusions and we want to make sure that blood is available when needed. Anyone is welcome to make an appointment at Emanuel so share this information with family members and friends.

I know Christmas seems a long way off but it will be here before we know it. We have signed up to take part in the Angel Tree project this year so keep that in mind as you're out shopping.

Thanks to all for your donations to Kanesville Therapy. And thank you for always being so generous when they need specific things. We are trying to keep current lists of needs for various organizations on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please help as you can. You may leave them in one of the containers or drop them off yourself.

As always, thank you for your generosity and caring for each other and those in need in our community. You are all a blessing.

Judi Malloy, Chair

## **125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEWS**

### **Remember when . . .**

#### *"Beginning Our Second Century of Service"*

1990 was an exciting year at Emanuel, not only were we celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we were in the midst of a major building project. In 1989 a number of churches were visited for ideas, Oliver Over presented a proposed building plan and an architect was chosen. Dick Rogers Construction Co. was hired to build the new addition.

\$350,000 was borrowed for the purpose of building a new sanctuary, fellowship hall and parking lot. In May the concrete floors were poured, metal studs with drywall erected, brick facing begun and the beginning of the heating & cooling system installed. By July the roof was being finished, light fixtures & furnaces installed and sidewalk poured.

#### Statistics:

- 1000 yds. of carpet @\$ 2.15 per yd.
- 100 gallons of paint @ \$1150
- \$5900 for kitchen cabinets & installation
- \$1541.45 for counter tops
- \$475 for kitchen serving window
- \$1197 for quarry tile
- 25 tables @ \$75 each
- 20 dozen stacking chairs @ \$10 each
- 200 Hymnals
- 11 stained glass windows in sanctuary
- 3 stained glass windows in narthex
- 33 new pews were built and installed at a cost of \$13,805.

Volunteer "Christ Carpenters", members of Emanuel, were doing much of the interior work such as painting, staining & varnish; they also moved the existing kitchen cabinets and installed them in the new workroom.

August was spent completing projects from the ceiling to the floor tiles and everything in between.

September 9, 1990 was Dedication Sunday with 305 in attendance, Pastor Alvin Jenkins lead the parade from the upper sanctuary through the lower parking lot and into the new sanctuary as we sang our anniversary song "Borning Cry". It was a sight to behold.

In his message to the congregation Pastor Jenkins said this, "We are new pioneers for the beginning of the second century. Though we do not have to leave comfortable homes and travel thousands of miles to have our visions and dreams come true, we must make a leap of faith in order to fulfill the commitment that each generation makes to Christ through personal sacrifice and dedicated hard work. With God's spirit hovering over this congregation for one hundred years, He has given us much for which to be thankful. I hope that future generations will look back at us and be grateful for the contributions that we have made, as we are grateful for those of our forefathers, and that they can say that indeed we had our visions and our dreams come true."

On November 11, 1990 a Promissory Note and Mortgage was signed in the amount of \$314,000 with monthly payments of \$3423 to the Aid Association for Lutherans @ 10 1/4%.

*If you have remembrances you would like to share please contact a committee member or Connie Solon (siscss@aol.com) or Brenda in the office.*

### **125th Anniversary Memorabilia**



The 125th Anniversary Committee has selected an "ornament" for our memorabilia. Be the first 100 members to get your keepsake for \$10.

Please contact Chris Reed at 712-435-9461 [creed1907@aol.com](mailto:creed1907@aol.com) or Connie Solon at 712-328-2936 / [siscss@aol.com](mailto:siscss@aol.com).

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

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

| <b>September 2015</b>      | <b>Usher – Connie Edson</b>     |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>September 6</b>         | <b>9:30 a.m. Communion</b>      |
| <b>Acolyte</b>             | Ashley Hipnar & Aralynn Conley  |
| <b>Lector</b>              | J Husmann                       |
| <b>Children's Sermon</b>   | NONE                            |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> | Jane Meyer                      |
| <b>Communion Set-Up</b>    | Matt & Connie Solon             |
| <b>Visual Tech</b>         | Jane Anderson                   |
| <b>September 13</b>        | <b>9:30 a.m. Communion</b>      |
| <b>Acolyte</b>             | Alaire Carrier & Taryn McSorley |
| <b>Lector</b>              | Carly Sorensen                  |
| <b>Children's Sermon</b>   | NONE                            |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> | Peggy Jarrell                   |
| <b>Communion Set-Up</b>    | Pat Hiller                      |
| <b>Visual Tech</b>         | Elaine Sasso                    |
| <b>September 20</b>        | <b>9:30 a.m. Communion</b>      |
| <b>Acolyte</b>             | Lauren & Kylie Hansen           |
| <b>Lector</b>              | Rick Stone                      |
| <b>Children's Sermon</b>   |                                 |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> | Carrie Hansen                   |
| <b>Communion Set-Up</b>    | Carol Fahrenkrug                |
| <b>Visual Tech</b>         | Darlene Jeppesen                |
| <b>September 27</b>        | <b>9:30 a.m. Communion</b>      |
| <b>Acolyte</b>             | Tyler Steensland & Owen Hansen  |
| <b>Lector</b>              | Rosie Spangenberg               |
| <b>Children's Sermon</b>   | NONE                            |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> | Mattie Nickels & Brenda Hennigs |
| <b>Communion Set-Up</b>    | Linda & Amy Steensland          |
| <b>Visual Tech</b>         | Peggy Jarrell                   |
|                            |                                 |

### **September Flowers**

September 6  
 September 13  
 September 20 Sorensen  
 September 27 Hennigs

### **September Coffee Hour**

September 6 – Chasity Christy & Patty Maxwell  
 September 13 - Carol Fahrenkrug  
 September 20  
 September 27

**\*The flower chart is hanging on the bulletin board at the usher station.**

**The coffee hour chart is in the Fellowship Hall.\***

### AUGUSE ATTENDANCE & GIVING

|           |                       |        |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------|
| August 2  | 68                    | \$2925 |
| August 9  | 84                    | \$4143 |
| August 16 |                       | \$2022 |
| August 23 | Not avail at printing | \$     |
| August 30 | Not avail at printing | \$     |

# SEPTEMBER 2015 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                             | MONDAY                                                                                  | TUESDAY                                                                             | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                 | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                 | FRIDAY                                                                                              | SAT.                                                                                             |
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|                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                         | <b>1</b>                                                                            | <b>2</b><br>9:30 am Mission<br>Action<br>7:00pm DaBand<br>7:00 pm Wider<br>Ministry Team Mtg                                                              | <b>3</b><br>9:30 am Adult Study<br>11:00am Tai Chi<br>1:00 pm Game Day<br>7:00 pm Mid-Week<br>Worship                                    | <b>4</b><br>Office<br>Closed                                                                        | <b>5</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>6</b><br>9:30am Worship & Holy Comm<br>10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hr                                                                                           | <b>7</b><br>LABOR DAY<br>Office Closed                                                  | <b>8</b><br>8:30 am<br>ROMEOs<br>7 pm Council<br>Meeting                            | <b>9</b><br>9:30 am Mission<br>Action<br>11:30 am Adult<br>Fellwshp Pizza Ranch<br>6:15 pm Meal<br>7:00 pm Table Worship<br>7:30 pm DaBand                | <b>10</b><br>9:30 am Adult Stdy<br>11:00 am Tai Chi<br>6:30 pm N<br>Broadway Nghbrhd<br>Assn<br>6:00 pm Choir Kick-<br>off on the patio! | <b>11</b><br>Office<br>Closed                                                                       | <b>12</b>                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                         |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                          | GOD'S WORK OUR<br>HANDS WEEKEND                                                                     |                                                                                                  |
| <b>13 RALLY SUNDAY!</b><br>9:30am Worship & Holy Comm<br>10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hr<br>6:30 pm Book Study                                                      | <b>14</b><br><i>Cookie Crumbs</i><br>11:00am Tai Chi<br>6:30 pm Worship &<br>Music Comm | <b>15</b><br><i>Cookie Crumbs</i><br>7 pm Children<br>& Youth Min.<br>Mtg           | <b>16</b><br>9:30 am Mission<br>Action<br>11am to 1pm Bethany<br>Salad luncheon @ St.<br>Johns<br>6:15 pm Meal<br>7:00 pm Table Worship<br>7:30 pm DaBand | <b>17</b><br>9:30 am Adult Stdy<br>11:00 am Tai Chi<br>7:00 pm Choir                                                                     | <b>18</b><br>Office<br>Closed<br>9:30 am<br>Blessing &<br>Brunch<br>5:30 pm<br>Wedding<br>Rehearsal | <b>19</b><br>1:00 pm<br>Jarrell/<br>Smith<br>Wedding<br>2:00 pm<br>Wedding<br>reception<br>in FH |
| <b>20</b><br>9:30am Worship & Holy Comm<br>10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hr<br>11:00am – 2:30pm Confirmation<br>5:00pm – 7:00pm An Evening to<br>Remember            | <b>21</b><br>11:00 am Tai Chi<br>5:30 pm Anniv<br>Team<br>7:00 pm MS Support<br>Group   | <b>22</b><br>10:00 am<br>Council Bluff<br>Ministerial<br>Association<br>meets here! | <b>23</b><br>9:30 am Mission<br>Action<br>6:15 pm Meal<br>7:00 pm Table Worship<br>7:30 pm DaBand                                                         | <b>24</b><br>9:30 am Adult Study<br>11:00 am Tai Chi<br>7:00 pm Choir                                                                    | <b>25</b><br>Office<br>Closed                                                                       | <b>26</b><br>Troop 550<br>Garage<br>Sale in<br>ELC<br>Parking<br>lot!                            |
| <b>27 Healing Service<br/>Joyful Noise!</b><br>9:30am Worship & Holy Comm<br>10:30 Fellowship & Coffee Hr<br>10:45 am Picture Identification<br>6:30 pm Book study | <b>28</b><br>11:00am Tai Chi<br>11 am Communion<br>at Midlands                          | <b>29</b>                                                                           | <b>30</b><br>9:30 am Mission<br>Action<br>6:15 pm Meal<br>7:00 pm Table Worship<br>7:30 pm DaBand                                                         |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                  |

# Children's Ministry

## Children's Ministry

By Michaela Lewis

**September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. – God's Work, Our Hands

While parents volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, we will be helping with the food pantry at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (313 Story Street).

Please let me know if your child plans on attending so we know how many to plan on for lunch.

You can reach me at [michaela\\_lewis@icloud.com](mailto:michaela_lewis@icloud.com) or call or text me at (402) 669-6769.

**God's work.  
Our hands.**



**Our Savior's Lutheran**  
Food & Pet Food Pantry

**Rally Sunday!**



**September 13<sup>th</sup>** – Rally Sunday

Join us for a bear-y fun time with games to kick-off the Sunday school year! All ages (adults included) are encouraged to join us each week!

Kudos to the kids who attended Day Camp with the staff from Lutheran Lakeside! While visiting Midlands Living Center last week one of the staff was talking to us. She remarked about the kids from Emanuel coming over to visit. "They were the most friendly and outgoing kids." Great job!



## God's Unending Love



*Songs with Cindy*

**October 4, 2015**

Practice during  
Sunday school

**October 11, 2015**

Children perform  
during worship

I'm so thankful for such wonderful volunteers for all activities over the summer. As we look forward to a new Sunday school year, I would like to share some of what is planned for the coming year. The first Sunday of the month we will be once again working with Cindy to learn new songs and then singing at the service the following week.

Other activities throughout year will include crafts, games, service learning projects and more. If you have a particular interest, talent or idea for an activity, please let me know!



# EMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Council Minutes for 8/11/2015

Present: Penny Dahlke, Kevin Epperson, Carrie Hansen, CharLes Kemmish, Karen McPartland, Oscar Over, Chris Reed, Danielle (Dani) Schaal, Matt Solon, Ruth Sullivan, Mike Winter, Suzanne Winter, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

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

### Council Agenda:

- The meeting began with a presentation by Reverend Jeff Unga who is the director of the Evangelical Mission and Pastor for the Transformational Ministry. He told the council that renewal congregations are in decline. ELCA Funding is available on a three year process beginning in February. He indicated that Lowell Hennigs is a renewal pastor with a term limit. He explained that Emanuel must file an application and that we need a renewal name. The process will begin in February of 2017 and last for three years. We must send two lay people and the pastor to an Outreach Program and the cost to Emanuel would be the cost of sending those people to the program. There is up to \$50,000 available for the Outreach over the three years, but Emanuel must account for the use of these funds and it depends upon our need and our plan for use of these funds. Pastor Hennigs' contract expires in October of 2015. Our next step is to call a pastor who then must go through a pre-interview with Reverend Unga. Reverend Unga made it clear that Reverend Hennigs would certainly pass the pre-interview.
- Oscar Over moved and Matt Solon seconded approval of the secretary minutes without amendments. Approved.
- Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Carrie Hansen to approve the financial secretary report. Approved.
- Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Ruth Sullivan to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Matt Solon, seconded by Penny Dahlke to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Matt Solon, to approve the Memorial Fund report. Approved
- Pastor's written report was submitted and he called attention to the following items:
  1. Adult Study on Thursday mornings.
  2. Communion service fourth Monday of each month at Midlands Living Center.
  3. The Anniversary Team met on July 13.
  4. A joint Habitat for Humanity project is being discussed for September.
  5. The Emanuel Fresh Start Team met in June and July and prepared to receive the application from Monte Manser for a Fresh Start project.
  5. The pastor is involved in the planning of "Confest", the regional confirmation gathering sponsored by Western Iowa Synod, in the fall and spring. Emanuel will host a gathering on October 14.
  6. Emanuel sponsored a Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp from July 27 to July 31.
  7. The pastor is preparing new Bible classes for young people, confirmation preparation and beginning of confirmation classes on September 20.
  8. The pastor will be on vacation from August 24 through August 30.
- The Youth and Children's Ministry Report was received.
- There was no report for Fellowship and Support.

- The Property Committee reported that the office door had been repaired and that there will be a work day for painting on August 29. Rick Stone will make calls. The garage sale brought in over \$1,500. Christmas ornaments are for sale for \$10. Contact Chris Reed. There will be a fire pit event in October.
- Wider Ministries reported that there will be Joyful Noise for Habitat, but that we have received no feedback from Habitat concerning a future project. We should start to consider a Plan B.
- No report was provided by the Worship and Music, Evangelism and Visitation and Mutual Ministries Committees.

#### New Business:

- Suzanne Winter reported that Vicki McClelland would repair the stained glass window from the old church for \$600. Building and installation would be extra. We want it completed by November 15. Suzanne Winter moved and Chris Reed seconded approval for frame, electrical and installation in Fellowship Hall. Approved.
- Connie Solon reported that Cindy Richards requested monies from the Music Fund that has a balance of \$353 and the Strings and Things Fund to pay one-half of the music that Brett Epperson is composing for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. No action was taken.
- Motion was made by Oscar Over and seconded by Chris Reed to transfer \$1,173.67 from the garage sale fund to the Worship and Music Fund. This is money from the 2014 garage sale fund. Approved.
- Discussion was held about dormant accounts that needed to be closed and request is made to the Financial Committee to make recommendations.
- It is reported that Ruth Sullivan's great-grandson is making a gaga pit as part of his Eagle Scout project. No action was taken by council on that subject.
- Motion was made by Chris Reed, seconded by Matt Solon, to adjourn. Approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 7 p.m.

Mission Statement: Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith

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



## Ramblings from the Back Corner

Life surges by. It's already fall and time for the return of many activities of the church that were on hiatus during the summer. One such activity is choir. Many people are ready to start, anxious for the chance to join the

laughter, and occasionally raise their voices, with their friends in the church. Others, who have wondered what it would be like to sing, may still be hesitant to take that step of trying something new, something they fear they may not be good at. Well, the time is now. If you are feeling that nudge, that little voice in your head, you should come. Try it out. Think about where that little voice is coming from. This choir has no attendance requirements. It has no auditions. We come to praise God and minister through music. Listen to that little voice.

We will be having an Emanuel Music Kickoff get together soon. Watch the bulletin for details.

### News from the Parish Assistant

Friends in Christ!

First, let me say "THANK YOU!" for giving me the opportunity to serve God and His people in the position of Parish Assistant this last year and four months! I have enjoyed getting to know you all better and will miss seeing your faces as you popped into the office during the week on your way to meetings or game days or sewing quilts! It has been a true pleasure to watch the "behind the scenes" work that goes into making Emanuel's heart beat! Watering flowers, planning events, sewing quilts, playing games, learning, cleaning, laughing and working together! I am often overwhelmed by the love I have come to feel for you all!

But wait! I may not be in the office much longer, but I have no intention of fading away from ELC! I will still answer the call to lead, teach, serve and work beside and with you all! So while I may not be sitting behind that computer or answering the telephone, I will still be here with you! ☺

My new position with UPS will be in the Human Resources department. I am excited to be able to refresh and once again use my database management skills from years ago! I will be providing Administrative support to the regional HR managers as well. We would be grateful for your prayers during this time of transition as it means a new schedule and other changes for Lowell and me. We are excited to see how God will use this new thing!

In Christ's love,

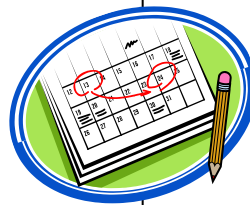
Brenda Hennigs

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Emanuel's Annual Fire Pit Night!** On Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Hotdogs are provided! Bring a dish to share! Be ready to sing, dance play a few games and have some FUN! All are welcome! Bring the family, a friend or a neighbor! Don't miss out!

