

# Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

July 2016

## Happenings!

**Sunday, July 9**—Lutheran Lakeside Quilt Auction in Spirit Lake, IA

**Sunday, July 10**—Youth Car Wash Fundraiser for Mission Trip

**Sunday, July 17 to Friday, July 22**—Youth Mission Trip to South Dakota

**Sunday, July 31**— Brennan Plummer Eagle Scout Court of Honor

**Monday, August 1 to Thursday, August 4**—Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp

**Saturday, August 13**—Emanuel's Annual Yard Sale!

**Sunday, August 21**—Back to School Bonfire for High School Students

**Friday, August 26**—Middle School Lock-In

Mission  
Statement:  
Forgiven  
by Grace,  
Serving by  
Faith

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



Worship at Bayliss Park on June 19th with Our Savior's Lutheran.

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# Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

In July and August, we're going to read Paul's Letter to the Colossians on Sunday mornings. I hope you will take the time to read through that short letter in the next week or so. In particular, I invite you to focus on Colossians 2, verses six and seven. These verses are the heart of Paul's encouragement to the young churches under his care.

*"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."*

If you have been around our confirmation ministry, you know that these words are the basis of that ministry and of all our Christian education efforts and activities. We respond to the call to help our young people root their lives in Jesus and to build up their lives in him. This happens when they are taught the Good News with joy and thanksgiving.

We have several "rooted and built up" experiences this summer. You can read elsewhere in this edition about our awesome Vacation Bible School week. You have been hearing about our summer mission trip with nine of our young people in July. I hope you will keep us all in prayer. Read more about our Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp in August. We share that experience with our friends at Our Savior's. The Day Camp will be held at Our Savior's, but please make sure our young people attend in large numbers (and bring friends!). And we pray that several of our young people will enjoy a week of camp on site at Lutheran Lakeside Camp this summer.

If your child is in early elementary school and has not yet taken our new Bible class here at Emanuel, please let me know. I am looking forward to offering that class after worship several Sundays in August. We will present new Bibles to our young people during our Rally Sunday celebration in the fall.

And be sure to pray for our young people finishing their confirmation work in preparation for their Affirmation of Baptism in November. As they move forward in faith, we prepare to welcome the next group of young people into that process. Pray for them as well.

It is our honor to teach our young people the Good News of Jesus so they will be well-rooted and fully built up in faith, hope and love. Consider volunteering to help with that work. Support events and activities that allow our young people to serve and grow. Pray for parents and children, teachers and students, members of our children's and youth committees, and all who are part of the rooting and building.

Thank you for all your loving support!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Lowell

## 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are invited to help us celebrate our  
50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on  
**Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Open House -1:00-4:00 pm**  
Emanuel Lutheran Church's  
Fellowship Hall



Hope you can come to meet our family and friends.  
No gifts please.  
- John and Jan Husmann

## MOVING ON: As we start a new chapter in our lives



we want to express a heartfelt thank-you to members of Emanuel Lutheran. We have enjoyed all the food, fun and fellowship. We will miss being here. We plan to visit. Please keep in touch. Sincerely,  
Brad and Penny Dahlke

**THANKS**  
*from the*  
**HEART**

## TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

Thank you so much for your prayers, your comforting words and actions, your donations and your loving support.  
Darlene, Gene, Jessica, Samantha, & Charlotte

# Jesus' Hometown of Nazareth

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

There is the saying that it takes a village to raise a child. Our week at Vacation Bible School is a reminder of this. Each night we had volunteers that helped with registration, prepared dinner, celebration leaders, tribe leaders, actors, shop keepers, activity directors and more! It really did take a village to bring this to life and make a difference for all those who attended.

For those who didn't get to stop by, we created Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. Kids got to visit with Mary and her neighbor, townspeople who knew of Jesus (some believed he was the son of God and others did not), participate in activities that supported each day's theme, make crafts, sing and support the Our Savior's Food & Pet Food Pantry by placing items to donate into the town well! Kids even got to see how an olive press worked! It was truly a wonderful week!

We had a total of 43 volunteers that helped make a difference for 32 kids during VBS! Thank you to our 2016 VBS volunteers:

- |                     |                 |                  |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Natasha Anderson    | Lowell Hennigs  | Alexxia Richards |
| Wendee Brown        | Ciara Hite      | Cindy Richards   |
| Deloris Christensen | Kenna Hite      | Sandy Smith      |
| Chasity Christie    | John Husmann    | Jeff Smith       |
| Dorothy Clark       | Jan Husmann     | Greg Steensland  |
| Sara DeWitt         | Sandy Kanger    | Linda Steensland |
| Kim Egner           | Sharda Lemburg  | Mark Van Sickle  |
| Carol Fahrenkrug    | Stephen Lewis   | Celeste Waymire  |
| Keeley Hancock      | Chad Luna       | Dave Waymire     |
| Lauren Hansen       | Megan Luna      | Josh Weesner     |
| Kylie Hansen        | Mary Madsen     | Clarissa Weesner |
| Jamie Hansen        | Patty Maxwell   | Jake Weesner     |
| Sharon Hansen       | Michelle Mayhew | Linda Weesner    |
| Judy Heithoff       | Erin Miller     |                  |
| Brenda Hennigs      | Deann Over      |                  |

Our friends at Bethany Lutheran deserve a great big thank you for providing food for all of our evening meals. I would also like to thank Elaine Sasso, John and Jan Husmann, and Tyler and Jamie Hansen for their donations for VBS.

Our next exciting adventure is the Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp August 1-4. It will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran from 9 am - 3 pm. Cost is \$40 per child, and includes lunch for the week.

Thank you once again for your support!



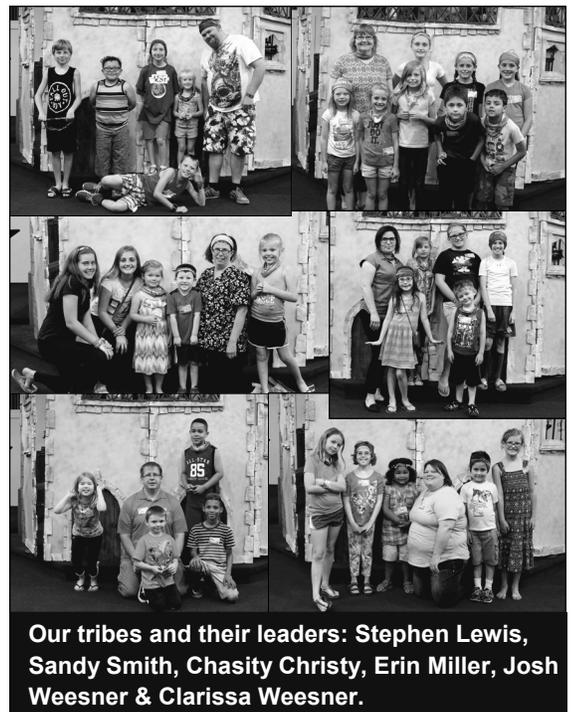
During fun and games, participants got to squish grapes (water balloons) out back. Even Pastor Lowell couldn't pass up the opportunity to get in on the fun!



Children visit with Mary (played by Brenda Hennigs) and her neighbor Eunice (played by Patty Maxwell) during Vacation Bible School.



The barnyard on Sunday night included two of Judy Heithoff's chickens and a goat brought by Greg and Linda Steensland.



Our tribes and their leaders: Stephen Lewis, Sandy Smith, Chasity Christy, Erin Miller, Josh Weesner & Clarissa Weesner.



Ray Kanger  
Betty Ebsen  
Andrea Britton

Daphne Miller  
Viola Anderson

Glen Fahrenkrug  
Deb Hipnar

Lucille Weatherill  
Monte Manser

Helen Stinson  
Dwight Rogers



**July 01** Irv Mass

**July 03** Greg Steensland

**July 04** Jesse Buley  
Jackie Ogg

**July 05** Ethan Miller  
Suzanne Tucker

**July 07** Jeffrey Fischer  
Michele Loos  
Chad Stinson

**July 09** Alex Miller  
Margie Powell  
Connor Snyder

**July 10** Heidi Comley  
Bruce Ellingsen

**July 11** Benjamin Hansen

**July 12** Nina Baker  
Tori Hansen

**July 15** Ashley Johnson  
Mary Lou Johnson  
Joel Springer  
Alisha Tadlock

**July 17** John Burns

**July 19** Oscar Over

**July 20** Megan Jones  
Suzi Sullivan

**July 21** Molly Gurnicz  
Matthew Maxwell

**July 23** Emily Edson  
Keven Ferguson  
Cheryl Rowe  
Jodi Vodicka

**July 25** Jake Ferguson  
Andrew Hubbard  
Xander Richards  
Autumn Tanner  
Josh Wallenberg

**July 26** Mary Clark  
Sydney Holeton

**July 28** Beth Lewis  
Darryl Petersen

**July 29** Bobby Fischer  
Kristy Naumann

**July 30** Lauren Stinson



**July 05** Terry & Connie Eyberg

**July 10** Todd & Jeanine Schademann

**July 11** Margaret & Jeff Tiffey

*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*

# Inter-Faith Response, Inc.

BY SISTER CLAUDIA ROBINSON

In Council Bluffs, Iowa, the place of last resort for individuals and families in crisis is Inter-Faith Response, Inc. It is a small office in an old building next to the railroad tracks. Founded in 1988 by the Council Bluffs Ministerial association to help tornado victims, it is still serving as the place to go in an emergency when no one else can help. It is where the police bring transients who are stranded in the city and need a bus ticket home. It is the place where the domestic violence shelters send the women who need help in paying their rent on a home so they can move from the shelter in to permanent, safe, housing. It is the place where the emergency rooms send clients who have prescriptions but no money to pay for their medication. It is also the place where the welfare department sends women who don't qualify for FIP, but who need assistants with rent money to keep their families off the streets.

Because all of the staff are volunteers; and the rent is very expensive there is very little overhead. Local churches send regular contributions to pay for the operating expenses and emergency assistance. Direct client assistance costs are also met by contributions from individuals and organizations. Inter-Faith is small and it is simple, but each person is treated with dignity and respect. There are no bureaucratic entanglements, the only rule is, "If you lie, we cannot help you again."

## This is what we do

Carol is a 27 year old married women with 4 children, 2, 6, 8, and 10 years old. The youngest child had heart surgery last year. Her husband was injured on the job in March and their monthly income went from \$2,300.00 to \$703.00 after the Workman's Compensation checks finally started. He is now starting back to work, but he wouldn't get a paycheck for two weeks. Carol had a disconnect notice from the electric company. We were able to negotiate a pay plan to prevent the disconnect. She said that they not intend to return to us now that her husband is back to work.

## Spring Work Day



Thank you to all 13 volunteers who came and helped make the Spring Work Day a success in spite of the heat. There was a lot accomplished and we appreciate you taking the time to help out!



2nd half of May	Karen
1st half of June	Darlene & Carrie
2nd half of June	Deann & CharLes
1st half of July	Karen
2nd half of July	Peggy & Darlene
1st half of August	Deann & CharLes
2nd half of August	John & Jan
1st half of Sept	Karen
2nd half of Sept	All will get together to review Maintenance needed; a date will be set later



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.**

July 3	Ken Kemmish
July 10	Phil Meyer
July 17	Al Marten
July 24	Larry Hansen
July 31	Tyler Hansen

# Wider Ministries

BY JUDI MALLOY

Emanuel volunteers for Our Savior's Food and Pet Pantry are in the process of learning how the food pantry functions and what each of the volunteers will need to do. We will begin our jobs on the second Friday evening on July 8. If you didn't sign up to be a volunteer but you decide that's something you'd like to do, you can sign up anytime by just calling me at 712 328-9093. This will be an ongoing activity and I'm sure there will be an ongoing need for volunteers.

Our Joyful Noise Offering for July will be for Deaf Missions and it will be on July 24th.

Please note the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for needs of Phoenix House and other services in our community. YES (Youth Emergency Services) has expressed a need for clothing that is suitable for jobs and job interviews. Clothing can be taken to the Career Closet at Micah House.



Thank you for all the ways you share God's blessings with those in need.

**Making an Impact**

## Summer Camp

Make friends and memories at camp this summer. A variety of camp options available for all ages!

### Lutheran Lakeside

[www.lutheranlakeside.com](http://www.lutheranlakeside.com)

### Carol Joy Holling

<http://caroljoyholling.org/>

Camperships available.

# From the Western Iowa Synod

BY BISHOP ROGER PROIS

Matthew 2:18 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) 18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

It may seem presumptive, however I truly believe that God's heart is troubled by the extreme violence and hate that permeates our culture. The shootings in Orlando last weekend, and the subsequent rhetoric, fan the flames of intolerance, bigotry, and hate. Last summer I wrote urging others to join me in an attempt to change the hearts in the heartland, following the shootings in Charleston. I offer that request again. I spoke of some of this in my report to the assembly last weekend (a summary of my remarks will soon be posted on our webpage) It is



**Pray for ORLANDO**

important that we not only go to church, but we must be the church together in this age. As we sing in the Methodist hymn, "Where love is found and hope comes home..."

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton issued a statement a few days ago and stated this: *"Our work begins now. We need to examine ourselves, individually and as a church, to acknowledge the ways we have divided and have been divided. We must stand with people who have been "othered". We must speak peace and reconciliation into the cacophony of hatred and division. We must live the truth that all people are created in God's image."* (Full text can be found at: <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7834> )

We were blessed when we met in assembly that the Bishops from Tanzania and Chile, our companions in global mission, joined us to celebrate being church together. They were compelled to write, sharing their deep felt sorrow.

When we gather this weekend to offer prayers and praise to God, please include all affected by the tragedies of this week, and those who relive their own, seeking the comfort and peace found in the embrace of God through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Your brother in Christ  
+Bishop Rodger

**Believe.**  
**HOPE.**  
*Encourage.*  
**PERSEVERE.**



## Youth Car Wash

Fund raiser for Emanuel's Mission trip to South Dakota:

**Sunday, July 10**

**10:30 a.m.**

Upper parking lot

# Worship Assistant Schedule

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

<b>Sunday, July 3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Michaela & Stephen Lewis
<b>Acolytes</b>	Aaralynn Conley & Shae Nickels
<b>Lector</b>	Loren Carrier
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	John Husmann, Oscar Over & Brenda Hennigs
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie & Matt Solon
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Sunday, July 10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Michaela & Stephen Lewis
<b>Acolytes</b>	Grace Hansen & Ciara Hite
<b>Lector</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Children's Message</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Carrie Hansen, Karen McPartland & Robert Vergamini
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Pat Hiller
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Jane Anderson
<b>Sunday, July 17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Michaela & Stephen Lewis
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kylie Hansen & Owen Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Steensland
<b>Children's Message</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Elaine Sasso, Brenda Hennigs & Jolene Hansen
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Jane & Phil Meyer
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Darlene Jeppeson
<b>Sunday, July 24</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Deann & Oscar Over
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tyler Steensland & Amari Johnson
<b>Lector</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Robert Vergamini
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Linda & Amy Steensland
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Peggy Jarrell
<b>Sunday, July 31</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Michaela & Stephen Lewis
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lauren Hansen & Grace Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Suzanne Winter
<b>Children's Message</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Carrie Hansen, Deann Over
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Linda & Al Marten
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Jane Anderson



Altar Flowers

**July 3**

**July 10**  
Daralene Smith

**July 17**

**July 24**

**July 31**

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



**July 3**

Connie Edson & Valerie Weelborg

**July 10**

Children & Youth Committee

**July 17**

Fresh Start Team

**July 24**

Connie Solon:  
124th Mission Project

**July 31.**

*The coffee hour chart is in the kitchen.*

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

# July 2016 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 12pm Confirmation Cookout at Steensland's 2 pm Lewis Birthday party	27 11 am Communion at Midlands 11 am Tai Chi	28 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Wider Ministries Committee Meeting	29 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:15 pm Dinner 7 pm Worship on patio	30 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi	1 Office Closed	2
3 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour	<b>Independence Day 4</b> Office Closed 6:45 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	5 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	6 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:15 pm Dinner 7 pm Worship on patio	7 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 	8 Office Closed 	9 11:30 am Quilt Auction at Lutheran Lakeside (Spirit Lake, Iowa)
10 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:30 am Youth Car Wash Fundraiser 	11 9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi	12 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Packing 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	13 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6:15 pm Dinner 7 pm Worship on patio	14 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm N. Broadway Neighborhood Association 7 pm Daycare Feasibility Study	15 Office Closed 9 am Blessings & Brunch  Newsletter Articles Due 	16
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24 <b>Joyful Noise</b> 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour	25 11 am Communion at Midlands 11 am Tai Chi	26 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	27 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:15 pm Dinner 7 pm Worship on patio	28 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi	29 Office Closed 	30 1 pm-4 pm Husmann 50th Anniversary Open House
31 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 11:00 am Brennan Plummer Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony	1 9 am-3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Our Savior's Lutheran 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	2 9 am-3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Our Savior's Lutheran 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	3 9 am-3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Our Savior's Lutheran 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:15 pm Dinner 7 pm Worship on patio	4 9 am-3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Our Savior's Lutheran 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi	5 Office Closed	6

# Bethany News

BY DIANE CARLON



BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME / BETHANY HEIGHTS

**JULY AUXILIARY MEETING**-The Quarterly meeting of the Bethany Auxiliary will be held on **Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** There will be a short business meeting followed by Bingo and a Pie Social with the Bethany Heights Tenants (11 Elliott Street). For more information, please contact your Church Key Lady or Diane Carlon at Bethany at 712-329-5451.



**BLH RESIDENT FUNDRAISER**- Bethany Lutheran Home Residents are holding a special fundraiser in July. The residents along with the Activities Department will be making Body Scrub and Hand Scrub for sale. The cost is \$4.00 per item. The items will be available for sale on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Pre-orders are welcome. Proceeds from the fundraiser provide additional funding for special event outings for those with limited resources and for other general activity functions. For more information or to purchase items, please contact Kaily Stanley, BLH Activities Coordinator at 712-328-9500.

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

**CURRENT NEEDS**

**NONPAREIL READER'S CHOICE AWARDS**- It is once again time for the annual Nonpareil Reader's Choice Awards. Individuals are asked to vote for their "favorite" in a variety of categories. Two of the categories are "Favorite Nursing Home" and "Favorite Retirement Community". Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights have been selected favorite in their respective categories for a number of years. We are asking for your help and your vote. Ballots can be found printed in the Nonpareil newspaper or you can go online to their website [www.nonpareilonline.com](http://www.nonpareilonline.com) and vote. You do not need to subscribe to the paper. We would appreciate it if you would consider voting Bethany Lutheran Home for the Favorite Nursing Home and Bethany Heights for the Favorite Retirement Community. We ask that you use the complete names when voting so your vote counts. You also need to vote in 50 categories (Don't worry. Once you look at the ballot, you will find it fairly easy to identify businesses or individuals). When individuals come to Bethany to tour or visit, many times they will mention about the Reader's Choice Award. It also has bragging rights. If you have any questions, or you need a ballot, please feel free to contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451 or by e-mail at [carlon@bethanylutheranhome.org](mailto:carlon@bethanylutheranhome.org). Thank you in advance for your support.

**BETHANY GOLF OUTING-SAVE THE DATE!** The Annual Bethany Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. at Dodge Riverside Golf Course in Council Bluffs. Watch for more details next month. If you have questions, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Thank you.



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL THANK YOU**-Thank you to all who supported the Bethany Auxiliary Ice Cream Social. Special thanks to our many volunteers who helped out. Your participation was greatly appreciated. Those in attendance really enjoyed the great food and fellowship. (Bethany Auxiliary)

**Emanuel Annual Yard Sale!**  
**Saturday, August 13**  
**8:00 a.m.—2 p.m.**

Consider donating items and/or volunteering to help set-up or help the day of the sale!  
Please pre-price your items if possible. We do have limited storage if you need to bring items early.  
No clothing items please. We will have more details as the event gets closer.





# Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes for 6/14/2016

SUBMITTED BY SUZANNE WINTER

Present: Kevin Epperson, Jolene Hansen, John Husmann, Judi Malloy, Oscar Over, Connie Solon, Bob Vergamini, Suzanne Winter,

Absent: Pastor Lowell Hennigs, Peggy Jarrell, CharLes Kemmish, Patty Maxwell, Mike Winter (VBS going on at the same time as meeting)

Meeting called to order by Kevin Epperson, President.

***(The following mentioned reports are available to members of Emanuel by contacting the committee or from Parish Assistant, Michaela)***

### Council Agenda:

- 5/10/16 Council minutes-Oscar moved we approve the minutes with a clarification of the \$1000 mentioned in the minutes. Due to computer problems there was no written Financial Secretary's report at that meeting. A brief discussion indicated there was a surplus of approximately \$1,000. It should be understood that this amount was only for the month of April and only took into consideration the receipts less the expenses for that month. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob, approved.
- April Financial Secretary report (labeled-Consolidated Fund Activity Report) moved to approve by Oscar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Connie, approved.
- May Financial Secretary (labeled-Consolidated Fund Activity Report) moved to approve by Oscar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. Discussion by Connie mentioning Wider Ministries and Worship and Music committees had voted to transfer some of their funds to the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mission project fund. Oscar mentioned the \$1,250 deposit from Midlands Living Center was for the Daycare feasibility project. Approved
- April Treasurer report moved by Oscar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, approved.
- May Treasurer report moved by Oscar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob, approved.
- Capital Fund & Memorial Fund-no report
- Pastor's written report-there was a discussion of the following items:
  - #5-after discussion it was decided the council would like the 125th Anniversary Team to give recommendations about creating an Archives committee and the perimeter of how the committee would operate. There was discussion of the possibility of producing a book with the information collected for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
  - #7-council continued discussion about candidates for the Emanuel Renewal Team
  - #10 Pastor requested vacation on July 10 (out of town 9-10) and out of town the morning of August 21. Moved to approve by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jolene, approved.
  - Stewardship Committee-Oscar reported "things look good".
  - Youth & Children's Ministries-written report provided. Further discussion on the following items: Bob said Troop 550, that meets at Emanuel, will be smaller now because several of the scouts were from the Underwood area and there were now enough scouts to have their own troop in Underwood. He also discussed Venturing in scouting for males & females from age 14 until they reach age 21.
  - Kevin thought the 2016 Summer Mission Trip was now filled.
  - Fellowship & Support-No report.
  - Property Committee written report provided-Oscar thanked Suzanne for her efforts in getting the stain glass window project completed and installed in the fellowship hall. He reported the new window and storm door were finally installed in the parsonage. He stated the flat roof continues to leak and because so many layers have been installed over the years makes it difficult to find leaks. Bates Roofing submitted a bid of \$15,093 to re-roof it. Other bids to be obtained. Oscar mentioned upcoming work day.
  - Wider Ministries-Judi reported that the committee is involved in the neighborhood Kimball Park project. Brenda Hennigs is looking into possible grants to apply for the improvement of the park and will work to get the city's approval. June's Joyful Noise offering will go to Centro Latino, July's to Deaf Mission. Emanuel will be helping Our Saviors with their food pantry so Judi has been shadowing trying to learn all the different positions.

- Worship & Music written report was submitted plus the Music Director submitted a 2016 April report. Kevin mentioned the garage sale is on August 13 from 8-2PM.
- Evangelism-no report.
- Mutual Ministries-will be meeting Monday at 6:30 PM (June 20)

### Old Business

- Emanuel Renewal Team was discussed under Pastor's report.

### New Business

- Connie mentioned Lutheran Night at Werner Park required a credit card for tickets. This caused difficulties because the church does not have a credit card. Several possible solutions were discussed. Connie will discuss with Michaela to see if this can be resolved for future events.
- Brad & Penny Dahlke will be moving to Des Moines the end of this month. Many members have asked about a way to thank them for their years of help and friendship. Oscar agreed to look into this matter further.
- Motion to adjourn approved. Closed with the Lord's prayer.
- Next meeting: 7/12/2016 7 PM



Back to School Bonfire  
for High school Students  
**Sunday, August 21**  
7 p.m.—Midnight

Middle School  
Lock-In



**Friday, August 26**  
8 p.m.—Midnight



## Wonderful Wednesday Worship!

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

If you are a Sunday morning regular, you may wonder about our second weekly worship service. We have a weekly service at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Depending on the weather, that service is either in the Fellowship Hall or on our south patio. Before worship, we gather at 6:15 p.m. for a meal. Regular worshippers rotate being in charge of the meal. "Being in charge" doesn't mean providing the whole meal. It does mean deciding on a menu, helping with some setup, and encouraging others to consider what they might bring. So the meal is often a potluck with a varied menu. People can contribute a freewill offering if they wish. That offering is then used periodically to buy pizza or other main dishes to free up a night from providing a meal.

During the summer, we are reading Paul's letter to the Ephesians during our Wonderful Wednesday Worship. During the message time, we have a guided discussion of a section of the letter. We make it fun and creative. One evening, we asked people to bring Legos so



we could think about the walls we build that Jesus tears down. Another evening we are asking people to wear superhero t-shirts, as we think about Paul's prayer for the church to receive God's power. It's fun, informal and good for your faith.

Worship includes informal and upbeat music and Holy Communion. The service is typically forty to forty-five minutes. Some attenders are Wednesday regulars. Some attend both Sunday and Wednesday. Some attend on Wednesday if they missed Sunday for some reason. Typically we have between twenty and thirty at our Wednesday services. During the summer we invite people to bring portable lawn chairs in case we worship outdoors. We also set chairs outdoors for those who do not bring a chair. In case of rain or extreme heat, we worship indoors at tables in the Fellowship Hall.

Come and check out this service! Bring your friends and neighbors for the fun and fellowship!

# Anniversary Team

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

We extend a word of profound thanks to the members of the Emanuel 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team: Chris Reed, Elaine Sasso, Richard Reed, Kevin Epperson, Connie Solon, Linda Steensland, Michaela Lewis, Steve Lewis, Deloris Christensen, Ruth Sullivan, Ron Smith, Alice Smith, Lowell Hennigs, Judy Heithoff and David Appel. In addition, we thank Debbie Ferguson and Angel McGee for organizing the confirmation reunion weekend. We thank Cindy Richards for organizing some wonderful musical opportunities, including the debut of a composition by Brett Epperson in honor of our anniversary. We thank Da Band for offering great music at several anniversary events. This has been a wonderful celebration and a powerful springboard into the future!



Work continues on historical records, photos and written reports of the congregation's history. If you would be interested in being part of an ongoing Archive Committee (meeting about quarterly) to continue that very important work, Please contact Pastor Hennigs.

## 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! We give special thanks for the many congregations making LSI the focus of their "God's work. Our hands." projects.

Past "God's work. Our hands." projects have included donations of tools for dads enrolled in our early childhood programs, plus children's books, towel bundles, school supplies and backpacks. LSI has also been blessed to receive "noisy" offerings, special offerings and proceeds from yard work or luncheons. Some Sunday School classes and youth groups have also encouraged youth at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers through quilts and letters.

We thank you for your witness of God's love and your service! If you are interested in ministering to 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).

*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](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa)*

## Finding Help and Hope

Bernie's daughter-in-law walked into her house and set her new baby on the living room sofa. She told Bernie the baby was "a mistake" and that she couldn't parent him. She never returned. At age 50, Bernie became a mom to her 2-month-old grandson, Bryce. Bernie's son—the baby's biological father—had medical and mental health issues that left him unable to care for the child.

When Bryce was young, he was diagnosed with ADHD, ODD (Oppositional Defiant Disorder), fetal drug and alcohol syndrome, mental retardation, and partial bipolar disorder. As he grew older, Bryce began to develop anger issues. Bernie knew he was struggling, so she reached out to LSI.

Soon, Bryce began receiving regular home visits from a Behavioral Health Intervention Services worker,

who coached Bryce on anger management. Bryce also began seeing an LSI therapist.

Today, Bryce is 15 years old. He attends special education classes, and is doing wonderfully. When he is upset, he reaches out to his LSI therapist for help. Bryce still struggles with anger, but Bernie and his LSI support team work together to meet Bryce where he is.

"I want to thank each and every one of our workers from LSI," Bernie says. "They are doing marvelous work with him."

And thanks to LSI donors, Bryce receives the help, hope, and support he needs.

# Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp

**August 1-4, 9 am—3 pm**

**Only \$40 per child!**

**For students entering 1st through 6th grade**

Held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (600 Bluff Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa)

**Are you ready for the Best Week EVER?**

**Lutheran Lakeside Camp is coming to YOU!**

**Come and experience all the fun of camp right in Council Bluffs!**

**Playing, growing, singing, crafting,  
experiencing, dancing, acting, talking, running, shouting, skipping,  
snacking, laughing, learning, and worshiping each and every day!**

**Sponsored by Emanuel Lutheran Church & Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

Visit <http://emanuellutherancci.wix.com/emanuel>

Or <http://www.oursaviorscb.org/>

**For more information and to register.**

**You may also call (712) 323-9665 or (712) 322-6655 for more information**

Turn in registration form on page



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Lutheran Lakeside Camp is located in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

They offer a variety of camps throughout the summer and have activities year-round.

For more information about Lutheran Lakeside,

visit <https://www.lutheranlakeside.com>

Return Completed Form to  
Emanuel Lutheran Church  
2444 N Broadway  
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499  
Due by July 25, 2016  
Questions?  
(712) 323-9665

## Health History Form for Short-Term Campers (Day Camp)

Camper Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  Boy  Girl

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

About health care for short-term camper stays: Campers should bring and use insect repellent (min. 30% DEET) and sun screen (min. 30 SPF).

Date (month & year) of your child's most recent tetanus immunization: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Is this child allergic to any food or medication?**  Yes  No

If YES, names of items and reactions \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Does this child have asthma?**  Yes  No

If YES, what triggers your child's asthma? \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, will your child carry a rescue inhaler during the camp session?  Yes  No

If YES, does your child need staff help to use that rescue inhaler?  Yes  No

3. We will call when there is a question about your child's health and/or in an emergency.

**Provide contact information for a custodial parent** who will be available via phone while your child is attending our program.

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

4. **List the medications that your camper takes on a routine basis:**  This camper takes no routine medication.

a. Med: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for taking this: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Med: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for taking this: \_\_\_\_\_

5. **What else should we know about your child?** Please write additional information about your child's health that may impact your child's

participation in our program: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Authorization

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to engage in all prescribed camp activities except as noted. I give permission to Lutheran Lakeside Camp to use photographs, video and audio recordings of my child in camp publicity and to transport my child as needed for camp activities. I give permission for forms to be copied for activities occurring off of camp property. The information provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have indicated any special health conditions, including required medication and activity limitations which should be known to the camp staff and medical personnel. I hereby give permission to medical personnel selected by the camp director to order treatment and necessary transportation for my child. I understand that the camp has limited healthcare on site that that staff will call the indicated parent/guardian when necessary. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to medical personnel to secure and administer emergency medical treatment, including hospitalization for my child and understand that I am responsible for all costs of treatment (through insurance or otherwise).

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp and 1 Day event Registration Form

(Please use dark ink.)

Name (in ink): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ Church Town \_\_\_\_\_

Program I am registering for **Emanuel Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran Church Day Camp** Date: **August 1-4, 2016**

To the best of my knowledge, all information for the person(s) described herein is correct. I give permission for these persons to participate in all camp activities, including ropes courses, rock climbing, sailing, etc., except as noted here: \_\_\_\_\_ and agree that the camp or its staff will not be held responsible for accidents or personal injury arising therefrom. I also grant permission for any photos of me, my child, or my family to be used for promotional purposes for Lutheran Lakeside Camp and ELCA Outdoor Ministries. I also agree that my child, family, or self is covered by family / medical insurance or that, in case they are not, I/we shall cover the cost of health care should the need arise.

Signature of parent/guardian of camper \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS

In July at both of the contemporary services, July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be using the song "The Church Song" also called "We are the Church". It was written by Jay Beech.



*"We are the Church;  
The body of our Lord,  
We are all God's children.  
We have been restored."*



This was the first piece of participational music that Jay Beech ever wrote and has become a classic. It is still one of his most-requested compositions for reprint. In English, the word "church" can be a source of confusion because it is used to describe a building and a worship service, as well as bearing its truest meaning, the people of God. The song was originally intended as a teaching tool for youth and children at the Bible camp where Jay worked in the summer of 1981. It fulfilled this function there and far beyond for young people as well as adults. It has also come to be a beloved anthem of identity for congregations who have experienced a crisis such as the loss of their building to a fire. Now published in numerous hymnals and song collections, countless members of that body raise their voices to affirm that...



*"The Church, it is the people living out their lives,  
Called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ."*

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Contemporary  
**Praise**

Jay is a composer, now living in Minneapolis, and is director for the Center for Worship and Music Studies, that I am currently advancing my church music studies through. He also wrote the Holy, Holy, Holy and Lamb of God in Setting 8 in our ELW. His published works include hymns, liturgies, camp songs, musicals, and anthems.

Best Wishes  
to the  
Newlyweds

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Jennifer Loos &  
Brandon Clark,  
who were married at  
Emanuel on June 25!

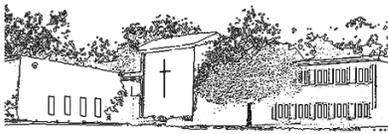
**Attendance & Offering**

June 5	98	\$5,047.00
June 12	84	n/a
June 19	161	n/a
June 26	63	n/a

## Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

May Income: .....\$11,947.75  
May Expense:.....\$12,830.23  
May Balance.....\$-882.48

YTD Income: .....\$64,223.57  
YTD Expense:.....\$66,194.82  
YTD Balance.....-\$1,971.35  
Plus Carryover.....\$13,968.78  
General Budget Fund.....\$11,997.43



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Game Day**

Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm  
*Fellowship Hall*

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)  
Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am  
*Village Inn East*

**Adult Fellowship**

Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am  
*Pizza Ranch*

**Blessings & Brunch**

Friday, July 15<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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Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship

Wednesday at 7:00 pm, preceded by a meal at 6:15 pm

Staff:

Pastor Lowell Hennigs

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Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis

Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed