

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

September 2021

Happenings!

Sunday, September 5—Worship & Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 12—First Day of Sunday School, Worship & Coffee Hour, Water Slide Event

Friday, September 17—Food Pantry Volunteers meet at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday, September 19—Worship & Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 26—Worship & Coffee Hour, First Day of Confirmation Class

Friday, October 1—**Saturday, October 2**—Cookout, Bonfire, Games & Campout

Tai Chi each **Monday** and **Thursday** morning at 10 a.m. in the upstairs Youth Center

Bible Study each **Thursday** at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs conference room.

Mission Statement:
Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith

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



We had a great crew that helped pack and move a house full of items donated by Debbie Betts for the garage sale after her mother passed away. She was grateful for the help and was happy that they would be going to raise money for a good cause.

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A Post from the Pastor

BY PASTOR CARA KNUTSON



I just picked up Derek from his first day of school. I'm feeling excited at the prospect of a new family coming to join us and at the same time just received word that the Tri Synod Assembly for this fall and switched to online only due to COVID. On that note, just a quick word—we will continue on as we have been with optional masking for those vaccinated, and ask that those who have not been vaccinated to wear a mask. In the sanctuary we will continue to offer socially distanced seating as well as places to sit together.

In spite of everything going on in our world the Spirit continues to be alive and well and is moving in our congregational family here at Emanuel Lutheran. Sunday, August 22 for the first time someone joined our service live on Twitter, the the past those are normally replay views. People hear about us and want to come and join in the ministry, fellowship, and just plain fun we enjoy together at Emanuel.

Our Sunday School program will kick off Sunday, September 12. This year we'll try something new. Children will gather at the beginning of the service in the Sunday School room. One of our new members, Lori Lynn Ahrends, a children's singer songwriter, will lead the children in music for the first ten minutes to help them get out some of their wiggles and prepare for learning. Then Steve will have Sunday School with the children and bring them back to return to their parents in time for communion.

Confirmation will begin Sunday, Septptember 26 at 11 am and Steve and I will continue to co-teach. The curriculum we will be using is called Collaborate from Augsburg Fortress. Our study together will be divided into 4 units: Old Testament, Lutheran History and Catechism, New Testament, and Lutheran Living. Each of the 60 lessons focuses on three key areas: framing the problem, teaching and learning, and project and closing. We will together look at our assumptions and past knowledge, interact through questions, creativity and group sharing, then solidify concepts through an individual writing activity and a more active group project.

Just recently I met with the clergy and members of the vestry at St. Paul's Episcopal here in Council Bluffs to begin conversation how Emanuel and St. Paul's could partner together in ministry. We're both small churches and by collaborating together we can increase our outreach and effectiveness. Our first joint event will be Saturday Oct. 16 beginning at 4 pm at Thunderbowl for a pizza and bowling party. More details to follow.

After being kept apart for so long during COVID, I'm so excited now to try some new things together and bring back old favorites to keep loving and growing in God. If you have an idea of something you'd be interested in doing together or learning together or experiencing together please let me know! I'm feeling a renewed energy and vitality beginning to blow through this place and all of you! Remember the church is the people and the building is where we meet for church to take place. We are called to be church for the sake of the world where God's work meets our hands.

I will be on vacation from September 1 through the 25th and plan to be back in church September 26. Prastor Stephany Sanborn will lead worship while I am on vacation and will be available for pastoral care needs. Please contact the church office for her contact information.

See you in church!

Pastor Cara

CJH QUILT AUCTIUON: Some of our talented quilters donated four quilts to the quilt auction at Carol Joy Holling. The quilts raised \$815.00 for the camp. Thank you so much for sharing your talent and supporting their mission!

THANK YOU: Thank you everyone for the prayers, calls and messages while I was in the hospital and Dave is going through chemo. It means a lot to us!
- Sandy Kanger



WELCOME CHARLEIGH: August 29th we celebrated the baptism of Charleigh Jo Rickard. Charleigh is the daughter of Nick & Amy Rickard, sister of Tristian, Tyler, Shelby, Nikki and Kennedy. Godparents are Chris & Megan Sorensen.



Esther Bender
Robert Hesseltine
Daralene Smith

Deloris Christensen
Norma Mass
Bob Vergamini

Owen Hansen
David Perault

Mental Health Minute

BY STEPHEN LEWIS



Please join us this year as we walk in the name of Suicide Prevention. Myself and others will be walking in the name of Emanuel to show our support to those that are affected by suicide. Below is the details of this year's walk. Please be sure to register beforehand or day of to walk. Donations are also welcomed. Together we can help end the stigma of suicide. Thanks. To register or donate please visit: www.supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=7509

Event Details

Date: **09/18/2021**

Location: **Stinson Park at Aksarben Village - 2285 S 67th St Omaha, NE 68106**

Time: **11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Registration and Activities: **9:00 am**

For more information,

please contact:

Contact Name: **Amy Reed**
Contact Phone: **402-208-6866**
Contact

Email: **OmahaWalk2StopSuicide@gmail.com**

Registration is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted until December 31st.
#TogetherToFightSuicide

Sunday School

BY STEPHEN LEWIS

Hello my friends and welcome to the new Sunday School Year. This year we kick off on September 12 2021. Class will start at 9:30 a.m. and go until about 10 a.m. We will have lessons, videos, music and many other things to keep the little ones involved. Sunday School is open to all ages and we encourage parents to sit in as well.

The afternoon of September 12 2021, after Service, we will have having our annual Sliding into the School year out by the parsonage. This will feature a 100ft slip n slide. So grab your swim suits and a towel and help us slide into the 2021 school year.

Beginning this fall we will be having a family oriented class during the week. This will likely include a dinner/potluck as well as a family style bible study. Please keep an eye on the announcements and social media for updates.

As always we will still have the Emanuel Lutheran Sunday School Show available on social media. Look for new episodes and more this upcoming school year.

Let's all have a safe and wonderful 2021-2022 School year.



Bethany Lutheran

BY NORMA VORTHMANN,
PRESIDENT OF THE BLHS AUXILIARY

Since 1975, Bethany Lutheran Home has been dedicated to helping people meet the challenges and enjoy the blessings of aging. Bethany Lutheran Home was founded and sponsored by 15 area Lutheran churches in 1975. Today there are still 9 local churches working with staff and the residents/community members to create a loving and caring environment. The population at the Home continues to rise. They embrace all faiths.

Bethany Heights originally began as an independent living facility in 1991. In 2008, as the needs of seniors who resided at Bethany changed, the facility was converted into a licensed assisted living facility. Bethany Heights offers apartment homes as well as additional services for seniors to ensure to meet the needs of each individual. BLHS strives to do their best in meeting the needs as well as desires of their residents and tenants as they reside at Bethany.

The Auxiliary is still sending Thinking of You and Birthday cards to the residents/community members. Emanuel will send cards in August, Our Savior's in September, and St. John in Mineola in October.

Thanks to all who have or will donate items for the Home's General Store. See attached photo. Residents of the Home can earn "bucks" by coming out to activities and going to lunch then, use those "bucks" to purchase items from their General Store. The earlier list is still valid; however, they are in need of cotton blankets, fly swatters, roll-on deodorant, and more men items.

Additionally, one can to support BLHS is to go to their website, <https://blhs.care> and shop from their Amazon wish list. Thanks for your continued support!

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, September 5	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Dan & Judy Heithoff
Lector	
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, September 12	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Dan & Judy Heithoff
Lector	
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, September 19	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Dan & Judy Heithoff
Lector	
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, September 26	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Dan & Judy Heithoff
Lector	
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	

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

Thank You to Our Mowing Crew!

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With nine mowers, we have a nice rotation where we are not mowing all the time. 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 parsonage 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 Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 am—3 pm. You can also contact Michaela to make arrangements to pick them up at another time. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!



FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android

Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to **CREATE A LOGIN** the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, **OR** if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.






- Sept 5** -----Larry Hansen
- Sept 12** -----Tyler Hansen
- Sept 19** -----Mike Winter
- Sept 26** -----Chris Sorensen

This Month's
ACTIVITIES
 At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 am Service in Worship Center 10:30 am Coffee Hour	30 10 am Tai Chi	31 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Youth Center	1	2 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	3	4
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Emanuel Garage Sale & Carnival

On Saturday, August 28th, Emanuel held its 12th annual garage sale. This year the annual carnival was scaled back a bit and held at the same time. All money raised will go to Owen Hansen and his family.

We do need to give a special thank you to Mike Hipnar for all of his organization with the sale. He was here every night during the week setting up and coordinating efforts.

Thank you also to Stephen Lewis for organizing the carnival and setting out in the hot sun all day.

Thank you to Linda Steensland for arranging for leftover items to go to local non-profits.

Special thanks also to those who helped set-up, worked the day of the sale and everyone who donated items for the bake sale or items for the sale. There are so many people that helped bring this together that we would fill the page with names listing everyone. Thank you so much for all your help!

Together we raised over \$6,000 for Owen and his family!

A note from Jolene:

There are no words to thank you all enough! We appreciate each and everyone of you who helped out! We will get Owen this stem cell transplant and it will be because of all of you! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Sterling and Aurora, friends of Owen, helping with games at the carnival.



Tori Hansen helping with the bake sale.



Shoppers fill the community room looking for treasures.



Packing items up after the sale. Pheonix House and Care and Share clients were able take items they could use, Habitat for Humanity took a majority of leftover furnature and other items were taken to Sequels and Goodwill.



A bounce house helped with visibility and provided lots of fun for kids.



Spencer and Mason Lewis playing in the bounce house.



Sandy Kanger, Barb Burns, Tori Hansen and Kylie Hansen work on totaling sales from the garage sale.



Rhonda Meyers is a local facepainter we hired for the carnival. She graciously donated all tips from the event back to Owen.

WE ARE
grateful
FOR YOU!



*** THIS MONTH'S ***
birthdays

Sept. 01
Kris Parker

Sept. 02
Darlene Jeppesen

Sept. 03
Jonathan Scheffler

Sept. 06
Marlina Davidson

Sept. 08
Carol Fahrenkrug

Sept. 10
Ian Carrier

Sept. 11
Terry Eyberg

Sept. 12
Kevin Epperson
Judi Malloy

Sept. 13
Cheryl Coble

Sept. 15
Ryan Epperson

Sept. 16
Ridgeway Hein-Snider

Sept. 17
Sandy Kanger

Sept. 19
Maxima Spangenberg

Sept. 20
Marcus McGee
Seth Schwartz

Sept. 21
Reegan Haats

Sept. 22
Norma Mass
Alyson Sorensen

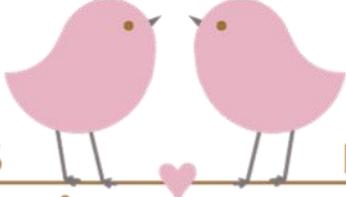
Sept. 24
Deann Over

Sept. 27
Dan Heithoff
Janet Kendall

Sept. 28
Alan Ellis
Alexandra Heithoff

Sept. 29
Leah Clark

Charleigh Rickard's birthday was not listed in the August newsletter. Her birthday was August 29.



THIS MONTH'S
anniversaries

Sept. 08
Bob & Bette Juhl

Sept. 11
Jim & LaWayne Andersen

Sept. 14
Greg & Linda Steensland

Sept. 17
Garrett & Brittney Smith

Sept. 19
Ryan & Jenny Jarrell-Smith

Sept. 23
Mike & Anita Garrett

Sept. 24
Greg & Molly Gurnicz

Sept. 30
Alan & Kim Egner

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

Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for August 16, 2021

RECORDED BY CHRIS REED, COUNCIL SECRETARY



Members present: Mike Winter, Char Les Kemmish, Greg Steensland, Mike Loos, Mike Hipnar, Chris Reed, Matt Solon, Connie Edson

Member absent: Pastor Cara Knutson, Nick Rickard, Shelby Rickard, Alan Ellis

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Mike Winter. Mike gave a prayer.

Secretary's minutes from the July meeting: Motion to approve by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Mike Loos. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary report: Motion to approve by Mike Loos, seconded by Char Les Kemmish. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve by Chris Reed, seconded by Connie Edson. Motion carried.

Capital Fund report: Motion to approve by Matt Solon, seconded by Greg Steensland. Motion carried.

Memorial Fund report: Motion to approve by Matt Solon, seconded by Mike Hipnar. Motion carried.

Pastor Cara was not present, but had a written report for the council. She would like to take her remaining vacation time for September 1-25. Pastor Stephany Sanborn is available to provide pulpit supply for Sundays, September 5, 12 and 19. Motion to approve by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Char Les Kemmish. Motion carried. Council would like a plan for calls and emergencies, etc.

Worship and Music Committee, report by Mike Hipnar:

- Contract was signed and \$7,000 check was issued for down payment of streaming capabilities and audio equipment that was approved by Congregation. The committee decided to add Hearing and Assistant for an extra \$400. Mike reported electric work can be started. Need to check circuit panel for efficiency. Can also start to purchase TVs and mount to walls.
- Alan Ellis submitted a bid from Amped Electric LLC for \$987.84 to add electrical quad receptacles for the streaming and audio equipment. Mike Hipnar made a motion to accept this bid, seconded by Char Les Kemmish. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Oscar Over said the lower parking lot is in the property budget, so Alan Ellis will move forward with letting Century Asphalt know to get started.

New Business:

- Motion by Chris Reed to accept Al Martens as a council member until term ends in January 2022 (in replace of Joel Hauschild), seconded by Matt Solon. Motion carried.
- Motion by Greg Steensland to accept John Spilde as the new cleaning person for the church, seconded by Mike Loos. Motion carried. Cleaning will occur every two weeks, \$60 each time, normally 2-3 hours.

Next meeting is September 20 with Nick Rickard doing devotions.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Solon, seconded by Mike Hipnar. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by President Mike Winter at 7:37pm.

Bible Quiz

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times



Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)

SUBMIT
YOUR
ARTICLES



If there is something you would like to submit for the church newsletter, please email it to office@emanuelcb.org by the third Wednesday of the month.



Upcoming Fall Events

Welcome Back Fall Event

Friday, October 1
5:00 p.m.



Cookout/Bonfire, games, tent camping & breakfast Saturday morning. Come for part or all of the activities!
Emanuel Lutheran Church

Trunk-Or-Treat

Sunday, October 31
1:00 p.m.—3 p.m.



Come in costume to trick or treat in our parking lot or come early to set-up and hand out treats!
Emanuel Lutheran Church

Halloween Candy Donations

Emanuel will be hosting Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 31st from 1 p.m.—3 p.m. So as you see sales for Halloween candy and treats, consider picking some up and joining us that day, or donating a bag or two to help others who will be here. In the past we have had as many as 1,000 visitors (about 500 of them kids) in a two-hour time span!



Help needed on Sundays

We are in need of volunteers for worship assistants as well as coffee hour hosts. There are sign-up sheets in the community room or you can sign-up on our website if you are able to help.

You can also contact Michaela at:
office@emanuelcb.org
or (712) 323-9665.



Our past Trunk-or-Treat events have been very popular with the neighborhood and community.

Direct Support Professionals Week



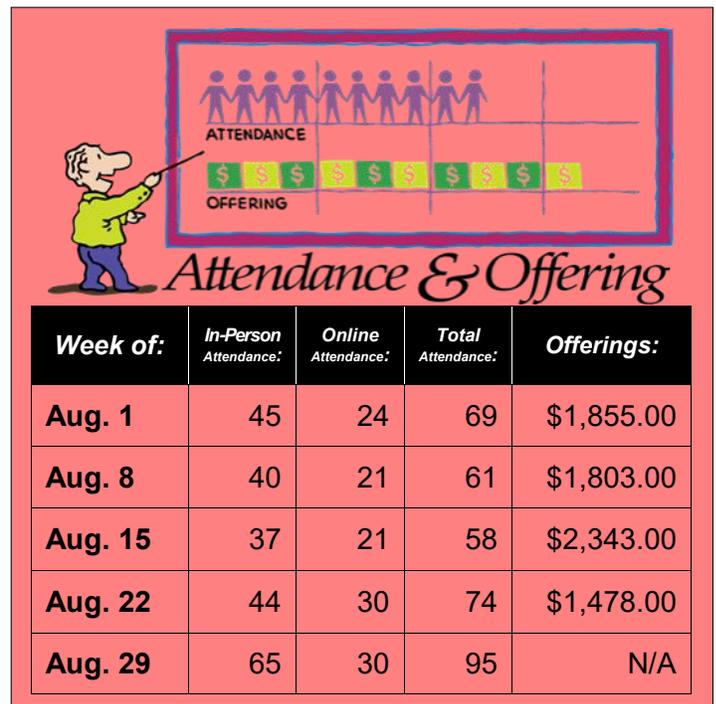
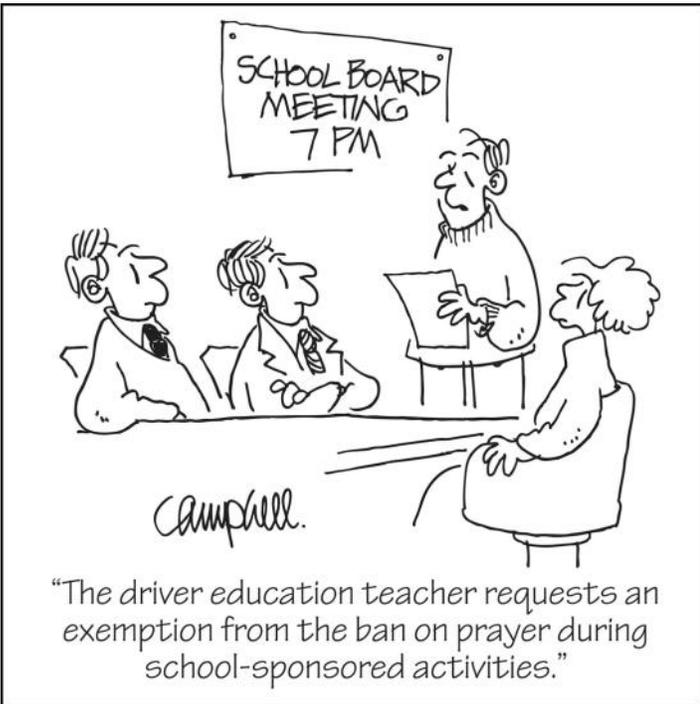
Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives.

One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities. Through our innovative Host Homes program, caregivers can also become mentors to individuals with disabilities, welcoming them into their private family home where they can receive more one-on-one care and encouragement.

It has been a challenging year for parents of children with disabilities, and there are lots of Iowa families who deserve support right now. You can help by joining the LSI team as a short-term respite care provider for Iowa kids. Visit LSIowa.org/respite to learn more, and if you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.



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



Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

July Income:\$13,168.00
 July Expense:.....\$13,874.59
 July Balance.....-\$706.59

YTD Income:\$106,218.99
 YTD Expense:\$92,160.56
 YTD Balance\$14,058.43
 Plus Carryover.....\$20,408.34
 General Budget Fund\$34,466.77



Emanuel Lutheran Church

2444 North Broadway
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sliding Back Into Sundays!

Sunday, September 12

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Students from toddler through elementary are invited to enjoy Bible lessons and activities during the first part of the church service.

Water Slide Event at 11 a.m.

This is an event for ALL AGES!
We will have a 100 foot water slide set-up behind the church!

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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the worship center followed by coffee hour. Facemasks are optional.

Services are streamed live on YouTube, Facebook & Twitter

Children's Ministry:

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. in the classrooms.

Staff:

Pastor Cara Knutson (pastor@emanuelcb.org)

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Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis (office@emanuelcb.org)

Kidz Kamp/Activities, Stephen Lewis (youth@emanuelcb.org)

Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed