

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

September 2016

Happenings!

Thursday, September 1—Choir Practice Starts

Sunday, September 4—Men/Boys Baseball Outing

Friday, September 9—Food Pantry Volunteers meet at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday, September 11—Rally Day, Confirmation Large Group

Saturday, September 17—Fall Work Day and Movie Night

Wednesday, September 21—Bethany Salad Luncheon at St. John Lutheran

Saturday, September 24—Bethany Golf Outing at Dodge Riverside

Sunday, October 2—Emanuel Golf Outing

Mission Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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



The Splash Event held on August 7th was great fun for all involved.

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Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

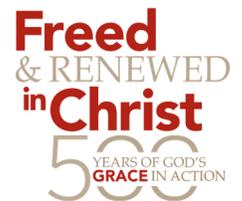
Dear partners in mission,

We are part of a great tradition and a great Church! Brenda and I were reminded of these facts as we participated in the first ELCA Grace Gathering in New Orleans from August 10 to 13. We planned for over a year to attend this event, and we weren't disappointed.

The Grace Gathering happened in parallel with our 2016 Churchwide Assembly. We attended some of the sessions and worship services at the Assembly. We heard from great speakers, including Leymah Gbowee, who shared the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize for her work during and after the terrible Liberian civil war. We participated in experiential learning events and several excellent workshops. We were reminded of the marvelous faith, the profound theology, the inspiring worship and preaching, and the loving service that is so deeply a part of our Church.

Our churchwide Bishop, Pastor Elizabeth Eaton, has reminded us of four things that are true about the ELCA: (1) we are *church*, (2) we are *Lutheran*, (3) we are church *together*, and (4) we are church *for the sake of the world*. We heard more about each of those emphases, but I am most excited about our Bishop's call to experience the second emphasis.

October 31, 2017, will be the five-hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. Our Lutheran movement within the universal church will be five hundred years old! Bishop Eaton has called the whole ELCA to read and study Martin Luther's Small Catechism as one way to remember, deepen and renew our sense of who we are as Lutheran Christians for the sake of the world.



I rejoice in this call and challenge! You will hear references each Sunday in the coming year to the good news and guidance found in the Catechisms. We will study the Small Catechism as adults and as children. I hope we will rediscover a deep love for this treasure in our Lutheran heritage and life. The Small Catechism reveals our bondage to sin and our need for God. It declares that God comes to us in Jesus to make us God's own by the power of the Holy Spirit. It encourages us to walk in prayer as we live out our baptisms and live on the nourishment of the Lord's Supper. It's good to be Lutheran Christians together for the sake of the world.

I ask you to embrace these opportunities to grow in faith, hope and love. I pray that you will make the reading and study of the Small Catechism a priority in the next year. I know that if you do, you will find the joy and peace of the Gospel in a new and powerful way.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

I want to thank everyone for their hugs, prayers, cards and generosity I received at the time of Jerry's passing.
- Marjorie Powell McIntosh



Thank you to all who sent cards or gave a personal wish for our 50th Wedding Anniversary. This year is also our 40th year as a member of Emanuel and we appreciate all of the spiritual support and friendships over the years.

We thank you for participating in our fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration. The support, cards and well wishes helped make it a most memorable occasion.
- Jan and John Husmann

- Rick and Jan Stone

Special thanks to:

- Elaine & Ron Sasso for a vacuum cleaner for use by Emanuel and the Cookie Crumbs
- Elaine Sasso for shortening an acolyte robe
- Larry Hansen for work in the gaga pit area

Wider Ministries

BY JUDI MALLOY

Our Joyful Noise Offering for August was for the Spiritual Life Program at Children's Square. They also need volunteers to help with Bible study and as mentors. If you feel that's something you would like to do, call me and I will give you the information to get in touch with Lisa Milbrath .

In September the Joyful Noise Offering will change to the second Sunday of each month. The change will allow us to occasionally have an informational or discussion session following the service without interfering with adult Bible study. This won't happen every month and we will try to limit it to about 20 minutes. This may also include some input from our Parish Nurse. We are aware of the importance of the fellowship we have come to enjoy during coffee hour and how important it is that we have this opportunity to build relationships within our congregation. We are doing this based on some needs expressed by members of our congregation.

The Joyful Noise Offering for September will be for the Alzheimer's Association. September is Alzheimer's Awareness month so watch the newspaper for opportunities to learn more about the association and what it offers families who are dealing with Alzheimer's.



The list of things needed for the Christmas bags for the children at Lutheran Family Services has been distributed several times. If you feel you would like to contribute please let Jan Husmann know.

Our Emanuel food pantry team has now volunteered at Our Savior's a second time. We are all learning how each task fits into making the process efficient and organized. Currently we have 10 volunteers but, as you know, circumstances and needs change over time. If you would like to be a part of this ministry you may volunteer any time by calling or e-mailing me (Judi). Our night is the second Friday of each month. A couple people need to be there about 4:00 and the others by 5:00. The pantry is open until 7:00 and there is a little clean up before we go. The members of Our Savior's have been very welcoming and appreciative of our help. A list of the food pantries in Council Bluffs



has been posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and there are cards on the table with Our Savior's phone number and hours of operation on the table. Please share this information with anyone that needs this service.

We have been discussing other possibilities of ways we can serve others. If you would like to make any suggestions about organizations or services that might need our assistance please let me know. We appreciate your input and welcome anyone who would like to join our committee.



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.**

- September 4 Mark Ellis
- September 11 Mike Nickels
- September 18 Ken Kemmish
- September 25 Phil Meyer



1st half of Sept: Karen

All will get together to review Maintenance needed later in September.



Send current mailing addresses to:
emanuellutheranbia@msn.com

Or leave a note with the current address in the parish assistant mailbox.



Ray Kanger
Betty Ebsen
Andrea Britton

Daphne Miller
Viola Anderson

Glen Fahrenkrug
Deb Hipnar

Lucille Weatherill
Monte Manser

Helen Stinson
Dwight Rogers



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| Sept. 1 Kris Parker | Sept. 8 Moira Baker
Carol Fahrenkrug
Lindsey Piper | Sept. 19 Maxima Spangenberg |
| Sept. 2 Darlene Jeppesen
Ronald Porter, Jr | Sept. 10 Ian Carrier | Sept. 20 Marcus McGee |
| Sept. 3 Jonathan Scheffler | Sept. 11 Terry Eyberg | Sept. 22 Norma Mass
Bernice Runnels
Alyson Sorensen |
| Sept. 4 Logan Yard | Sept. 12 Kevin Epperson
Judi Malloy
Christopher Ogg | Sept. 23 Linda Over |
| Sept. 5 Jeremy Thielen | Sept. 13 Jason Wutkin
Alnora Zook | Sept. 24 Deann Over |
| Sept. 6 Marlina Davidson
Amanda Lewis | Sept. 15 Ryan Epperson
Glen Fahrenkrug
Nina Reedy
Dorothy Smith | Sept. 26 Stacia Smith |
| Sept. 7 Daphne Miller | Sept. 17 Dennis Eitmann
Sandy Kanger | Sept. 27 Dan Heithoff
Janet Kendall |
| | Sept. 18 Chance Otto
Jesse Smith
Sean Steensen | Sept. 28 Alan Ellis
Alexandra Heithoff
Casey Yard |
| | | Sept. 30 Teresa Fischer |



- September 8** Bob & Bette Juhl
- September 11** Jim & LaWayne Andersen
Melvin & H. Kathryn Bird
- September 14** Greg & Linda Steensland
- September 19** Ryan Smith & Jenny Jarrell-Smith
- September 23** Mike & Anita Garrett
- September 26** Gene & Darlene Jeppesen

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

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, September 4	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Xander Richards & Owen Hansen
Lector	Loren Carrier
Children's Message	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistants	Jolene Hansen, Robert Vergamini & Oscar Over
Communion Set-Up	Connie & Matt Solon
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs
Sunday, September 11	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Phil & Jane Meyer
Acolytes	Shae Nickels & Aaralynn Conley
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistants	Oscar Over, Elaine Sasso
Communion Set-Up	Jeanine Schademann
Visual Tech	Jane Anderson
Sunday, September 18	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Owen Hansen & Kylie Hansen
Lector	Brennan Plummer
Children's Message	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistants	Jolene Hansen, Karen McPartland
Communion Set-Up	Carol Fahrenkrug
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
Sunday, September 25	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Amari Johnson & Lauren Hansen
Lector	Angel McGee
Children's Message	John Husmann
Communion Assistants	Robert Vergamini
Communion Set-Up	Amy & Linda Steensland
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso



Altar Flowers

September 4
Brenda & Lowell Hennigs

September 11

September 18
Angel McGee

September 25

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



September 4

September 11
Children & Youth

September 18
Fresh Start

September 25
Igumbilo Lutheran Girls School in Tanzania

The coffee hour chart is in the kitchen.



Have you visited our website?
You can view events, the newsletter, past newsletters, announcements, sermons, past sermons and more!
You can even sign up to help with worship!
<http://emanuellutherancki.wix.com/emanuel>

September 2016 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Healing Service 28 Joyful Noise 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour	11 am Tai Chi	7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:15 pm Dinner 7 pm Worship	9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 7 pm Choir Practice	Office Closed	Office Closed
9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 6 pm Men/Boys night at the ballpark 	Labor Day Office Closed	2:30 pm Bethany Birthday Party 5:30 Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Daycare Feasibility Study	9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:15 pm Dinner 7 pm Worship	9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Choir Practice 	Office Closed 	Office Closed
Joyful Noise 11 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 11 am Confirmation Large Group Confirmation Class 	9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi 6:45 pm Worship & Music	8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6:15 pm Dinner 7 pm Worship	9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Choir Practice 	Office Closed 9:30 am Blessings & Brunch 	8 am Fall Work Day 10 am Fresh Start Team Meeting 7 pm Family Movie Night 
9:30am Worship & Holy Communion with Baptism 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour HOLY BAPTISM 	11 am Tai Chi 7 pm MS Support Group	5:30 Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Children & Youth Committee Meeting	9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11 am Bethany Salad Luncheon 6:00 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship 7:15 pm Bible Studies & Activities	9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Choir Practice	Office Closed	9 am Bethany Golf Outing at Dodge Riverside (Registration at 8 am)
9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour	11 am Communion at Midlands Living Center 11 am Tai Chi	5:30 Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Wider Ministries	9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:00 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship 7:15 pm Bible Studies & Activities	9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Choir Practice	Office Closed	Office Closed

Garage & Bake Sale

BY DEANN OVER

Thank you for your part in this year's Garage and Bake Sale! Only through your generous donations of items (garage sale, baked goods, concessions) and in volunteering your time could Emanuel have a successful sale! Proceeds of over \$2,200 was raised to assist the Igumbilo Lutheran Girls School and Emanuel's Children's/Youth Activities!

By the way, several customers commented they always make sure they stop at Emanuel (not only because it's inside) but we have the "best baked goods" and food. Not surprising since more than thirty members volunteered to bring baked goods and we sold over 100 hot dogs and brats!

Items left from the sale were donated to Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

Thank you again for your support – from the Garage and Bake Sale Team



LaWayne Andersen, Ruth Sullivan, Cindy Richards and Darlene Reed helping at check-out during the Garage Sale.



Kim Egner, Kyle Sorensen and Valerie Weelborg helping with baked goods and concessions during the sale.

Tabitha Cluster

BY CAROL JEPPESEN

August is upon us, the kids are going back to school already, gardens are full of produce and outside activities are still in full swing! Although our activities may change with the season, I find my daily prayers change with each day's news. Accidents, deaths, illnesses and individual circumstances continue without reference to what time of year it is! Isn't it great that God is always here for us and doesn't take a vacation? Psalms 70:4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"** As we make plans for the season change in September, I want all women to mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Tabitha Cluster meeting on October 8, 2016, at Emanuel Lutheran in Council Bluffs. Looking forward to seeing you all there! Carol Jeppesen, Tabitha Cluster Coordinator, 712-323-1530, caroldenny@cox.net.



Books & Brunch

On October 8th, the anniversary committee will host a brunch program for author Joy Johnson, who is not only the founder of grief counseling for children called "Teddy Bear Hollow", but wrote a book series called The Boob Girls. The committee is planning this event to include not only ELC members, but Our Saviors, St. John's and St. Paul's to join us in a fun program. There will be more information coming later about this program.



Direct Support Professionals Week

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

At LSI, direct support professionals partner with children and adults with intellectual disabilities to help them pursue personal goals, and 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 and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.



The Youth Committee is looking for a basketball hoop and pole, or donations toward one.

Also, if anyone has a fire pit to donate to the church, it would be greatly appreciated!



Contact Deann Over or Linda Steensland if you are able to help with either of these items.

A Night Out at The Ballpark

By A group of men and boys from Emanuel will attend the Omaha Storm Chasers baseball game on Sunday evening, September 4th. If the men and/or boys in your home would like to come, please contact Jeff Smith, Kevin Eppersen or Lowell Hennigs. We will each be responsible for our ticket and refreshment costs. If you want to share rides, please be in the church parking lot by 6 p.m. (7:15 game time), or you can meet us at the game.



If dads/grand-dads aren't able to come with sons/grandsons, just let us know and we'll be glad to have the youngsters come with us. We need to know in advance about those young people coming by themselves so we have enough seats for the ride over and back. Batter up!



Our fabulous Mission Trip crew!

Youth Mission Trip

BY DEANN OVER

It's been another busy summer filled with activities, fund raisers and events for our children and youth. We want to sincerely thank Pastor Lowell and Brenda for organizing and chaperoning the YouthWorks mission trip to South Dakota. Our group was part of 61 volunteers representing 4 churches who performed service during the week beginning and ending each day with devotions and reflections on the theme, First Love. At our CM/YM meeting both Pastor Lowell and Brenda commented on how our group not only worked hard but were eager to volunteer where needed and felt everyone grew in their faith. As in any of the events our children and youth spend with Pastor Lowell and Brenda – they always end with "When can we do this again?" or in the Mission Trip – "Can we go back next year?" We feel blessed to have the Hennigs here!

The Children's/Youth Ministry Team



Fun at Day Camp! Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp was held the first week of August at Our Savior's Lutheran.

Programming Changes

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

September 11th we will kick-off fall activities with presentation of stepping stone materials (book of prayers, first Bibles and Study Bibles) during worship.

It's been a busy summer at Emanuel. The Lutheran Lakeside camp at Our Savior's the first week of August was great fun. Caitlyn, Zack and Alisha were our counselors from Lutheran Lakeside. We had 18 kids attend the fun-filled week. Special thanks to Deann Over, Pastor Lowell, Pastor Celeste, Josh Weesner, Barb Burns, Darlene Schwarzkopf, Mary Madsen, Sara DeWitt, Dorothy Clark, Linda Steensland and others who helped during Day Camp. Also thank you to Xander and Alexxis Richards for volunteering as junior staff for the week.

For the summer splash event on August 6th, we had 15 kids participate in activities and devotions. Thank you to all of the adults who helped at the event as well.

This fall we will have programming on Wednesday nights for children and youth. More details to come regarding that. We also plan to have a seasonal events about once a month after a service on Sunday. Volunteers are always welcome, so please let me know if you would like to help with or plan any events!

A monthly free movie night is also planned on the third Saturday of the month. The first will be September 17th. We will be showing Zootopia. Weather will determine if the movie will be inside or outside. Everyone is welcome!



Time at Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp was spent learning Bible stories, songs, games, crafts and service learning projects.



Zootopia

Saturday, September 17

7 p.m.

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



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 8/9/2016

SUBMITTED BY MIKE WINTER

Present: Kevin Epperson, Jolene Hansen, John Husmann, CharLes Kemmish, Judi Malloy, Patty Maxwell, Oscar Over, Connie Solon, Bob Vergamini, Mike Winter, Suzanne Winter

Absent: Peggy Jarrell, Pastor Hennigs

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

Devotions: CharLes Kemmish

The meeting began with a presentation by Kim Over and Architect Roger Doehling. Kim Over told the council that there appears to be a high demand for daycare in our neighborhood. Eventually, if Emanuel proceeds with a daycare project, they expect to care for 29-30 children. It was reported that we would need to upgrade the bathrooms to make them accessible under ADA regulations. The corridors would need to be fire rated for one hour or direct exit provided since there is no sprinkler system in order to comply with the fire code. Emanuel is woefully short of restrooms under today's codes. The daycare will need showers and a washer and dryer and it was suggested that these could be placed in the choir director's current office space. We would also need an ADA qualified water fountain. It was discussed that the current cry room could be used as the new choir director's office. The kitchen would need exhaust hoods over the ovens unless the food is catered in. The playground would be located on the east side of the current church facility and cameras would need to be installed to buzz in parents. A lengthy discussion on where to locate the quilters also took place. We would also need playground equipment. The renovation project would take a minimum of four months and up to six months. No information was provided concerning the cost of this project.

Council Agenda:

- Prior meeting secretary minutes were not available so could not be approved.
- Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve the financial secretary report. Approved.
- Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve Treasurer's Report. Approved.

- Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by John Husmann, to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Oscar Over, second by Bob Vergamini, to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Pastor's written report was submitted and it was noted that after distributing offering envelopes for the special needs fund, the fund has now been increased to over \$1,000. Church members have responded with wonderful care and generosity. There was discussion regarding the hallway stained glass window given in memory of Leona Carlson. It should be completely installed in the near future. There will also be a "Get Acquainted Potluck" at 5 p.m. on August 21, 2016 at Emanuel with the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Council members signed up for the potluck and were told they could bring spouses.
- There was no report from the Stewardship Committee.
- Report was received from the Youth and Children's Ministries Committee. They have been extremely active and progressive. The report included information regarding the Gaga Pit, basketball hoop for upper parking lot, fire pit project by scouts, wish list, mission trip, lakeside day camp and much more.
- There was no report from the Fellowship and Support Committee, although it was reported that Al Martens wants to resign as Chairman of that committee. Discussion was held concerning finding out who belongs to that committee and the other committees and getting information to find the duties and responsibilities of that particular and other committees. There was also some discussion concerning combining that committee with other committees.
- Oscar Over gave the property report.
- Judi Malloy gave the Wider Ministries report. She reported that the Joyful Noise in August will be Children's Square and in September will be the Alzheimer's Association. In October, Peggy Jarrell will speak at coffee hour.

- President Kevin Epperson reported that Rosie will be the new chair of the Worship and Music Committee.
- There was no report from the Evangelism Visitation Committee nor the Mutual Ministries Committee.
- Oscar gave a report on the roof repair. The Property Committee recommended accepting the initial proposal from Bates Roofing of \$15,093. Motion was made by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini to allow the Property Committee chairman to sign a contract for \$15,093.00 with Bates Roofing to proceed with the roof repairs. Approved. Payment will come from the Capital and Building Insurance Account.
- Oscar Over reported on the damage to the air conditioner on the south side of the building. Approximately two weeks ago, copper was taken from the air conditioner. The Property Committee recommends that the air conditioner which was 26 years old be replaced with a new air conditioner at a cost of \$4,612 of which Emanuel would pay \$2,075 after application of insurance. Suzanne Winter suggested that another bid be obtained before that work is authorized. She will obtain a bid from an alternate contractor.
- Motion made by Oscar Over, seconded by Judi Malloy to replace the damaged unit with a new unit and to authorize the chairman of the Property Committee to elect which contractor will be hired to proceed with replacing the damaged unit with a new unit. Approved. Payment will come from insurance proceeds and the balance from Capital and Building, Buildings and Grounds Account.
- Motion made by Oscar Over, seconded by Patty Maxwell to purchase and install two security lights with motion detectors at the location where the copper was stolen from the air conditioning units on the south side of the sanctuary. It was estimated the approximate cost would be \$500. Approved. Payment will come from the Capital and Building, Buildings and Grounds Account.
- President Epperson asked each member of the council to vote on eight persons from a list to be included on the Renewal Team. It was agreed that the list should be presented showing the top twelve vote getters from which the six members would be selected. Those receiving the highest votes received being selected in descending order.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Suzanne Winter, to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Fall Work Day

BY OSCAR OVER

The Fall Work Day is September 17, 2016 starting about 8:00 a.m. or when you can make it. Bring what you would like to work with. There will be inside cleaning and outside work.

Depending on the number of volunteers the outside work may involve:

- Re-stripping the lower parking lot
- Caulking spaces between cement joints
- Installing security lights by patio
- Replacing retaining wall on south side of spillway
- Yard work including patio and trimming of bushes
- Clean gutters at parsonage and storage garage.

Look forward to seeing you!



Emanuel Golf Outing

Sunday, October 2
1 p.m.

Location TBD.

See Mike Loos for details.



Bethany News

BY DIANE CARLON



BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME / BETHANY HEIGHTS

Bethany Golf Outing Update

The Annual Bethany Best Ball Golf Outing is just around the corner. The event will be held this year at **Dodge Riverside Golf Course in Council Bluffs on Saturday, September 24th**. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$75/per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, hole prizes, food and much more. Come spend an enjoyable time golfing and support Bethany at the same time. We hope you will be able to join us. Please feel free to invite others. The outing is open to everyone. Individuals, Couples and Foursomes are welcome!! If you have questions or need a registration form, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451.

Salad Luncheon & Bake Sale

Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy great food and fellowship at the annual Bethany Auxiliary Salad Luncheon, **September 21st** 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 and are available from your Church Key Lady or at the door. We promise you won't go away hungry!! Join us for lunch and grab some goodies from the bake sale for later. Help support the Bethany Auxiliary. Proceeds support Resident projects at Bethany. Thank you.

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 350 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. This is the time when you can make a change in your plan. It is suggested to review your Prescription Drug plan each year as plans, coverage and prescription costs typically change. Additional information will be available next month regarding how we can help you review your plan. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. This service is **free and open to anyone.**

Lap Blankets Needed

Do you remember the feeling of warmth or comfort you experienced from a blanket or throw? We would like to provide each new BLH resident with that feeling by presenting them with a lap blanket of their own when they arrive at Bethany. If you or someone you know would be interested in donating lap blankets, it would be appreciated. Lap blankets need to be sewn or tied. Please do not send lap blankets that have been knit or crocheted. Though they are beautiful and made with love, they do not hold up well after numerous launderings. The size of the lap blanket can vary, but not so large that it is the size of a blanket or would become tangled in a wheelchair. If you have any questions or are interested in the project, please contact BLH Activities Coordinator Kaily Stanley at BLH 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.

Bible Study Volunteer Needed

The Activities Department at Bethany Lutheran Home is looking for someone to lead a Bible Study, Discussion or Devotion/Story in our Ivy Terrace Memory Care area. The time and date are flexible depending on schedule. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kaily at Bethany Lutheran Home.

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 or contact Cindy Schechinger, Human Resources Coordinator at 712-328-9500.

Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



Each piece of music during the worship service has a purpose. So what is the purpose of the prelude before the church service? Is it just background music when you come in the sanctuary? Is it purely entertainment? Or is there another reason?

The prelude is that indication that worship is ready to begin. It's main purpose is to help us prepare ourselves for worship, to quiet our minds and open our hearts through prayer and meditation on what God might be saying to us.

As in anything we do, usually there is preparation involved. Going to work requires putting on work clothes, getting the right tools, driving to your work place. Going on a trip requires us to prepare the car, pack the clothes, plan the route to take.

The prelude is the first indication of what is to come in the service. It sets the tone for worship. But it is worthless if it doesn't do the job it's supposed to-help prepare us, our hearts and minds, for communing with God. Prayer and meditation are the parts of the prelude that complete the process of preparation. Can we really go into worship without that? Will we be able to commune with God without slowing down our thoughts and focusing them on why we are really in church?

Let's use that "prelude" time to quiet our souls, to open our hearts to God's presence, and prepare to commune and praise Him.



Bethany News

BY LAUREN BURKE

On behalf of Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights we are announcing a third edition will be added to the Bethany Family. A contest was held among staff in regards to naming the new facility. Diane Carlon and Janet Hutchison proudly took the prize and as a result the new addition will be called Bethany Village. Look for more updates to come.

Attendance	Offering
August 7	\$2,463.00
August 14	\$1,895.00
August 21	n/a
August 28	n/a

Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

July Income:\$9,461.35
 July Expense:\$14,202.65
 July Balance\$-4,741.30

YTD Income:\$82,979.74
 YTD Expense:\$91,410.88
 YTD Balance\$-8,431.46
 Plus Carryover.....\$13,968.78
 General Budget Fund\$5,537.32



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Game Day

Thursday, September 1th, 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Tuesday, September 13th, 8:30 am
Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, September 14th
11:30 am
Pizza Ranch

Blessings & Brunch

Friday, September 16th, 9:30 am.
Fellowship Hall
All women are welcome!

Mission Action Committee
(Quilters)

Wednesdays, 9:30 am
Fellowship Hall

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

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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship

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

Staff:

Pastor Lowell Hennigs

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Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis

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