Garden of Readin'

Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

Happenings!

- Sunday, July 1-Mental Health Support Group
- **Wednesday, July 4**—Independence Day, office closed, no Wednesday worship and dinner.
- **Sunday, July 8**—ELCA National Youth Gathering Attendees share their experiences during worship.
- Friday, July 13—Potluck & Movie "A Wrinkle In Time"
- Sunday, July 15—Prayer Walk, Mental Health Support Group
- Friday, July 20-Help at Our Savior's Food & Pet Food Pantry
- Saturday, July 21—Prayer Path Work Day
- Sunday, July 29—Thursday, August 2—Vacation Bible School

Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith

Mission

Statement:

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



In This Issue...

Our goofy crew for the week of Day Camp. Paige, Marquise and Devante from Lutheran Lakeside Camp lead fun activities, Bible studies and songs for the week. We had 19 campers and several volunteers for the week.





Periodic Pastoral Ponderings (From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

In my first years in college, I became a committed, militant, philosophical atheist. I was not an agnostic. For me, that was a spineless halfway house for philosophical weaklings. In my arrogant certainty, I left a personal trail of destruction. I was convinced, of course, that this was the price of my philosophical freedom. Too bad for all those less

deserving fools.

Then I read a single line from Fyodor Dostoevsky. "If God does not exist, then everything is permitted." That line cut through my intellectual baloney and revealed my despair (I've always had a flair for the dramatic). The resulting crisis led me to contemplate suicide before the Holy Spirit pulled me back from the abyss. The Spirit worked through several faithful and prayerful believers (but that's a story for another time).

Events these days take me back to that personal crisis. "If God does not exist, then everything is permitted." Friendship with tyrants is permitted. Creating tent-city gulags for toddlers is permitted. Abandoning teens and seniors and veterans to resolving their pain through suicide is permitted. Concentrating wealth and ignoring human need is permitted. Too bad for all those less deserving fools.

I don't mean that official prayer in schools or at new embassies is the solution. I don't mean that Ten Commandments statues or Bible studies in the White House will sort things out. I don't mean that one nation "under God" is the magic bullet. In fact, these are further symptoms of the problem. These are all attempts to put God in the box of private religion and state-controlled practice. These are all attempts to keep God out of the business of the "real" world. The modern world permits God to exist but rejects the idea that God matters to the world.

Part of the Church's mission is to remind the world that God matters. In Ephesians 3, we come to verse ten: "so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places." Those rulers and authorities have human faces and human power. Unless the Church reminds the rules and authorities that God matters, they will blunder happily along, leaving a trail of destruction. If the Church does not speak, the responsibility for that destruction will fall on us as well.

I am proud and honored to be part of a denomination that speaks to the rulers and authorities. Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, our churchwide bishop, speaks eloquently on our behalf (and I am honored to support her statements on behalf of the Church). You can read our church's statements on family separation, immigration, policy, Palestine/Israel and other issues at <u>www.elca.org</u>.

Some may wish to maintain a "wall of separation" between "religion" and "politics." If we do that, we collaborate with the rulers and authorities to keep God on the sidelines of the universe. We ELCA Lutherans refuse to be complicit in such a project. We can and do disagree about tactics. But we agree about the definition of human flourishing: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength..." AND "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." This is how we show the rulers and authorities that God not only matters but is in charge.

This is a small piece of a large conversation. If you wish to take part, I'll be glad to hear from you. If you do so in writing, please remember that I only read things with names attached to them. Please read Ephesians, listen to the sermons this summer, and pray for the faithful witness of the Church.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

Readings for July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6
Eph 3:1-4	Eph 3:5-6	Eph 3::7	Eph 3:8-10	Eph 3:11-13
July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13
Eph 3:14-15	Eph 3:16-17	Eph 3:18-19	Eph 3:20-21	Eph 2:1-3:21
July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20
Eph 4:1-3	Eph 4:4-6	Eph 4:7-10	Eph 4:11-13	Eph 4:14-16
July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
Eph 4:17-18	Eph 4:19-21	Eph 4:22-24	Eph 4:25-29	Eph 4:30-32
July 30 Eph 5:1-5	July 31 Eph 5:6-9			

ELCA Youth Gathering

Thank you to everyone for making sure we were able to attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. We had 15 young adults and adult leaders attend. We look forward to hearing about their experiences on Sunday, July 8th during worship!



Items Needed for Garage Sale

The date has been set for our annual garage sale! It will be August 11th. Items should be clean and if possible marked with a price before bringing them in. No clothing. Several items have been collected already and are being gathering in the downstairs room at the parsonage. Official drop off dates will be August 8, 9 and 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please contact Rosie Spangenberg or the church office at 712-323-9665 if you have items that



NOTICE OF UPPER PARKING LOT CLOSING: Weather permitting, the upper parking lot will be closed Saturday, July 7th, and the afternoon of Sunday, July 8th, to enable Matthew Honig, Eagle Scout candidate, and his crew to restripe and do minor repairs on it as part of his Eagle Scout qualification. Matthew and his crew intend also to do some gardening by the patio.

SPECIAL NEEDS FUND: You are invited to consider a contribution to the Emanuel Special Needs fund. This fund is for providing short-term assistance to Emanuel members in times of need. Pastor Hennigs administers this fund in consultation with the Church Council. Envelopes are available for gifts to the fund. Thank you for your generosity and for considering this opportunity.



Daphne Miller Harvey Coble Paul Heath Jeff Smith Glen Fahrenkrug Mildred Rogers Esther Bender Lucille Weatherill Dana Blessum Jim Fowler Dwight Rogers Kaye Bird Phyllis Fowler



- 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
- July 09 Alex Miller Marjorie Powell-McIntosh Connor Snyder

July 10 Heidi Comley Bruce Ellingsen

July 11 Benjamin Hansen



July 15 Ashley Johnson Mary Lou Johnson Joel Springer Alisha Tadlock

Tori Hansen

July 17 John Burns

July 12 Nina Baker

- July 19 Oscar Over
- July 20 Megan Jones Suzi Sullivan
- July 21 Matthew Maxwell
- July 23 Emily Edson Keven Ferguson Cheryl Rowe Jodi Vodicka

- July 25 Jake Ferguson Andrew Hubbard Xander Richards Autumn Tanner
- July 25 Josh Wallenberg
- July 26 Mary Clark Sydney Holeton
- July 28 Beth Lewis Darryl Petersen
- July 29 Bobby Fischer Kristy Naumann
- July 31 Gabriel VanSickle

- July 05Terry & Connie EybergJuly 10Todd & Jeanine Schademann
- July 06 Ridgeway & Danette Hein-Snider

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

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

9:30 a.m. Service Rosie Spangenberg

John & Jan Husmann

Grace Hansen & Kylie Hansen

Danette Hein-Snider

Linda Steensland

Rosie Spangenberg, Peggy Jarrell, Brenda Hennigs

Sharon Hansen

Cheryl Rowe

9:30 a.m. Service

Carly Sorensen

John & Jan Husmann

Grace Hansen & Amari Johnson

Elaine Sasso

Peggy Jarrell

9:30 a.m. Service

Amy Garreans

John & Jan Husmann

Shae Nickels & Tyler Steensland Linda Steensland

Elaine Sasso

Darlene Jeppesen

9:30 a.m. Service

John & Jan Husmann Andrew Borwick & Lauren Hansen

Danette Hein-Snider

Brenda Hennigs

Sunday, July 1

Assisting Minister Ushers

Acolytes

Lector

Children's Message

Communion Assistants Communion Set-Up

Visual Tech

Sunday, July 8

Assisting Minister

Ushers

Acolytes

Lector

Visual Tech

Sunday, July 15

Assisting Minister

Ushers

Acolytes

Lector Children's Message

Visual Tech

Sunday, July 22

Assisting Minister Ushers

Acolytes

Lector Children's Message



July 1

July 8 Katy VanSickle

July 15 Fresh Start Team

July 22

July 29

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



July 1 July 8 July 15 July 22

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

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Communion Assistants	Joel Hauschild	
Communion Set-Up	CharLes Kemmish	
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs	
Sunday, July 29	9:30 a.m. Service	
Assisting Minister		
Ushers	John & Jan Husmann	
Acolytes Owen Hansen & Cael Hansen		
Lector Brenda Hennigs		
Communion Assistants	Peggy Jarrel, Joel Hauschild	
Communion Set-Up Deb Ebsen		
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso	

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

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SALUKUAY	Upper Parking Lot Closed 12 pm Girl Scouts	8:30 am Revelez/ Spangenberg Wedding Shower	ω		
FRIDAY	6 Office Closed	13 Office Closed 6 pm Potluck 6:30 pm Movie: A Wrinkle In Time	20 Office Closed 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's	27 Office Closed	G pm Potluck 6.30 pm Movie: Black Panther
IHUKSUAY	9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day	12 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm North Broadway Neighborhood Association Meeting	19 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi	26 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi	2 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm VBS Dinner 6 pm—8 pm VBS
WEDNESDAY	Office Closed	1 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Fellowship at 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in 6:45 pm Worship in	18 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in Community Room	25 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in Community Room	9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 5:30 pm VBS Dinner 6 pm—8 pm VBS
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SUNDAY	9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 11 am Mental Health Support Group	8 9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Wider Minis- tries	 15 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour with 10:45 am Worship & Music Meeting 11 am Mental Health Support Group 	22 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour	29 9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 6 pm –8 pm VBS

July 2018 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

WOW What a Week!

BY DEANN OVER

The Lutheran Lakeside 4 Day Camp was a great success again this year! Three staff camp counselors arrived on Sunday evening and were housed in the parsonage during the week. Paige, the lead counselor, along with Devante and Marquise led nineteen 1st-5th grade energetic campers daily in spirited opening and closing programs, Bible study, crafts, games (indoor, outdoor & water) and other activities. Making ice cream in a bag was a special hit!

On Thursday, parents, grandparents and others enjoyed an "end of camp" program performed by the campers.

With the help of Emanuel's volunteer six Junior Staffers and "Kitchen Crew" the hungry campers enjoyed lunch, morning and afternoon snacks. The Children's/Youth team was again overwhelmed with generous donations of food, time and money! At least nine adult volunteers came throughout the week to help prep food for feeding between 31-33 daily!

Michaela kept parents and guardians informed by posting daily on facebook with pictures and videos along with creative handouts to take home.

We are blessed to have such wonderful volunteers and supporters – Youth volunteers were Carly Sorensen, Tyler Steensland, Alex & Xan Richards, Kylie & Lauren Hansen. "Kitchen Crew" volunteers were Amanda Dalton, Sharon/Kylie/Lauren Hansen, Jan Stone, Erin Miller, Barb Burns and Connie Solon. In addition, donating food were: Elaine Sasso, Rosie Spangenberg, Jan Stone, Linda Martens, Daphne & Erin Miller, Connie Solon, Barb Burns and Linda Steensland.

Special thanks to Pastor Lowell and Brenda, along with Jan Husmann and her helpers who prepared the parsonage for the counselors, and all who donated items (furniture, bedding, etc).





Our camp councilors for the week, Devante, Marquise and Paige.

To all the volunteers Thank you for assisting Thanks for giving us us with Day Camp and the assistance we needed helping establish connections when called upon. And

- Devantie

To all the volunteers, Thank you for all your Marquise help throughout the week! Whether you were there Day Camp could not one day or all four, in run without you! the kitcher or in the -Paige classroom, all of your contributions were appreciated.



Dear volunteers, I appreciate du your help

- sincerely Marquise



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes for 06/18/2018

<u>Present</u>: Rosie Spangenberg, Mike Winter, Amy Garreans, Peggy Jarrell, Joel Hauschild, Stephen Lewis, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

<u>Absent</u>: Elaine Sasso, John Spilde, Patty Maxwell, Connie Solon, Judi Malloy, Valarie Weelborg,

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Rosie Spangenberg

<u>Devotions</u>: Rosie Spangenberg

Council Agenda:

- Only six council members were present at the meeting and there was no quorum to allow any votes for approving reports or conducting business.
- The Secretary minutes, Financial Secretary (Consolidated Fund) report, Treasurer's report, Capital Fund report and Memorial Fund report were entered into the records with no vote to approve the same. It should be noted that the previous minutes were corrected to reflect that Amy Garreans is recruiting members for the Evangelism Committee, not the Visitation Committee.
- Pastor Hennigs submitted a 17 point report. The Construction Committee is now meeting with the architect, Roger Doehling, for the bid process. The Western Iowa Synod Assembly was held June 8-10 at the Convention Center in Sioux City. Angel McGee attended with Pastor Hennigs. A Mental Health Ministry Sunday was held at Emanuel on May 20, 2018. Emanuel is launching a support group for family members who provide support to those who live with mental illness and/or brain disorders. Connie Solon and Pastor attended a free stewardship event on May 18, 2018 at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Nebraska. Pastor suggested that since the parsonage is unoccupied, security measures need to be taken to protect the building. Pastor reminded the council that he is taking a vacation from July 2 through July 15, 2018.
- Stephen Lewis submitted Children's/Youth Ministry minutes. Among other things, Vacation Bible School will begin July 29 through August 2, 2018 at Emanuel. This will be advertised on Facebook, newsletter and targeted mail.

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

- Alan Ellis reported on the progress with a possible new signage. He brought Britney True and Joe Glaser of Glaser Sign Group to talk about their proposal. They reported that an average of 3,700 vehicles pass the church each day on North Broadway. The cost of their proposal would be \$43,000 with a one year warranty on parts and labor and a five year warranty on parts.
- The Evangelism Committee started by Amy Garreans is still recruiting members. She hopes to have the first meeting in August.
- Kevin Epperson will soon be providing a written report to the council regarding the Daycare Construction Committee.
- The Eagle Scout Project for the upper parking lot will be taking place on July 7 and July 8, 2018 and the upper parking lot will be closed.
- The annual garage sale will take place on August 11, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- It was discussed that you do not need to be a council member to be a communion assistant.
- Discussion was held regarding a revision of the facility's usage request form. It was discussed that there would be no advantage to allowing non-members with no connection to the church to use the facility and it was discussed regarding potential damage and cleanup.
- We were reminded that a number of events are scheduled for the near future including New Hymnal Dedication on July 29, 2018 which is also Favorite Hymns Day and Prayer Path Work Day will take place at 8:30 a.m. on July 21, 2018.
- All reports presented to the council may be viewed by any church member at the church of-fice.

The next meeting with be Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7 p.m.

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"I'm afraid that clear moral vision doesn't count, Sir. You have to get glasses."

There's Still Time To Register For Camp!

Lutheran Lakeside has a range of programs which nurture love of God and the amazing world we live in. What child wouldn't be amazed by the fantastic games, colorful rock climbing walls, lively forests, and beautiful lake that makes camp...well camp! Kids are welcome to come for any length of time they find com-We have day camp options, fortable. short length programs, and even full week long adventures! Check out LutheranLakeside.com and find the program that's right for you!

If you are looking for a closer option, Carol Joy Holling Camp in Ashland, Nebraska is about a 45 minute drive from Council Bluffs. Each day includes worship, Bible study and devotions, adventure hikes, exploring and learning more about God's beautiful creation. Campers also enjoy cookouts, creative arts, water activities such as swimming, canoeing, water games, archery, building sand creations at SandyLand (the biggest sandbox ever) and climbing The Summit Challenge Course are super fun! Depending on the age of the camper on and where they are staying, they also have a zipline and horses on site! More information about Carol Joy Holling can be found at caroljoyholling.org

Emanuel does help with a portion of the cost for campers from Emanuel. If you would like more information on this, please contact Deann Over or Michaela Lewis.

Friday, July 13 6 p.m. Potluck 6:30 p.m. Movie

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



We will be watching: A Wrinkle In Time

After the disappearance of her scientist father, three peculiar beings send Meg, her brother, and her friend to space in order to find him.

Staring Storm Reid, Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon, Mindy Kaling and more.

Vacation Bible School Is This Month!

By Michaela Lewis

If you child plans to attend VBS, please register them as soon as possible so we can make sure we have enough supplies. Some of these are not ones we can go pick up locally, so we will have a limited number of extras. The more kids registered early in the month, the more supplies we can make sure we have on hand. Children are welcome to invite friends as well. You may register on our website at <u>www.emanuelcb.org</u> or by filling out a registration form on page 11 and turning it into the office.

There are still some supplies needed. Erin Miller is taking charge of making sure we have everything and is making a list on sign-up genius for those who might like to sign up.

We also could use some more volunteers. This can be one night or all five! This can be working with a small group, leading crafts, helping with dinner, helping with games, acting or a variety of other parts of VBS.

We are looking forward to a fun filled week!

God's Work, Our Hands



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

This project began in 2013, the 25th anniversary of the ELCA, as a day dedicated to doing service work alongside neighbors in communities across the country. On a chosen day in September, each congregation is encouraged to participate in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to do special projects and/or to raise money as a church body for a nonprofit like LSI.

We thank you for your witness of God's love and your service! If you are interested in supporting the lowa children and families served by LSI and would like to know more about our current needs, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or <u>Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org</u>.

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 <u>www.LSIowa.org</u> and <u>www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa</u>.

Striving Towards Her Highest Peak

Eight-year-old Kendale felt nervous and scared.

For years, she had struggled with lying, manipulating, and acting out violently toward her peers. Her family turned to residential treatment facilities across lowa for help. But nothing worked. Kendale showed no signs of progress.

Her last hope was LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames, and she was anxious and didn't know anybody.

But as each day passed, Kendale began feeling more comfortable and open to LSI staff, especially Ashley, a Youth Associate at Beloit. Ashley and the LSI team have been working with Kendale on communicating and building positive relationships, as well as developing healthy decisionmaking and anger management skills.

Kendale has a caring support system at Beloit. She has developed a routine and is surrounded by a passionate LSI team that makes her feel confident and empowered.

"It's beautiful to see Kendale blossom. She is a lovely little lady with an incredible imagination and a big heart," Ashley says. "I'm so proud of how far she has come and the joy she exudes every day."



Emanuel Lutheran Church

REGISTRATION FORM

(One Per Child)

Child's name:	Child's gender:
Child's age: Date of birth:	Last school grade completed:
Name of parent(s):	
Street address:	
City:	State: ZIP:
Home telephone: ()	
Parent/caregiver's cellphone: ()	
Home email address:	
Home church:	
Crew number or name (for church use only):	
Allergies or other medical conditions:	
In case of emergency, contact:	
Phone:	
Relationship to child:	

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An Update from the FAITH

Team Meeting Notes

June 4, 2018, 6:30 p.m. in Pastor's office

Faith practice question: We examined several "Welcome Statements" of ELCA congregations as we continue to pursue the reality of "All Are Welcome" here at Emanuel. We have added to our July-September goals the production of a draft Welcome Statement for discussion and consideration by the congregation. Please search for "ELCA congregation-al welcome statements" to see more samples. If you find ideas, lines, paragraphs, etc., that appeal to you, please send those to Pastor Hennigs for discussion at our next meeting.

Progress on our current ninety-day goals (April 1 to June 30).

(BUILD ON THIS) <u>Lay Leadership</u>: <u>Church</u> <u>council will seek ways to engage leaders and</u> <u>congregation in materials from the Changing</u> <u>Hearts in the Heartland workshop.</u> Council will use portions of those studies during devotion times in the next several months.

(BUILD ON THIS) <u>Faith</u>: The Stewardship and Finance Committee will engage our spiritual gifts coach and seek to bring that emphasis to the congregation this spring. <u>Thursday morning adult</u> <u>study is still reading and studying Neal Boese book on Spiritual gifts. The church council has approved the establishment of a Spiritual Gifts team to be recruited and to work with the coach. Pastor Hennigs is recruiting other members for the team.</u>

(ACCOMPLISHED/BUILD ON THIS) <u>Faith</u>: Lenten midweek services included five congregational members who shared faith stories and/or faith experiences to inspire, encourage and model such sharing among members more generally. <u>We will do this quarterly, the next talk being</u> <u>projected for August.</u>

Relationship: Parking lot sign has been purchased and placed. Signs to indicate the locations of the "Worship Center" and "Community Room" have arrived and need to be placed. Alan Ellis will assist with that placement. **Digital church sign**—Alan attended the May Church Council meeting to present an option for doing forward. That included drawings of the possible signs and realistic price projections. There was some significant "sticker shock" at the \$40,000 price tag. Conversation will continue with council. Alan will bring more information about maintenance and operation costs and continue to investigate our options in this regard. He will seek to be on the next church council meeting agenda for this discussion.

Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp June 10-14 here at Emanuel. Personal invitations sent to member and neighborhood families; beds and dressers placed in parsonage upper floor. All beds secured. Kitchen, dining room and living room furnished. Bedding and towels secured. Well over 100 people attend the "Wildlife Encounters" event which was also used to promote Day Camp.

July to September goals

- Speed greeting events on July 29 and September 30—scheduled
- Complete Path to membership brochure (Hennigs, in process, fifty percent completed)
- Place Offering cards in pews for electronic givers (in process)
- Prayer path work day scheduled for June 2 at 8:30 a.m. and took place. Next steps in this project for our July to September goals: 1 continuing path preparation in consultation with Joel C., including another work day on July 21; 2—preparation of entrance location with archway and mulch/wood chips; 3—decision on initials ways to organize the prayer path experience for users; 4—creation and preparation of labyrinth site.
- Projectors in the sanctuary for side sections to be purchased and placed after the Garage Sale on August 11.
- Evangelism team recruited and trained (AMY GARREANS RECRUITING MEMBERS): in process
- Spiritual Gifts Team recruited (in process)

- Establish support group for family members of those who struggle with mental illness: Mental Health Sunday on May 20 was a huge success. At least 15 people interested in launching congregation/community support group. Working toward offering Mental Health First Aid training here. Working in partnership with MOSAIC of Western Iowa. Those interested plan next to meet on June 10 after worship.
- Build up Wild and Wonderful Wednesday programming: Volunteer or paid director for Wednesday night programming (Children and Youth Committees will discuss)

Events in July through September to be mined for low hanging fruit?

- Vacation Bible School, July 29-August 2 here at Emanuel (Ice cream party on 8/2?)
- Youth Back to School event, August 19
- Kidz Kamp Karnival, September 5
- God's work our hands weekend, September 8-9
- Jonathon Rundman concert and worship at Emanuel, September 22-23

Offer monthly temple talk celebrations of goals and accomplishments

- June celebration: holy dreaming about parsonage as retreat center—Jan Stone (24th)
- July celebration: youth gathering report back
- August celebration: Further discussion/ information regarding digital sign purchase and placement
- September celebration: Rundman at worship
- October celebration:
- November celebration:

Longer term goals

- Daycare project: mortgage closed on April 4. Construction committee and furnishings committees getting back to work; plans being finalized and numerous meeting happening...but it seems to be going slowly.
- Childcare available in quiet room (see 11.6.2017 meeting)?

Next meeting: July 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Pastor's office



Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With ten 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 from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. -3 pm Tues.—Thurs. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.

Phil Meyer
Al Marten
Larry Hansen
Tyler Hansen
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June 20, 2018

Emanuel Lutheran Church Pastor Lowell Hennigs 2444 N Broadway Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church,

Greetings and gratitude!

It seems that everyone I know is busy these days. There are celebrations for graduations, weddings, holidays, and many other things. Because we know how busy life can get, it means a lot to those of us serving through Mosaic that you took the time to send a gift.

Generous and loyal donors have kept this mission moving forward for more than 105 years. During that time, thousands of lives have been changed. Your gift of \$247.39 to Mosaic in Western Iowa (Logan, Denison, Council Bluffs) will continue that heritage of serving people. Thank you for your support—you make a difference.

Mosaic was founded in the Church, and our work is a ministry of service. We value your partnership.

May you find satisfaction and joy knowing that you have made a difference for others.

Blessings,

Pastor David deFreese

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News From Bethany

Mike Van Sickle retired as COO and Administrator from Bethany Lutheran



Home on June 30. The Bethany staff want to give Mike a big thank you for his dedication and performance during his time with the organization. He has given numerous individuals vast opportunities to learn and grow in the healthcare industry. Mike will be missed by many, and will always be remembered as the best storyteller, nominated by the employees!

Volunteers Needed

Each Sunday we have volunteers that host coffee hour. During the summer with busy schedules, we have several Sundays when we do not have a host yet.

Wednesday nights we could also use some more hosts to cook a meal for about 20 people. Sign for either one at our website (www.emanuelcb.org, under ministries) or on the clipboards in the fellowship hall.



Let's Celebrate! Wedding shower for Rachel Revelez and Ian Spangenberg Saturday, July 14, 2018 Brunch at 9:30 Emanuel Lutheran Church-2444 North Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA

Check website for places registered-<u>theknot.com/us/spangelez1020</u> Places registered: Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target, Menards

Wedding October 20, 2018

Shower Hosted by Greg and Linda Steensland, John and Jan Husmann



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Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

May Income:	\$11,902.83
May Expense:	
May Balance	\$1,362.16

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Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
June 3	122	\$4,377.00
June 10	101	\$1,071.00
June 17	98	\$3,359.00
June 24	83+	\$2,330.00

YTD Income:	\$79,340.76
YTD Expense:	
YTD Balance	
Plus Carryover	\$10,886.00
General Budget Fund	\$19,054.97



Emanuel Lutheran Church 2444 North Broadway Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Game Day Thursday, July 5th, 1:00 pm *Community Room*

R.O.M.E.O.'S (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Tuesday, July 10th, 8:30 am *Village Inn East*

> Adult Fellowship Wednesday, July 11th 11:30 am *Pizza Ranch*

> > **Movie Night** Friday, July 13th 6:00 pm Potluck 6:30 pm Movie

Community Room

Mission Action Committee (Quilters) Wednesdays, 9:30 am *Community Room* Mission Statement: Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith Vision Statement: To Grow in Faith, Love, and Spirit

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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship Wednesday meal at 6:00 pm, Kidz Kamp and Adullt Study at 6:45 pm and worship at 7:30 pm

Staff:

Pastor Lowell Hennigs Director of Music Ministries, Cindy Richards Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed