

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

November 2018

Happenings!

Saturday, November 3—Grades 1-6 Retreat at CJH

Sunday, November 4—Monday, November 5—Cookie Crumbs Holiday Packing

Sunday, November 11—Stewardship Dinner

Friday, November 16—Help at Our Savior's Food & Pet Food Pantry

Sunday, November 18—Stewardship Sunday

Wednesday, November 21—Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 28—Hanging of the Greens

Mission Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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



Our Trunk-or-Treat was a huge hit with families in the community. Thank you to everyone who donated candy or funds to purchase items to hand out. We had 15 cars and had approximately 500 kids come through in the two-hour timeframe. Special thanks to Thrivent, who provided funds to help purchase items to hand out as well.

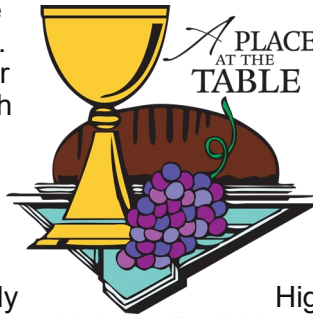
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Connecting Through Communion

BY BRENDA HENNIGS

I first volunteered, at my home church, to be a member of an altar team in the early 90s. One of my duties as an altar team member was setting up for Holy Communion each week. Over the years setting up and serving Holy Communion has become an important part of my spiritual connection. It really is a spiritual experience for me.



When setting up Holy Communion I generally have a conversation with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Holy Communion is our chance to come to the table with all the saints before. So while I am setting the table I often find myself thanking Jesus for his amazing sacrifice so that we can all gather at the table. I thank God for His love and mercy and for sending His Son to save us all. I also communicate with the Holy Spirit. I ask that she be present with us and that she move in and around the hearts of those in our building... reconciling us to those we hold resentments against and becoming honest about our lives.

Holy Communion preparation isn't just volunteer work for me, it is a way to reconnect with the Saints as well! I love many who have left this earth—my father, grandparents, cousins and friends that I love as well.

When I set up Communion, I will often have a mental chat with one or both of my grandmothers. Both left a lasting impression on my life and helped form my faith practices. For the last 20 years I have also "chatted" with my beloved father. I share a love of children (both grade school kiddos and Middle School and High School youth) with my dad. Often, I will tell him about the young adults I am mentoring or confirmation class escapades, knowing he would be laughing right along with me.

Then there is the serving of Holy Communion! If you have not considered serving Holy Communion, I STRONGLY encourage you to consider it. For me it is a high honor and a faith practice that reinforces my love for Jesus as well as my fellow humans. Serving Holy Communion, I can almost hear my family coming to the table, and often I will sense their presence as if they, too, are standing at the front of the church sharing a Holy Meal with our brothers and sisters!

Holy Communion is my chance to stand at the altar and catch a glimpse of the Kingdom coming to earth!

Christmas Bags

Wider Ministries is again packing 50 bags for children at Lutheran Family Services, ages 0-5 years of age.

We need your help filling these.

Items needed:

- 25 pacifiers
- 25 sippy cups
- 20 pkgs of wipes
- 30 baby lotion
- 25 baby shampoo
- 25 children's shampoo



Many of these items can be purchased at The Dollar Tree. If you would rather donate \$\$\$\$ please mark it for Lutheran Family Project.

Packing date is Friday, Nov.30

Delivery date is Monday, Dec. 3 Let us know if you can help with either of these. Thanks, Jan Husmann, Connie Solon, Linda Steensland.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Wider Ministries is planning to offer 25 or more Thanksgiving Baskets this year in our community. Baskets will be distributed on Sunday, Nov. 18.

You can help with the following by Nov. 11:

- Providing a name to the church office. It can be yourself or someone that you recommend, and have discussed it with them.
- Donating \$ or needed items. A box will be available at church.

Contact Linda Steensland with any questions.



Hanging of the Greens

Wednesday, November 28
6 p.m.

Join us for dinner and decorating the church for Christmas! There will be a craft for kids (of any age), where they can make their own ornaments to decorate a tree in the sanctuary.



Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

We are in the season of gratitude lists, Thanksgiving baskets and pumpkin-flavored everything. So let me add to the litany of thanks. Brenda and I want to offer our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful recognition we received on October 14 for Pastor Appreciation Month. We loved and are enjoying your gifts of food and fun. We feel deeply loved and appreciated here at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Thank you so very much.

I was a bit tongue-tied as I came into the Community Room and saw the concrete expression of your generous appreciation. We are richly blessed to be part of the mission and ministry here at Emanuel. Ours is a wonderful church family, and you work hard to remind us that you value us as people and as partners in witness and service. Thank you again for your care and support.

Part of my verbal stumbling that Sunday was a natural response we have to generosity. When we take in the fullness of our blessings, we can be left speechless. If you are like me, you'd rather be on the giving end of things than the receiving end. Receiving can make us feel vulnerable and a little bit out of control. We often resist that experience. But real joy comes when we embrace it.

The Children and Youth Committees orchestrated the appreciation effort. As it happened, I was unable to attend the monthly meeting of those committees, so they could make their plans unhindered. We realized after the fact that others had been making plans about us. When we know that, we can feel a bit uncomfortable. But again, the real joy comes when we allow that sort of thing to happen to us.

Why do I belabor all this? Because this is how it works with God as well. We are on the receiving end of God's great mercy. God is the Maker. All things belong to God. All that we have comes from God. The only healthy and happy response is joyful gratitude to God. God makes plans to bless us and tends not to let us in on how this all works out. Sometimes in retrospect we can see how those plans came together. Sometimes we can't. But we can be sure that God is always working for our good through the grace of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Real joy comes when we gratefully accept what God gives us. Real joy comes when we allow God to lead us into a life of blessing, whether we understand how it all works or not. And real joy comes when we put to good use for God all that we have been given. That's what stewardship really is.

I hope you will embrace the opportunity to know this grateful joy. I hope you will consider increasing your worship participation, your sharing of time and talents, and your financial support of God's mission in and through the Church. Thank you again for your love and care, your faithfulness and partnership in our calling to be joyful stewards.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Lowell

CONGRATULATIONS! Kate Danielle Epperson was born Tuesday, September 25th in Omaha. She is the youngest of four children of Heath and Kristin Epperson. Congratulations to the Epperson family!

CONGRATULATIONS: Ian Spangenberg and Rachel Revelez were married on Saturday, October 20th in Illinois. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

ANGEL TREE: Watch for information in the coming weeks on how you can help with this year's angel tree gifts and party!

EMANUEL'S GROWING FAMILY: The next New Member Reception will be held at worship on December 9, 2018. If you are interested in joining Emanuel Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Hennigs.

THANK YOU! "Thank you for your kindness, love and generosity in the gifts and cards for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We are especially grateful to the Children and Youth Committees for organizing this event. We are blessed to be able to serve in and with such a wonderful church family."
—Pastor Lowell and Brenda Hennigs"

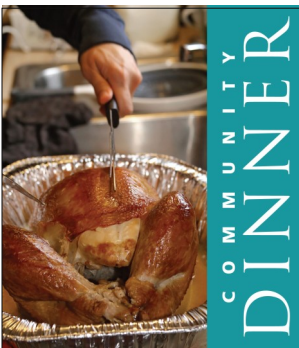
Daycare Construction Committee Timeline

(AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2018)

The Emanuel Lutheran Church Daycare Construction Committee has been meeting regularly over the past several months. The Daycare plans are in the final stage (see large colored plan on the display board in the Fellowship Hall). At the most recent meeting, the committee discussed the following.



- New HVAC system for the offices. Each of the four (converted from the current three) offices will have a ceiling mounted unit. Estimated cost is \$20,000.
- Drainage from each new classroom door (2) to the outside yard should run under the parking lot to the creek, for efficiency and ease of maintenance.
- Bid invitations will be sent to a limited number (4-6) of prospective general contractors on November 1, 2018 with bids to be submitted/returned no later than November 29, 2018. A walk-through of the facility with interested contractors will be scheduled between November 1-28. The walk-through will be coordinated between Roger, the committee and the church office.
- The Daycare Construction Committee will meet November 29, 2018 to review the bids, and make a recommendation regarding which bid to move forward. The committee will make a formal recommendation to the Church Council.
- The Daycare Construction Committee recommends scheduling a special congregational meeting for December 16, 2018 following the children's Christmas program. The meeting will be to vote on whether to accept the construction bid recommended by the committee. Information regarding the Construction Committee's recommendation, and notice of the special congregational meeting, will be made available to the congregation by December 2, 2018. The backup date for a special congregational meeting may be January 6, 2019.
- Roger Doehling, the architect on the project, will be available December 9, 2018 during coffee hour to answer any questions regarding the project.
- The classrooms will require items be removed prior to the start of the project. The committee will coordinate removing items with Michaela Lewis and Deann Over.
- The committee was made aware the Council Bluffs Fire Marshall has requested quilting materials be moved out of the furnace storage room. This will aid in preparing to move Cindy Richard's office to the current cry room. The committee discussed adding a door between Cindy's new office and the Worship Center (sanctuary).
- Roger Doehling needs information regarding the church's insurance coverage, to see what our current policy covers and does not cover for damages and liability related to construction remodeling projects. Roger needs our specific coverages and limitations.
- John Burns has reviewed draft contract proposals, and has no objections to using the AIA form 104. John recommends if issues arise regarding terms and conditions of the contract, and its various supplements and terms, that independent counsel be hired, or another attorney review.
- The Daycare Construction Committee will next meet Tuesday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m.



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

We have been asked to again 13 green bean casseroles on Thanksgiving Day. If you would like to prepare one of these, we will have a sign-up sheet on 4th of November. All ingredients are provided and will be here to pick up November 17. Casseroles need to be delivered to Community of Christ Church on Thanksgiving morning. More details about drop-off will be provided later.

If you would like to attend the dinner, please make reservation by calling St. Patrick Parish at (712) 323-1484 November 1st—19th, 10 am—3 pm. The dinner is free, but they do accept free will donations.

Kidz Kamp & Christmas Program!

BY STEPHEN LEWIS

In November we will start working on songs for the Christmas program during Kidz Kamp on Wednesday nights. A majority of the songs will be new to the kids (and adults). As we get closer to December, additional rehearsal times may be added. If you would like to help with props, music, costumes, or other aspects of the program, please let me know!

Kidz Kamp every Wednesday night from 6:45 p.m.—7:30 p.m. In class we learn a Bible lesson, have an activity and a snack. This is open to everyone that would like to participate. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me. I have a new email that you can reach me at as well. It is: youth@emanuelcb.org. Thank you.

Mental Health First Aid

BY MICHAEL GARREANS

On Saturday October 20th, the Mental Health Awareness Group hosted its first large event. Emanuel welcomed Mary-Beth and Shelly from Southwest Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services to put on a Mental Health First Aid certification course.



20 congregation members attended the eight hour training. During that time we learned the mental health problems, first aid for people with developing problems, and first aid for individuals having a mental health crisis.

Our group was very informed going in but we all gain a lot of knowledge during the training.

We are planning more events like this in the future and hope that more people will attend these free events. Just as a reminder, our group meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday's in the upstairs conference room. All are welcome.



Work Day Thanks

BY THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who helped with the work day projects either prior to or on work day: Larry Hansen, Tyler Hansen, Al Martens, Judy Heithoff, CharLes Kemmish, Kevin Epperson, Mike Hipnar, Pastor Lowell & Brenda Hennigs, Karen McPartland, Carrie Hansen, Mike Winter, Sid Dillon, Mark Ellis, Richard Reed, Joel Hauschild, Alan Ellis who brought Charlie (who cut down the huge tree) & Lupe (who cleaned upstairs), Deann & Oscar Over.





Daphne Miller
Paul Heath
Jim Fowler

Glen Fahrenkrug
Mildred Rogers
Phyllis Fowler

Daralene Smith
Esther Bender
Deloris Christensen

Dwight Rogers
Kaye Bird



Nov. 01 Larry Hansen

Nov. 04 Norma Heath
Margaret Tiffey

Nov. 06 Kaden Krauth

Nov. 07 Hailey Holcombe
Sean Larson

Nov. 08 Nichlos Matuszeski

Nov. 09 Beth Schultz

Nov. 11 Jan Stone

Nov. 13 Daralene Smith

Nov. 14 Haley Holland
Michaela Lewis

Nov. 15 Connie Beckman
William Spangenberg

Nov. 16 Todd Over

Nov. 17 Penny Dahlke
Clare Plummer

Nov. 18 Matt Clark
Alexxia Richards

Nov. 19 David Fietz
Judy Johnsen

Nov. 20 Edna Morgan
Valerie Weelborg

Nov. 21 Grace Hansen
Jessica Hipnar
Ruth Sullivan

Nov. 22 Barry Larson
Nov. 23 Courtney Green
Ken Nelson
Joel Parker

Nov. 24 Lauren Hansen
Maximus Sizemore

Nov. 26 Aaralynn Conley
Char Les Kemmish

Nov. 27 Gary Pleas

Nov. 28 Nikki Rickard

Nov. 29 Loren Carrier
Steve Plummer

Nov. 30 Mike Hipnar
Helen Baker



**Happy 100th Birthday
to Helen Baker!**

Cards may be sent to:
Helen Baker

**173 Bennett Ave #3010
Council Bluffs, IA 51503**

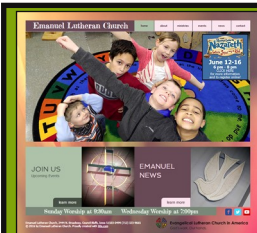


Nov. 05 Richard & Judith Borwick

Nov. 07 Jeffrey & Teresa Fischer

Nov. 22 Oscar & Deann Over

**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**



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You can view events, the newsletter, past newsletters,
announcements, sermon videos, make a gift online and more!
You can even sign up to help with worship!

www.emanuelcb.org

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, November 4	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Rosie Spangenberg
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Emma Richards & Mia Richards
Lector	Sherri Stinson
Communion Assistants	Rosie Spangenberg, Amari Johnson, Joel Hauschild
Communion Set-Up	Connie Eyberg & Jane Meyer
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso
Sunday, November 11	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Hanna Ferguson & Mason Garreans
Lector	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistants	Elaine Sasso, Peggy Jarrell, Amy Garreans
Communion Set-Up	Jeanine Schademan
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs
Sunday, November 18	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Any Garreans
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Nikki Rickard & Kyle Sorensen
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Children's Message	Brenda Hennigs
Communion Assistants	Rosie Spangenberg, Joel Hauschild, Angel McGee
Communion Set-Up	Amy Rickard & Deb Ebsen
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
Sunday, November 25	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Angie Maxwell & Hailey Holcombe
Lector	Danette Hein-Snider
Children's Message	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistants	Amy Garreans
Communion Set-Up	Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso



November 4
Children & Youth

November 11
Church Council

November 18
Fresh Start

November 25
Girl Scout Troop
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The coffee hour sign-up chart is in the kitchen. Duties include picking up donuts, starting coffee, pouring juice and clean-up.



November 4

November 11

November 18

November 25

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

November 2018 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour</p> <p>10:45 pm Worship & Music</p> <p>2:30 pm—4:30 pm Trunk-or-Treat</p> <p>5:30 pm Confirmation Family Dinner</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)</p> <p>6 pm Dinner</p> <p>6:45 pm Kids Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Community Room</p> <p>7:30 pm Worship in Community Room</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>1 pm Game Day</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 pm Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Steensland/Rickard Wedding</p> 
<p>Confirmation Sunday 4</p> <p>9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour</p> <p>11 am Mental Health Support Group</p> <p>12 pm Community Room In-Use</p> <p>3 pm Cookie Crumbs Holiday Sorting</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>9 am Cookie Crumbs Holiday Packing</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>6:30 pm FAITH Team Meeting in the Retreat House</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)</p> <p>6 pm Dinner</p> <p>6:45 pm Kids Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Community Room</p> <p>7:30 pm Worship in Community Room</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>11 am DaBand playing at Veterans Luncheon at the Center</p> <p>6:30 pm NBNA Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 pm Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>Veterans Day</p> <p>9:30am Worship & Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour with Ministries Meeting</p> <p>10:45 am Wider Ministries Meeting</p> <p>11 am Confirmation</p> <p>11 am Fellowship Hall & Worship Center In-Use</p> <p>3 pm WIS Mission Interpreter</p> <p>5 pm Stewardship Dinner</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>9:30 am The Gathering (Women's Study) in conference room</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East</p> <p>9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room</p> <p>6:30 pm Children & Youth Committee Meeting</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)</p> <p>11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch</p> <p>6 pm Dinner</p> <p>6:45 pm Kids Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Community Room</p> <p>7:30 pm Worship in Community Room</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 pm Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>12 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>5 pm Community Room In-Use</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Worship & Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour</p> <p>10:45 pm Worship & Music</p> <p>11 am Mental Health Support Group</p> <p>1 pm Community Room In-Use</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>7 pm Church Council Meeting</p> <p>7 pm MS Support Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)</p> <p>6 pm Dinner</p> <p>6:45 pm Kids Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Community Room</p> <p>7:30 pm Worship in Community Room</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day 22</p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>24</p>
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Mental Health Awareness

BY STEPHEN LEWIS

This month I wanted to share with you something that has been shared at our Mental Health meetings. This is called How to Love Yourself. There are 10 steps to walk through for this. We find it to be a great tool for every day use. We suggest that you tape this to a mirror or anything you will see daily.

How to Love Yourself

Stop All Criticism- Criticism never changes a thing. Refuse to criticize yourself. Accept yourself exactly as you are. Everybody changes. When you criticize yourself, your changes are negative. When you approve yourself, your changes are positive.

Don't Scare Yourself- Stop terrorizing yourself with thoughts. It's a dreadful way to live. Find a mental image that gives you pleasure and immediately switch your scary thoughts to a pleasure thought.

Be Gentle and Kind and Patient- Be gentle with yourself. Be kind to yourself. Be patient with yourself as you learn new ways of thinking. Treat yourself as you would someone you really love.

Be Kind to Your Mind- Self-hatred is only hating your own thoughts. Don't hate yourself for having thoughts. Gently change your thoughts.

Praise Yourself- Criticism breaks down the inner spirit. Praise builds it up. Praise yourself as much as you can.

Support Yourself- Find ways to support yourself. Reach out to friends and allow them to help you.

Be Loving to Your Negatives- Acknowledge that you created them to fulfill a need. Now, you are finding a new, positive way to fulfill those needs.

Take Care of Your Body- Learn about nutrition and exercise. Cherish and revere the temple you live in.

Mirror Work- Look into your eyes often. Forgive yourself while looking in the mirror. Forgive others while looking into the mirror. At least once a day look in the mirror and say "I love you. I really love you."

Love Yourself- Begin today. Do the best you can. Doing your best is always good enough.

I want to remind everyone that we hold Mental Health Awareness meetings on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. EVERYONE is welcome. We are a SAFE place to learn and share, or just listen. The 1st Sunday is normally discussion and sharing. The 3rd Sunday is reserved for a speaker. We have had a few wonderful speakers so far and we are only starting to scratch the surface of what the community has to offer.

If you have any questions about the Mental Health Awareness group or the Mental Health First Aid Class. Please feel free to reach out to myself or Mike Garreans.





Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 10/15/2018

RECORDED BY ELAINE SASSO

Present: Rosie Spangenberg, Amy Garreans, Elaine Sasso, Peggy Jarrell, John Spilde, Joel Hauschild, Connie Solon, Judi Malloy, Stephen Lewis, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Mike Winter, Patty Maxwell, Valarie Weelborg

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

Devotions: John Spilde

Council Agenda:

- Motion by Amy Garreans, seconded by Joel Hauschild to approve the secretary minutes for the meeting of September 17, 2018. Approved.
- Motion by John Spilde, seconded by Stephen Lewis to approve the Financial Secretary (Consolidated Fund) report. Discussion of the balance of the Joyful Noise account was incorrect. \$84.77 was shorted for Lutheran Family Service and that amount was corrected. Corrected report was approved.
- Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Judi Malloy to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Amy Garreans, seconded by Joel Hauschild to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Pastor Hennigs gave his monthly report. He reported that the Fresh Start Team has received an application for a new citizen to come to Emanuel. This could happen very soon. The Faith Team was invited to do presentations at the Synod Workshop in November. Construction bid documents are being prepared for contractors. A special congregation meeting is set for December 16 at 10:45 a.m. for the congregation to vote on the recommended bid and discussion. Construction could begin after the first of the year. Motion made by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Judi Malloy to set the special congregation meeting for December 16, 2018 at 10:45 a.m. Approved. Pastor also reported that there has been a membership transfer of Karen Smith from Thomas Lutheran in Omaha. Motion by John Spilde, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the transfer. Approved. There will be a new members reception Sunday, December 9, 2018 that will also include Nick Rickard, Shelby Rickard and Nikki Rickard. Pastor also reported that the Western Iowa Synod Assembly in Sioux City will be from May 3-5, 2019. A Bishop will be elected. Recommendations were also made for confirmation Sunday, November 4, 2018 for Lauren Hansen, Kylie Hansen, Alexxia Richards, Xander Richards, Owen Hansen, Andrew Borwick, Austin Borwick, Josh Hubbard, Tyler Steensland, Aaralynn Conley, She Nickels and Shelby Rickard. Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve those recommendations. Approved.
- The Stewardship Committee Drive is in the planning stage. Budget documents have been forwarded to all committee heads with the request to have them back to the committee by December 9, 2018. A Stewardship Dinner is planned for November 11, 2018 and a clipboard will be passed around in services for families to sign up.
- The Youth and Children's Ministry reported that there will be a children's retreat to Carol Joy Holling November 3, 2018. Stephen Lewis volunteered to drive interested kids to camp. New robes for acolytes are now here. There is a grant from "Promise Partners" through the Pottawattamie County Foundation and Steve will try to see if we could qualify.
- Fellowship and Support – there was no activity.
- The Property Committee reported that no meeting was held, but the following items have been addressed including epoxy cement to repair hole in sidewalk and caulking on the north wall of the sanctuary. Applying the clear coat to north side will have to wait until spring for better weather. Bushes were trimmed and patio spruced up. Windows inside cleaning maintenance addressed during work day. Large branch by old garage was cut down because it showed signs of rotting and some motion lights were installed by the parsonage. Also, the parsonage fence was removed without proper authorization. Fence posts are still in place. After much discussion, it was decided that since no one actually lives in the property, now referred to as the

"Retreat House", all posts etc. will be removed and there will be an open yard. Motion by Joel Hauschild, seconded by Amy Garreans to approve those actions suggested by the Property Committee. Approved.

- Peggy Jarrell gave the Wider Ministries Report. The Thanksgiving baskets will be completed through Joyful Noise collected October 14, 2018. Baskets will be assembled November 14, 2018.
- The Worship and Music Committee made no report, but new banners have been purchased and are displayed. Purchases were made with Memorial Fund money. New projectors are up and running purchased with garage sale money. New acolyte robes were purchased with Memorial Fund money. Harmonicas were purchased with Memorial Fund money.
- Amy Garreans reported on the Evangelism Committee. She reported that she tried a mixer at coffee hour a few weeks ago. She received mixed reviews on its success. They are still struggling on a solution of how to get people to sit at new locations and meet new people. There are plans for invitation cards to be available to invite new people to church. They are working on plans for a more up to date church directory.
- No report for Mutual Ministry.
- No action taken on outdoor sign.
- Church Council will do coffee hour on November 11.
- Discussion was held among council members who have tried "Changing Hearts in the Heartland". A discussion was also held about expiring council terms. We need information by the next council meeting. There are approximately

22 people signed up for Saturday, October 20, 2018 mental health/first aid training.

- The church has three credit cards. Michaela discovered her card had been compromised and contacted the bank. Charges were made in the amounts of .23 to up to \$3,000. All but three charges have been reversed. Michaela has created a logging system to track the activity on the credit card and will check online each week to insure the accuracy of the charges. A discussion was held about looking into identity insurance in case the situation comes up again. No decisions were made. October 31 will be Reformation Day and there will be German food.
- Motion by Amy Garreans seconded by Peggy Jarrell to adjourn. Approved.
- All reports presented to the council may be viewed by any church member at the church office.
- The next meeting will be Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7 p.m.

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.**

November 4 Terry Eyberg

November 11 Ken Kemmish



SAVE THE DATE!



Children's Christmas Program, December 16!

Practices begin on Wednesdays in November during Kidz Kamp!

National Adoption Month



November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need. For LSI it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, loving home.

In 30 counties in western Iowa, LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment.

But more work needs to be done. According to the most recent federal data, more than 100,000 children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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.

"Because of God's Great Mercy"

BY RICK STONE

We have kicked off our stewardship events for 2019 with weekly temple talks. Two upcoming dates are the Stewardship Dinner on Sunday, November 11th at 5 p.m. and Commitment Sunday on Sunday, November 18th.

Our Stewardship Dinner will be provided by our youth and the youth committee. The menu will be pork with all the trimmings and a free will offering that evening will help with expenses of youth events. We hope you join us for a night of great fellowship, an opportunity to listen to "Da Band," as well as Pastor Lowell's thank you message.

Commitment Sunday, November 18, gives us each an opportunity during the service to place our pledge on the altar.

By participating in our stewardship events, we hope each of you can personally reflect on "God's Great Mercy".

Stewardship
CAMPAIGN



December 28-29, 2018
Grades 9-12
Carol Joy Holling Camp

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. – Ephesians 2:8

This High School Retreat will focus on health: health of the body, health of the mind and health of the soul. We realize that it is important to take a break, relax, have some fun and focus on what's important. Adults are offered many options and opportunities when it comes to self-care, but what about youth? Between school, sports, extracurricular activities, family and friends, today's young people are busy! So, we are offering this retreat for high school students to pause on all that busyness and come back to camp to focus on their health. We will be tackling health of the body through games that will get us up and moving, a challenge course, hiking and learning how to make some healthy food. We will give opportunity to enrich the health of the mind with challenging team building exercises, games that require some thinking and fellowship. Finally and most importantly, we will build upon the health of the soul through worship, prayer, Bible study and talking about faith together.

\$30 per camper. This cost includes lodging, meals and programming on Friday and Saturday. **For more information and to register, visit: www.cjhcenter.org/hs-retreat**

Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS

Sometimes things don't work out the way we had planned. Even though we prepare, think of all possible outcomes, plan for the best and worst scenario, things sometimes just don't work out. This happened for our Jonathan Rundman concert in September. We were sad and he was sad that it could not happen as planned. Concerts like this move us, opening our hearts and minds.

An outcome -we had hoped- of the concert was to take any excess funds and start a "Concert Fund" for the church. This was to have been our third concert in as many years. It is something that our church and our community needs, wants, and supports.

Since the concert didn't take place, that fund is – well – unfunded. Right now, there is approximately \$35 seed money in it, which isn't much as far as concert

money goes. But the fund is started. Let's get that seed growing!

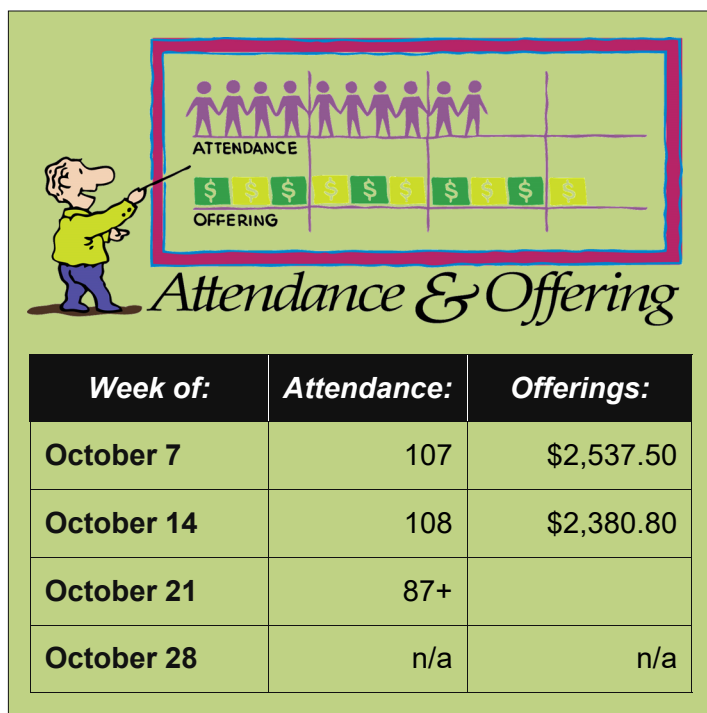
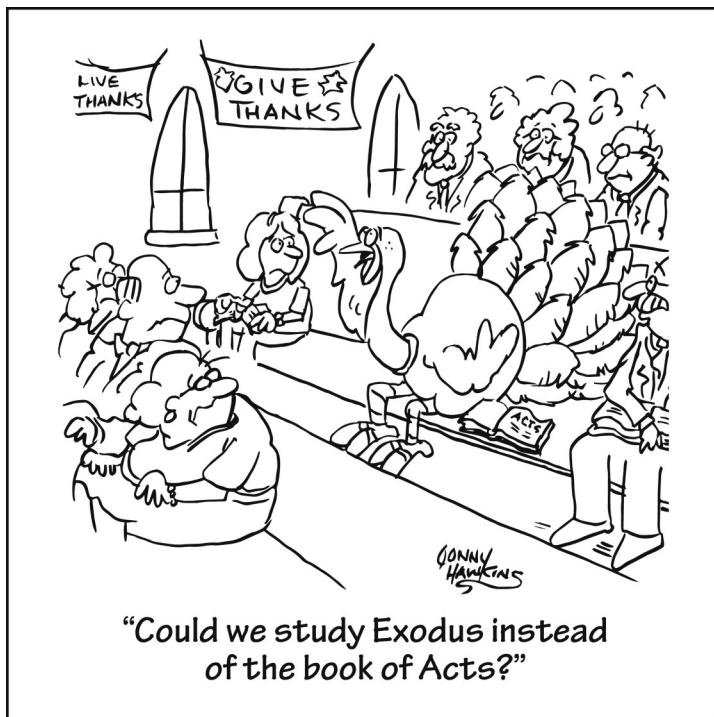
It takes quite a bit to put on a concert. There are artist fees, additional band members fees, rooms and meals costs, and advertising costs. It all adds up.

Therefore, we on the Worship and Music committee, would like to have the funds already available before our next concert. Please consider helping us with this endeavor. You can do-

nate to this fund by designating on your check "Concert Fund" or donate electronically.

Watch upcoming newsletters for updates on our next concert. Stay tuned!

Thank you for helping to bring wonderful, inspiring music to Emanuel!!



Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

September Income:\$10,374.00
 September Expense:.....\$12,815.21
 September Balance.....-\$2,441.21

YTD Income:\$125,434.88
 YTD Expense:.....\$121,123.01
 YTD Balance.....\$4,311.87
 Plus Carryover.....\$10,886.00
 General Budget Fund.....\$15,197.87



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Game Day

Thursday, November 1st, 1:00 pm
Community Room

The Gathering (Women's Study)

Monday, November 12th
9:30 am
Conference Room

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

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

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, November 14th
11:30 am
Pizza Ranch

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 & Adult Study at 6:45 pm,
Worship in in Community Room at 7:30 p.m.

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