



Garden of Reading

Emanuel Newsletter

Happenings at Emanuel!

Monday, August 10—Ale & the Almighty

Tuesday, August 11—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet

Sunday, August 16—Blood Pressure Checks & Church Council Meeting

Monday, August 17—Newsletter Articles Due

Monday, August 17 - Thursday, August 10—Garage Sale Set-Up/Drop-Off

Tuesday, August 18—Book Club Meets

Friday, August 21 & Saturday, August 22—Annual Garage Sale

Sunday, August 23—Blessing of Backpacks

Wednesday, August 26—Digital Sign Informational Meeting

Tai Chi each **Monday** and **Thursday** morning at 10 a.m. in the upstairs Youth Center.
Bible Study each **Thursday** at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs conference room.

Mission
Statement:
*Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith*

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

Savior,
teach me
day by day
love's sweet lesson
to obey,
sweeter lesson
cannot be,
loving him who
first loved me.

—Jane Eliza Leeson (1842)

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Litany of Blessing for the Work of Our Hands

By Pastor Cara Knutson

For Students and Learners Leader: For backpacks and notebooks, tablets and pencil cases, for every learner walking into a new year not knowing quite what it holds — All: Bless the work of our hands, O God.

For Those Who Build, Fix, and Make Leader: For hammers and wrenches, tool belts and work boots, for calloused hands and steady eyes that measure twice and cut once — All: Bless the work of our hands, O God.

For Those Who Tend the Land Leader: For seed and soil, tractors and fence lines, for those whose calendar follows planting and harvest more than any other clock — All: Bless the work of our hands, O God.

For Those Who Cook, Clean, and Keep a Home Leader: For spatulas and mixing bowls, laundry baskets and dish towels, for the daily, unglamorous work that keeps a household and its people fed and whole — All: Bless the work of our hands, O God.

For Those Who Work with Words, Numbers, and Screens Leader: For briefcases and laptops, phones that never quite stop buzzing, for spreadsheets and reports and the quiet work of keeping things running — All: Bless the work of our hands, O God.

For Those Who Heal and Care for Others Leader: For stethoscopes and scrubs, patient charts and gentle hands, for those who tend to bodies and spirits worn thin — All: Bless the work of our hands, O God.

For Those Who Drive, Deliver, and Serve Leader: For steering wheels and delivery routes, name tags and aprons, for those who show up early and stay late so the rest of us are served — All: Bless the work of our hands, O God.

For Those Who Care for Children and Grandchildren Leader: For diaper bags and car seats, storybooks and bandaged knees, for the ceaseless, often invisible labor of raising the next generation — All: Bless the work of our hands, O God.

For Those Who Volunteer, and Those Who Have Retired from Paid Work Leader: For hands that once punched a time clock and now give their time freely, for knitting needles and casserole dishes and hours spent in service with no paycheck at all — All: Bless the work of our hands, O God.

For All Whose Work Has Not Been Named Leader: For every tool and task we have not named, for the work each of us carries that only we and God fully know — All: Bless the work of our hands, O God. Amen.



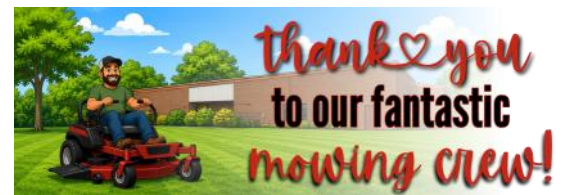
LSI
LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA

Lutheran Family Services has up to 55 refugees arriving from South Africa. Nine are here already. They get them set up with housing, jobs, school, medical appointments, etc. and keep supporting them for a long period of time.

A box has been placed in the narthex through July for supplies that are needed, and there is a sheet about volunteer opportunities.

Supplies are needed for a Cleaning supplies buckets, Home essentials bundles, and Hygiene kits.

All donations are appreciated!



Aug	2	Chris Nixt
Aug	9	Alan Ellis
Aug	16	
Aug	23	Ken Kemmish
Aug	30	Mike Winter



Garage Sale Donations

Sale will be August 21 & 22

Donations Accepted

- Toys
- Games
- Books
- Movies
- Furniture
- Housewares
- Kitchen items
- Collectibles
- Crafts
- Holiday items
- Baby items
- Electronics
- Sporting equipment
- Hardware
- & More

WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

CLOTHING, TUBE TYPE TV'S, COMPUTERS/MONITORS, MATTRESSES, BED FRAMES, CAR SEATS OR BOOSTER SEATS.

- Please DO NOT price items.
- All unsold items will be donated to local charitable organizations.

Prep & Drop-Off

Monday, August 17 - Thursday, August 20
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

2444 N Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Early drop offs may be dropped off during office hours.

Please call to ensure someone is at the office before dropping items off.



Our Contact

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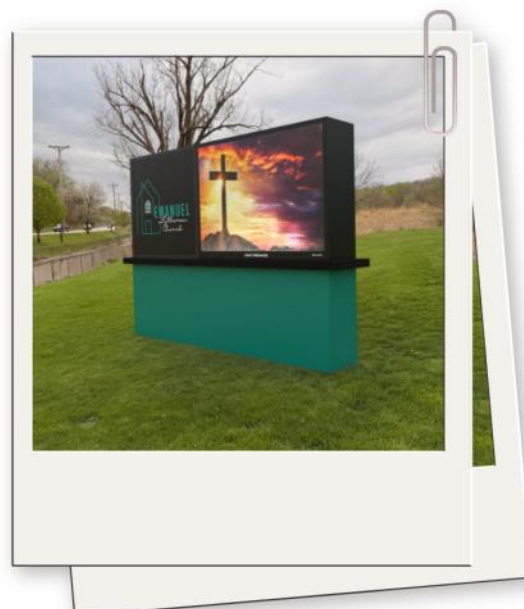
An updated sign has been a topic discussed for several years, as ours is brittle and unable to be fixed.

Angel McGee has been talking with a company about options to upgrade Emanuel's sign.

Join us

Wednesday, August 26
3 p.m.

for an information session
and demonstration.



American
Lift & Sign Service

Join our

b band



...wait, not THAT one...

...although if you want to play music, we would love to have you play...please have a chat with Cindy!

The Band app is a central hub for staying informed. You can adjust notification settings, chat with other members, share prayer requests with the prayer chain, view upcoming events, see church calendar, receive announcements and more!



Worship Assistant Schedule

(If unable to serve as scheduled, please arrange a substitute and notify the church office.)

Sunday, August 02	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Lector	Mike Winter
Altar Guild	Suzanne Winter
Communion Assistants	Mike & Suzanne Winter
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LifeStream Tech	
Donut Liaison	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour	Carol Grieder
Sunday, August 09	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Lector	
Altar Guild	Kathy Schneckloth
Communion Assistants	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Kevin Epperson
LiveStream Tech	Kathy Schneckloth & Sherrill Stacy
Donut Liaison	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour	Kathy Schneckloth & Richard Reed
Sunday, August 16	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	Richard Reed & Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Sherrill Stacy
Donut Liaison	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, August 23	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Sherrill Stacy
Donut Liaison	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, August 30	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Kevin Epperson
LiveStream Tech	Sherrill Stacy
Donut Liaison	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour	



We are in need of volunteers for worship assistants (lectors, altar guild, communion assistants, visual tech, livestreaming tech) as well as coffee hour hosts. You can sign-up at emanuelc.org under "ministries". You can also volunteer by contacting Sherrill Stacy at volunteers@emanuelcb.org



VIEW OUR DIRECTORY!

DOWNLOAD "INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY" THROUGH THE APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY AND SIGN-IN WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SIGN-IN, LET MICHAELA KNOW SO SHE CAN CHECK YOUR EMAIL IN OUR SYSTEM.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRINTED COPY OF THE DIRECTORY, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE. THERE ARE UPDATES ALMOST WEEKLY, SO THE ONLINE ONE WILL BE THE MOST ACCURATE.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR HAVE TROUBLE ACCESSING IT, CONTACT MICHAELA AT OFFICE@EMANUELCB.ORG.



Christianbook
«GIVEBACK»



Emanuel giveback ID:
UDXHMD



Jane Anderson
Bob Bender
Connie Edson
Alan Ellis

Owen Hansen
Sharon Hansen
Norma Heath
Sandy Kanger

Norma Mass
Patty Maxwell
Oscar Over
Abaigh Plummer

Elaine Sasso
Ron Sasso
Ruth Sullivan



August 01

Sherrill Stacy
William Schademann

August 02

Ryan McSorley

August 03

Debra Ebsen

August 04

Kimberly Egner
Baylee Snyder

August 06

Crystal Nixt

August 07

Andrea Britton

August 08

Peggy Jarrell

August 09

Alexis Gress

August 10

Larry Britton

August 12

Kajanie Schaal

August 13

Dustin Loos

August 15

Kamryn Maxwell
Jessica Winter

August 16

Mike Garrett

August 17

Katelyn Longnecker

August 18

Ben Clark
Samantha Showalter

August 19

Makenzie Shetterly

August 20

Ryan Loos
Erin Miller

August 22

Jordan Hansen

August 23

Mahala Jankowski

August 25

Jeann Foster

August 27

Pamela Sherman
Tyler Steensland
Kali Salda

August 28

Karen Smith

August 29

Alaire Carrier
Charleigh Rickard

August 30

Mark Ellis

August 31

Jack Henderson



September 02

Darlene Jeppesen

September 03

Jonathan Scheffler

September 10

Ian Carrier

September 12

Kevin Epperson
Judi Malloy

September 13

Cheryl Coble

September 15

Ryan Epperson

September 16

Ridgeway Hein-Snider

September 17

Sandy Kanger

September 19

Maxima Spangenberg

September 20

Marcus McGee
Seth Schwartz

September 21

Reegan Haats

September 22

Norma Mass
Alyson Sorensen

September 24

Deann Over

September 25

Jenna Ricks-Ashley

September 27

Dan Heithoff
Janet Kendall

September 28

Alan Ellis
Alexandra Heithoff

September 29

Leah Clark



August 06

Rick & Janice Stone

August 10

Barry & Tina Larson

August 12

Cyndi & John Borwick

August 15

John & Barbara Burns



September 07

Michael & Michele Loos

September 08

Robert & Bette Juhl

September 11

James & LaWayne Andersen

September 14

Greg & Linda Steensland

September 17

Elizabeth & Drew Melani
Brittney & Garrett Smith
Jodi & Brian Vodicka

September 19

Ryan & Jenny Jarrell-Smith

September 23

Michael & Anita Garrett

September 24

Randy & Nancy Palmer

September 30

Alan & Kimberly Egner

If we have missed a birthday or anniversary, let us know!
office@emanuelcb.org or (712) 323-9665

God's Work. Our Hands.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Sept. 13, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands."

Participating in service projects is one way to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in faith and life. As we continue our tradition of service, we remember the words of Martin Luther, "Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing." With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name.

If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 13, you are encouraged to pick another date that fits your schedule. ELCA congregations participate in acts of service every day. This day of service is an extension of the work you already do to make your community a better place.



Be sure to save the date and check resources soon. [ELCA.org/DayOfService](https://www.elca.org/DayOfService) for updated Go in peace.





AUGUST

At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	3 10 am Tai Chi 11 am Communion at Midlands 10:30 am Music at Bayliss Park with Lori Lynn Cara out of office	4 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	5 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	6 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	7 <i>Office Closed</i>	8
9 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	10 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days Bar & Grill  Cara out of office	11 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	12 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room 6 pm Dinner Church	13 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	14 <i>Office Closed</i>	15
16 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal 10:45 am Council Meeting 	17 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm–8 pm Garage Sale Set-Up Newsletter Articles Due 	18 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 6 pm–8 pm Garage Sale Set-Up 7 pm Book Club 	19 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room 6 pm–8 pm Garage Sale Set-Up	20 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm–8 pm Garage Sale Set-Up GARAGE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED 	21 <i>Office Closed</i> 8 am–2 pm Garage Sale 	22 8 am–Noon Garage Sale
23 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, Blessing of Backpacks & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 	24 10 am Tai Chi	25 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	26 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room 3 pm Digital Sign Demonstration & Information Session 	27 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	28 <i>Office Closed</i>	29
30 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	31 10 am Tai Chi					



SEPTEMBER

At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	3 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5
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13 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School (Rev. Stephany Sanborn) & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	14 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days Bar & Grill 	15 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Book Club in Conference Room	16 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	17 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19
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LUNCH & LEARN AT BETHANY HEIGHTS

Empowering Your Future with Knowledge & Care

Date: August 5th, 2026

Time: 12PM - 1PM

Location:
Bethany Heights
Assisted Living
11 Elliott St
Council Bluffs, IA

Bonus:

All attendees receive a complimentary lunch and a free resource packet!

RSVP by: August 3rd, 2026

Call: 712-328-8228

Email: activitiesbh@blhs.care



Bethany Lutheran Home: 712.328.9500
Bethany Heights Assisted Living: 712.328.8228

Join us as Jean Bohnker, Assisted Living Locators presents on:

Aging with Confidence: Financial Protection and Long-Term Planning and Support

Join us for our upcoming Lunch & Learn as we explore the "Silver Tsunami"—the growing wave of Baby Boomers reaching retirement age and the impact it will have on individuals, families, and communities. We'll discuss what this demographic shift means for aging services and highlight the many resources available to help older adults and their loved ones navigate the journey with confidence. Whether you're planning ahead for yourself or supporting a family member, this informative session will provide valuable insights and practical guidance.



August Joyful Noise
Joyful Noise on August 9 will be
**Habitat for Humanity
of Council Bluffs**
to update us on their projects.

NOTE: If you or someone you know would like a Habitat Home, this is a great time to get information about the program.

HELP US BUILD A GRACEFUL JOURNEY PUZZLE SALE

BETHANY LUTHERAN HEALTH SERVICES HAS COLLECTED NEW AND GENTLY USED PUZZLES FOR PUZZLE SALE FUNDRAISER BENEFITING OUR CREATING A GRACEFUL JOURNEY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL HELP CREATE A DEDICATED HOSPICE WING DESIGNED TO PROVIDE COMFORT, DIGNITY, AND PEACE FOR RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

AUGUST 11TH, 2026

10:00AM - 1:00PM

11 ELLIOTT ST. COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51503

**ALL PUZZLES RANGE
\$2.00-\$5.00**



EVERY PUZZLE DONATED HELPS US CREATE A MORE COMPASSIONATE HOSPICE EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE WE SERVE.



**Make sure we have your
current address,
email and phone number.**

**If you have something going
on where others can help
support you, please let us
know and we will add it to
the calendar.**

**Follow us on Facebook &
YouTube!**

Ramblings from the Back Corner

Submitted by Cindy Richards Music Director

Recently I attended the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians conference in Northfield, MN at St. Olaf college. This was the 40th anniversary of the formation of ALCM so there was a lot of looking back and looking forward to the mission of the organization which is to nurture and equip musicians to serve and lead the church's song. It is made up of Lutheran musicians representing ELCA, LCMS, WELS, and ELCIC denominations.

Each day began with morning prayer in the Boe Chapel and ended with various music events; evening prayer with the Lutheran Summer Music Academy, the 40th anniversary birthday party for ALCM, and a stunning performance of St. Matthew's Passion.

In addition to keyboard and choral reading sessions, 26 workshops focused on the beliefs and assumptions of our church music, and specific skills involved in making that music. With only eight workshop time slots, choosing which ones to attend was very difficult! The ones I attended gave me an incredible amount of material to mull over, absorbing as much as possible there and bringing home copious notes and handouts to refer to in the future.

Once again, I returned home with ideas and inspiration, ready to through myself back into the church's song!



Attendance



OFFERINGS



Services	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Total Attendance:	Weekly Offerings:
Sunday, July 05, 2026	40	11	51	\$2,255.00
Sunday, July 12, 2026	28	20	48	\$2,365.00
Sunday, July 19, 2026	42	9	51	\$4,467.00
Sunday, July 26, 2028	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wednesday, July 29, 2028	NA	NA		

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

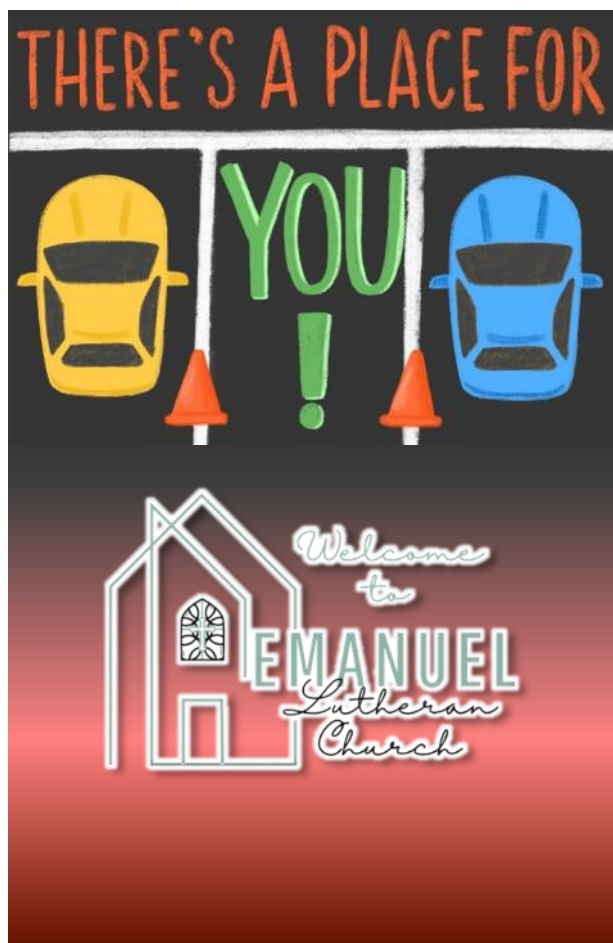
June Income: \$9,588.00
 June Expense:..... (-\$14,524.86)
 June Balance..... (-\$4,936.86)

YTD Income: \$82,647.28
 YTD Expense:..... (-\$94,674.40)
 YTD Balance..... (-\$12,027.12)
 Plus Carryover (-\$5,564.00)
 General Budget Fund..... (-\$17,591.12)



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Mission Statement: Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith
Vision Statement: To Grow in Faith, Love, and Spirit

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Office Hours: Monday –Friday 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the worship center followed by coffee hour in the community room. Services are streamed live on YouTube.

Children's Ministry:

Children will be dismissed to Sunday School after the Gospel reading during the Sunday worship service (September—May)

Staff:

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Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed
Treasurer, Connie Solon (finance@emanuelcb.org)