

# Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

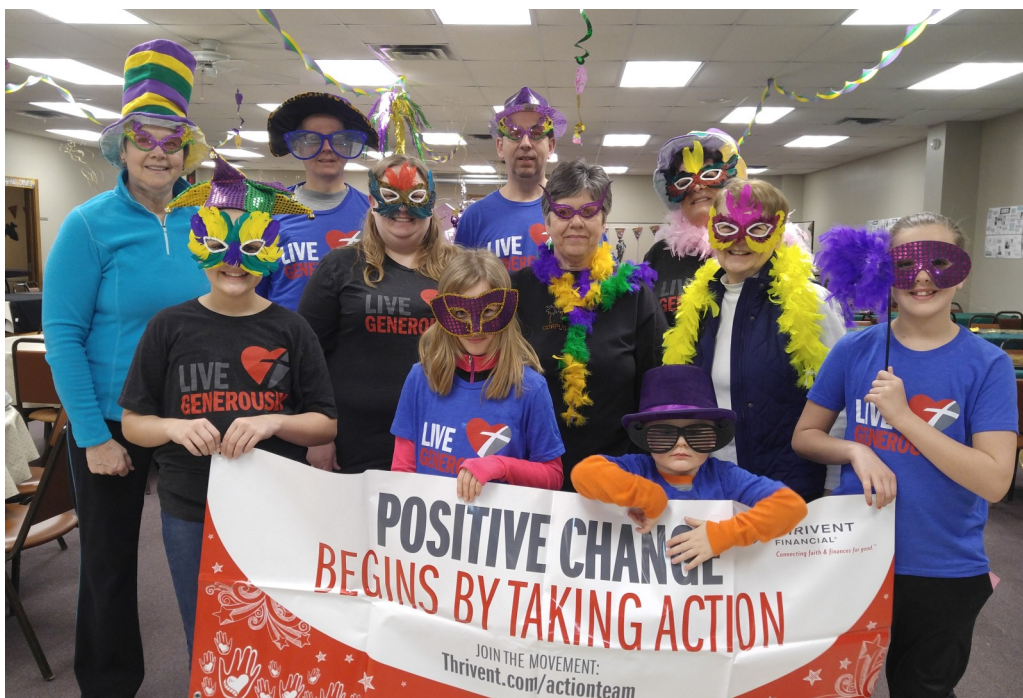
March 2016

## Happenings!

**Wednesday, March 2**—Worship at noon and 7 pm, Lenten Dinner hosted by the 125th Anniversary Team at 6 pm, Kidz Kamp at 6:30pm  
**Sunday, March 6**—First Communion Class at 10:45 am  
**Wednesday, March 9**—Worship at noon and 7 pm, Lenten Dinner hosted by Children and Youth Committee at 6 pm, Kidz Kamp at 6:30pm  
**Thursday, March 13**—N. Broadway Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting, 6:30 pm  
**Sunday, March 13**—First Communion Class at 10:45 am  
**Wednesday, March 16**—Worship at noon and 7 pm, Lenten Dinner hosted by Wider Ministries at 6 pm, Kidz Kamp at 6:30pm  
**Sunday, March 20**—Palm Sunday, First Communion Class at 10:45 am, Confirmation Large Group 11 am-2:30 pm, Seder Meal 5 pm-7 pm  
**Thursday, March 24**—Maunday Thursday services at noon and 7 pm, Middle School Lock-In starts after the service and will go until midnight  
**Friday, March 25**—Good Friday Services at noon and 7 pm  
**Saturday, March 26**—Easter Vigil at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 7 pm  
**Sunday, March 27**—Easter Sunday, Worship at 7 am and 9:30 am, Easter Breakfast from 7:45 am to 9 am, Easter Egg Hunt at 9 am  
**Sunday, April 3**—Holy Humor Sunday

Mission  
Statement:  
Forgiven  
by Grace,  
Serving by  
Faith

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



Special thanks to Thrivent Financial and the planning team for Mardi Gras!

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# Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

Emanuel is the most welcoming congregation I know. **Now it's time to become the most inviting congregation as well.**

"Welcoming" is a wonderful thing. People come in the door and are met with smiles, conversation, encouragement and acceptance. We do the welcoming thing very well indeed. If we limit ourselves to welcoming, however, we will only connect with those brave folks who take the first (really, really big) step to come into a strange place and risk rejection. They don't know how welcoming we are until after they arrive. Most people won't take that chance on their own.

**Welcoming is a passive strategy. "Inviting" is an active strategy.** We are coming into a time of the church year when the chances to invite are many. Please invite family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and fellow students to our Holy Week and Easter worship services at the end of the month. Many people will be looking for a place to worship at that time. Do you care enough for these folks to help them out?

Please invite family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and fellow students to our Lenten midweek meals and services. You know how fulfilling those experiences are (from food to prayer to fellowship to worship). Why would we keep these services a secret?

Our young people do a great job of inviting friends to events and activities here. Our spring middle school lock-in is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Our Kidz Kamp program during Lent is fun and filled with prayer-learning!

You might think that everyone you know is already involved in a church (at least if that's what they want). Repeated surveys demonstrate that this is not the case. Fifty percent of people would consider checking out a church event IF SOMEONE WOULD JUST ASK THEM. If everyone you know is already involved in a church, then it's time to expand your circle of acquaintances!

Our God is the God who seeks us out. That's who Jesus is—the human face of the God who will not sit back and wait for us to respond. The Church is called to be a seeking community. We dare not be content with sitting back and waiting for people to show up. Welcoming is a lovely thing. But it's not worth much unless we invite people to enjoy our wonderful welcome.

Share our blessed Easter time with someone who longs to know God better!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

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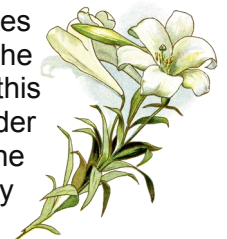
## Thank You!

Many thanks to my Emanuel Family during my cancer surgeries and radiation! I really appreciated the rides, food (thanks Megan Sorensen for organizing this), calls, cards, plants, flowers, special cupcakes, use of Elizabeth's car, books and magazines, visits, and especially your prayers. You thought of everything for Greg and me!

- Linda Steensland

## Easter Lilies

We will have Easter Lilies available to order for the Easter services again this year. Envelopes to order yours are available at the usher stand or you may contact the office.



# Helping Others Through The Food Pantry



Our Savior's Lutheran

Food & Pet Food Pantry

BY JUDI MALLOY

For many years Emanuel has been very generous in supporting Our Savior's Food and Pet Pantry. Your monetary and food donations are greatly needed and appreciated. The need for this ministry has grown immensely in the last few years. In 2015 they served 5,105 people, an increase of 575 over the year before. The Pet Pantry served 3,971 dogs and cats, an increase of 141 since 2014. There are already indications that the need will be even greater in 2016. The Food Pantry is now open on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on the 4th Friday evening from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The people at Our Savior's feel that it needs to open one more evening a week. They have wonderful volunteers but to open another evening would require more volunteers. They are asking Emanuel to help make that happen. There are a number of things one can do as a volunteer.

1. Storage Assistant and Stocker - move and sort boxes of food, organize and stock food on shelves. This is more physically demanding and you need to be able to lift 50 pounds.

2. Distribution Assistant - Bringing filled carts to the lobby and assisting clients to their cars. May also assist in stocking food shelves.

3. Interviewer - Keep track of the number of people we serve. This position requires accuracy, speed, friendliness, and discretion. This role sets the tone and pace of service in the pantry.

4. Pet Food Pantry - Breakdown larger bags of dry dog/cat food into large zip lock bags. This is heavy work and one must be able to lift 50 pounds.

5. Answer Phones - Answer phones to make client appointments, taking down their name, number of people they are requesting food for, ages of children if any, number, size and kind of pets.

There will be information about who to contact and how to apply to be a volunteer at church or you can call me at 712 328-9093.

Another statistic I want to share with you is that for every \$10 you donate \$100 worth of food is provided to hungry families. The reason for this is the Food Pantry can buy food from the Food Bank to supplement donations at a low cost.

We all know of times when either we or someone we know has found themselves in a difficult situation and have had a hard time feeding their families. We know that no one can function well without adequate nutrition. Children are especially at risk without the proper building blocks for growth and development.

Our Savior's, our sister church, feels the need to expand their program and has asked for our help. I hope you will prayerfully consider how you can be a part of that expansion, whether by giving more food items, monetary donations, or giving of your time. One of the teachings of Jesus is to feed the hungry. Whatever way you take part in this mission, your contribution will be multiplied many times over. We at Emanuel have so much to be thankful for and sharing our blessings with others is a way of thanking God for being so blest.

**\$10 worth of food  
from a store**



**You can donate  
food you purchase  
from the store, or a  
donation of \$10 will  
provide \$100 of  
food purchased  
from the local food  
bank for families at  
the Food Pantry!**

**\$10 worth of food  
from the Food Bank**





## In Our Prayers...

Ray Kanger	Daphne Miller	Glen Fahrenkrug	Lucille Weatherill	Betty Ebsen
Viola Anderson	Deb Hipnar	Monte Manser	Dwight Rogers	Brenda Winter

Please Include Pastor Kat Montira and family in your prayers as they grieve the sudden death of her husband, Dennis, on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dwight Rogers, a member of Emanuel, is incarcerated at the Pottawattamie County jail and requests our ongoing prayers for his safety and rehabilitation. Dwight is the son of the late Richard and Jane Rogers. Dwight and his dad played a major role in the construction of our current sanctuary and fellowship hall. If you wish to write to Dwight, please use this address: Dwight Eugene Rogers #6283140, Pottawattamie County Jail, 1400 Big Lake Road, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501.

## Happy Birthday...

<b>March 1</b> Viola Anderson	<b>March 12</b> Shelby McDowell	
Deloris Christensen	Cheyenne Shannon	<b>March 25</b> Rosie Spangenberg
<b>March 3</b> Judy Larson Pleas	<b>March 13</b> Daniel Solon	<b>March 26</b> Stephen Lewis
<b>March 6</b> Cheryl Ellis	<b>March 15</b> Marcia Rodgers	<b>March 27</b> John Husmann
<b>March 8</b> Luverne Buley	<b>March 16</b> Jill Gress	<b>March 29</b> Phil Meyer
Dee Swanger	<b>March 17</b> Ron Stairs	Jim Nelson
Loren Gress	<b>March 18</b> Chelsea Baker	John Smith II
<b>March 9</b> Ruth Nelson	<b>March 19</b> Kristin Cohorst	Ciara Hite
Owen Hansen	<b>March 20</b> Cassie Shannon	<b>March 30</b> Ed Reedy
Macy Hansen	Jacquie Moats	
<b>March 11</b> Holly Snyder	<b>March 21</b> Wade Juhl	
	<b>March 22</b> Anina Madsen	



## Happy Anniversary...

<b>March 24</b> Tyler & Jamie Hansen
<b>March 31</b> Phil & Jane Meyer



*If we've missed a birthday or anniversary please let the church office know!*

# National Professional Social Work Month



March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we're grateful for our many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving their communities!

Maybe you've never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you've had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability and many other situations.

Thank you to all of Iowa's social workers, especially those at LSI. We're proud of you.

*LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## Confirmation Reunion

As part of the 125th Anniversary, there will be a Confirmation Reunion Weekend April 23-24.



### Saturday, April 23

5 pm—Spaghetti Dinner & Reminiscing  
*We would like to get group photos of confirmation classes.*

7 pm—The Ambassadors Concert  
*Kids activities / babysitting available during the program.*

### Sunday, April 24

9:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship

To register or see more details, visit <http://www.emanuelconfirmation.myevent.com/>

## Bethany News

BY DIANE CARLON

### Bethany Heights Apartments Available

Bethany Heights Senior Living Community has several apartments available for seniors. Do you know someone or perhaps even you, who would enjoy the benefits of living in a senior community? Maybe someone interested in living independently or having the benefits of an assisted living community? Bethany Heights offers both independent and assisted living services in apartments ranging in sizes from a Studio to Two Bedroom/Two bathroom. As an individual's needs increase, services are delivered directly to your apartment. Something unique to the area. We'd love for you to schedule a visit and enjoy lunch on us. Small pets are welcome. Some Long Term Care Insurance Policies are eligible for use at Bethany Heights. For more information or to set up a visit please contact Paula Fandry at Bethany Heights 712-328-8228.



BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME / BETHANY HEIGHTS

### Farewell Pastor Wolfe

It is with sadness that we say good-bye to our Chaplain, Pastor Ian Wolfe. Pastor Wolfe has left Bethany to return to parish ministry. Pastor Wolfe and his family have accepted a call in Baker City, Oregon at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are sad to see him leave us, but are excited for the plans God has in store for the Wolfe family. We pray for God's blessings on Pastor, his wife Alicia and their children Paige, Justin and Jordan in this new chapter in their life.

*\*\*The Spiritual life of our residents, tenants and staff is very important. A number of activities are offered each month. If you would be willing to volunteer for any of these areas, it would be greatly appreciated. (Some flexibility in scheduling may be possible).*

#### Bethany Lutheran Home

10:45 am Communion every Monday/Chapel  
4:00 pm Wednesday Vespers ½ hour/Chapel  
1:30 pm Bible Study/Chapel every Thursday  
1:30 pm Bible Reading/Ivy Terrace

#### Bethany Heights

11:00am Church Service First Tuesday of Month  
11:00 am Devotions 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

## Worship Assistant Schedule

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

<b>Sunday, March 6</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Oscar & Deann Over
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lauren Hansen & Clare Plummer
<b>Lector</b>	Rick Stone
<b>Children's Message</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Angel McGee
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Pat Hiller
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Darlene Jeppeson
<b>Sunday, March 13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Oscar & Deann Over
<b>Acolyte</b>	Alaire Carrier & Aralynn Conley
<b>Lector</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Jane Meyer
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie & Matt Solon
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Peggy Jarrell
<b>Sunday, March 20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Oscar & Deann Over
<b>Acolyte</b>	Tyler Steensland & Owen Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Steensland
<b>Children's Message</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Jolene Hansen Brenda Hennigs Oscar Over
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Carol Fahrenkrug
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Jane Anderson
<b>Thursday, March 24</b>	<b>12 p.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Carol Fahrenkrug
<b>Visual Tech</b>	



**March 6**

**March 13**

**March 20**

**March 27**

*The flower chart is hanging on the bulletin board at the usher station.*

## Worship Assistant Schedule Continued

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

<b>Thursday, March 24</b>	<b>7 p.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kobie Ferguson
<b>Lector</b>	Suzanne Winter
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Carol Fahrenkrug
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Jane Anderson
<b>Friday, March 25</b>	<b>12 p.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Visual Tech</b>	
<b>Friday, March 25</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Darlene Jeppeson
<b>Sunday, March 27</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lauren Hansen & Kylie Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Loos
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Judy Heithoff
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Carol Fahrenkrug
<b>Visual Tech</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Oscar & Deann Over
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ashley Hipnar & Taryn McSorley
<b>Lector</b>	Angel McGee
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Peggy Jarrell Jolene Hansen Karen McPartland
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Linda & Amy Steensland
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Brenda Hennigs



### Coffee Hour

**March 6**  
Carol Fahrenkrug





**March 13**  
Rick & Jan Stone

**March 20**  
Fresh Start Team

**March 27**  
Children & Youth

*The coffee hour chart is in the Fellowship Hall.*

# March 2015 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>28</p> <p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour 10:45 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Book Study 2 pm ELCA Bold Women at Our Savior's 12:15 pm Ping Pong Tournament (Women, Youth &amp; Men's Doubles)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi 11 am Communion at Midlands 6:30 pm Daycare Feasibility Study Group</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner hosted by 125th Anniversary Team 6:30 pm Kidz Kamp in Youth Center 7 pm Worship in Sanctuary 7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal</p> <p></p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 7 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour 10:45 am First Communion Class 6:30 pm Book Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi 6:45 pm Worship &amp; Music Committee</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner hosted by Children &amp; Youth 6:30 pm Kidz Kamp in Youth Center 7 pm Worship in Sanctuary 7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm N. Broadway Neighborhood Association 7 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Closed 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour 6:30 pm Book Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm 125th Anniversary Committee Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Children &amp; Youth Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner hosted by Wider Ministries 6:30 pm Kidz Kamp in Youth Center 7 pm Worship in Sanctuary 7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Closed 9:30 am Blessings &amp; Brunch</p> <p></p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour 10:45 am First Communion Class 11 am - 2:30 pm Confirmation Large Group Seder Meal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Wider Ministries</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Maundy Thursday</b> 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 12 pm Worship in Sanctuary 7 pm Worship in Sanctuary 8pm-Midnight Middle School Lock-In</p> <p></p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Good Friday</b> Office Closed 12 pm Worship in Sanctuary 7 pm Worship in Sanctuary</p> <p></p>	<p>26</p> <p>7 pm Easter Vigil at St. Paul's Episcopal Church</p>
<p>27</p> <p><b>Easter</b> 7 am Worship &amp; Holy Communion 7:45 am - 9 am Breakfast Served by Children &amp; Youth Committee 9 am Easter Egg Hunt for Children 9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour 6:30 pm Book Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi 11 am Communion at Midlands 7 pm MS Support Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:15 pm Meal 7:00 pm Table Worship with Communion 7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p>

# Thanks to all who participated in Mardi Gras Celebration!

BY DEANN OVER

Over 130 attended and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon filled with music, food, fun and fellowship! Even on Super Bowl Sunday!

Silent auction items raised \$1,307 and free will donations totaled \$460.00!

We wish to especially thank Thrivent. As an approved Thrivent Action Team Project we received \$250 as seed money to apply toward the cost of food, crafts and decorations.

And special thanks to:

- Da Band for sharing their musical talents (Cindy Richards, Rosie Spangenberg, Kevin Epperson, Mike Hipnar and Tim Johnson)
- Chef John Underwood who prepared the "Taste of Cajun" specialties
- Kitchen help (prep and during) Jane Underwood, Sharon Hansen, Cindy Richards, Mike Loos, Lauren, Kylie & Tori Hansen, Shae Nickels, Cael Hansen, Taryn McSorley, Angel & Mahala McGee, Sandy Smith, Pastor Lowell & Brenda
- Those who donated silent auction items
- Tim Johnson who wrote a wonderful Mardi Gras article for Nonpareil
- The banner team of Kevin Epperson, Mike Hipnar, Mike Loos and Pastor Lowell who braved the snow to hang our 4' x 10' banner and kudos to Brenda for attempting to add Mardi Gras info to Emanuel's large sign but the letters were frozen on!
- Michaela & Steve Lewis and Erin Miller who helped the young (and young at heart) create individually decorated masks and other adornments
- Those who transformed the Fellowship Hall with Mardi Gras decorations: Mike Hipnar; Kevin Epperson; Sharon, Lauren and Kylie Hansen; Connie Solon; Peggy & Ava Jarrell; Michaela & Mason Lewis and Jan Husmann
- Tina Larson for the loan of the tall vases for our centerpieces
- Many helping hands who helped clean up Michaela and Steve Lewis, Darlene & Richard Reed, Connie & Matt Solon, Penny & Brad Dahlke, Jan & John Husmann, Kevin Epperson, Angel McGee, John Spilde and Pastor Lowell & Brenda

We've saved all the decorations – if you run across any throughout the year and are willing to donate – we can store them!

Again thanks to everyone – our Mardi Gras has grown each year!



Ray and Sandy Kanger were the Mardi Gras Kind and Queen and let the parade!



Erin Miller helps kids make Mardi Gras masks and crowns.



John and Jane Underwood hard at work in the kitchen preparing all the wonderful food we had as a part of the Mardi Gras celebration.

# Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes for 2/09/2016

SUBMITTED BY MIKE WINTER

Present: Kevin Epperson, Jolene Hansen, John Husmann, Peggy Jarrell, Judi Malloy, Patty Maxwell, Oscar Over, Connie Solon, Bob Vergamini, Mike Winter, Suzanne Winter, Lowell Hennigs

Absent: CharLes Kemmish

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kevin Epperson.

Devotions: Mike Winter

### Council Agenda:

Council members introduced one another and told the other members a little bit about themselves.

Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2016. Approved.

Oscar Over moved and Peggy Jarrell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on January 24, 2016. Approved.

Motion made by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the minutes of the special congregational meeting held January 24, 2016. Approved.

Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Judi Malloy to approve the minutes of the special council meeting held on January 24, 2016. Approved.

Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the consolidated fund report. Approved.

Motion made by Oscar Over, seconded by Judi Malloy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Motion made by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.

Motion made by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.

Pastor's written report was submitted. Among the 15 points raised by the report were the following:

1. Pastor attached a copy of an article from the Nonpareil concerning construction by Bethany Lutheran Home on the property south of the church. Church member Ken Kemmish is on the Bethany

Board of Directors. It was discussed on how we might want to dialogue with the folks at Bethany about how Emanuel and Bethany can partner together in helpful ways in light of the new facility. It was pointed out that there is no tie in to the church for any roadway.

2. Pastor attached notes from the recent informal meeting of those people willing to serve on the day-care feasibility study group. A report is expected in March.

3. Pastor advised that he attended the second round of interviews to qualify for redeveloper pastor training on February 8 at the Nebraska Synod Office. He has registered for the training in February in Indianapolis.

4. Pastor continues to meet periodically with Father Aaron Hudson of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and reminded us that we are invited to a get acquainted potluck at St. Paul's from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, March 13.

Motion made by John Husmann, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to appoint a committee to conduct the daycare feasibility study group to be headed by Kim Egner. Approved. Members include Amy Steensland, Michaela Lewis, Mike and Carla Hipnar, Jamie Hansen, John and Barb Burns and Lowell Hennigs.

Judi Malloy reported that Our Savior wants someone to join them in supporting their food pantry.

It was reported that 130 persons attended Mardi Gras including some people from the Phoenix House.

John Husmann reported that the annual ping pong tournament will be held on February 27 and 28.

Wider Ministries reported that the next Joyful Noise will be in support of the food pantry at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Bob Vergamini reported that his wife Linda has received two silver beaver awards from the Boy Scouts District and that his wife Linda will volunteer to be the charter organization representative to serve as a liaison link between the troop and Emanuel. Oscar Over moved and Suzanne Winter seconded a motion to appoint Linda Vergamini as the charter organization representative of Emanuel to serve as the liaison with Troop 550. Approved.

It was reported that Linda Martins retired as the church nurse and that our new church nurse will be Chasity Christie.

We were reminded that council members need to be on at least one church committee.

The Synod Leadership Academy will be held in Atlantic, Iowa on February 27 and at least four church members will attend including Michaela Lewis, Judi Malloy, Brenda Hennigs and Cindy Richards.

Oscar has drafted some proposed documents regarding the use of the facilities and grounds and regarding a policy concerning the same and agreement

forms and requested the council members to review the same so that they can be discussed at the March meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to allow Girl Scout Troop 40006 to meet at the church Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Suzanne Winter to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7 p.m.

## *Middle School* **LOCK-IN**

**March 24**

**8 p.m.-midnight**

**Games, Friends, Fun and Food!**

Bring something to drink and a snack to share!



Taking a break at the fall lock-in for a quick photo.

## Readers needed for Good Friday evening worship

Once again this year, our Good Friday evening service will be based on Walter Wangerin's "Cry of the Whole Congregation." This dramatic reading of the story of Jesus' passion leads us to the foot of the cross, where we will pound in our own nails. For that service, we need six readers for the main parts. If you have participated as a reader in this service before, please feel free to do so again. If you would like more information, Pastor Hennigs will be glad to share a copy of the service with you. The walk-through for this service will be on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The service will be on Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please call Pastor Hennigs at the church office or on his cell phone (402-416-2819) or email Pastor Hennigs at [emanpas1@gmail.com](mailto:emanpas1@gmail.com). Thanks for your help!

## *Lenten Dinners & Worship*

**March 2, 9 & 16**

Dinner at 6 pm

Worship at 7 pm

(Kidz Kamp at 6:30 pm)



**6 week session**

**April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4 & 11**

**Supper at 6:15pm**

**6:45 p.m.—7:45 p.m.**

*Cost is \$25. Childcare Provided.*



Kidz Kamp participants and helpers learn a new song.

## Easter, VBS and Camp!

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

### Kidz Kamp

Thank you so much to Brenda Hennigs for leading Kidz Kamp on Wednesdays during Lent! The kids seem to like having the opportunity to participate in programming for them during the week that is a longer, more focused amount of time. Thank you also to Erin Miller and Jolene Hansen who are helping with Kidz Kamp, as well as Kylie Hansen, Ashley Hipnar, Tristan Steensland and Kobie Ferguson. There were 10 children who attended the first night of Kidz Kamp.

### Easter

We are having an Easter Egg hunt for Easter again this year, so if you would like to donate plastic eggs, candy or trinkets, please let me know! Children will receive a bag to gather eggs in for the Easter Egg

hunt, so there is no need to bring baskets.

### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for June 12-16 for Vacation Bible School. This will be in collaboration with Our Savior's Lutheran Church again this year.

### Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp

We will also have Lutheran Lakeside staff coming to hold a Day Camp August 1-4 from 9am-3pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (600 Bluff Street). Cost will be \$40 per child. Details and registration form are available on our website at <http://emanuellutherancbi.wix.com/emanuel> For camping opportunities offered at Lutheran Lakeside, please visit: [www.lutheranlakeside.com/](http://www.lutheranlakeside.com/)



Easter 2015

## Youth Mission Trip July 17-22

Rapid City, South Dakota  
6th through 12th grade.

\$60 deposit to reserve your spot.

*At least some of the costs for the trip (approximately \$350 per person) will be covered by fundraising efforts through our Youth Committee. Please contact Pastor Lowell or Brenda as soon as possible if you are interested.*

# First Communion Classes

BY PASTOR HENNIGS

Pastor Hennigs will offer First Communion Class for children and their parents on March 6, 13 and 20. Students need to attend all three sessions of the class. This is for children in second grade or higher who have not yet taken the class and who wish to participate in Holy Communion. The class will conclude with a Seder Meal here at Emanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Congregation members are also invited to attend the Seder Meal, but we will need you to sign up if you plan to attend. Please contact Pastor Hennigs if you have questions.

## Seder Meal—You are Invited!

Please consider attending a simulated Seder Meal on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Emanuel Fellowship Hall. This meal is the conclusion of our first communion class. But it is open to any and all comers!

In this simulation you will experience some of the elements of a traditional Jewish Seder, the festival meal that is part of the annual Passover observance. We share this meal together as a way to help our students understand the connections between the Passover and our celebration of Holy Communion.

There is no cost for the meal, although freewill gifts will be accepted. During the simulation there will be a few chances to taste ceremonial dishes that are part of the celebration. The meal itself will be familiar food for both adults and children.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the usher's station and in the fellowship hall for those who would wish to attend. Or you can

# Parenting Classes Offered in April

After Easter, Brenda will be teaching "Parenting with Love and Logic." It will be a six-week class that will begin on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 6:15 pm on Wednesday evenings and the class will begin at 6:45 pm, with childcare being provided during the class. This class is not only for parents, but for caregivers of children of any age. It is highly regarded among counselors and teachers. Cost will be \$25 per workbook. There is limited space and you must pre-register.

Please complete the registration form on page 14 and return to the office to reserve your spot in the class.

## What is Love and Logic® All About?

Since 1977, the Love and Logic Institute has been dedicated to making parenting and teaching fun and rewarding, instead of stressful and chaotic. We provide practical tools and techniques that help adults achieve respectful, healthy relationships with their children and help them prepare their kids for the real world. All of our work is based on a psychologically sound parenting and teaching philosophy called Love and Logic.

Learn how to:

- Put an end to arguing, back talk and begging.
- Teach responsibility without losing their love.
- Set limits without waging war.
- Avoid power struggles.
- Guide kids to own and solve their problems.
- Teach kids to complete chores without reminders and without pay.

Love allows children to grow through their mistakes. Logic allows them to live with the consequences of their choices.

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# Thank You for Support of Youth Mission Trip

BY DEANN OVER



The Children's/Youth Team would like to thank all who attended the lunch following the annual meeting. Free will donations totaled \$240 which will be used toward the 2016 YouthWorks Mission Trip and in providing Bible camperships to Emanuel approved camps.

The YouthWorks mission trip in Rapid City, South Dakota, will be led by Pastor Lowell and Brenda, July 17-22. Eligible youth are those students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade to having just graduated from high school. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Please make checks out to Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Thanks to the Steensland, Hennigs, Hansen (Larry, Tyler and Jesse), Egner, Nickels, Lewis and McGee families for their assistance with the lunch.

# Emanuel Lutheran Church/Brenda Hennigs

*Independent Facilitator of the Becoming a Love and Logic Parent® curriculum*

## Presents

### **Becoming a Love and Logic Parent® Curriculum**

A six-week parenting program designed by Love and Logic®.

Answers to:

- “How do I get them out of bed in time to catch the school bus?”
- “How can I stop my children from bickering and fighting?”
- “How do I get my children to help with the chores without an argument?”
- “Is there a way to discipline my toddler in public without creating a scene?”
- “How can I get my teenage daughter to come home at the agreed-upon time?”
- “How do I get him to stop spitting his peas and whining at dinner?”
- And many other day-to-day parenting challenges...

This parenting program is designed to give you practical skills  
that can be used immediately!

**Dates:** Wednesdays, Beginning April 6, 2016 (six-weeks)  
**Times:** 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.  
(Supper Served @ 6:15 p.m. & Free childcare for children, infant to 5th grade)  
**Location:** Emanuel Lutheran Church, 2444 N. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa  
**Cost:** \$25.00

Facilitators of the *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®* curriculum are independent and are not employees of the Love and Logic Institute.

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Please register me for your upcoming *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®* class!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number and ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration and payment to:

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
2444 N. Broadway  
Council Bluffs, Iowa 515030499

# Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS

The quote "He who sings prays twice." is attributed to St Augustine of Hippo (354-430) when he was a Bishop in North Africa. That isn't exactly what he said however. Down through the years it was paraphrased from the following:

"For he that singeth praise, not only praiseth, but only praiseth with gladness: he that singeth praise, not only singeth, but also loveth him of whom he singeth. In praise, there is the speaking forth of one confessing; in singing, the affection of one loving."

So if we sing a prayer how many times are we praying? Hmmm.....

Singing a prayer involves the whole person; the heart, the mind, the breath, the voice, the whole body, which gives us more reverence for God and draws us much closer to Him. Singing physically engages us in the spiritual.

Singing prayers as a congregation unites us not only with God, but with each other. It focuses our thoughts in unity. It allows us to participate together and individually.

By singing the songs, we make them our own. We internalize what we sing and, therefore, it nurtures our faith.



Singing engages the emotions and with emotions comes more truth, more openness, and more confession. It elevates our mental state and helps us commit prayers to memory easier. After all, everything commits to memory better when music is attached.

During lent, as we learn more about how to pray, we are singing our prayers using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy and hearing some old and new prayer songs during our Wednesday night services. What a gift we have been given; this ability to sing our prayers.

## February Attendance & Giving

<b>February 7</b>	169	\$3,045.00
<b>February 14</b>	166	\$2,747.10
<b>February 21</b>	83	n/a
<b>February 28</b>	n/a	n/a

## Finance Team Update

### Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

January Income: .....\$15,550.75  
January Expense:.....\$14,798.58  
January Balance.....\$752.17

YTD Income:.....\$15,550.75  
YTD Expense:.....\$14,798.58  
YTD Balance:.....\$752.17  
Plus Carryover.....\$13,968.78  
General Budget Fund.....14,720.95

### Vacation Bible School

**June 12-16**

**5:45 p.m.-6:30 pm—Dinner**

**6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. VBS**

Kindergarten through 5th Grade  
Free.

*Collaboration between Our Savior's Lutheran  
and Emanuel Lutheran Church*

### Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp

**August 1-4**

**9 a.m.-9 p.m.**

Kindergarten through 5th Grade  
\$40 per camper

Scholarships will be available, especially for  
families with multiple children attending.  
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Game Day**

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 pm  
*Fellowship Hall*

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)  
Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am  
*Village Inn East*

**Adult Fellowship**

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am  
*Pizza Ranch*

**Blessings & Brunch**

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am.  
*Fellowship Hall*  
All women are welcome!

**Mission Action Committee**  
(Quilters)

Wednesdays, 9:30 am  
*Fellowship Hall*

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 at 7:00 pm, proceeded by a meal at 6:15 pm

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