



# Garden of Reading!

## Happenings at Emanuel!

**Saturday, March 02**—Craft Inn

**Sunday, March 10**—Confirmation & Joyful Noise Offering, Daylight Savings Time Begins

**Tuesday, March 12**—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet

**Sunday, March 17**—Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal, Church Council Meeting

**Monday, March 18**—Newsletter Articles Due

**Sunday, March 24**—Palm Sunday

**Monday, March 25**—Ale & the Almighty

**Thursday, March 28**—Maundy Thursday, First Communion & Youth Lock-In

**Friday, March 29**—Good Friday

**Sunday, March 31**—Easter Sunday

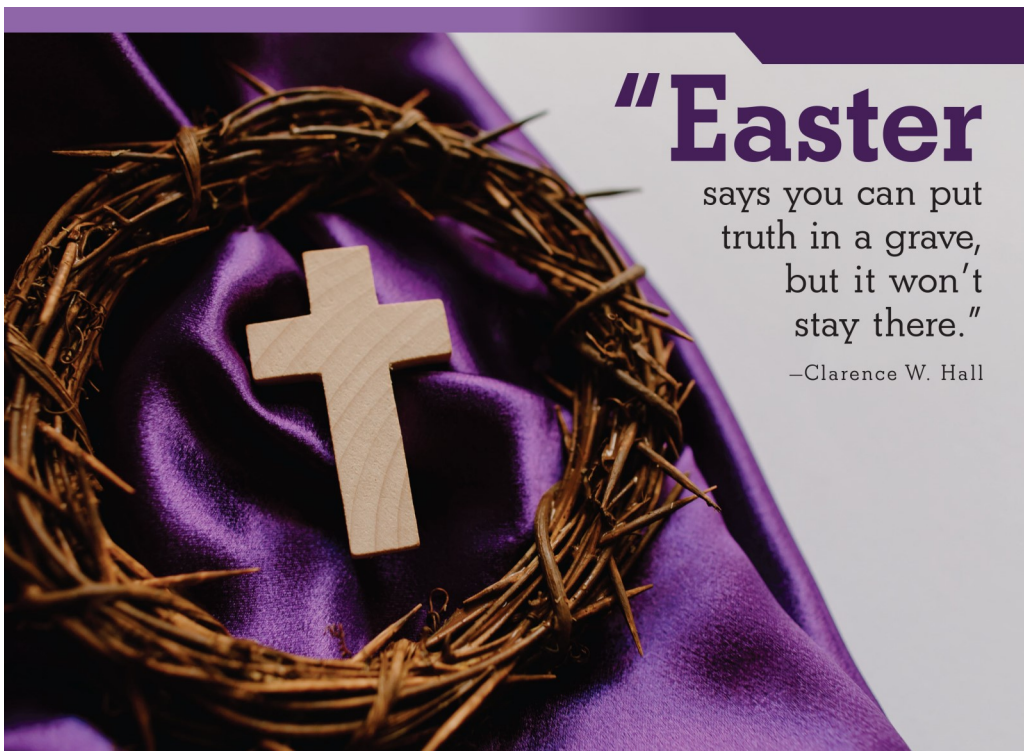
**Monday, April 1—Tuesday April 2**—Office Closed

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*



## "Easter

says you can put  
truth in a grave,  
but it won't  
stay there."

—Clarence W. Hall

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## A Post from the Pastor



By the time you read this we will have observed Ash Wednesday and begun our Lenten observance. I've had some new folks among us ask just what exactly Lent is. In Scripture immediately after Jesus' baptism the Holy Spirit drives Jesus out into the wilderness where he fasts for forty days after which Satan appears and challenges him. In the Middle Ages if someone committed a serious enough sin to grievously upset the community that person's penitence—the opportunity to show they were sincerely sorry and had truly repented—they would dress in sackcloth and ashes and stand outside on the stoop

of the church for all to see as they entered for worship. After forty days the person was given a ceremonial bath and given a clean white gown to wear. As time went on people would fast and pray for an extended period of time for spiritual reasons and over time became the Lenten observance we practice today. The ashes typically were made from last year's blessed palm branches from Palm Sunday, Some churches still practice this. However the palms don't burn evenly and need to be sifted before use on Ash Wednesday so most churches purchase their ashes. A little goes a long way!

During Ash Wednesday as each person receives their ashes the pastor will say the words, "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return". Maybe it's because Lent begins with Valentines Day but this year my imagination is taken back to our beginnings in Genesis. God bends over and fashions the first person from the dust of the earth. If we are dust, then God has been with us from even before our beginning and took active part in molding and shaping us in God's image. That intimacy is absolutely lovely and touching to me. It reminds me that I have value, that we all have value, blessed, loved, redeemed, and made holy. And when we return to the dust from which we were created, God will remain with us still. One of my favorite hymns is Morning Cry and I love especially the last verse: When the evening closes in/and you shut your weary eyes/I'll be there as I have always been/with just one more surprise.

Even though for some of us we hear our whole lives that we are created in God and when we draw our last breath and as we exhale we return to God, it's been my experience that is still something of a shock for folks. They question and they wonder if they've been good enough. Family, if even only nominally religious, will wonder about their loved one's future after they're no longer among them. And it's the one time that people will still seek out the church some part of them seeking what the church can offer in their deepest grief.

And what is God's surprise after we've closed our weary eyes? We become reborn, recreated, not from dust, but of something everlasting, enduring, durable, permanent, and we remain with the one that loves us best for all eternity. What a beautiful promise to live into day by day.

I wish for all of you a blessed and Holy Lent. Remember you are loved. From the dust from which we came, God is there, and to the dust we return to, God is there.

See you in church,  
*Pastor Cara*

**Ale & the Almighty**

**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**6 p.m.**

**Glory Days (106 W Broadway)**

Join us for an evening of fellowship and studying scriptures and how they apply to today's world and current events. They have a full menu and drinks if you would like to plan to eat/drink there during this time.



## Archiving Angels

*Submitted by Jan Husmann*

There are many photos in an upstairs room, Pastor Cara's former office.

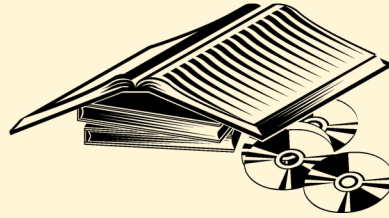
There are a table and materials to use.

Barb Burns and I plan on working on these.

We could meet to discuss the project.

Let me know if you have even a small interest. Generations to come will be thankful.

## Church Archives



## Feeling Generous?

*Submitted by Jan Husmann*

Sequels by Ace Hardware could use fifteen to twenty Grab and Go lunches each Monday through Friday.

I have been taking food on Wednesdays.



Let me know if you'd like to help with preparation or donations of money or food.

I have it down to a system.

# CRAFT WORKSHOP & EASTER EGG HUNT

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

Join us for family fun as we work on some Easter themed crafts and search for Easter eggs! We will have snacks and crafts beginning at 10 a.m., followed by an Easter Egg hunt at approximately 11 a.m.

All ages welcome!



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## What does an acolyte do?

Our acolytes help throughout the entire worship service. For many years, this has been a job that our confirmation students and some of our older elementary age students take on.

If you look closely, the tie on the acolytes robes correspond to what church season we are in. Right now, since we are in the season of Lent, the color is purple.

Acolytes light the candles at the start of each worship service. Mike Loos makes sure that candles have oil and the candle lighter has long enough wicks in them.

Those who acolyte need to pay attention to the service order, as they pass the offering plates to the ushers and then return them to their places after the offering.

The last few years we have also had acolytes help with distributing communion. In the past they have held the basket for the used cups, but we have had some younger helpers and adults who do this from time to time.

At the end of the service, acolytes put out the candles and walk out with the pastor.

Those of any age are encouraged to help with this task (we will not give the toddlers fire though).

**FIND  
YOUR  
NICHE**



## What does a lector do?

Lectors help bring another voice to the service. They deliver the First and Second reading from the lectern on Sundays during the service.

Our readings are laid out well in advance, so we know what they will be up to a year ahead of time. Michaela prints out a copy in a larger print because sometimes the one in the book can be hard to read. She also emails the readings to the lector earlier in the week so the reader has time to review them and check if there are any Biblical names or terms that might be hard to pronounce.

## What does a livestream tech do?

Most Sundays you will find Michaela running the livestream from Cindy's office. Amari Johnson, Kathy Schneckloth and Mike Hipnar have filled in as well. There is a detailed instruction book with pictures for anyone who is running it for the first time.

Michaela normally has it scheduled and programmed, so that the person running it on Sunday mornings just needs to open the browser on the computer to open StreamYard.

We have three cameras in the sanctuary, we can switch to, and an extra monitor by the computer allows us to adjust the angle before switching to a particular camera.

Every line that appears at the bottom of the screen on our broadcasts are ones she programs in earlier in the week. Each of these lines appears when the livestream tech clicks on it, so they need to pay close attention to the service.

The sound tech controls the sound that comes across on the livestream. Due to some limitations, sometimes you can't hear the congregation as well, but we would need extra mics, which could also pick up personal conversations, which we don't want as well.

*We need YOUR help!*  
We would love to have you help with worship!  
Please contact the church office at  
(712) 323-9665 or [office@emanuelcb.org](mailto:office@emanuelcb.org)  
You can also sign-up on our website at: [www.emanuelcb.org](http://www.emanuelcb.org)

**YOU CAN MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE!**

*Volunteer on Sundays*



# Worship Assistant Schedule

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

<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>	<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>7 p.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg & Linda Steensland	<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Garett & Grant Ashcraft	<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>		<b>Lector</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>		<b>Altar Guild</b>	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Garett & Grant Ashcraft	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Darlene Jeppesen	<b>Visual Tech</b>	Darlene Jeppesen
<b>Sound Tech</b>		<b>Sound Tech</b>	
<b>LiveStream Tech</b>		<b>LiveStream Tech</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Rick & Jan Stone	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>	<b>Friday, March 29</b>	<b>7 p.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg & Linda Steensland	<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Tayah Nixt	<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>		<b>Lector</b>	
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<b>LiveStream Tech</b>		<b>LiveStream Tech</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		<b>Coffee Hour</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>	<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	<b>7 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg & Linda Steensland	<b>Ushers</b>	
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<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>	<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg & Linda Steensland	<b>Ushers</b>	Greg & Linda Steensland
<b>Acolyte</b>		<b>Acolyte</b>	Tayah Nixt
<b>Lector</b>		<b>Lector</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>		<b>Altar Guild</b>	
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THIS MONTH'S  
birthdays

March 01  
Deloris Christensen

March 02  
Nick Haats  
Roux Smith

March 03  
Judy Pleas  
Alexander VanSickle

March 05  
Gayle Grap  
Debbie Steensland

March 06  
Joel Hauschild  
Croix Smith

March 08  
Dee Swanger

March 09  
Owen Hansen

Macy Kephart  
Ruth Nelson

March 10  
Derek Knutson

March 12  
Shelby Johnson

March 13  
Kinsley Cahalan  
Caeli McDowell  
Killion McDowell

March 16  
Michael Garreans  
Jill Gress

March 17  
Judith Borwick  
Ron Stairs

March 20  
Jacquie Moats

March 21  
Angelina Maxwell

March 22  
Dean Loos  
Anina Madsen

March 25  
Mike Burns

March 26  
Stephen Lewis

March 29  
Ciara Hite  
Chuck Madsen  
Jim Nelson  
John Smith II

March 31  
Emma Richards  
Max Richards



THIS MONTH'S  
anniversaries

March 7  
Chuck & Peg Madsen

March 9  
Joel & Christi Hauschild

March 14  
Jerome & Wanda Thielen








March 24  
Tyler & Jamie Hansen

March 31  
Todd & April Eyberg

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

# This Month's ACTIVITIES

At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 9:30 am–10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Annual Meeting 2 pm SCA meet upstairs	<b>26</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>28</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room 6 pm Lenten Dinner 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer	<b>29</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10 am Craft Inn 
<b>3</b> 9:30 am–10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour/Photos Meeting 2 pm SCA meet upstairs	<b>4</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>5</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>6</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room 6 pm Lenten Dinner 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study at Village Inn East (first Thursday of the month) 10 am Tai Chi	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Joyful Noise Offering 9:30 am–10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11 am Confirmation 2 pm SCA meet upstairs 	<b>11</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>12</b> 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>13</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room 6 pm Lenten Dinner 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30 am–10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal 11 am Church Council Meeting 2 pm SCA meet upstairs	<b>18</b> 10 am Tai Chi 	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Church Council Meeting	<b>20</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room 6 pm Lenten Dinner 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Palm Sunday 9:30 am–10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 2 pm SCA meet upstairs	<b>25</b> 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days	<b>26</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>27</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	<b>28</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service 	<b>29</b> 7 pm Good Friday Service 	<b>30</b> 10 am Easter Craft Workshop & Easter Egg Hunt 
<b>31</b> Easter Sunday 7 am Sunrise Service 8:45 am–9:15 am Easter Breakfast 9:30 am Easter Worship 	<b>1</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 am Craft Inn 



# Council Minutes for February 18, 2024

## Council Notes

*Recorded by Michelle Rowe*

Members Present: Pastor Cara Knutson, Greg Steensland, Mike Hipnar, Richard Reed, Connie Edson, and Michelle Rowe

Members Absent: Ron Reiff, Lori Lynn Ahrends and Brittney Smith

The meeting was called to order at 10:51 a.m. by President Greg Steensland.

Devotions: Greg Steensland

“God to provide us guidance for this year and years to come.”

### Council Agenda:

- Bathroom renovation update by Alan Ellis:
  - ⇒ Floor drain
  - ⇒ Handicap handles
  - ⇒ Both restrooms are nearing completion!
- Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Mike Hipnar to approve January meeting minutes. Approved.
- Motion by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Connie Edson to approve the Treasurer’s report. Approved.
- Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Connie Edson to approve the Consolidated Funds Activity report.
- Discussion held. Approved
- Motion by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Connie Edson to approve the Capital and Building Accounts Fund report.
- Discussion held. Approved.
- Motion by Connie Edson, seconded by Mike Hipnar to approve the Memorial Fund report. Discussion held. Approved
- Committee liaisons were assigned as follows:
  - ⇒ Stewardship & Finance: Richard Reed
  - ⇒ Children & Youth: Brittney Smith
  - ⇒ Mutual Ministry: Mike Hipnar
  - ⇒ Worship & Music: Mike Hipnar and Lori Lynn Ahrends
  - ⇒ Evangelism: Greg Steensland
  - ⇒ Property: Michelle Rowe
  - ⇒ Wider Ministries: Connie Edson

- Pastor Cara reported on Mardi Gras luncheon/silent auction that raised \$734.
- Church council will provide the Lenten meal on Wednesday March 20th.
- Motion by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Connie Edson to create a line item “Events Fund” on the
- Consolidated Funds Activity report. Discussion held. Approved.
- Motion by Connie Edson, seconded by Richard Reed to approve Pastor’s vacation days Monday March 4th to Wednesday March 6th. Pastor plans to be back for Lenten Midweek service but Sherri Stinson has agreed to lead Holden Evening Prayer as a precaution. Discussion held. Approved.
- Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Mike Hipnar to approve the use of funds from the Noran Davis estate towards the estimate from Alan Enterprises LTD INC to complete the women’s restroom. Discussion held. Approved
- Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Connie Edson to approve the use of funds from the Noran
- Davis estate towards the final invoice on the men’s restroom.
- Mike Hipnar to choose 3 people for collaborative brainstorming.
- Review guidelines, procedures, and the application form for use of space at Emanuel. All in an effort to promote using the church facilities to increase revenue.
- Discussion for ideas to grow the church. Deacon Eric Haitz from the ELCA Senate to be invited to the March council meeting to brainstorm about Emanuel’s future.
- Connie Edson will do devotions for the March meeting.
- Next council meeting is Sunday March 17th at 10:45 a.m.
- Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Mike Hipnar to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Approved.



# National Professional Social Work Month

Submitted by Joyce Williams



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 are grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

At LSI, we believe every Iowan deserves the independence they need to thrive. LSI's Host Homes is an innovative way LSI is serving adults with disabilities. Through this program, an individual moves from Supported Community Living into a private family home with a carefully selected mentor. This program is built entirely around an individual's goals and interests, and LSI's extensive matching process ensures the mentor and mentee are a great fit.

Take a moment to read the following story from a Host Homes mentee:

"My journey with LSI's Host Homes started in early 2023. I've known my mentor for a few years while he provided hourly services to me. We learned about Host Homes and thought it would be a good fit for us. I moved into my mentor's home where he helps me maintain a daily routine with schoolwork, household

tasks, daily living skills, improving independence, and more.

I attend a college nearby and go to classes a few days a week. I am able to navigate the local bus system to access my community to attend classes and visit friends. My mentor is always available to transport me into the community as needed.

This summer, I went on a trip across the country with one of my classes. While on this trip, I was able to maintain my independence with limited support, but I knew my mentor would be available by phone to assist me with my coping skills and problem solving. This trip was a big success for me knowing I had support only a phone call away.

I like LSI's Host Homes Program because my mentor supports me in the way I want to be supported, assists me with some daily tasks I struggle with, and understands me."

If you are interested in becoming a Host Homes mentor and helping a fellow Iowan achieve independence, please visit [LSIowa.org/HostHomes](https://LSIowa.org/HostHomes) for more information.

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](https://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## Warming Hearts & Heads (and Hands & Feet)

Submitted by Angel McGee

Spring is approaching and we are able to put away our warm winter clothing but Wider Ministries would like to thank everyone that donated hats, gloves, and mittens that decorated one of the Christmas tree in December. These were much appreciated with the deep freeze we experienced in January. Emmanuel helped provide hats, mittens, and gloves for the Rue elementary school hats, mittens, and gloves drive, donated to a local daycare, and distributed gloves for clients being served through the Southwest Iowa Region Mental Health and Disability services. If anyone ever knows someone that has an immediate need for these items during the cold weather do not hesitate to let us know as these items can be donated sooner. We do have some storage space if you see these outerwear items on clearance and want to donate for next winter. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



### Online Giving

Did you know that we have the option of online giving? You can download the Vanco Faith app on your mobile device through the Apple Store or Google Play, or you visit our website at <https://www.emmanuelcb.org/> There are customizable giving options, including giving to different funds with one donation and you also have the option of setting up recurring payments. You are also able to view your electronic giving history through the app.



# BETHANY

Lutheran Health Services

## Help stock the general store!

Below is a list of needs for the General Store at Bethany Lutheran Home. Please place them in the marked box in the Community Room. There is a particular need for personal care items.



**Shampoo & Conditioner**  
(New Full-Size Bottles/Packages)



**Tissues & Cotton Swabs**  
**Deodorant**  
(New Full-Size Items)



**Lotion & Body Wash**  
(New Full-Size Bottles)



**Hair Brushes & Rollers**  
(New)



**Notebooks & Notepads**  
(New)



**Gloves & Slipper Socks**  
(New)



**Snack Items & Soda**  
(New & Not Expired)



**Blankets/Lap Throws**  
(New or Gently Used)



**Water Bottle with Flip Top**  
(New)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP SUPPLYING THESE ITEMS TO OUR RESIDENTS!



Jeanne Andrews    Deloris Christensen    Owen Hansen    Sharon Hansen    Norma Heath  
 Al Martens    Norma Mass    Jane Meyer    Patty Maxwell    Jim O'Neill  
 Julie Powell    Melody Schott    Paul Schott    Tommy Schott    Ruth Sullivan

# There is no "kitchen fairy" at Emanuel


*Submitted by Jan Stone*





Without a full-time custodian, it is up to all of us to make sure we leave things cleaner/better than how we found them. It can be hard with busy schedules, but please keep the following in mind if you use the kitchen so we can keep it looking good and keep pests away.

- If you use dishes, cups, glasses, pitchers, coffee pots etc. etc. in the kitchen, wash them.
- When you wash them, dry them. (Do not leave in the drainer.)
- We do have a dishwasher that can be used for larger loads of dishes, or there is dish soap by the sink
- When you dry them, put them away. Most cupboard are labeled with what belongs in them.
- Please do not leave "stuff" in the kitchen. If it is for an upcoming event, mark it for that event or put your name on it and its intended use.
- Do not leave leftover food on the counter after events and/or coffee hour and if you do, mark as to what it can be used for or donate it. Many times leftover donuts are left in the kitchen for a week and end up being thrown away. Ants are also attracted to any food left out or dirty dishes in the sink.
- If you put something in the refrigerator, put your name or intended use on it and date it.
- There is also a spray mop with a PH neutral cleaner in it, which makes it easy to clean up any spills. It is located in the furnace room near the offices.

Many of us have spent hours washing and drying dishes, putting away dishes, pots and pans etc. left in the drainer, cleaning counter tops and finding a home for "stuff" just left on the counters before we could get ready for a soup supper or a planned event.



## ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

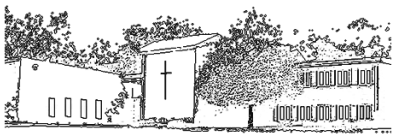
Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
<b>February 04</b>	56	21	77	n/a
<b>February 11</b>	93	14	107	n/a
<b>February 18</b>	87	12	99	n/a
<b>February 25</b>	82+	42	124	n/a

## Finance Team Update

*Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD*

January Income: .....	\$27,553.12	YTD Income: .....	\$27,553.12
January Expense: .....	-\$16,840.58	YTD Expense: .....	-\$16,840.58
January Balance .....	\$10,712.54	YTD Balance .....	\$10,712.54
		Plus Carryover .....	(\$576.26)
		General Budget Fund .....	\$10,136.28





## Emanuel Lutheran Church

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

THERE'S A PLACE FOR  
YOU!  
EMANUEL  
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Church  
Come as you are!  
Be who you are!

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

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*Office Hours: Monday 9 a.m.—1 p.m.,  
Tuesday –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, Facebook & Twitter

#### 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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