

Garden of Readin'

**Emanuel Newsletter** 

## **Happenings at Emanuel!**

Sunday, September 07—Joyful Noise Offering

Tuesday, September 09—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet

Tuesday, September 16—Book Club Meets

Sunday, September 21—Blood Pressure Checks

Monday, September 22—Newsletter Articles Due

**Saturday, September 27**—Fall Work Day, Installation of Rev. Scott Dalen as Western Iowa Synod Bishop

Wednesday, September 24—Dinner Church

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
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Faith

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Music time during Vacation Bible School! The kids also shared some of the music and actions during worship on August 10th. We also got to hear from "Navigator Michaela" and her dog, Scout, throughout our VBS adventure!

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## **Supporting Our Emanuel Community**

We are church together! As a result of our vitality survey we expressed a desire to reach out to our families and offer presence and support. One great way we can do that is to show up at our Emanuel family's events. Do you have a band concert, or a football game, or a tennis match coming up? How cool would it be to have your own Emanuel cheering section! Michaela has started collecting up what information she can find—let her know if you have anything to add.

As well as our families—do other's of you have a big event coming up you'd love to have your Emanuel family show up for? An anniversary, special recognition at work, competition or contest? Let us know and we'll publicize and invite folks to come and cheer you on.

Here at Emanuel we are family. Here at Emanuel we are church together for the sake of the world. Here at Emanuel we show up for each other. Here at Emanuel we don't have to walk alone!



Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, and meals during Richard's surgery and recovery. Your kindness has meant so much to us, and we feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring church family at Emanuel.

With gratitude,

Richard & Darlene Reed

#### Dear Friends and Families,

We're excited to announce our annual Trick or Treat event on October 30th at Bethany Lutheran Health Services!

This has been a beloved tradition that brings joy to our Residents and Tenants and the local community, and we need your help to make it a sweet success.

We are kindly asking for donations of individually wrapped candy to ensure we have plenty of treats for the residents and tenants to pass out to children kids and families who participate.

Your generosity will help make this event a memorable one for everyone involved. Donations can be dropped off at our front desk any time before October 28th.

We truly appreciate your support in helping us celebrate this fun occasion!



We appreciate members and groups taking the trash out to the dumpster when needed.

We did learn this past month that the trash company does charge us an additional fee of \$20 each week if the lid on the dumpster does not close. If you notice that the dumpster lid is open or overfilled, please take a moment to close it. Thank you!

**Children's Ministry** 

August was a busy month! Thank you to all those who helped with Vacation Bible School. We had five nights of food, games, crafts and stories! We learned that "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). Thank you to Mr. Steve for set-up, planning and execution of all the VBS plans! Special thanks to Deann Over for preparing meals each night and for Lori Lynn for leading music! Other volunteers throughout the week were Pastor Cara, Mason Lewis, Tayah Nixt, and families of several students. The kids were full of energy at the end of the week, but the adults were all pretty exhausted.

Rally Sunday was a big hit with a bounce house for the kids and breakfast prepared by Mason Lewis! In Sunday school this fall Mr. Steve plans to focus on common elements of worship, like the Lords prayer and how things work in our worship services. To our youngest members what appears to be "little crackers to snack on" during worship is actually holy communion (if you talk with the kids for a few minutes you will get a whole new perspective on worship and theology from their point of view).



TEEM Ordination Program
Submitted by
Michaela Lewis

At the Blessing of backpacks Pastor Cara announced that "Mr. Steve" has started the candidacy process and has been recommended by the synod for seminary. There were several questions afterwards about this process, so we are sharing information about the TEEM program he will be going through with Wartburg Seminary. Timelines for the program are roughly three years, but can be shorter or longer depending on several factors.

The TEEM Program is a Competency Based Education. This is similar to an apprenticeship model of education that values learning in context through the rhythm of praxis and reflection. This program values learning in community, a value that is commensurate with the Wartburg way of embodying theological education. Formation takes place in three distinct learning communities: local parish, a mentor-mentee group, and with a personal assessment team. As language and culture play critical roles in the formation of head, heart, and hands for ministry. Students work through the program's nine modules at their own pace, with touchstones with learning communities and candidacy within and between modules.

If you feel like God is calling you to pursue a similar path, contact Chip Borgstadt at chip.borgstadt.rev@wisynod.org to help with the discernment process and what might work best for your situation.

There are several other programs and ways you can serve, such as becoming a Synod Approved Minister. This is a program lay leaders who can serve while a congregation seeks a new pastor or fill in when their pastor is on vacation or sab-







Scan QR code to RSVP or contact Barbra.Jotzke-Torrier@LSIowa.org

## **Worship Assistant Schedule**

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

Sunday, September 07	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Rick & Jan Stone
Acolyte	Garrett & Grant Ashcraft
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	Garrett & Grant Ashcraft
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Donut Director	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour Clean-Up	
Sunday, September 14	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Rick & Jan Stone
Acolyte	
Lector	Joann Blum
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	Joann Blum
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LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
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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 signup at emanuelc.org under



up at emanuelc.org under "ministries, or visit tinyurl.com/ELCast.

You can also volunteer by contacting Michaela at (712) 323-9665 or office@emanuelcb.org.



Sept 7 Chris Sorensen
Sept 14 Alan Ellis
Sept 21 Sid Dillon
Sept 28 Ken Kemmish

Oct. 5 Al Marten
Oct 12 Mike Winter
Oct 19 Chris Sorensen
Oct 26 Alan Ellis

Thanks to our volunteers who take care of the church lawn! It takes a good amount of time and we are extremely grateful to those who take on this role. 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 p.m., M-F. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, please call Mark Ellis at 402-699-1472.



September 02 Darlene Jeppesen

September 03
Jonathan Scheffler

September 06 Marlina Davidson

September 08
Carol Fahrenkrug

September 10 Ian Carrier September 12 Kevin Epperson Judi Malloy

September 13 Cheryl Coble

September 15 Ryan Epperson

<u>September 16</u> 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



October 01
Jessica Gearhart
Ron Smith

October 02 Tyler Hansen

October 04 Nick Rickard Jeanine Schademann Norma Stairs October 06 Kyle Sorensen

October 09
Lacey Fischer
Nicole Fischer

<u>October 10</u> Jesse Hansen October 19 Grace Nixt

October 20 Abbie Ashcraft

October 22
Cynthia Richards

October 25 Hannah Goldapp October 28 Darlene Reed

October 31
Judith Loos
Danielle Schaal

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





Bob Bender Kenneth Hessel Ron Reiff Jr.

Danny Britton Norma Mass Melody Schott Deloris Christensen
Jane Meyer
Paul Schott

Owen Hansen
Patty Maxwell
Tommy Schott

Sharon Hansen
Julie Powell
Ruth Sullivan

Norma Heath Richard Reed Stephany Sanborn



September 07
Michael & Michele Loos

September 08
Robert & Bette Juhl

September 11
James & LaWayne Andersen

September 14 Greg & Linda Steensland

September 17
Mason & Megan Hiers
Elizabeth & Drew Melani
Brittney & Garett Smith
Jodi and Brian Vodicka

September 19
Ryan & Jenny Jarrell-Smith

September 23 Michael & Anita Garrett

September 30 Alan & Kimberly Egner



October 06 Larry & Andrea Britton

October 07
Adam & Autumn Tanner

October 16
Thomas & Beth Lewis

October 17
Jerry & Debra Ebsen

October 20
Jenna & Jamie Ricks-Ashley
Ian & Rachel Spangenberg

October 27 Keven & Deborah Ferguson

## **BETHANY DAY**



Eat Great. Support Bethany's EEC

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>™</sup>

Join us Tuesday
September 9th for
supper 4pm - 9pm at
the Lake Manawa
Pizza Ranch and help
support BLHS's
Employee
Enhancement
Committee!

All are Welcome!



## **VIEW OUR DIRECTORY!**

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## SEPTEMBER

#### **At Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Coffee Hour	1 Labor Day Office Closed ************************************	2 3 pm Garrett has a Cross Country Meet in Plattsmouth 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	7 pm Mason will be performing with the Band at the TJ Football Game	6 10:30 am Garrett has a Cross Country Meet in Plattsmouth
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28 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	29 Office Closed 10 am Tai Chi	30 3 pm Garrett has a Cross Country Meet in Denison 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	Gnuren			



## OCTOBER

#### **At Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi 5:10 pm Garrett has a Cross Country Meet in Shenandoah	7 pm Mason will be performing with the Band at the TJ Football Game	TBD Mason will be performing with the TJ Band at Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree in Clarinda 1 pm Fall Festival at Carol Joy Holling
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# Yehiel Curry Elected Presiding Bishop of the ELCA ELCA Press Release July 30, 2025

The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly being held July 28–Aug. 2 at the Phoenix (Ariz.) Convention Center.

Curry was elected on the fifth ballot. There were 799 votes cast, with 400 votes needed for an election. Curry received 562 votes, and the Rev. Kevin Strickland, bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, received 237 votes. Curry is the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA.

Speaking to the assembly after his election, Curry reflected on his membership at Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, III., where he eventually became a lay mission developer while he participated in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries program, which prepares individuals for ordained ministry in the ELCA, with a focus on emerging ministry contexts like ethnic-specific, multicultural, rural and inner-city settings. He spoke to the assembly about his initial hesitation in accepting that first ministry role.

"Perhaps I'm out there in one of you," Curry said. "I never saw myself as good enough, so for two years, I said no. I finally said yes. When I said yes, your support, this church's support, of that ministry meant everything. So if you want to know what your benevolence dollars look like, it looks like me, and I want to say thank you. Thank you for your investment."

Curry has served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019. He previously served as mission developer (2009-2012) and pastor (2012-2019) of Shekinah.

He received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in 2013. LSTC is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

The churchwide assembly, the chief legislative authority of the ELCA, is meeting under the theme "For the Life of the World." The assembly will participate in plenary discussions to make decisions about the work of this church. They will also spend time in worship and engage in various ways of theological reflection.



## **Jeff Smith**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sandy and their family. They were longtime members of Emanuel before moving to Omaha, and they visited Emanuel often. They were here on August 15 for the garage sale.

Jeffrey died peacefully at his home August 16, 2025. Jeffrey Alan Smith was born May 12, 1961 in Highland, Illinois to Dale John Smith and Dona Mae

Smith. Jeff attended school in Edwardsville, Illinois. Then enlisted in the Navy from 1980 to 1986. He was married to Sandy Smith for the last 21 years. His interests include military history, Civil War history, cars, and cooking. An avid St. Louis Cardinal fan and active in church. He was proceeded in death by two brothers, his mother and father. Survivors include children, Steven and Rachel, wife Sandy, and sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and John.



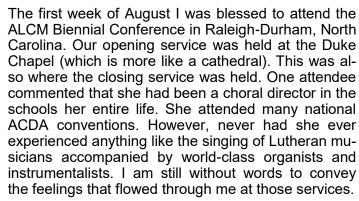






## Ramblings from the Back Corner





The other mornings we started with a short morning prayer service which set the mood for the day. There were six choral reading sessions. Many ideas come out of these sessions even if we don't purchase the music.

Thirty-two workshops were offered with only six time slots to attend. Naturally I couldn't begin to attend everything I wanted to. I'm still digesting all the information I came home with from the six I attended. Several of the workshop leaders had handouts that were beneficial since we couldn't get to everything.

The Raleigh Ringers-a professional group of handbell ringers- performed an energetic and entertaining array of songs one evening. VOCES8 performed the last night before leading our closing service. These a cappella singers are a Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble. They, along with the Raleigh Ringers, also gave workshops during the week.

A hymn festival was held one evening at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. These services are some of the most inspiring services that I ever attend. This one was put together by Tom Trenney, who is the Minister of Music to First Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. The numerous ideas that spring forth from attending hymn festivals are incredible.

After the conference was over Rosie Spangenberg was able to spend a day going to the coast with me. What a treat! It was so good to see her again!

Thank you for sending me to this conference. I always come home renewed, uplifted, full of ideas and ready to start a new year here at Emanuel.





Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
August 03	42	36	78	N/A
August 10	57	18	57	N/A
August 17	40	27	67	N/A
August 24	43	21	54	N/A

### **Finance Team Update**

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

July Income:\$10,397.	50 YTD Income:	\$102,455.00
July Expense:(-\$15,493.9	YTD Expense:	(-\$111,448.19)
July Balance(-\$5,096.4	YTD Balance	(-\$8,993.19)
·	Plus Carryover	\$9.1 <u>2</u>
	General Budget Fund	(-\$8,984.07)



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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.

#### Children's Ministry:

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

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