

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

April 2020

Happenings!

Due to COVID 19 all events and services at Emanuel are cancelled until further notice. While we hope to be able to gather soon, please connect with us virtually via Facebook, Twitter and our YouTube channel in the meantime.

Friday, April 17—Volunteers meet at OSL Food Pantry

Sunday, April 19—Confirmation (via Zoom)

Friday, April 24—Theology on Tap (via Zoom)

Saturday, May 2—Emanuel Work Day

Friday, May 15—Volunteers meet at OSL Food Pantry

Mission Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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

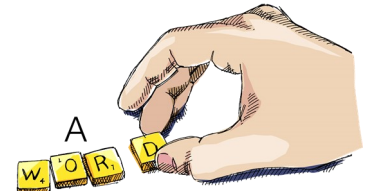


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Changes and Connecting

BY PASTOR CARA KNUTSON



Dear church:

I miss all of you! I thought it was bad not being able to hug, and shake hands, but not being able to gather with you has been hard. But, I am so thankful for churches that have been using technology and paving the way for times such as these when we rely on technology to keep connected. I like the term “distance socializing” and encourage you to take part in opportunities to visit and spend time with friends and loved ones whether it’s a discussion group on Facebook or a nice long gabby chat on the phone with your best friend.

A
WORLD
from the
Pastor



I will continue to reach out to you through phone calls, emails, and texts to check in. This way I can continue to enjoy each of your company and getting to know you all. Maja and Derek and I are doing alright in the big house behind the church. I’m glad that Derek is learning his addition but am not very happy that he decided to write $2+2=4$ on the hallway wall! We are so appreciative that Maja continues to get paid while the schools are closed and is able to be home with Derek and oversee his lessons.

Cindy, Michaela and I continue to work together to bring Sunday services, Bible studies, and devotionals to you and I am so grateful for their skill and expertise! We continue to be church even as we postpone meeting in person. As we look ahead the Council and I are playing things by ear as to when we’ll reconvene as a congregation. In the meantime, stay safe, pray, spend time outdoors everyday, and allow yourself the solace, comfort and healing of God’s love and protection. Our God promises to never leave us nor forsake us and walks with us through the deepest and darkest of our valleys.

I bid you peace,

Pastor Cara

Theology On Tap (from home!)

BY STEPHEN LEWIS

Since we can’t get together in person, we have made some adjustments so we can still socialize while keeping our distance. Join us for Theology on Tap via Zoom!

You can create a zoom account at [zoom.com](https://zoom.us) (only a few steps and only takes a few minutes).

Join us Friday, April 24 at 7 p.m. When you login, go to “join a meeting”. The meeting ID: 898 532 532, Password: 042569.

To join via phone:

- Call 1 (484) 430-1880
- Enter the meeting ID listed above, followed by the # key.
- You will be asked to enter your participant ID. If you do not know your participant ID, simply press the # key.



Confirmation

BY STEPHEN LEWIS

In order to practice social distancing, but still get together for confirmation, we will be using [zoom.com](https://zoom.us). If you have any questions, please reach out to me or Pastor Cara.

Confirmation

Class will meet
Sunday, April
19th at 1 p.m.
Follow the instructions to the left in the Theology on Tap article.



Meeting ID: 305 831 559
Password: 048721

Emanuel - Different Today but Active

BY RICK STONE

Our Emanuel family needs to stay safe during these unusual times. We have members able and willing to help those that may have special needs. Simply call Pastor Cara, and she will direct those volunteers.

Emanuel continues to offer our ministries during these times that the virus has closed our doors until further notice. Your continued financial support will help keep Emanuel moving forward at this time.

Today, even though we aren't gathering together on Sunday morning, Emanuel continues supporting its ministries through other means of communications. We thank you for your continued support, personal as well as financial. Your ideas for support as well as financial contributions can be mailed directly to Emanuel Lutheran Church, 2444 N. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503.

Working together we will all come out stronger.

OSL Food Pantry

Our Savior's Lutheran Food Pantry is still open. They ask that you stay in your car and someone will greet you at the curb. Once the food is ready it will be brought out and loaded into your car. You still need to call for an appointment Thursday mornings between 930am and 11am for an appointment that day. They are open 3rd & 4th Friday evenings, please call on the 3rd or 4th Friday between 4pm and 5pm for an appointment that evening.

Worship & Videos

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

We have had to change a lot of things in the last month. Although we can't get together in person, we are trying our best to keep everyone connected and informed online.

If you go to our website (www.emanuelcb.org) we have links to our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube sites at the bottom of the main page, just to the right of the "donate online" button.

YouTube videos are uploaded throughout the week and shared on both Facebook and Twitter. If you go to the "News" page on our website we also have video instructions from Carly Sorensen on how to set-up a Facebook page to stay connected. Feel free to share any posts with friends!

Church Directory

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

Just before we were all quarantined, I was working with some new software to create an updated directory. I do have some copies in the office if anyone would like a paper copy. If you email me or leave a message at church I can get one mailed out to you.

One benefit of the software is that we also have access to the directory through an online app. If you have a phone or tablet, you can download "instant church directory."

It will ask you some questions to identify you and then it will connect you to our directory. If you have trouble accessing it, please let me know so I can check what information I have on file, as that is how it syncs up. No one will have access to the directory outside of members, as their information would need to be included to access it.

You can also update your own information on the app and upload your own family photo!

My hope was that this would make it easier for people to access the directory and be able to check on each other, especially since everyone is somewhat isolated right now.



NEWS & Notes

NEW BABY: Brittney and Garrett Smith welcomed a baby boy, Roux Lee, born March 2, 2020. Croix is excited to be a big brother. Everyone is doing well.

JIM HAMILTON FUNERAL: Jim's funeral has been postponed due to the pandemic. We will post when it is rescheduled.

FLOOD BUCKETS: We do have buckets from the ELCA with supplies if the area experiences flooding this spring/summer. These are free for whoever may need them.



Glen Fahrenkrug
Paul Heath
Bob Vergamini

Daralene Smith
Deloris Christensen

Robert Hesseltine
Phyllis Fowler

Esther Bender
Jim Fowler



APRIL

Birthdays

April 1	Barb Burns	April 13	Tes Winter	April 21	Glenda Smith
April 2	Jenny Jarrell-Smith Ruth Pearson	April 15	Jim Andersen William Donovan Sharon Hansen Jackie Holding	April 22	Cara Knutson
April 4	Scott Carrier Peg Madsen	April 16	Amy Epperson Tom Lewis	April 23	Brayden Fager Linda Steensland
April 6	Amanda Wilson Suzanne Winter	April 17	Laura Kai Jack Loos Alexander Skovgaard	April 24	Priscilla McGee
April 7	Renee Goss	April 19	Christian Chatterton Deanne Skovgaard	April 26	Cynthia Borwick
April 9	Joshua Tiffey	April 20	Lucas Holcombe Heather Wilson	April 27	Kylie Hansen
April 10	Dona Smith			April 28	Haley Snell
April 12	Chasity Christie Nathaniel Larson Rebecca Petersen			April 30	Allison Goldapp

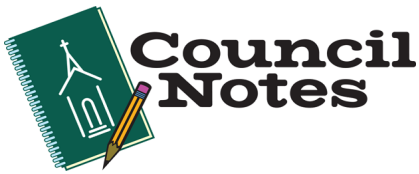


APRIL

Anniversaries

April 10	Al & Linda Martens	April 14	Dennis & Connie Beckman Rick & Jackie Ogg
April 13	Judy & Carl Wilson	April 15	Dick & Donna Steensen

*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*



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 03/16/2020

RECORDED BY ROSIE SPANGENBERG

Members present: Pastor Cara Knutson, Mike Winter, Rosie Spangenberg, Stephen Lewis, John Spilde, Joel Hauschild, Alan Ellis, Nick Rickard, Matt Solon, Char Les Kemmish, Mike Loos

Members absent: Jane Anderson, Alex Skovgaard

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Winter. Devotions were given by Rosie Spangenberg.

Guests Dan Heithoff and Nancy Ruffcorn from the Bethany Lutheran Home Board gave an update of current happenings. They are visiting all of the sponsoring churches to share these updates and the "team approach" being used. Sponsors will be hearing from the Board more frequently, and will be invited to events going on at Bethany. In return, Bethany will share church events with residents and their families. Dan and Nancy also shared ways Emanuel can support Bethany, like praying for the Bethany population, serving on the Bethany Board, volunteer opportunities, and providing financial support.

Secretary minutes from the February meeting: Motion to approve by John Spilde, seconded by Mike Loos. Motion carried.

Financial secretary's report: Motion to approve by Alan Ellis, seconded by Nick Rickard. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve by Matt Solon, seconded by Joel Hauschild. Motion carried.

Capital Fund report: Motion to approve by Alan Ellis, seconded by Joel Hauschild. Motion carried.

Memorial Fund report: Motion to approve by Nick Rickard, seconded by Alan Ellis. Motion carried.

Written reports by the pastor and committees were reviewed. Copies of these are on file in the office.

Old Business:

- Safety team
- Stephen reported that he has removed all chemicals from under bathroom sinks.
- Church staff is doing a thorough job of sanitizing common areas.

New Business:

- Designation of representative for Elizabeth Miller estate

- Alan Ellis made a motion to appoint Mike Winter, seconded by Nick Rickard. Motion passed.

- Coronavirus safety plan and policy

- As per Emanuel's cancellation policy (updated 02/19/2018) and recommendations from the CDC, a motion was made by Nick Rickard and seconded by Stephen Lewis to cancel all activities at Emanuel until further notice. Motion carried.

- Emanuel staff has been working hard to provide spiritual services and any updates to members during this difficult time via electronic means. They will also be reaching out to members with phone calls and encourage all members to network with others, especially with those who may need additional support.

- Char Les Kemmish volunteered to be the contact person for Emanuel's safety deposit box.

Matt Solon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stephen Lewis. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, with Mike Winter providing the devotions. Council members will be contacted if plans need to be changed.



Seeking Food Donations

The churches of Council Bluffs are linking arms to provide weekend meal kits for kids and families in the Council Bluffs Community School District. Our goal is to provide 1,000 meal kits each week during school closures due to the Coronavirus. Please use the donation list below.



Donations Accepted Monday-Thursday from Noon-7pm at these locations:

Broadway United Methodist Church

11 S. 1st Street

Contact: Rev. Alexis Johnson, 712.322.7741

Citylight Church

2109 Railroad Highway

Contact: Kara Higgins, 913.424.0355

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

4 Valley View Drive

Contact: Libby Hecker, 712.310.3446

- Fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Mac and Cheese
- Pop Tarts
- Cracker packages
- Canned or powdered soup
- Canned or microwave ravioli
- Instant rice or noodles
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Bread

For those who are limited in their ability to get out, we encourage online ordering. Orders can be delivered to any of our locations, or consider utilizing curbside pick-up.



National Child Abuse Prevention Month



According to the Iowa Department of Human Services, 8,967 Iowa children were subject to abuse or neglect in 2018. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs or dangerous substance, and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health care.

Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI's Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2019, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 11,000 in-home visits to families.

LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect.

You can make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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

WORSHIP PLANNING COVID19 PANDEMIC EDITION

Breathe on Me, Breath of God.....NOPE
 Precious Lord, Take my Hand.....NOPE
 Just a Closer Walk with Thee.....NOPE
 Gather Us In.....NOPE
 Close to Thee.....NOPE

COULD WORK

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
 Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley
 I Come to the Garden Alone
 Trust and Obey

@STEPHSCHLIMM

Attendance & Offering

Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
March 01	90	\$2,654.00
March 08	88	\$3,175.00
March 15	38	\$593.00
March 22	n/a	\$685.00
March 29	n/a	\$3,424.00

Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

February Income:\$18,802.44
 February Expense:.....\$12,756.14
 February Balance.....\$6,046.30

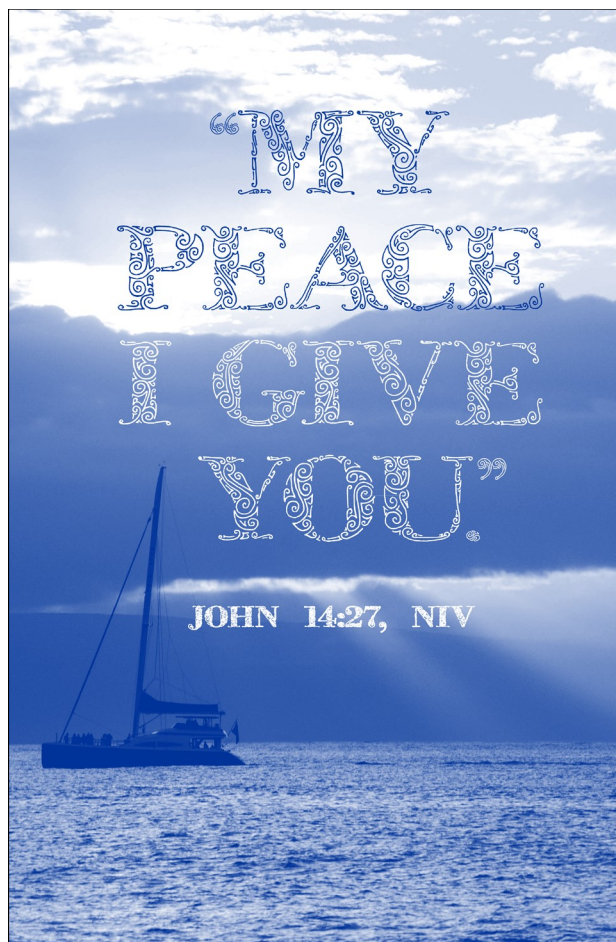
YTD Income:\$43,685.05
 YTD Expense:\$28,117.52
 YTD Balance\$15,567.53
 Plus Carryover.....\$16,983.29
 General Budget Fund\$32,550.82



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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship and coffee in the community room
Kidz Kamp Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

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