



EMANUEL
*Lutheran
Church*

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OPENING LITURGY

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

And also with you.

Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others.

Receive our prayer, O God.

As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

Amen.

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 655

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arr. Julius Röntgen

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Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith

Emanuel Lutheran Church
Annual Congregational Meeting
January 28, 2024

Agenda

Call to Order (quorum= 40)—Greg Steensland

Opening Liturgy

Minutes of 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting

Pastor's Report

President's Report

Financial Secretary's Report

General Fund Treasurer's Report

Nomination Committee's Report

 Accept Nominating Committee's Report

 Nominations from Floor

 Selection of Tellers

 Election of Church Council (ballot)

Ministry Reports-written

New Business

 2024 Budget (presented by Stewardship and Finance Committee)

Announcements

Closing Prayer—Pastor Cara Knutson

Adjournment—Greg Steensland

Council Members

	Term Began	Term Length	Term Renewed	Term Expires
Greg Steensland, President	2022	2 Years	2024
Char Les Kemmish, Vice President.....	2020	2 Years	2 years	2024
Mike Winter, Secretary	2020	2 Years	2 Years	2024
Connie Edson.....	2021	2 Years	2 Years	2025
Mike Hipnar	2022.....	2 years	2024
Mike Loos	2020	2 Years	2 years	2024
Richard Reed	2023.....	2 Years	2 years	2025
Matt Perrone.....	2023.....	2 Years	2 years	2025
Brittney Smith.....	2023.....	2 Years	2025

Pastor Cara Knutson

Connie Solon, Treasurer

Richard Reed, Capital Funds

Darlene Reed, Financial Secretary

Church Staff

Cindy Richards, Director of Music Ministries

Darlene Reed, Financial Secretary

Michaela Lewis, Parish Assistant

Stephen Lewis, Children's Programming

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting

January 22, 2023

Submitted by Chris Reed

President Mike Winter called the meeting to order at 11:02am. Chris Reed confirmed that there was a quorum (40 needed), with 51 voting members in person.

- Ken Kemmish made a motion to accept the minutes from the 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting as presented in the Annual Report Booklet. John Burns seconded it. Motion carried.
- President Winter directed those in attendance to the written Pastor's and President's reports.
- Richard Reed made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's Report and General Fund Treasurer's Report as presented in the Annual Report Booklet. Peggy Jarrell seconded it. Motion carried.
- President Mike Winter presented that Richard Reed, Brittany Smith and Matt Perrone would like to serve a 2 year term on the Church Council. No objections were made. For the 2023 term, there will be 9 members.
- President Winter directed members to the written ministry reports, and thanked members involved with those ministries for their dedication during 2022. Chris Reed mentioned that the Wider Ministries report (on page 20) was Submitted by Chris Reed and Angel McGee, Committee Co-Chairs and committee members included Chris and Angel as well.

New Business:

- Rick Stone as a member of the Stewardship and Finance committee gave a recap of 2022, the final report indicated a surplus and not a deficit as proposed. (Other members of this committee include Richard Reed, Oscar Over, Ken Kemmish, Matt and Connie Solon.) He then presented the proposed budget for 2023 that had been approved by the Church Council at the January 16, 2023, meeting. He explained that there will be a \$35,833 deficit. This is a concern for the future and will need to be address. The committee proposed a 2.5% increase for Pastor and other Staff. Greg Steensland made a motion to accept the 2023 budget as presented. Mike Hipnar seconded it. Motion carried.
- Oscar Over made a motion to "the church council may authorize repairs of, if necessary, replacements of furnaces and air conditioners, and payment therefore, without a special congregational meeting and approval", seconded by John Spilde. Motion carried.
- Deann Over wanted to Thank Michaela and Steve Lewis for the past year to always getting donuts and/ or prepackaged items for coffee hour. It was greatly appreciated.

Pastor Cara led the Congregation in The Lord's Prayer.

Matt Solon made a motion to adjourn the annual meeting, seconded by John Burns. Motion carried. President Mike Winter closed the meeting at 11:39am.

Pastor's Report

Submitted by Pastor Cara Knutson

As others have and will mention, 2023 was a year of both great blessing and challenge. Amidst the struggles our little congregation has faced, we've also had lots to celebrate. We received new members, baptized children into our faith, confirmed the faith of our young people, and remembered the promises of baptism for those who have died.

Our worship has been described by outsiders as creative, innovative and engaging. We've tried a couple of new things such as members being able to dust off their dramatic gifts through providing the weekly Lenten message through biblical skits. For this year's Blue Christmas service we shared a meal then worshipped together. While our attendance was small the Holy Spirit showed up in a powerful way through music and silence, darkness and candlelight, Scripture and preaching. Thank you to everyone who took part, especially Deacon Eric Haitz, from the synod office, for preaching.

This fall we began a new group called Ale and the Almighty that meets one Monday a month at Glory Days in downtown Council Bluffs. Together we explore what Scripture has to say to the issues of our culture. Through lively discussion we've discovered how what we believe shapes how we behave and act in our world.

As a fairly new pastor in my first call with a congregation I've had the opportunity to grow in my skills in administration. Over a period of time, staff regularly met together, created job descriptions for our roles, and set goals for our performance, and evaluated our progress on those goals on a regular basis.

2024 poses challenges, especially financially. Our income consistently doesn't meet our monthly expenses. It's pretty natural to feel concern, even alarm. However, Scripture calls us not to a spirit of fear, but to a spirit of hope. We're called to be good stewards of our talents and gifts and to take manage our financial affairs responsibly. We're also called to be open to the leading of the Spirit, who inspires, and encourages, equips and empowers. This is a time for thinking outside of the box. This is a time for innovation. This is a time to reconnect with who we are as Emanuel and how we can creatively reach beyond the walls of our building to meet the needs of our neighbors and community.

This is a time that calls for collaboration and cooperation. Isaiah 43:19 the prophet of God says to the people, "thus says the Lord, for behold I am doing a new thing. Can you not perceive it?" What new thing is God doing in our midst? And can we see it? Now is a time for excitement and enthusiasm as the Spirit leads us to the next new thing God is doing in our midst.

Be prepared to be surprised, be prepared to be blessed, be prepared to be a blessing to others. Amen. So be it.

Emanuel Lutheran Church, ELCA
Statistical Report

January 1-December 31, 2023

This year we have held in-person worship, with services livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube & Twitter. Attendance was calculated with counting those in person and the views online at 1.5, as some people viewed services alone and others with at least one other person.

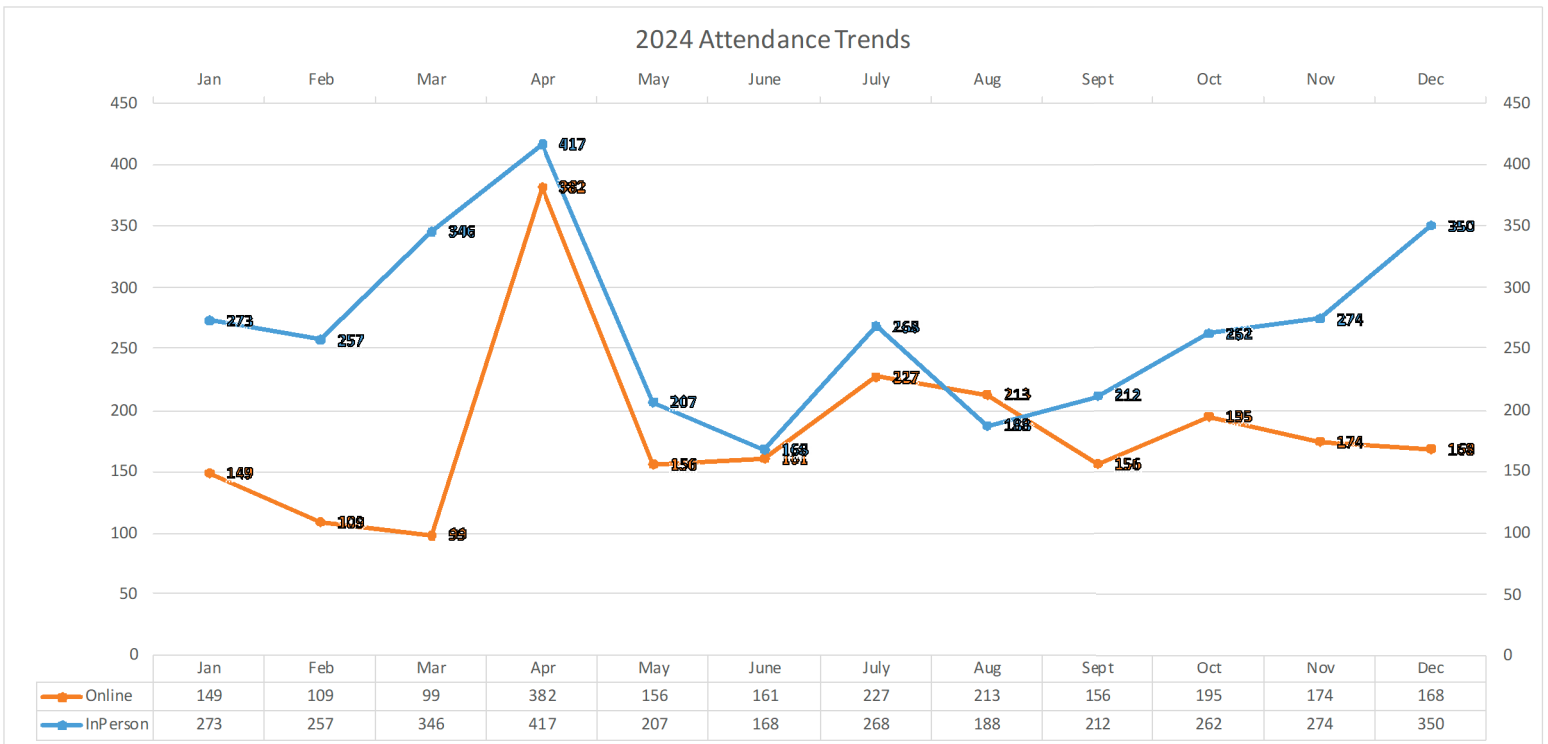
Worship Services (ELC).....68	Meetings (ELC)..... 48
Worship Services (Other).....11	Meetings (Larger Church)..... 1
Baptisms3	Meetings (Community) 121
Weddings0	Hospital/Nursing Home/Home Visits..... 54
Funerals1	Office visits 12
Classes (adult)48	Phone/electronic visits 54
Classes (youth)9	Reimbursable mileage submitted 758.09
Sunday School38	

Attendance Comparison

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
2023	422	366	445	799	363	329	495	401	368	457	448	518	5,411
2022	474	367	557	563	414	451	514	303	267	387	351	408	5,091
2021	421	427	363	303	308	259	225	357	290	408	372	393	4,126
2020	259	337	406	448	220	236	182	335	263	279	478	468	3,911
2019	369	180	608	607	391	362	340	298	323	263	319	359	4,419
2018	451	452	663	622	528	411	465	420	474	420	472	690	6,068
2017	522	491	570	831	415	386	433	434	457	669	621	761	6,590
2016	471	595	728	460	570	425	485	385	452	557	624	634	6,386
2015	356	256	268	447	416	429	332	401	391	432	650	600	4,978
2014	283	352	408	554	304	390	302	393	388	364	433	406	4,577
2013	267	287	422	272	338	328	228	286	332	335	366	450	3,911
2012	362	285	334	462	269	229	294	240	287	285	298	362	3,707
2011	411	344	331	461	382	355	308	325	337	411	341	303	4,309
2010	422	411	495	466	461	277	295	436	350	400	327	316	4,656
2009	380	455	552	544	466	282	307	435	358	372	503	377	5,031
2008	539	461	723	468	430	449	386	330	406	515	664	545	5,916
2007	382	432	555	635	417	356	487	385	478	423	485	524	5,559
2006	549	451	467	660	519	331	503	450	405	584	564	765	6,248
2005	501	533	685	438	522	405	511	369	436	679	439	647	6,165

Statistical Report Continued

Year	Weekly Average Attendance	Percentage Change
2023	104.05	31.14%
2022	97.23	22.75%
2021	79.34	0.16%
2020	79.21	-10.38%
2019	88.38	-28.36%
2018	123.36	-0.79%
2017	124.34	1.78%
2016	122.16	27.61%
2015	95.73	8.76%
2014	88.02	17.03%
2013	75.21	7.54%
2012*	69.94	-15.60%
2011	82.87	-7.45%
2010	89.54	-7.45%
2009	96.75	-14.96%
2008	113.77	6.43%
2007	106.9	-11.03%
2006	120.15	1.34%
2005	118.56	



President's Report

Submitted by Greg Steensland, Council President

Serving as President of Emanuel for 2023 has been eventful, rewarding and challenging. My term on the council ends this year, but I have agreed to run for another two year term. After that, our constitution does not allow another consecutive term on the council.

Thanks to very generous bequests from the Estates of Elizabeth Miller and Noran Davis, Emanuel was able to do things we probably could not do otherwise without significant borrowing. The long awaited bathroom remodelings are near completion and we have been able to place funds into certificates of deposit which currently are earning a decent rate of interest.

While these interest and dividend payments have helped to reduce our budget deficit, we still consistently run short of meeting our monthly budget. These generous bequests have also assisted Emanuel in making significant and needed repairs to the parsonage.

Struggling to meet our monthly financial obligations still remains a lingering issue for Emanuel. Without some changes I do not see this struggle alleviating any time soon. This struggle is not unique to Emanuel. The so called "conventional church" is seeing the same struggle in congregations throughout the country. The "nones" now dominate. These are the people who answer surveys asking about church affiliation with "none". Looking around the church sanctuary during service we can see that Emanuel is getting consistently "greyer". Our younger members are a vital component of Emanuel, but they make up a disproportionately small number of our membership.

Perhaps it is time for Emanuel to discuss what to do and what our future holds. This might mean asking some tough questions: Should congregations join forces? Should Pastors serve multiple congregations? Is it still viable to maintain a parsonage? What should Sunday School look like in the future? What should church services look like in the future? I am sure there are many more questions all of us have considered. Maybe it is time to ask those questions out loud and have an honest discussion about them.

I certainly do not have the answers. I am not even sure I have the right questions. But I do believe it might be time to do more than look around and wonder about Emanuel's future.

I ask you to pray in Jesus' name for God's guidance.

Music Director Report

Submitted by Cindy Richards

Music at Emanuel is an always changing, always the same dichotomy. This year we continued to increase the congregational singing repertoire by learning several new hymns from the All Creation Sings hymnal supplement. Some of these have put new lyrics to older, well-known hymntunes. Others have new tunes to go with the new, meaningful themes.

Lori Lynn Ahrens has been a great asset in the music department at Emanuel inspiring and leading the youngest members to raise their voices in praise. Thank you, Lori Lynn!

This year my continuing education was limited to one clinic in Minneapolis. Online workshops were not available this year and the clinics within a 200-mile radius were all cancelled so the benefits of keeping inspired, motivated, and educated were greatly limited.

Thanks to Linda Martens and Janet Perrone for assisting me in organizing the storage space in the music office. There is still much to be done, however, every bit helps. (Now I can see all the spaces to fill!)

This year soloists and ensembles performed in 31 services after 73 practices. Thank you to all the volunteer musicians, Elaine Sasso, Deann Over, Maja Knutson, Pastor Cara Knutson, Sherri Stinson, Chris Reed, Dan Heithoff, Mike Loos, Mike Hipnar, Kevin Epperson, Grant Ashcraft, Garrett Ashcraft, and Kali Hascall who enhance our services with their talent and dedication. Without you our music program would not exist.

Parish Assistant Report

Submitted by Michaela Lewis

There have been a few updates to the offices this year. Janet & Matt Perrone painted the office over the summer. So if you visit the office it is a cheerful yellow shade with décor that has several pops of color for a bright welcome to Emanuel. My hours were also increased to 30 a week in the fall. So right now Pastor is in the office Monday—Thursday and I am in the office Tuesday—Friday, so there is someone here every day during the week.

Some furniture was also moved around to make a more functional workspace. L-shaped desk that was in the office was moved to the Sunday school classroom to give Steve a dedicated space to organize and store materials for Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, Gathering and a variety of other children and youth activities.

Online Presence

- We use StreamYard to broadcast worship services to Facebook, YouTube & Twitter. At this time, I run the equipment on most Sundays. Amari Johnson, Mike Hipnar and Kathy Schneckloth have also run the equipment from time to time. This does take some extra preparation during the week, as everything that is show on the screen, needs to be programmed in.
- In 2023 our live services had 2,193 views across all platforms.
- On our YouTube Channel we currently have 61 subscribers (up from 53 last year). YouTube can be viewed online or through the YouTube app on a smart TV, which gives viewers a few more options than other platforms. This accounts for 59% of our online views.
- Our Facebook page started with 409 followers at the beginning of 2023 and ended with 439. The page is public, so people can view it regardless if they follow us or have a Facebook page. In addition to livestreaming services to the platform, we also post updates on activities at church and share posts from the ELCA or the Western Iowa Synod. This accounts for 37% of our online views, although recently it seems more people are watching weekly on YouTube.
- Our Twitter account is less active, but our services are shown on there as well. We 4% of our online views are through twitter.
- This year we also had daily devotions during advent and Christmas. These videos were 3-5 minutes long each day. Over the course of the season, there were 192 of views, with an average view of 6.6.
- It is interesting to look at the attendance trends. On weeks where there has been bad weather or lower attendance in person, you can see that there are more people view online.
- We continue to use our domain name (www.emanuelcb.org) and updated information as needed. Current and past newsletters are on there, as well as the calendar, requests to use the building and much more.

Equipment

- The laptop that we use for slides was moved to the back of the sanctuary later in the year. This was to make the computer more accessible and less of the distraction being right up front near the pulpit.
- We have had some technical issues that we are working with Midwest Sound to workout. The first if that the projectors have sometimes gliched and had a blank screen for a few seconds before returning to the screen. We have also had some issues with sound on the livestream and have been advised that adding a microphone to pick up the congregation singing and special music.

Mailings

- In 2023 we had 12 monthly newsletters go out. Jan Stone has arranged volunteers and made sure the newsletters are addressed and sealed each month and taken them to the post office. The average number sent each month is 255.

Directory

- We still have an online directory for members that is available through the app, instant church directory. We can also print directory as needed through here and members can update their own pictures and information. In early 2024 we plan to take updated photos during coffee hour.

Membership Statistics

	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>
Membership, end of 2022.....	601	436
 Members received in 2023		
By Baptism	3	0
By Affirmation of Faith	1	1
By Transfer from ELCA.....	0	0
By Transfer from Non-Lutheran	2	2
Other (re-activation, etc.).....	0	0
 Total Received.....	 6	 3
 Baptized members confirmed in 2022	 4	 4
 Members removed in 2023		
By Death.....	1	1
By Transfer to other ELCA.....	0	0
By Transfer to other Lutheran	0	0
By Transfer to Non-Lutheran	0	0
Other Reasons	0	0
 Total Removed	 1	 1
 Membership, end of 2023.....	 606	 442

*New Members, Baptisms, First Communion,
Confirmed, New Members, Funerals & Weddings*

Baptisms:

Kali Salda
Angela Wolfe
Jordyn Schaal

First Communion:

Confirmed:

Mason Lewis
Grace Nixt
Alex VanStickle
Gabe VanSickle

New Members:

Joann Blum
Ron Reiff II
Jenna Ricks-Ashley

Pastoral Acts:

Funerals:

Rita Epperson

Weddings:

2023 Committee Reports

Children & Youth Ministries

Submitted by Michaela Lewis & Deann Over, Chairs
Pastor Cara Knutson, Maja Knutson, Steve Lewis & Lori Lynn Ahrends

Since many of our activities cross over and involve ages from toddler to teen, as well as families, we combined reports.

Training

There was a “Gather at the Well” training held in Omaha in April. It was a two-day training, but due to scheduling, Stephen Lewis and Michaela Lewis attended sessions on Friday and Lori Lynn Ahrends and Janet Perrone attended on Saturday. This was hosted by the Ministry Leadership Initiative. It was great to meet with other youth leaders in the area, talk through ideas, address challenges, and look toward the future of children and youth ministry.

Stepping Stones

We had six students receive books as their Stepping Stone welcome in the fall; Shelby Clark, Spencer Lewis, Charleigh Rickard, Novalee Rowe Van Dyke, Vivienne Rowe Van Dyke and Roux Smith.

Sunday School

In the spring we continued to use the All-In-One Sunday School curriculum. It is made for all ages to work together and Stephen planed projects for the kids each week. With this curriculum we did have to skip some lessons though to coincide with events throughout the year, such as Easter and Christmas. In the fall Steve started planning lessons around the Gospel readings each week. Activities were from various sources.

Lori Lynn Ahrends has been a great asset to our children and youth ministry. She has helped Steve in the classroom and taught and led songs for the kids to sing during worship, including another original song during the Christmas program.

Mason Lewis. Grace Nixt and Tayah Nixt have been great helpers and role models in the classroom for the younger kids. It has also been great to have parents participating with kids in Sunday school and helping with the faith formation of our youth.

Easter

The children & youth committee hosted Easter breakfast. We had many wonderful people who brought egg bakes, fruit & muffins and helped serve, set-up or clean up that morning. We had our Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday between services. Thank you so much to those who donated fillers for eggs or funds to purchase items. Thank you also to the middle school and high school students who helped fill eggs at their lock-in on Maundy Thursday.

Honoring High School Graduates

We had four students graduate high school this year; Andrew Borwick, Kylie Hansen, Tyler Steensland and Xander Richards.

Care Packages for Emanuel’s College Students

Gift cards from Emanuel were sent both in the Spring and Fall as they prepared for their finals. Seven were sent in the Spring to: Carly Sorensen, Clare Plummer, Ashley Hipnar, Taryn McSorley, Shelby Rickard, Lauren Hansen and She Nickels.

In the Fall none were sent to to all the above with the exception of: Carley Sorensen who graduated. Porter McSorley, Kylie Hansen, Tyler Steensland were also added to the list in the fall.

Vacation Bible School

We held our Pets Unleashed VBS in July and had a 12 students. Four were visitors to Emanuel. Thank you to Stephen Lewis who was our VBS director, Lori Lynn Arends who was our music and more leader, Darlene Jeppesen and Grace Nixt and Tayah Nixt led crafts, Mason Lewis and Casey Moore led games, Maja Knutson, Cara Knutson and Stephen Lewis helped lead our opening and closing. Thank you also to the parents and grandparents that helped out as well! We are thankful that part of the expenses were covered by a grant from Thrivent Financial.

Halloween

We held Trunk-or-Treat the Saturday before Halloween. Since it is added to the calendar months in advance and we weren't sure about the weather, we held it inside. It ended up being quite cold, so this seemed to work best for those hosting tables as well as our visitors. We had 19 members hand out treats. We had a good crowd and estimated about 300 trick-or-treaters, plus another 300 adults. This is a nice event to invite the community to Emanuel without any pressure or expectations. We are thankful that part of the expenses were covered by a grant from Thrivent Financial, submitted by Megan Sorensen.

Hanging of the Greens

We had about 35 people join us for decorating the church, crafts and pizza. We had two different crafts for students (shrink dinks were a huge hit).

Children's Christmas Program

Our Christmas program this year was based on "Itsy Bitsy Christmas" by Max Lucado. Stephen Lewis directed. All families participating also received a copy of the book so they could be familiar with the story and have a keepsake. Lori Lynn Ahrends wrote an original song for the kids to preform and they also sang "Happy Birthday Jesus," a song she wrote last year. Michaela Lewis made costumes the program. Tayah Nixt served as our narrator. Grace Nixt and Mason Lewis played parts and helped with the program.

Cookie & Cocoa with Santa

We hosted an open house event with cookies and cocoa with Santa (Stephen Lewis). This was again a nice way to meet members of the community without a lot of pressure. We were able to talk with several of the parents and let them know about other upcoming events. We had approximately 50 people attend that day with a majority of them being visitors to Emanuel.

Confirmation

We had four students confirmed the first week of November: Grace Nixt, Mason Lewis, Alex VanSickle and Gabe VanSickle. Pastor Cara and Steve Lewis led the class the last two years. Classes meet once a month on Sundays.

Our new confirmation class started in September. We have three students in that class: Grant Ashcraft, Garrett Ashcraft & Tayah Nixt.

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

We began planning for the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. We have two students attending: Amari Johnson and Mason Lewis, along with two leaders: Stephen Lewis and Pastor Cara Knutson. The deposit was sent in December 2023.

Safety Checks

In 2019 we brought up a some safety safeguards after Michaela attended a safety training. With COVID this was put on the back burner. We did check into it this year and Council approved background checks for volunteers working with youth through Protect My Ministry. This will add a safeguard for our kids.

2023 Committee Reports

Property Committee

Submitted by Char Les Kemmish, Chair
Alan Ellis, Oscar Over, Janet Perrone & Matt Parrone

A special thank you to those who mowed, took care of the patio, vacuumed the Sanctuary and community room, mulch, trim scrubs and make sure roses have water and all the other plants, trees, birds, animals etc. This was a busy year, below are the repairs, replacements and expenditures the property committee had this year. Many of these figures are also reflected in the capital funds report.

Property Committee 2023 Expenditures For repairs and replacements

New water heater; meter bar replaced, new water lines, new faucet installed in women's restroom	06-Feb-23	\$	10,051.22
Light on Cross out front		\$	3,287.00
Concrete work front sidewalk		\$	6,250.00
Junipers (5) & new hose		\$	156.00
Replaced cracked window	18-May-23	\$	369.00
Church roofing	05-Jul-23	\$	24,757.60
Old refrigerator removed from storage room	01-Aug-23	\$	60.00
Lawn mower maintenance	03-Aug-23	\$	740.00
Upper level Air-Conditioner	Aug-23	\$	7,460.00
#2 Furnace	Aug-23	\$	5,785.00
Water leak Sanctuary		\$	288.75
Rota-Rooter cleaned 3 down spouts back door of Church	06-Oct-23	\$	588.50
Paint supplies for new curb	20-Oct-23	\$	62.00
Curtain rod, keys, & caulking	21-Sep-23	\$	88.98
Repaired kneeler Matt Parrone fixed	21-Apr-23	\$	36.20
Snow removal 4 times	21-Apr-23	\$	1,180.00
Janitor 15 times payment 75.00 each		\$	1,235.00
Cleaning supplies		\$	77.87
Toilet paper		\$	155.58
Bi monthly treatment 5 times		\$	379.80
Grass seed, pebbles, weed & gopher pellets, pest control		\$	347.92
(2) fans for bathrooms	26-Oct-23	\$	105.93
Flooring upstairs & hallway & fellowship	25-Sep-23	\$	2,943.95
ELC Project Non Completed			
Handicap & Family Bathroom		\$	38,951.67
A Raymond Plumbing estimate	02-Nov-23	\$	8,559.00
		\$	11,571.67

2023 Committee Reports

Wider Ministries

Submitted by Chris Reed & Angel McGee, Committee Chairs
*Linda Steensland, Chris Reed, Jan Husmann, Angel McGee,
Suzanne Winter, Connie Solon, and John Spilde*

MISSION: Sharing in God's love in the surrounding community by informing the congregation of opportunities to give to those in need through donations of money, service, and needed items.

JOYFUL NOISE

January	Council Bluffs C.A.R.E.S.	\$ 285.84
March	Share My Smile	\$ 360.19
April	Habitat for Humanity ReStore	\$ 339.83
May	National Alliance on Mental Illness	\$ 243.35
June	Sleep in Heavenly Peace	\$ 373.22
July	CB Bridges Out of Poverty	\$ 384.06
August	Philips Cupboard	\$ 212.21
October	Our Saviors Food & Pet Pantry	\$ 503.39
November	Thanksgiving Baskets	\$ 409.62
Total		\$ 3,111.71

LENTEN DINNER

On March 8, the Wider Ministries committee served dinner for Lenten Dinner before the service.

SAVORING OUR HERITAGE POTLUCK

On October 15, we celebrated the different heritages by bringing a dish/food item from our own heritage to share. Also memento items were displayed.

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLES

20 fully cooked casseroles were delivered on Thanksgiving Day for the community dinner. A very special thanks to those who donated, and who helped with distribution.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Sunday before Thanksgiving 19 families received baskets. A full dinner was provided and an invitation to Emanuel, a devotion, recipes and napkins were included. A very special thanks to those who donated and who helped with distribution.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE BAGS

56 bags were donated to Lutheran Family Service in December for their clients with children 0-5 years old. The bags included needed items such as socks, diapers, sip cups, shampoo, lotion, a book, a small toy plus some extra clothes. Thanks to Jan Husmann, coordinating and Wider Ministries committee and Linda Martens for helping.

FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

Again this year, our congregation competed in a challenge with Our Savior's Lutheran Church for a food drive. Emanuel collected 542 items and Our Savior's collected 729 items. We also did a Joyful Noise in October and collected \$503.39 for Our Savior's Lutheran Food & Pet Food Pantry.

SHARE MY SMILE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Fifteen children from foster and adoptive families received Christmas gifts. Share My Smile served 288 children in total.

CLOTHES, COATS, ETC.

Throughout the year coats, socks, gloves, hats, books and personal items were delivered to several local organizations. Donations can be brought to the church all year.

Thanks to each of the committee members and the congregation for your support in this ministry.

2023 Committee Reports

Women of Emanuel

Submitted by Darlene Reed

We completed 132 quilts: 44 went to Lutheran World Relief. 50 went to Vodec, Heartland Family Services, Micah House, Phoenix House, Mohm's, Boys & Girls Club, Salvation Army, Lutheran Social Service, Mosaic and Kanessville Therapy.

Habitat nine quilts (14 more waiting to be delivered in January. Three Grandma Quilts (material donated by Betty Juhl) made for Nixt children. One quilt for Nova. Sleep in Heavenly Peace 8 quilts. Two flannel quilts donated for community service at Christmas. One to Mental Health as Pastor serves on the board.

Chairpersons who served so faithfully;

Bethany Key Lady and Bethany Aux President Jan Stone

Other service projects for 2023 were:

- Honored students graduating from high school
- Collected pop tabs donated to Ronald McDonald house in Omaha
- Collected Best Choice Labels for Youth
- Dignity Bags (26) for Bethany Home
- Hosted Birthday Party and Bingo
- Hosted Salad Luncheon for Bobbin Chasers
- Made good friends with Bobbin Chasers

2023 Committee Reports

Worship & Music

Submitted by Mike Hipnar

Lori Lynn Ahrends, Kevin Epperson, Mike Hipnar, Pastor Cara Knutson,
Maja Knutson, Mike Loos, Ron Reiff & Cindy Richards

The annual Mardi Gras celebration was held again on February 19th. Da Band was unable to perform this year but a great time was had by all enjoying traditional Mardi Gras food and party atmosphere. Richard and Darlene Reed were chosen as King and as Queen. A scaled down celebration during coffee hour is being planned for 2024. Many thanks go out to everyone involved in this annual celebration.

The video & sound system continues to offer at home viewing options for those unable to attend in person as well as those exploring worship options in the community. Our online viewing has increased very well over this past year and we expect continual growth. For the year we are averaging 42 views per service (up from 31 last year), with 37% on Facebook, 59% on YouTube and 4% on Twitter. We have worked hard over the past year to improve the overall quality and always appreciate any feedback offered. If you would be interested in helping operate this equipment, please contact Michaela for more information.

The Emanuel bell choir once again made a couple well rehearsed appearances this year providing a welcome addition to the musical offerings here at Emanuel. Thank you to everyone involved for your hours of practice and dedication to the music ministry here at Emanuel.

Our 2023 garage sale was again a huge success with over \$4,300.00 raised. We tried something new and expanded the sale to two days which seemed to be well received from everyone. The community looks forward to this sale every year and continues to grow. Thanks to everyone involved through donations, setup, working the event, tear down and haul away. This is truly a team effort and so appreciated.

Gifts of music were offered this past year through solos from many of our talented musicians. Thank you for enhancing our services with your musical talents. Thank you to everyone who helps out with the weekly services throughout the year.

Altar Guild

Submitted by Mike Loos

The altar guild falls under worship and music, but takes care of many behind the scene things:

- Communion Set-Up
- Communion Clean Up
- Fill all Altar Candles & Inventory
- Check communion Supplies (Wafers, wine, grape juice)
- Check candle lighter wicks and Inventory

A Big thank you to Michaela Lewis, who orders all communion supplies and palms, Easter lilies and poinsettias. I also want to thank everyone who has given their time and talents by helping setup and cleanup God's Table. If anyone wishes to help with this committee, please contact the worship and music committee, church office or Mike Loos.

2022 Financial Reports

Assets

	<u>Assets</u> 2023	<u>Assets</u> 2022
Cash Accounts		
Checking Account	(576.26)	3,245.82
Bldg & Grounds	2,393.66	6,865.72
Interest Account	146.42	150.30
Dividend Account	3,234.14	0.00
Les Haas Estate	0.00	5,736.95
Rudy & Elizabeth Miller Estate	202.60	202.40
Noran Davis Estate	2,986.83	
Cobalt Membership Account	11.25	
Insurance Claim	0.00	3,191.15
Day Care Start Up	0.00	41.28
Totals	\$8,398.64	\$19,433.62
Special Accounts		
Special Funds	29,362.16	38,478.91
Youth Account	0.00	3,610.71
Special Needs	828.21	1,528.21
Women Account	1,159.74	1,277.06
Totals	\$31,350.11	\$44,894.89
Memorial Account		
Memorial Account	5,781.05	12,807.96
Memorial Account Veridian	5.00	100.00
Totals	\$5,786.05	\$12,907.96
Investment Accounts		
Miller Estate (Due 2/26/24) 1.5%	0.00	24,882.17
Miller Estate (Due 2/17/24) 3.75%	24,640.00	
Miller Estate (Due 2/17/24) 2.65%	0.00	102,637.26
Miller Estate (Due 10/22/24) 4.35%	100,000.00	
Miller Estate (Due 3/26/24) 1.5%	0.00	102,645.62
Miller Estate (Due 3/16/24) 3.75%	104,409.51	
Day Care Start Up (Due 8/18/23) 2.5%	0.00	33,810.61
Miller Estate (Due 2/16/25) 3.1%	0.00	101,148.53
Miller Estate (Due 2/16/25) 3.8%	100,000.00	
Memorial (Due 8/18/23) 2.5%	0.00	6,055.63
Memorial (Due 2/17/24) 3.75%	6,278.44	
Memorial (Due 2/17/24) 2.65%	0.00	6,058.98
Memorial (Due 2/28/24) 4.65%	6,275.59	
Davis Estate (Due 2/24/24) 4.66%	100,000.00	
Davis Estate (Due 2/24/24) 4.57%	50,000.00	
Davis Estate (Due 8/24/24) 4.28%	50,000.00	
Davis Estate (Due 8/24/24) 4.28%	50,000.00	
Davis Estate (Due 6/7/25) 4.50%	75,000.00	
Youth Funds (Due 10/03/24) 4.75%	17,000.00	
Totals	\$683,603.54	\$377,238.80
Property Investments		
Church Edifice & Lot	4,313,000.00	4,026,000.00
Church Personal Property	838,000.00	806,000.00
Parsonage	259,000.00	236,000.00
Parsonage Personal Property	14,000.00	13,000.00
Totals	\$5,424,000.00	\$5,081,000.00
Total Assets	\$6,153,138.34	\$5,535,475.27

2023 Financial Reports
Capital & Building Fund Report
Submitted by Richard Reed

Building & Grounds (FIB)

1/1/2023 Balance		\$6,865.72
	Y-T-D	
Income		
Transfer From Church (General)	\$2,500.00	
Furnace Rebate	\$400.00	
Transfer from Ins. Claim	\$3,191.15	
Transfer from Les Haas Estate	\$5,739.06	
Memorial Account	\$95.00	
Expense:		
Stamps / Fees	\$1.05	
Water Heater and Repairs	\$10,051.22	
Concrete Work Front Sidewalk	\$6,250.00	
Memorial Account	\$95.00	
Balance		\$2,393.66
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Interest Account (FIB)

1/1/2023 Balance		\$150.30
	Y-T-D	
Income		
Interest	\$6.12	
Expense:		
Membership Fees	\$10.00	
Balance		\$146.42
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Dividend Account (FIB)

1/1/2023 Balance		\$0.00
	Y-T-D	
Income		
CD's Dividends	\$23,234.14	
Expense:		
Dividends Transfer to Gen Acct	\$20,000.00	
Balance		\$3,234.14
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Capital & Building Fund Report Continued

Rudy & Elizabeth Miller Estate (FIB)

1/1/2023 Balance		\$202.40
	Y-T-D	
Income		
Interest (GWB)	\$0.20	
Deposit	\$100,000.00	
Expense:		
Trasfer to CD	\$100,000.00	
Balance		\$202.60
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Noran Davis Estate (FIB)

1/1/2023 Balance		\$0.00
	Y-T-D	
Income		
Interest (GWB)	\$95.60	
Deposit	\$403,498.11	
Day Care Startup (Handicap BR)	\$33,532.00	
Memorial Funds (Handicap BR)	\$8,490.50	
Expense:		
Trasfer to CD	\$325,000.00	
Cross Back Lighting	\$3,287.76	
Roof Repair's	\$24,757.60	
A/C & Furnace	\$13,245.00	
Handicap Bathroom	\$73,106.32	
Water Leak Sackuary	\$288.75	
Flooring Upstairs & Sancury	\$2,943.95	
Balance		\$2,986.83
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TOTAL CHECKING	\$8,963.65
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Capital & Building Fund Report Continued

Cobalt Membership Fee (COB)

1/1/2023 Balance							\$	-
Y-T-D								
Income								
Deposit	\$	10.00						
Interest	\$	0.66						
Dividends	\$	9,571.40						
Expense:								
Transfer to Dividend Account	\$	9,565.81						
Check Fee	\$	5.00						
Balance							\$	11.25
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Miller Estate CD (VER)

							18 Months	\$ 24,640.00
							\$ 45,339.00	Rate 3.75%
1/1/2023 Balance							\$	24,882.17
Y-T-D								
Income								
Dividends	\$	876.35						
Expense:								
Transfer to Dividend Account	\$	1,118.52						
Balance							\$	24,640.00
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Miller Estate CD (VER)

							30 Months	\$ 100,000.00
							\$ 45,704.00	Rate 3.80%
1/1/2023 Balance							\$	101,148.53
Y-T-D								
Income								
Dividends	\$	3,701.54						
Expense:								
Transfer to Dividend Account	\$	4,850.07						
Balance							\$	100,000.00
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Davis Estate CD (COB)

							12 Months	\$ 100,000.00
							\$ 45,346.00	Rate 4.66%
1/1/2023 Balance							\$	-
Y-T-D								
Income								
Deposit	\$	100,000.00						
Dividends	\$	3,976.80						
Expense:								
Transfer to Dividend Account	\$	3,976.80						
Balance							\$	100,000.00
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Capital & Building Fund Report Continued

Davis Estate CD (COB)

	12 Months	\$	50,000.00	
	\$ 45,346.00		Rate 4.57%	
1/1/2023 Balance				\$ -
	Y-T-D			
Income				
Deposit	\$ 50,000.00			
Dividends	\$ 2,047.80			
Expense:				
Transfer to Dividend Account	\$ 2,047.80			
Balance				\$ 50,000.00
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Davis Estate CD (COB)

	18 Months	\$	50,000.00	
	\$ 45,528.00		Rate 4.28%	
1/1/2023 Balance				\$ -
	Y-T-D		Y-T-D	
Income				
Deposit	\$ 50,000.00			
Dividends	\$ 1,823.40			
Expense:				
Transfer to Dividend Account	\$ 1,823.40			
Balance				\$ 50,000.00
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Davis Estate CD (COB)

	18 Months	\$	50,000.00	
	\$ 45,528.00		Rate 4.28%	
1/1/2023 Balance				\$ -
	Y-T-D			
Income				
Deposit	\$ 50,000.00			
Dividends	\$ 1,823.40			
Expense:				
Transfer to Dividend Account	\$ 1,823.40			
Balance				\$ 50,000.00
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Miller Estate CD (MIF)

	1 Years	\$	101,553.70	
	\$ 45,367.00		Rate 3.75%	
1/1/2023 Balance				\$ -
	Y-T-D		Y-T-D	
Income				
Dividends	\$ 2,855.81	\$	-	
Deposit	\$ 101,553.70	\$	-	
Expense:				
Balance				\$ 104,409.51
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Capital & Building Fund Report Continued

Miller Estate CD (MIF)

3 Years \$ 100,000.00
\$ 45,377.00 Rate 1.50%

1/1/2023 Balance				\$	102,645.62
	Y-T-D	Y-T-D			
Income					<u>Cashed</u>
Dividends	\$	335.67			
Expense:					
Penalty	\$	1,539.68			
Closed	\$	101,441.61			
Balance				\$	-
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Day Care Start Up CD (VER)

12 Months \$ 33,500.00
\$ 45,156.00 Rate 2.50%

1/1/2023 Balance				\$	33,810.61
	Y-T-D				
Income					<u>Cashed</u>
Dividends	\$	133.08			
Expense:					
Penalty	\$	204.61			
Closed	\$	33,739.08			
Balance				\$	0.00
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Y T D 2023

(FIB) First Interstate Bank.
(MIF) ELCA Mission Investment Fund
(VER) Veridian Credit Union
(COB) Cobalt Credit Union
(USB) US Bank

Richard D. Reed
Treas.

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Memorial Fund Report
Submitted by Richard Reed

CHECKING ACCOUNT

	Y-T-D	BALANCE
Balance as of 1/1/2023		1,957.03

RECEIPTS:

Transfer from Saving	8,000.00	
Transfer from Savings (Veridian)	95.00	

DISBURSEMENTS:

Safe Deposit Box	45.00	
Handicap & Family Bathroom	8,618.88	
		1,388.15

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SAVING ACCOUNT

Balance as of 1/1/2023		10,850.93
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RECEIPTS:

Interest	21.97	
Transfer from General Account	1,175.00	
Transfer Between Funds	15.28	
Deposit	345.00	

DISBURSEMENTS:

Transfer to Checking	8,000.00	
Transfer Between Funds	15.28	
	0.00	
		4,392.90

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Memorial Fund Report Continued

	Y-T-D	BALANCE
Savings (Veridian)		
Balance as of 1/1/2023		100.00
Income		
	0.00	
Expense:		
Transfer to Checking	95.00	
Richard D. Reed		
Balance		5.00
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CD (Veridian)		12 Months	Due 2/28/24
	\$6,042.08	2/28/23	Rate 4.65%
Balance as of 1/1/2023			0.00
Income			
Dividend		235.62	
Deposit		6,042.82	
Expense:			
		0.00	
Balance			6,278.44
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CD (Veridian)		18 Months	Due 2/17/24
	\$6,000.00	2/17/22	Rate 3.75%
Balance as of 1/1/2023			6,058.98

	Y-T-D	BALANCE
Income		
Dividend	216.61	
	0.00	
Expense:		
	0.00	
Balance		6,275.59
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<u>TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS</u>	18,340.08
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Y-T-D 2023
At: American National Bank and Veridian

Richard D. Reed Treas.

Memorial Fund Report Continued

TOTAL MEMORIAL RECAP:

	Bal 1/1/2023	Received	Used	Balance
Certificates Dividends	\$ 114.61	\$ 476.07	\$ 36.65	\$ 554.03
Interest & Expenses	\$ 0.58	\$ 37.25		\$ 37.83
Safe Deposit Rental	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ -
Kathy Springer	\$ 550.00			\$ 550.00
Mike Sullivan	\$ 704.38			\$ 704.38
Joseph Anderson II & Children	\$ 750.00			\$ 750.00
Joseph Anderson III & Deborah Anderson Leaf				
Marie Mass & Daughter Susan Mass	\$ 750.00			\$ 750.00
Jim Lee Jeppesen (2016)	\$ 3,954.00		\$ 3,954.00	\$ -
Jerry McIntosh (2016)	\$ 331.69			\$ 331.69
Anna Ellingsen (2016)	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00
Ray Kanger (2017)	\$ 594.07			\$ 594.07
Deb Hipnar (2017)	\$ 350.00			\$ 350.00
Hazel Schnieder (2017)	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
Kara Nickels (2017)	\$ 3,181.50	\$ 450.00	\$ 3,631.50	\$ -
Dorothy Ferris (2017)	\$ -			\$ -
David Larson (2017)	\$ 310.00			\$ 310.00
Charlie Madsen (2019)	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
Robert Bird (2019)	\$ 1,508.97			\$ 1,508.97
Lucille Weatherill (2019)	\$ 369.90			\$ 369.90
Michael Spangenberg (2019)	\$ 40.00			\$ 40.00
Gene Jeppesen (2019)	\$ 905.00		\$ 905.00	\$ -
Daphne Miller (2019)	\$ 635.00			\$ 635.00
Mildred Rogers (2019)	\$ -			\$ -
Edna Morgans (2019)	\$ 405.00			\$ 405.00
Dave Apple (2019)	\$ 1,020.00			\$ 1,020.00
Jim Hamilton (2019)	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00
Elizabeth Miller (2019)	\$ 445.00			\$ 445.00
Glen Fahenkurg (2020)	\$ 765.00			\$ 765.00
Dona Mae Smith (2020)	\$ 195.00			\$ 195.00
Irvin Mass (2020)	\$ 1,895.00			\$ 1,895.00
Cheryl Ellis (2020)	\$ 95.00			\$ 95.00
Jim Fowler (2020)	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00	\$ -
Ruth Pearson (2020)	\$ 65.00			\$ 65.00
Phyliss Fowler (2021)	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ -

Memorial Fund Report Continued

Dennis Beckman (2021)	\$ 320.00		\$ 320.00
Paul Heath (2021)	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Alce Croson (2021)	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Rodella Vergamini (2021)	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00
Darlene Smith (2021)	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Helne Baker (2021)	\$ 425.00		\$ 425.00
LaVern Buley (2021)	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
John Husmann (2022)	\$ 759.21	\$ 100.00	\$ 859.21
David Perault (2022)	\$ 120.00		\$ 120.00
Mindy Mass (2022)	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Carl Wilson (2022)		\$ 18.66	\$ -
Esther Bender (2022)	\$ 975.00		\$ 975.00
Vern Buley (2022)	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Alex Skovgaard (2022)	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Vander Meiden (2023)	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Duane Schuchard (2023)	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Rita Epperson (2023)	\$ -	\$ 575.00	\$ 575.00
TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS	31,022.57	46,858.93	21,050.38
			36,680.20

Memorial Fund Expense Report

Jim Lee Jeppesen (2016)	Handicap Bathroom	\$ 3,954.00
Kara Nickels (2017)	Handicap Bathroom	\$ 3,631.50
Gene Jeppesen (2019)	Handicap Bathroom	\$ 905.00
Jim Fowler (2020)	Handicap Bathroom	\$ 75.00
Phyliss Fowler (2021)	Handicap Bathroom	\$ 50.00
Carl Wilson (2022)	Handicap Bathroom	\$ 3.38
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		\$ 29,669.26
Carl Wilson (2022)	Stamps/Supplies	\$ 15.28
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		\$ 29,669.26
Safe Deposit Rental	General Acct. Paid Back	\$ 45.00
CD Cashed Early	CD Penalty	\$ 36.65
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		\$ 29,729.54
	TOTAL	<hr/>
		\$ 21,170.38

Memorial Fund Report Continued

Memorial Fund Expense Report

Interest & Expenses				
	Stamps/Supplies	\$	42.00	
	Safe Deposit Box	\$	45.00	
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			\$	87.00
Jim Lee Jeppesen (2016)	Table Grace	\$	1,500.00	
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			\$	1,500.00
Dorothy Ferris (2017)	Stamps/Supplies	\$	50.00	
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			\$	50.00
Mildred Rogers (2019)	Office Furniture	\$	388.80	
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			\$	388.80
John Husmann (2022)	Percussion Instruments	\$	500.00	
	Rieman Music Equipment	\$	430.79	
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			\$	930.79
Carl Wilson (2022)	Office Furnature	\$	6.34	
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			\$	6.34
			TOTAL \$	2,962.93

Financial Reports

Women of the ELCA Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Darlene Reed, Treasurer

Checking

Balance Carried Forward January 1		\$ 1,277.06
Income:		
Soup Supper	\$ 115.00	

Total Income		\$ 115.00
Expenses:		
Graduation Gifts		
Bethany Parties	\$ 102.56	
Oklee batting	\$ 30.76	
LWR Quilt shipping	\$ 99.00	

Total Expenses		\$ 232.32
		=====
Balance December 31		\$ 1,159.74

Financial Reports

Special Needs Fund Report

Submitted by Richard Reed

01/01/2023	Balance		1,528.21
	Numbers	Credits	Debits
		0.00	
	NO Deposit to report thru E-O-Y		
	Checks 1		700.00
			=====
12/31/2023	Balance		\$828.21

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report, General Fund

(01/01/2023-12/31/2023)

Emanuel Lutheran Church - Council Bluffs IA

Treasurer's Report as of December 2023 for General Fund

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	% of Budget YTD	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget
Income					
4.010.010	Loose	1,325.75*	115	1,150.00	115
4.010.020	Pledged	148,269.66*	113	131,093.00	113
4.010.030	Special Pledge	0.00	0	35,696.00	0
4.010.050	End of Year Carry Over	0.00	0	3,246.00	0
4.010.080	Interest / Dividend	20,000.00			
4.010.090	Miscellaneous and Loan	656.42			
4.010.100	** Faith Giving **	0.00			
	Total General Income	\$170,251.83	87	\$171,185.00	87
	Total Income	\$170,251.83	87	\$171,185.00	87
Expense					
5.010.010	Benevolence/Synod Support	5,000.00	100	5,000.00	100
	Total Benevolence	\$5,000.00	100	\$5,000.00	100
5.015.010	Pastor's Salary	44,576.00	100	44,576.00	100
5.015.015	Pastor's Housing	0.00			
5.015.020	Pastor's Benefits	18,028.44	100	18,031.00	100
5.015.030	Pastor's Social Security	3,410.00	100	3,410.00	100
5.015.040	Pastor's Phone & Internet	1,542.11*	109	1,416.00	109
5.015.050	Pastor's Books	190.14	95	200.00	95
5.015.055	Pastor's Continuing Education	0.00	0	300.00	0
5.015.060	Pastor's Car Reimbursement	758.09*	253	300.00	253
5.015.100	Staff Salaries	44,007.53*	111	39,631.00	111
5.015.110	Staff Taxes	3,385.87*	112	3,032.00	112
5.015.200	Supply Pastor/Organist-Pianist	1,310.70*	164	800.00	164
	Total Staff	\$117,208.88*	105	\$111,696.00	105
5.020.010	Utilities	19,684.13	86	22,900.00	86
5.020.020	Building & Grounds	2,500.00	100	2,500.00	100
5.020.030	Maintenance	7,378.22*	184	4,000.00	184
5.020.040	Insurance	11,605.75*	106	10,974.00	106
	Total Property	\$41,168.10*	102	\$40,374.00	102
5.025.010	Children Ministry	1,542.72	77	2,000.00	77
5.025.020	Youth Ministry	1,006.04*	134	750.00	134
5.025.030	Worship & Music	2,800.34	93	3,000.00	93
5.025.040	Evangelism	187.16*	125	150.00	125
5.025.050	Stewardship	247.53	84	295.00	84
5.025.060	Wider Ministries	0.00	0	0.00	0
5.025.070	Fellowship & Support	0.00	0	0.00	0
5.025.080	Office Supplies & Mailings	8,040.69*	115	7,000.00	115
5.025.085	Redevelopment	0.00			
5.025.090	Miscellaneous and Loan Exp.	569.54*	285	200.00	285
5.025.095	Seminar & Training	1,405.26*	195	720.00	195
5.025.096	Fresh Start	0.00			
5.025.100	Transfer from Special	(5,102.35)			
	Total Programs	\$10,696.93	112	\$14,115.00	112
	Total General Fund	\$174,073.91	105	\$171,185.00	105
	Total Expense	\$174,073.91	105	\$171,185.00	105
	Difference	<u>(\$3,822.08)</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>	

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Donations Account Balances

(01/01/2023-12/31/2023)

Emanuel Lutheran Church - Council Bluffs IA
Donations Account Balances (01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023)

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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Account ID Account YTD Balance

Giving Accounts

001	001 - Loose	1,325.75
002	002 - Pledged	148,269.66
008	008 - Interest	20,000.00
015	015 - Miscellaneous and Loan	650.00
	Unified	\$170,245.41
041	041 - Ash Wednesday	45.00
042	042 - Lenten Offering	20.00
043	043 - Maundy Thursday	72.00
044	044 - Easter	430.00
045	045 - Thanksgiving	125.00
046	046 - Christmas	295.00
	Holidays	\$987.00
047	047 - Janitor	480.00
050	050 - Office Supplies	45.15
051	051 - Initial	138.00
053	053 - Memorial	1,475.00
054	054 - Flowers	580.00
055	055 - Use of Church	100.00
056	056 - Music	700.00
058	058 - Repairs / Maintenance / Utilities	128.38
061	061 - World Hunger	750.00
064	064 - Garage Sale	4,374.78
066	066 - Youth	4,133.61
067	067 - Women of Emanuel	100.00
070	070 - Fellowship & Support	1,828.13
072	072 - Joyful Noise	2,041.71
078	078 - Synod	500.00
079	079 - Tee Shirts	102.35
082	082 - Wider Ministries	296.55
083	083 - Sewing Group	2,115.35
085	085 - Children Ministry	49.00
093	093 - Mardi Gras	1,129.00
096	096 - Church Council	103.00
098	098 - Da Band	400.00
102	102 - Concert	550.00
104	104 - Cookie Crumb	2,000.00
116	116 - Special Needs	250.00
125	125 - Display Sign	570.00

Special Income \$24,940.01

Total Giving Accounts \$196,172.42

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Consolidated Fund Activity Report
(As of 12/31/2023)

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2023 Percentage Report for Estimate of Giving

2024 Pledge Recap

Final 2024

AS OF 1/17/24

Count

Dollar

Pledged 2024	43	\$	114,872.00
Loose		\$	1,100.00
Pledged 2023 Not 2024 (Less 15%)	<u>8</u>	\$	<u>8,203.00</u>
	51	\$	124,175.00
Paid 2023 No Pledge 2024 (Less 15%)	19	\$	5,959.00
2023 Balance Carry Over		\$	(576.26)
	<u>70</u>	\$	<u>129,557.74</u>

Proposed Budget

\$ 180,599.00

Surplus

\$ (51,041.26)

EST. Interest on CD's

\$ 33,000.00

Final Deficit for 2024

\$ (18,041.26)

Financial Reports

2023 Budget Review & Proposed Budget for 2024

PROPOSED BUDGET		<u>AS OF 1/15/24</u>			
General Fund	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2023 % of Budget Y-T-D	2024 Proposed Budget	
Benevolence					
Synod Support	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 2,500.00	
Total Benevolence	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	100%	\$ 2,500.00	-50.0%
Staff					
Pastor - Salary	\$ 44,576.00	\$ 44,576.00	100%	\$ 45,468.00	
Pastor - Benefits	\$ 18,031.00	\$ 18,028.44	100%	\$ 18,198.00	
Pastor's Social Security	\$ 3,410.00	\$ 3,410.00	100%	\$ 3,478.00	
Pastor Phone & Interest	\$ 1,416.00	\$ 1,542.11	109%	\$ 1,362.00	
Pastor's Books	\$ 200.00	\$ 190.14	95%	\$ 100.00	
Continuing Education	\$ 300.00	\$ -		\$ -	
Car Reimbursement	\$ 300.00	\$ 758.09	253%	\$ 240.00	
Staff Salaries	\$ 39,631.00	\$ 44,007.53	111%	\$ 47,533.00	
Staff Taxes	\$ 3,032.00	\$ 3,385.87	112%	\$ 3,636.00	
Supply Pastor & Organist	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,310.70	164%	\$ 1,000.00	
Total Staff	\$ 111,696.00	\$ 117,208.88	105%	\$ 121,015.00	8.3%
Total Property					
Utilities	\$ 22,900.00	\$ 19,684.13	86%	\$ 21,284.00	
Building & Grounds	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	100%	\$ 2,500.00	
Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,378.22	184%	\$ 4,900.00	
Insurance	\$ 10,974.00	\$ 11,605.75	106%	\$ 13,500.00	
Total Property	\$ 40,374.00	\$ 41,168.10	102%	\$ 42,184.00	4.5%
Programs					
Children Ministry	\$ 2,000.00	* \$ 1,542.72	77%	\$ 1,500.00	
Youth Ministry	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,006.04	134%	\$ 1,000.00	
Worship & Music	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,800.34	93%	\$ 3,000.00	
Evangelism	\$ 150.00	* \$ 187.16	125%	\$ 150.00	
Stewardship	\$ 295.00	* \$ 247.53	84%	\$ 250.00	
Office Supplies & Mailings	\$ 7,000.00	* \$ 8,040.69	115%	\$ 7,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 569.54	285%	\$ 250.00	
Seminars & Training	\$ 720.00	\$ 1,405.26	195%	\$ 1,750.00	
Transfer from Special		* \$ (5,102.35)			
Total Programs	\$ 14,115.00	\$ 10,696.93	76%	\$ 14,900.00	5.6%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 171,185.00	\$ 174,073.91	102%	\$ 180,599.00	5.5%

* Adjusted by Transfer

2023 Financial Reports

Audit Statement

Submitted by Ken Kemmish

I have examined the cash receipts and disbursement statements for the following funds for the year ending 12/31/23:

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONGREGATIONAL CONSOLIDATED FUNDS

CONGREGATIONAL CAPITAL FUND

MEMORIAL FUND

SPECIAL NEEDS REPORT

WELCA TREASURER'S REPORT

My review indicated that the statements for the above accounts reflect an accurate accounting of Emanuel Lutheran Church's receipts and disbursements, for the year ended and an accurate statement of funds on hand as of 12/31/23.

Ken Kemmish

**Come as you are!
Be who you are!
Make us a better community,
congregation and people!**

Come as you are!

**Bring yourself, dressed in your favorite comfy clothes
Bring your gifts, your pain, your hope, and your fears
Bring the traditions that have helped you and hurt you
Bring your experiences that have made you and broken you
Bring your mind, ready to engage and question and grow
Bring your heart, open to discern and delight**

Be who you are!

**If you are young or old and you come to Emanuel,
we will be better because of you.
If you have brown skin, black skin, white skin,
or any color of skin, and you come to Emanuel,
we will be better because of you.
If you are married or single, and you come to Emanuel,
we will be better because of you.
If you are gay or straight, and you come to
Emanuel, we will be better because of you.
If you are transgender, and you come to Emanuel,
we will be better because of you.
If you are a man or a woman, and you come to Emanuel,
we will be better because of you.
If you cannot hear or see, and you come to
Emanuel, we will be better because of you.
If you are sick or well, and you come to Emanuel,
we will be better because of you.
If you are happy or sad, and you come to Emanuel,
we will be better because of you.
If you are rich or poor, powerful or weak, and you come to Emanuel,
we will be better because of you.
If you believe in God some of the time or none of the time
or all of the time, and you come to Emanuel,
we will be better because of you.**

**And make us a better community,
a better congregation, and better people.**

We're excited to be with you and to have you with us!

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON



Dear friends in Christ,

Over the past year we have continued to experience changes in the world around us. Even as our church finds ways to adapt to this changing world, we find hope in the unchanging and always present promise of God's love through Jesus Christ. We change and adapt not to conform to the world but because we believe that the gift of God's Son is for the world, and that our congregations and worshiping communities are places to gather and be sent into the world, where we will tell the story of God's love in word and deed.

The ministries of our congregations, our synods and the churchwide organization provide ways for the church to move beyond the boundaries of structures and geography and to share God's love with people in our neighborhoods, our cities, our country and beyond. We engage in this ministry knowing that our church walks by faith, trusting in God's promise in the gospel, and that we exist by and for the proclamation of this gospel word. In John 15:5, Jesus reminds us, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." We are connected by the promise that we do all through Christ and can do nothing apart from him.

God gives the Holy Spirit, who uses gospel proclamation — in preaching and sacraments, in forgiveness and in healing conversations — to create and sustain this faith. Just as we rely on God to sustain our faith, we rely on each other to sustain the ministries that offer God's love to the world. Through your generosity to each expression

of this church — your congregation, your synod and your churchwide organization — you add to our collective voice proclaiming God's love for all.

I am grateful for your generosity over this last year. My gratitude spreads far beyond your generous financial gifts. You've shared your gifts of time through countless hours of volunteering, serving and accompanying. You've shared the gifts of your voices as we've tried to discover and learn how God is calling us to be the church now and into the future. And, finally, dear church, you have shared the gift of the realness of God's love with the world around you. Be well, dear church, and stand steadfast in the promise of God's love and grace as you take that promise with you into the world.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” —John 15:5

Through your generosity, God is at work across the ELCA. A portion of your offering, called Mission Support, advances the ministry of our church, helping the ELCA nurture Christian community, raise up leaders, serve our neighbors and strive for justice. Read stories and learn more at [ELCA.org/SOFIA](https://elca.org/SOFIA).



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God's Work. Our Hands.



Mardi Gras



Garage Sale



Tie Dye



Quilters



Trick-or-Treating



New Members



Bathroom Construction



Talented Musicians



Confirmation Class



Hanging of the Greens



Youth Lock-In



Confirmation



Christmas Program