

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

September 2018

Happenings!

Wednesday, September 5—Emanuel Carnival

Saturday, September 8—Women's Retreat

Sunday, September 9—God's Work, Our Hands at Out of the Darkness Walk

Wednesday, September 12—New fall schedule starts on Wednesdays

Friday, September 14—Family Movie Night

Friday, September 21—Help at Our Savior's Food & Pet Food Pantry

Saturday, September 22—Jonathan Rundman Concert

Sunday, September 23—Worship with Jonathan Rundman

Saturday, September 29—Fall Work Day

Mission Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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



Our great crew for our Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School! We had 23 kids and 22 volunteers who helped throughout the week.

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Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

The gospel readings this fall take us over and over to the foot of Jesus' cross. We are reading Mark's gospel together. Three times we will hear Jesus say that it is necessary for him to suffer and die on a cross (and three days later to be raised).

On church calendars, September 14th is the Festival of the Holy Cross. It is a festival that both eastern and western Christians have in common because it goes back to the early centuries of the Church. On September 14, 335, the Emperor Constantine dedicated shrines in Jerusalem to commemorate the locations of Jesus' death and burial. Scholars believe these sites are historically accurate.

Why would we remember and celebrate the cross? In his book, *The Day the Revolution Began: Reconsidering the Meaning of Jesus's Crucifixion*, Dr. N. T. Wright puts it this way: "Jesus's death made all the difference in the world, all the difference to the world. The revolution had begun. In this book I want to show what that means and how a fuller vision of what happened when Jesus died, rooted in the New Testament itself, can enable us to be part of that revolution."

What actually happened on the cross? That is an historical and theological question. **We will reflect on answers to that question at our Wednesday night adult study.** We will use brief video talks by Dr. Wright to focus our time together. His talks come from his recent book. He asks how, by six p.m. on Good Friday had the world changed? We will ask that question and seek answers to build and deepen our faith.

That adult study will happen from 6:45 to 7:25 p.m. on Wednesdays, *beginning September 12*. Supper will be at 6 p.m. and a thirty minute worship service with Holy Communion will start at 7:30. Our Kidz Kamp activities will happen upstairs from 6:45 to 7:25 p.m. as well. Everyone is welcome. Just bring a Bible and your curiosity.

I invite you on Sunday, September 16, to bring your favorite wall or table cross to worship. We will display these crosses on a temporary "cross wall" to remind us of our focus. If you happen to have a cross that you'd like to donate for a cross wall at our Retreat House, you can leave it here, and I will make sure it gets installed at the Retreat House. Contact me if you have any questions.

And on that day, we will remember that in baptism we have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **We'll practice making the sign of the cross to remember our baptisms and the mark we bear.** I hope it will be a meaningful day for us all. See you at worship!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell



WITH SYMPATHY: We lift up in prayer and express our Christian sympathy for Kevin Epperson and his family at the death of his father, George Epperson on July 27th.

BAPTISM: On August 5th we celebrate the baptism of Anna Joselyn Luther. Anna is the daughter of Joe and Brandi Luther and her sponsors were Dana and Adam Driscoll.



NURSES NEEDED: The Wider Ministries Committee is looking for one or two people to be Parish Nurses. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Linda Steensland.

CONCERT TICKETS: Tickets for the Jonathan Rundman Concert on September 22 will be available for advance purchase during coffee hour September 2, 9 and 15. You can also reserve your tickets online at www.emanuelcb.org and pick-up and pay for your tickets the night of the concert. For more information about the concert, please see page 7.





God's Work, Our Hands

Out of the Darkness Walk

SUBMITTED BY MICHAELA LEWIS

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Walk will be September 9. This is also God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. So in addition to having a team walk, helping clean-up after the walk will be our project for the day.

Often times this is an emotionally and physically draining event for many who walk, so they identified the clean-up as being one of the times that they need the most help. It is at Lewis and Clark Landing near downtown Omaha.

If you plan on volunteering, please sign-up online or let us know so we can give them an accurate count of how many people there will be. Plan to arrive about 2:30 p.m. and check in at the volunteer tent. Duties will be clean up the common areas, walk the route behind the last walkers to pick up any debris, help break everything down (tables, chairs, etc.) and load items into the truck. Depending on the number of people, this is estimated to take an hour to two hours.

This will be the sixth time that our family has participated in the walk. It is sad to see the number of people who have been affected by suicide and mental health issues, but it is good to see people come together to help each other and bring awareness. This is something that affect people of all ages, ethnicities, economic and social status.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen or Michaela Lewis.

You can register for the walk at:
<https://afsp.donordrive.com/team/180376>

**Sunday,
September 9th, 2018**

Lewis & Clark Landing - Omaha, NE

Registration begins @ 11:00AM

Opening Ceremony begins @ 1:30PM with Walk to Follow

For More Information and to Register, go to AFSP.ORG/NEBRASKA

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255**



**American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention**





Daphne Miller
Harvey Coble
Paul Heath

Glen Fahrenkrug
Mildred Rogers
Esther Bender

Jeff Smith
Dana Blessum
Jim Fowler

Dwight Rogers
Kaye Bird
Phyllis Fowler



Sept. 01 Kris Parker

Sept. 02 Darlene Jeppesen
Ronald Porter, Jr

Sept. 03 Jonathan Scheffler

Sept. 04 Logan Yard

Sept. 05 Jeremy Thielen

Sept. 06 Marlina Davidson
Amanda Lewis

Sept. 07 Daphne Miller

Sept. 08 Moira Baker
Carol Fahrenkrug
Lindsey Piper

Sept. 10 Ian Carrier

Sept. 11 Terry Eyberg

Sept. 12 Kevin Epperson
Judi Malloy
Christopher Ogg

Sept. 13 Brittney Smith
Jason Wutkin
Alnora Zook

Sept. 15 Ryan Epperson
Glen Fahrenkrug
Nina Reedy

Sept. 16 Ridgeway Hein-Snider

Sept. 17 Sandy Kanger

Sept. 19 Maxima Spangenberg

Sept. 20 Marcus McGee

Sept. 22 Norma Mass
Bernice Runnels
Alyson Sorensen

Sept. 23 Linda Over

Sept. 24 Maxine Anderson
Deann Over

Sept. 27 Dan Heithoff
Janet Kendall

Sept. 28 Alan Ellis
Alexandra Heithoff
Casey Yard

Sept. 29 Leah Clark

Sept. 30 Teresa Fischer



Sept. 08 Bob & Bette Juhl

Sept. 11 Jim & LaWayne Andersen

Sept. 14 Greg & Linda Steensland

Sept. 17 Garrett & Brittney Smith

Sept. 19 Ryan & Jenny Jarrell-Smith

Sept. 23 Mike & Anita Garrett

Sept. 26 Gene & Darlene Jeppesen

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

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, September 2	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Kade Holcombe & Cole Holcombe
Lector	Mike Winter
Communion Assistants	Alan Ellis, Elaine Sasso, Valerie Weelborg
Communion Set-Up	Connie & Matt Solon
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs
Sunday, September 9	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Grace Hansen & Hailey Holcombe
Lector	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistants	Rosie Spangenberg, John Spilde, Amy Garreans
Communion Set-Up	Carol Fahrenkrug
Visual Tech	
Sunday, September 16	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Rosie Spangenberg
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Amari Johnson & Mason Garreans
Lector	Deann Over
Children's Message	Rosie Spangeberg
Communion Assistants	Rosie Spangenberg, John Spilde, Elaine Sasso
Communion Set-Up	Deb Ebsen & Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
Sunday, September 23	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Robert Vergamini
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Nikki Rickard & Tyler Steensland
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistants	
Communion Set-Up	Jeanine Schademann
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso
Sunday, September 30	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Amy Garreans
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Kyle Sorensen & Hanna Ferguson
Lector	Mike Loos
Children's Message	Brenda Hennigs
Communion Assistants	Robert Vergamini
Communion Set-Up	Char Les Kemmish
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso



September 2
American Founda-
tion for Suicide
Prevention

September 9
Retreat House

September 16
Retreat House

September 23
Worship & Music

September 30
Retreat House

The coffee hour sign-up chart is in the kitchen. Duties include picking up donuts, starting coffee, pouring juice and clean-up.



September 2

September 9

September 16

September 23

September 30

The flower sign-up is on the bulletin board above the usher stand.

September 2018 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>26</p> <p>9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi 11 am Communion at Midlands Living Center</p> <p>3</p> <p>Labor Day Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p> <p>4</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm—8 pm Emanuel Carnival</p> <p>The BIG Event</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>6</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 11 am Mental Health Support Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm—8 pm Emanuel Carnival</p> <p>The BIG Event</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 am Women's Retreat in the parsonage</p>	
<p>9</p> <p>Joyful Noise 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour with Ministries Meeting 10:45 am Wider Confirmation 11 am Out of the Darkness Walk 2:30 pm God's Work, Our Hands—Meet at Lewis & Clark Landing</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 9:30 am The Gathering (Women's Study) in conference room</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 6:30 pm Children & Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kids Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Community Room 7:30 pm Worship in Community Room</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 6:30 pm North Broadway Neighborhood Association Meeting 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Office Closed 6 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Movie: Won't You Be My Neighbor</p> <p>FAMILY Movie Night</p>	<p>15</p> <p>NewsLetter DEADLINE</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 11 am Mental Health Support Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 pm Church Council Meeting 7 pm MS Support Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kids Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Community Room 7:30 pm Worship in Community Room</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Office Closed 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY Volunteers</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7 pm Jonathan Rundman Concert</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11 am Communion at Midlands Living Center</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kids Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Community Room 7:30 pm Worship in Community Room</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8 am Church Work Day</p> <p>Fall Work Day</p>
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Garage Sale

Thank You from Worship & Music

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the garage sale! It takes a lot of hands, from donations, setup, selling, cleanup and haul away. We couldn't do it without all of you! The unofficial total sits at \$2,190. The money will be used for worship enhancements, things like new banners, added technology, a canopy for outside worship. We'll keep you informed! The Worship and Music Committee

Thank you from Children & Youth

Once again the bake goods and concessions at Emanuel's 2018 Garage Sale were a huge success! Sales generated over \$350 for our children and youth to help attend mission trips, Bible camps and 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Whether it was donating concession or baked goods items, helping set up or working a shift - **your support is truly appreciated!**

Blessing of Animals

Emanuel Lutheran Church will host our annual Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, October 6th, at 10 a.m. in our LOWER parking lot. Please bring your animal friends and family for this service of blessing and joy. We have blessed dogs, cats, hedgehogs, turtles, goats and many other species of God's beloved creatures over the years. We hope to see you there!

The animals were excited to get acquainted last year. Due to rain the blessing of pets was in the entryway of the church. We had 7 dogs and 3 cats attend with their humans.



Jonathan Rundman Live In Concert

**Saturday, September 22
7 p.m.**

Tickets \$15

Emanuel Lutheran Church
2444 N. Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA

**Reserve your tickets at
www.emanuelcb.org
or call (712) 323-9665**



This is Jonathan's last concert in the foreseeable future, as he will be attending seminary this fall. He performed at the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston in June.

Born and raised in the isolated Finnish-American communities of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Jonathan Rundman has been writing songs and performing across the country since he was 18 years old. He emerged on the national music scene as a Chicago-based touring artist, generating rave reviews in Billboard, The New York Times, Performing Songwriter, Paste, and countless regional publications. Now living in Minneapolis, he continues to tour and record. Jonathan's songs can be heard on radio stations across America, in Scandinavia and England, and have been featured on television's Ellen Degeneres Show and CBS This Morning.

In 2017 Rundman released the new solo retrospective album *Reservoir*, collecting his best songs of the new millennium.

Deftly navigating between folk music, garagey rock, sophisticated pop, and Americana, Rundman proves to be one of the country's most ingenious and persistent independent songwriters.

Vacation Bible School

SUBMITTED BY MICHAELA LEWIS

Vacation Bible School was such a fantastic week! We had 23 kids attend and had 22 volunteers! Our theme for the week was “Shipwrecked” and focusing on how Jesus rescues us!

We got to meet a castaway, Jim (Stephen Lewis) who had been stuck on the island for far too long and was happy to have company and learn about how Jesus rescues.

There were also several science experiments, games, hearing about other kids’ experiences, and got to experience what it would be like to step into some stories from the Bible!

Our volunteers were Abbie Ashcraft, A.J. Borwick, Austin Borwick, Cyndi Borwick, Kevin Epperson, Carrie Hansen, Kylie Hansen, Lauren Hansen, Brenda Hennigs, Lowell Hennigs, Christina Holcombe, Hailey Holcombe, Stephen Lewis, Sandy Kanger, Mason Kline, Angelina Maxwell, Patty Maxwell, Erin Miller, Deann Over, Erin Sizemore, Sandy Smith and Brian Solon.

We also had several people donate supplies or food for the week. I apologize if I miss anyone! Some supplies mysteriously appeared and I didn’t know who they were from! Those who donated supplies or food were Jane Anderson, Judy Borwick, Cheryl Coble, Connie Edson, Kim Egner, Carol Fahrenkrug, Carrie Hansen, Hansen Family, Pat Hiller, Carla Hipnar, Darlene Jeppesen, Marge McIntosh, Erin Miller, Darlene Reed, Elaine Sasso, Shirley Schuchard, Ruth Sullivan; Carrie Solon, Connie Solon, Erin Sizemore, John Spilde and Valerie Weelborg.

Thank you to Bethany Lutheran Home who made a financial contribution, which helped with the cost of supplies for the week.

Special thank you to Deann Over who took care of lining up volunteers for the kitchen, preparing meals for the week and getting the food supplies for dinner.

This was truly a memorable week for the kids and volunteers. Save the date for next year: Sunday, July 28—Thursday, August 1!



Middle & High School Back-to-School Bash

SUBMITTED BY DEANN OVER

Rain did not stop eighteen youth and seven adults from enjoying indoor games (bean bag toss, Nerf fun, four square, ping pong, hide & seek, jenga, etc.), filling care bags for the homeless and plenty of food! We even got creative with s'mores by roasting the marshmallows over the grill outside the community room.

And...during breaks in downpours both youth and adults initiated Emanuel's newest outdoor fun: 9 Square in the Air!

Special thanks to:

- The Lewis team (Steve, Michaela & Mason along with Doug Shapland) for constructing the massive 9 Square structure!
- LeWayne & Jim Andersen for donating a bean bag toss game to Emanuel
- Carly Sorensen & Linda Steensland for sorting and prepping the care bags
- Jan & John Husmann for supplying ping pong equipment
- Steve Lewis for his Nerf arsenal
- Adult volunteers Pastor Lowell, Tyler & Jamie Hansen, Steve Lewis, Chris Sorensen, Chastity Christie and special "adult volunteer" Tori Hansen.



It's that time of year when the young adults of our congregation head off to college. Please let Michaela know of their mailing address this school year.

You can email any updates to: emanuelltheranobia@msn.com or call (712) 323-9665 to update this information.

Friday, Sept. 14
6 p.m. Potluck
6:30 p.m. Movie

Emanuel Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
Bring a dish to share &
a friend or neighbor!



We will be watching:
Won't You Be My Neighbor

As one of America's most beloved children's show hosts, Mr. Rogers remains one of the most iconic television figures for families worldwide. This documentary takes a closer look at the person behind the show, persona, and personality that helped define what it meant to be a good person and be a part of a healthy community. - IMDB



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 08/20/2018

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

Present: Rosie Spangenberg, Mike Winter, Elaine Sasso, Peggy Jarrell, John Spilde, Connie Solon, Judi Malloy, Stephen Lewis, Valarie Weelborg, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Amy Garreans, Joel Hauschild, Patty Maxwell

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by President Rosie Spangenberg

Devotions: Stephen Lewis

Council Agenda:

- Motion by John Spilde, seconded by Elaine Sasso to approve the secretary minutes for the meeting of July 16, 2018. Approved.
- Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the Financial Secretary (Consolidated Fund) report. Discussion was held regarding a memorial fund, church council funds and end of the year carryover. No decision was made regarding the disposition of the church council fund. These funds came from hosting Sunday coffee hour. Motion approved.
- Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Valarie Weelborg to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Valarie Weelborg, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Connie Solon to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Pastor Hennigs submitted a 17 point report. Already in August he has provided services at Bethany eight times. The Emanuel Fresh Start Team has received a request from the Church of the Damascus Road to consider a new returning citizen. The Emanuel Renewal (Faith) Team met on July 23. A Prayer Path Workday was held on July 21. A recommendation was made to employ Stephen Lewis as the part-time coordinator for the Wednesday night Kidz Kamp beginning in September. The Daycare Construction Committee met on July 19 and they are at the point of drafting construction drawings and seeking a general contractor. Kim Egner is no longer able to consider being the director of the daycare.
- Pastor nominated Amy Garreans as the Chair of the Daycare Board of Directors and Amy has accepted that nomination. The new Mental Health Support Group continues to meet. Stephen Lewis is one of the co-facilitators. Pastor encouraged board members to take the "Implicit Association Test". Our Mental Health Support Group is proposing a project for our "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday. September 9 is the 14th annual "Out of the Darkness" walk for suicide awareness and prevention. We need volunteers for the cleanup. We have had great results from the Evangelism mailing. The Fall mailings will go to four routes and will go to 2,700 addresses. The cost for postage is \$158.36 and paper was \$62.08. Printing was \$29.96, so not quite 12 cents per mailing.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Judi Malloy to name Amy Garreans as Chair of the Daycare Board of Directors. Approved.
- Motion by Stephen Lewis, seconded by Valarie Weelborg that Emanuel take on the responsibility for our God's Work Our Hands project for the congregation. Approved.
- Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Valarie Weelborg to pay Stephen Lewis \$12 per hour for up to eight hours a week to serve as part-time coordinator for our Wednesday Kidz Kamp beginning in September. This payment is to be made from the General Fund and it is estimated to cost about \$3,600 per year. The motion is to carry through December of 2018. It would begin September 1, 2018. Stephen Lewis abstained. The Faith Team initiated this proposal and the Children's Youth Ministry supports the proposal. Approved.
- The Board will work the Coffee Hour on August 26, 2018.
- Connie Solon gave the report for the Stewardship/Finance Committee. A discussion was held regarding an endowment fund, the Fall Stewardship Drive and that it is more important why we give than what we give.
- Stephen Lewis gave the Children's/Youth Ministry's report. The Vacation Bible School was held from July 31 through August 2 and 25 children registered and 23 attended. A budget of \$500 was set for rental of a bounce house, games,

etc. – approximately 9-10 games. Acolyte robes are needed and some needed to be replaced. The committee recommends keeping two of the short robes and ordering six new medium to large size robes to be paid from the Memorial Fund.

- The Property Committee Report was received and it is estimated that the cost of purchasing and installing a pulldown faucet for the kitchen sink which would be installed on the single sink which has the garbage disposal is \$200. The council encourages the Property Committee to enhance security for the parsonage.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Stephen Lewis to authorize the expenditure of \$200 to pay for the pulldown faucet. Approved.
- Rosie Spangenberg gave a report on the Worship and Music Committee. The garage sale netted \$2,190. They would like to use some of this money to purchase a large canopy for outdoor use. They would also like additional video screens/displays in the sanctuary and Fellow-

ship Hall. The committee is focusing on adding projectors in the worship center. An initial estimate is \$1,200 for two projectors, splitter, mounts and cable. It is suggested that a combination of garage sale funds and memorial money could be used for these. We were again reminded that the Jonathan Rundman Concert will be September 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. with tickets selling for \$15 per person. Tickets will be sold during coffee hours.

- Wider Ministries met on August 17, 2018 and the speaker for September will be from Lutheran Family Services and October will be Thanksgiving baskets.
- Connie Solon gave a report on use of the credit cards and wants to make sure all receipts are turned in.
- Motion by John Spilde, seconded by Valarie Weelborg to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Approved.

All reports presented to the council may be viewed by any church member at the church office.



Bethany Lutheran Health Services

Golf

OUTING FRIDAY SEPT. 28, 2018

The Details:

**Dodge Riverside
2 Harrah's Blvd.**

**8:30am Registration
9:00am Shotgun Start
Scramble Format**

**\$75/ Person
\$300/ Team**

**Includes 18 holes of golf,
cart, hole prizes, food and
more!**

**Proceeds to benefit
Bethany**

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With ten mowers, we have a nice rotation where we are not mowing all the time. We ask that you mow the lawn **sometime** during your scheduled week, preferably by Thursday. If you have a conflict, just trade dates with someone on the list. 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.-1:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m.-3 pm Tues.—Thurs. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.**

Sept. 2	Ken Kemmish
Sept. 9	Phil Meyer
Sept. 16	Al Marten
Sept. 23	Larry Hansen
Sept. 30	Tyler Hansen



Direct Support Professionals Week



Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which these professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives.

One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities.

We thank you for your faithful support of LSI – you create so many new life-changing possibilities for children, adults, and families! If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Finding His Independence

Logan and his mother, Michaela, didn't know where to turn.

Since Logan was 5 years old, he had moved in and out of hospitals and residential treatment centers across Iowa. For 13 years, Michaela tried to find the right approach to address his behavioral needs. But nothing was working.

That's when the family learned about LSI's Services for People with Disabilities. Now 18, Logan is living independently in an apartment supervised 24/7 by his compassionate LSI team.

Logan is now active in his community and developing

healthy relationships with his friends. He graduated early from his high school and has become active at the gym and in a local bowling league – where his high score for a game is 210.

Every step of the way, Michaela knows Logan's LSI team will keep her informed about her son's care and growth.

"At LSI, they treat him like an individual and they know each person needs different care," Michaela says. "It's good knowing that I have constant communication with his team, and I know somebody is saying, 'we hear you'."



Grill master Mike Hipnar mans the grill at the music kickoff cookout August 23.

Volunteers Needed

Each Sunday we have volunteers that host coffee hour. During the summer with busy schedules, we have several Sundays when we do not have a host yet.



Wednesday nights we could also use some more hosts to cook a meal for about 20 people. Sign for either one at

our website (www.emanuelcb.org, under ministries) or on the clipboards in the fellowship hall.

Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



I love the change of seasons. I suppose that's one reason I remain living in Iowa. Things are always changing. The excitement of kids going back to school, a new sports season, new weather patterns, different smells in the air, cooler temperatures outside, and vibrant colors in the landscapes are all exciting changes taking place in the fall. And I like that. It keeps me from becoming stagnant in my thinking and apathetic in my planning.

So here we are at the beginning of the autumn time in the church year. We are changing the Sunday liturgy from John Ylvisaker's *Young Earth Mass* to *Now the Feast* by Marty Haugen. Choir and band resume their practice schedules on Thursday nights. The Wednesday night schedule changes for meal, Kidz Kamp, and worship. Every week in the bulletin we will see new things that are happening; new bible studies, new fellowship opportunities, all renewing us in this change of season.



A wonderful kickoff to fall music in the church will be a concert by nationally known Jonathan Rundman. Not only will he have a concert on Saturday September 22, he will lead our worship service the next day. What a powerful way to worship and experience God's word.

Several new songs will be added to our congregational repertoire this fall. The meaningful lyrics and easily learned melodies will soon become your new earworm. And for even more musical excitement this fall, join us on Thursday nights at 6:30 for choir or 7:30 for band!

Fall is a wonderful rejuvenation time. In the church, in ourselves, and in our community!



Attendance & Offering

Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
August 5	103	\$4,519.00
August 12	124	\$2,441.00
August 19	93	\$2,106.00
August 26	92+	\$1,456.00

Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

July Income:\$14,006.00
 July Expense:\$13,610.59
 July Balance\$395.41

YTD Income:\$104,484.36
 YTD Expense:\$96,783.57
 YTD Balance\$7,700.79
 Plus Carryover\$10,886.00
 General Budget Fund\$18,586.79



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Game Day

Thursday, September 6th, 1:00 pm
Community Room

The Gathering (Women's Study)

Monday, September 10th
9:30 am
Conference Room

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Tuesday, September 11th, 8:30 am
Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, September 12th
11:30 am
Pizza Ranch

Movie Night

Friday, September 14th
6:00 pm Potluck
6:30 pm Movie
Community Room

Mission Action Committee (Quilters)

Wednesdays, 9:30 am
Community Room

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

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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship
Wednesday meal at 6:00 pm, Kidz Kamp & Adult Study at 6:45 pm,
Worship in in Community Room at 7:30 p.m.

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