

# Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

April 2016

## Happenings!

**Saturday, April 2**—Neighborhood Clean-Up at 10 a.m. Meet at Kimball Park

**Sunday, April 3**—Holy Humor Sunday, Boy Scouts Serving Pancakes after service.

**Wednesday, April 6**—First Parenting the Love and Logic Way class begins at 6:45 p.m.

**Monday, April 11**—Bethany Auxiliary Bake Sale and Meeting at 2 p.m

**Sunday, April 17th**—Daycare Feasibility Study question & answer during fellowship hour. Confirmation Large Group from 11 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 23**—Confirmation Reunion Spaghetti Dinner at 5 p.m., Ambassadors Concert at 7 p.m., childcare provided.

**Sunday, April 24**—Confirmation Reunion Worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by Fellowship and Fun!

Mission  
Statement:  
Forgiven  
by Grace,  
Serving by  
Faith

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



Middle School Lock-In Attendees on Maundy Thursday.

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# Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

*"The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground,  
but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead?  
He is not here, but has risen.'  
Luke 24:5*

Dear friends in Christ,

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** Easter is far too much good news for one Sunday. We celebrate Easter every Sunday of the church year. We devote seven Sundays to a particular celebration of this great good news.

And it is good NEWS! Our Easter worship theme will be the gift of NEW life.

On Easter Sunday we rejoice that in Jesus God is bringing forth **the NEW heavens and NEW earth**. On Holy Humor Sunday we're hoping to hear **some NEW pastor jokes!** We will hear the **call to a NEW start in our lives**, just as Paul received that new start for his mission. We will celebrate **the NEW hope of spring** as we bless seeds and soil on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We will rejoice in the **NEW commandment to love one another as Jesus loves us**. We will embrace **Jesus' NEW vision for our life and work**. We will celebrate **the Spirit's gift of NEW community**. And we will bathe in **the gift of God's NEW Spirit on Pentecost**.

In this newsletter, you will read about several NEW things happening in the life and mission of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Parents will learn how to raise their children "with love and logic." You will have the chance to hear from and give input to our Daycare Feasibility Study Group. You can take part in our Thursday morning exploration of the faith perspectives of our neighbors close at hand and around the world. You can join conversations on Sunday mornings about ELCA social statements and our life in the public world. And there's more!

**We are part of God's project to make all things NEW.** That's what "Christ is Risen" means on Easter Sunday. We are tempted to act, however, as if that doesn't carry over to Easter Monday or any other day of the year. Easter is not just about more of the same. The Resurrection is new and unique. We want to add more propellers to the plane. Jesus wants to take us to the stars.

**NEWNESS is one of the best indicators that Jesus is at work among us.** And there is lots of NEWNESS in our life together at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Look for God's NEW life in our church family. Look for God's NEW life in your daily walk and work.

In Jesus, God is making all things NEW! And that includes YOU!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Lowell

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**BREAST CANCER WALK:** Connie Edson is participating in the "Avon 39: The Walk to End Breast Cancer". If you would like to sponsor Connie, please contact her. You may also visit the site at [www.avon39.org](http://www.avon39.org) and enter her participant number (632362).

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Those who received first communion this year were Amari Johnson, Michael Weelborg & Emilia Weelborg. Congratulations!

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We celebrate the birth of Dean Edward Loos. Dean is the son of Dustin and Jacqueline Loos, and the grandson of Mike and Michele Loos.

**THANK YOU:** We want to thank you all for the many prayers and concerns, especially Pastor Lowell's visits and the Women of Emanuel for the flower, while Ray was in the hospital most recently.

- Ray and Sandy Kanger

# Confirmation Reunion

As part of the 125th Anniversary, there will be a Confirmation Reunion Weekend April 23-24.

## Saturday, April 23

5 pm—Spaghetti Dinner & Reminiscing  
*We would like to get group photos of confirmation classes.*

7 pm—The Ambassadors Concert  
*Kids activities / babysitting available during the program.*

## Sunday, April 24

9:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship

To register or see more details, visit  
<http://www.emanuelconfirmation.myevent.com/>



## Giving the Gift of Sight

BY ELAINE SASSO

Did you know that every week, when you are church, you are here with Lions? Not the kind of Lion the walk around roaring... but the kind that do good deeds. The Lions in our congregation are members of the Council Bluffs Lions Club and just like the members of Emanuel Lutheran; they work hard to help people in our community. In fact, there are over 2,000,000 Lions all over the world and all work, under the same motto..."We Serve".

One of the ways the Council Bluffs Lions Club members try to "serve" our neighbors is by collecting used eye glasses. (We need frames, with the lens still in them to effectively use them) There are about 20 locations around town with collection boxes for people to drop in their used eye glasses. Emanuel even has a collection box in our Fellowship Hall. When these glasses are collected, they are sent to the Fort Dodge prison, where incarcerated men have special equipment to check the lens prescriptions, clean the lens and frames and put into a plastic bag with the prescription identified on each bag. But this is not the end of the road for these glasses. From the prison in Fort Dodge, they are distributed back into Iowa communities to be given out to people who cannot afford glasses.

So, in the next few months...when you are cleaning out drawers or storage areas, and you just happen to run across old, unused, or not needed eye glasses, why don't you bring them to Church, drop them in the special collection box in the Fellowship Hall and help someone in our own community? Then one of Emanuel Lutheran's "Lions" will take them to the distribution area, where they can be sent on the way to find a new person needing glasses.

PS: In case you might wonder who the "Lions" are at our Church...they are Jim Hamilton (who just turned 100 years old in March and was a Lion before World War II began), Oscar Over, Mike Winter, Elaine Sasso, and Andrea, Larry and Elizabeth Britton. Even Pastor Lowell used to be a Lion (in another town), and as far as I know...none have ever seriously ROARED at anyone.

## Baking for Bethany

BY JAN STONE

The Bethany Auxiliary Bake Sale is one of our annual fundraisers and is supplemented by Thrivent Financial. Each church is asked to furnish 5 items, but we will gladly accept more. One item is classified as a cake, a pie, two dozen cookies, two small loaves of bread, one large loaf of bread or sweet rolls etc.

In packaging these items, please consider that the residents would like to buy and would appreciate items being packaged in smaller packages such as 3 or 4 cookies, 2 sweet rolls, 2 brownies or muffins or 4 pieces of fudge, etc. Please do not price items.

Baked items can be delivered to Bethany by 1:00 p.m. on April 11. If you have any questions, please call Jan Stone -- 323-7827.



## BAKE SALE

### Bethany Auxiliary Bake Sale & Meeting

Monday, April 11 at 2:00 P.M.  
Bethany Lutheran Home  
7 Elliott Street





|                |               |                 |                    |               |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Ray Kanger     | Daphne Miller | Glen Fahrenkrug | Lucille Weatherill | Betty Ebsen   |
| Viola Anderson | Deb Hipnar    | Monte Manser    | Dwight Rogers      | Brenda Winter |



**April 1** Elizabeth Miller  
Barb Burns

**April 2** Jennie Jarrell Smith

**April 4** Scott Carrier  
Bethany Fietz  
Peg Madsen  
Bethany Fietz

**April 6** Suzanne Winter  
Amanda Wilson

**April 7** Bette Ebsen  
Renee Goss

**April 9** Joshua Tiffey

**April 12** Dick Steensen  
Nate Larson  
Chasity Christie

**April 13** Tesia Winter

**April 14** Patricia Hiller

**April 15** Sharon Hansen  
Jim Andersen  
William Donovan  
Jackie Holding  
Tom Lewis

**April 16** Analise Madsen  
Amy Epperson  
Marissa Lewis  
Emma Hansen

**April 17** Laura Kemmish  
Laura Kai  
Kyler Petersen

**April 19** Christian Chatterton

**April 20** Heather Wilson  
Norma Jones

**April 21** Glenda Smith  
Lucille Weatherill  
Jenna Comley

**April 22** Kathy Schneckloth  
Richard Betts

**April 23** Linda Steensland  
Kurtis Schneckloth  
Brayden Fager

**April 24** Priscilla McGee  
Chris Fietz

**April 25** Brittney Andersen

**April 27** Kylie Hansen

**April 28** Gaylene Wohlers

**April 30** Allison Goldapp



**April 10** Al & Linda Martens

**April 13** Judy & Carl Wilson

**April 14** Dennis & Connie Beckman  
Richard & Jackie Ogg

**April 15** Tim & Joy Clark

**April 20** Dick & Donna Steensen

*If we've missed a birthday or anniversary, we apologize.  
Please let the church office know!*

# Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, more than 7,400 Iowa children were found to be abused in 2014. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs and sexual abuse.



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

LSI's early childhood programs prevent child abuse by giving parents support and resources to build a healthy, stable home environment for their children. In 2015, LSI made more than 15,000 home visits to parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers!

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

You make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. Thank you! LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](http://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

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## Bethany News

BY DIANE CARLON

### Volunteer and Spiritual Life Tea      Apartments Available

*Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.* – Margaret Mead. We are proud of our Volunteers, Sponsoring Congregations, Pastors and Secretaries. We want to say thank you to you. Whether you've served as a Key Lady; led worship; helped out with Bingo, a Birthday Party or the Auxiliary; baked a pie, cake or have helped out at the Ice Cream Social; whether you've contributed or helped at the Salad Luncheon; whether you have provided volunteer time visiting Residents and Tenants or helping with an Activity; or whether you have supported us through contributions or prayers or anything else; we want to recognize and thank you. Please join us as we recognize our volunteers on **Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street.** Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and entertainment as we say thank you for what you have done for Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. We look forward to seeing you on April 10th.

### Employment Opportunities

Bethany currently has several positions available. For more information, please visit our website at [www.bethanylutheranhome.org](http://www.bethanylutheranhome.org) or contact our HR Coordinator, Cindy Schechinger at 712-328-9500.

Bethany Heights Senior Living Community has several apartments available for seniors. Do you know someone or perhaps even you, who would enjoy the benefits of living in a senior community? Maybe someone interested in living independently or having the benefits of an assisted living community? Bethany Heights offers both independent and assisted living services in apartments ranging in sizes from a Studio to Two Bedroom/Two bathroom. As an individual's needs increase, services are delivered directly to your apartment. Something unique to the area. We'd love for you to schedule a visit and enjoy lunch on us. Small pets are welcome. Some Long Term Care Insurance Policies are eligible for use at Bethany Heights. For more information or to set up a visit please contact Paula Fandry at Bethany Heights 712-328-8228.

### Welcome Pastor Creek

Bethany would like to welcome Pastor Richard Creek who has joined the Bethany family on an interim basis. Pastor Creek will be providing Wednesday Vesper Services, Communion, Bible Study and Devotions as well as visiting with our residents, tenants, families and staff.

# Table Tennis Tournament

## FELLOWSHIP AND SUPPORT

This annual event of February 27-28 brought some definite energy to the tables. The tournament was held in the old sanctuary utilizing three tables. The double elimination event produced these victors:

Cael Hamen----- Third grade  
 Abram McIntosh----- Fifth & Sixth grade  
 Tara McSorley ----- Women's  
 Tyler Hansen----- Men's singles  
 Ken Kemmish/Mike Loos --- Men's doubles

Al Martens served as tournament director. The lunch, prepared and served by the volunteer committee, had food ready before noon, before playing began.

With many players playing only at tournament time, some discussion centered on possibly arranging for practice sessions once a month.

Approximately three dozen people took part in the competition.

# Women of Emanuel

BY DARLENE JEPPESON

The Hannah Cluster will be hosting a Spring Event on Saturday, April 30th at the Exira Lutheran Church. The program will be on the Igumbilo Lutheran Girls' School in Tanzania by Jan Rosdail-Aegerter, who visited this school last year. Registration and coffee will be at 8:30 am. The program will be at 9 am. The theme is from Proverbs 9:9 which is on the gate to the school. It is "Instruct the wise one, and they will be wiser still". We want you to R.S.V.P. to Evelyn Petersen by April 25th at (712) 268-2218. A salad buffet luncheon will follow the program. Thanks for this and we hope many from your cluster will be able to attend. Part of the offering will go to scholarships for this school.

# Mowing Schedule 2016

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With eleven 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 Pastor's lawn. **If you use all the gas in the container, please fill up the container and turn the bill into the church. Keys for the mower and the garage are in the secretary's office which is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.**

April 17 Ken Kemmish  
 April 24 Phil Meyer  
 May 1 Al Marten  
 May 8 Larry Hansen  
 May 15 Tyler Hansen  
 May 22 Jesse Hansen  
 May 29 Mike Winter  
 June 5 Chris Sorensen  
 June 12 Alan Ellis  
 June 19 Mark Ellis  
 June 26 Mike Nickels

July 3 Ken Kemmish  
 July 10 Phil Meyer  
 July 17 Al Marten  
 July 24 Larry Hansen  
 July 31 Tyler Hansen  
 Aug 7 Jesse Hansen  
 Aug 14 Mike Winter  
 Aug 21 Chris Sorensen  
 Aug 28 Alan Ellis  
 Sept 4 Mark Ellis  
 Sept 11 Mike Nickels

Sept 18 Ken Kemmish  
 Sept 25 Phil Meyer  
 Oct 2 Al Marten  
 Oct 9 Larry Hansen  
 Oct 16 Tyler Hansen  
 Oct 23 Jesse Hansen  
 Oct 30 Mike Winter  
 Nov 5 Chris Sorensen  
 Nov 12 Alan Ellis



"I thought you invited me to be a Premises Keeper!"

# Worship Assistant Schedule

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

| Sunday, April 3      | 9:30 a.m. Service                                  |
|----------------------|--|
| Ushers               | Alan Ellis & Mark Ellis                            |
| Acolyte              | Kobie Ferguson & Tristan Steensland                |
| Lector               | Deann Over   |
| Children's Message   | Rosie Spangenberg                                  |
| Communion Assistants | Peggy Jarrell<br>Brenda Hennigs<br>Jolene Hansen   |
| Communion Set-Up     | Jim & LaWayne Andersen                             |
| Visual Tech          | Darlene Jeppeson                                   |
| Sunday, April 10     | 9:30 a.m. Service                                  |
| Ushers               | Alan Ellis & Mark Ellis                            |
| Acolyte              | Lauren Hansen & Aaralynn Conley                    |
| Lector               | Loren Carrier                                      |
| Communion Assistants | Robert Vergamini<br>Brenda Hennigs<br>Jane Meyer   |
| Communion Set-Up     | CharLes Kemmish                                    |
| Visual Tech          | Jane Anderson                                      |
| Sunday, April 17     | 9:30 a.m. Service                                  |
| Ushers               | Alan Ellis & Mark Ellis                            |
| Acolyte              | Alaire Carrier & Clare Plummer                     |
| Lector               | Penny Dahlke                                       |
| Children's Message   | Elaine Sasso                                       |
| Communion Assistants | Judi Malloy<br>Elaine Sasso<br>Angel McGee         |
| Communion Set-Up     | Connie Eyberg & Carol Fahrenkrug                   |
| Visual Tech          | Peggy Jarrell                                      |
| Sunday, April 24     | 9:30 a.m. Service                                  |
| Ushers               | Alan Ellis & Mark Ellis                            |
| Acolyte              | Tyler Steensland & Owen Hansen                     |
| Lector               | Jane Meyer   |
| Communion Assistants | Jolene Hansen<br>Robert Vergamini<br>Patty Maxwell |
| Communion Set-Up     | Todd and Jeanine Schademann                        |
| Visual Tech          | Brenda Hennigs                                     |



**April 3**

**April 10**

Al & Linda Martens

**April 17**

**April 24**

*The flower chart is hanging on the bulletin board at the usher station.*



**April 3**

125th Anniversary Committee

**April 10**

Wider Ministries

**April 17**

Fresh Start Team

**April 24**






125th Anniversary Committee

*The coffee hour chart is in the kitchen.*

**If you are interested in helping with worship, please contact the church office, (712) 323-9665 or emanuellutherancbia@msn.com.**



# April 2015 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Easter</b><br>7 am Worship & Holy Communion<br>7:45 am – 9 am Breakfast Served by Children & Youth Committee<br>9 am Easter Egg Hunt for Children<br>9:30am Worship & Holy Communion<br>10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour<br>6:30 pm Book Study                 | 11 am Tai Chi<br>11 am Communion at Midlands<br>6:30 pm Day Care Feasibility Study Group<br>7 pm Fresh Start Team<br>7 pm MS Support Group | 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall<br>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center  | 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)<br>6:15 pm Meal<br>7:00 pm Table Worship with Communion<br>7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal  | 9:30 am Adult Study<br>11 am Tai Chi<br>7 pm Choir Practice   | Office Closed   | 10 am Neighborhood Clean-up. Meet at Kimball Park.  |
| <b>Holy Humor Sunday 3</b><br>9:30am Worship & Holy Communion<br>10:30am Breakfast served by Boy Scouts 10:45 am Sunday School<br>2 pm Piano Recital<br>6:30 pm Book Study<br> | 11 am Tai Chi<br>6:45 pm Worship & Music Committee   | 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall<br>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center  | 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)<br>6:15 pm Dinner<br>6:45 pm Parenting with Love and Logic<br>7 pm Worship in Sanctuary<br>7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal   | 9:30 am Adult Study<br>11 am Tai Chi<br>1 pm Game Day<br>7 pm Choir Practice<br> | Office Closed   | 9   |
| 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion<br>10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour<br>10:45 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Book Study   | 11 am Tai Chi<br>5:30 pm 125th Anniversary Committee Meeting   | 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East<br>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall<br>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center<br>7:00 pm Church Council Meeting | 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)<br>11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch<br>6:15 pm Dinner<br>6:45 pm Parenting with Love and Logic<br>7 pm Worship in Sanctuary<br>7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal | 9:30 am Adult Study<br>11 am Tai Chi<br>6:30 pm N. Broadway Neighborhood Association<br>7 pm Choir Practice   | Office Closed<br> | 16  |
| 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion<br>10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour<br>10:45 am Sunday School<br>11 am—2:30 pm Confirmation<br>6:30 pm Book Study   | 11 am Tai Chi<br>7 pm MS Support Group   | 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall<br>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center<br>7 pm Children & Youth Meeting   | 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)<br>6:15 pm Dinner<br>6:45 pm Parenting with Love and Logic<br>7 pm Worship in Sanctuary<br>7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal   | 9:30 am Adult Study<br>11 am Tai Chi<br>7 pm Choir Practice   | Office Closed<br>12 pm Worship in Sanctuary<br>7 pm Worship in Sanctuary                            | 23<br>5 pm Spaghetti Dinner, games and fellowship<br>7 pm Concert, The Ambassadors<br> |
| 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion<br>10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour<br>10:45 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Book Study<br>  | 11 am Tai Chi<br>11 am Communion at Midlands   | 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall<br>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center<br>7 pm Wider Ministries   | 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)<br>6:15 pm Dinner<br>6:45 pm Parenting with Love and Logic<br>7 pm Worship in Sanctuary<br>7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal   | 9:30 am Adult Study<br>11 am Tai Chi<br>7 pm Choir Practice   | Office Closed   | 30  |



# Thank you!

BY DEANN OVER

Thank you for your wonderful support of our children and youth sponsored activities during the Lenten and Easter season. Special thanks to:

- Everyone who donated, prepared, served and attended our two Lenten dinners, Seder dinner and Easter breakfast hosted by Children's/Youth Ministries.
- Pastor Lowell in conducting first communion classes for Emilia & Michael Weelborg and Amari Johnson and our appreciation to parents and grandparents for their support and attendance.
- Pastor Lowell for leading the first communion students, their families and congregational members in a simulated Seder meal - a culmination to their first communion on Maundy Thursday.
- Jan Husmann for the beautiful table settings. Sharon Hansen, Ruth Sullivan, Michaela Lewis, Linda Steensland, Judy Heithoff, Jan & Rick Stone, Suzanne & Mike Winter, Oscar Over and Tori Hansen for their assistance in the Seder meal.
- Pastor Lowell and Brenda for sharing their time and talents in the Confirmation lock-in for Emanuel's 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends.

Your support, both monetarily and spiritually, will assist Emanuel's children/youth in furthering their faith journey with sponsorship to attend church Bible camps, ELCA Youth Gatherings and service through mission trips.

## Parenting Classes

Brenda will be teaching "Parenting with Love and Logic." It will be a six-week class that will begin on April 6th. Dinner will be served at 6:15 pm on Wednesday evenings and the class will begin at 6:45 pm, with childcare being provided during the class. This class is not only for parents, but for caregivers of children of any age. It is highly regarded among counselors and teachers. Cost will be \$25 per workbook. There is limited space and you must pre-register. Registration forms are available at the usher stand, from the church office or on our website at <http://emanuellutherancbi.wix.com/emanuel>

### **Youth Mission Trip**

**July 17-22**

**Rapid City, South Dakota  
6th through 12th grade.**

\$60 deposit to reserve your spot.

*At least some of the costs for the trip (approximately \$350 per person) will be covered by fundraising efforts through our Youth Committee. Please contact Pastor Lowell or Brenda as soon as possible if you are interested.*

## Wider Ministries

BY JUDI MALLOY

Our Joyful Noise Offering for April will be for VODEC. VODEC provides services to people with disabilities in Iowa and Nebraska. They provide day programs, employment programs, and residential programs. Our community is very fortunate to have these services.

On April 10, we will honor Linda Martens during coffee hour. Linda retired as our Parish Nurse in December. She has reached out to our church family in many ways and her dedication to this position is greatly appreciated. We will also be introducing our new Parish Nurse, Chasity Christie. Please join us to thank Linda and welcome Chasity.

Even though the weather has been warm, we are continuing the coat drive. Cold weather could hit again and coats can always be stored for use next fall. Keep in mind that the homeless shelters also are in constant need of pillows and blankets.

The list of needs for Phoenix House are always on the board in the Fellowship Hall and change periodically.

Our work with Our Savior's Food and Pet Pantry continues. We will have information about specific needs soon, such as how many volunteers and at what times. We will also be reaching out to some other Lutheran churches in our area to include them in this important ministry.

YES, Youth Emergency Services, is always in need of volunteers for meals. Contact Brenda Hennigs for information about how and when you can participate in this effort.

Thank you all for your ongoing generosity and caring. You make a difference to many people in our community.



# Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes for 3/08/2016

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN EPPERSON

Present: Kevin Epperson, John Husmann, Peggy Jarrell, CharLes Kemmish, Judi Malloy, Oscar Over, Connie Solon, Bob Vergamini, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Jolene Hansen, Patty Maxwell, Mike Winter, Suzanne Winter

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kevin Epperson.

Devotions: Judi Malloy

### Council Agenda:

- Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve the minutes of the church council meeting February 9, 2016. Motion approved.
  - Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Judi Malloy, to approve the consolidated fund report. Motion approved.
  - Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Peggy Jarrell, to approve the corrected Treasurer's report dated March 8, 2016. Motion approved.
  - Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve the Capital Fund report. Motion approved.
  - Motion by Oscar over, seconded by CharLes Kemmish, to approve the Memorial Fund report. Motion approved.
  - Pastor's written report was submitted. Among the 18 points in the report were the following:
    1. An update on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team activities, including the Confirmation Reunion weekend April 23-24, and final anniversary event, the Neighborhood Ice Cream Social on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. The Anniversary Team mission project in support of the Igumbilo Girls' School in Tanzania is nearing 20% of our \$12,500 goal.
    2. Our oldest congregational member, Jim Hamilton, turns 100 on March 10. Congregation members have been invited to shower him with cards in honor of that milestone.
    3. Pastor Lowell continues to meet periodically with Father Aaron Hudson of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The St. Paul's vestry, the equivalent to our Church Council, has invited all Emanuel Church Council members to a get-acquainted potluck dinner at St. Paul's from 5-7 p.m. March 13. The purpose is for us to get to know one another better as church leaders who share a common mission field and neighborhood.
4. Pastor discussed recent activity in the Special Needs Fund, helping congregational members in times of emergent financial need.
  5. Pastor requested vacation days March 14-15, and also May 27-30 as he and Brenda celebrate their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve the requested vacation time. Motion approved.
  6. Pastor has been requested to officiate at the wedding of Jennifer Loos and Brandon Clark here at Emanuel Lutheran Church on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by John Husmann, to approve the request. Motion approved.
  7. Pastor discussed upcoming joint activities with Our Savior's Lutheran Church including Servefest May 14<sup>th</sup> with other Council Bluffs congregations serving the greater community, and the Celebrate CB parade May 21<sup>st</sup> in which Emanuel and Our Savior's will again have a float promoting Summer Youth Bible and Church camps. This year's parade theme is "Unleash the UN".
  8. Pastor gave a quick overview of the recently attended Redevelopment Conference in Indianapolis.
    - Oscar Over reported on weekly, monthly and year to date financials for the church, as part of the Stewardship Committee report.
    - A written report was presented on behalf of the Youth and Children's Ministries, and Pastor Lowell provided an overview of report highlights.
    - A written report was presented on behalf of the Fellowship and Support Committee, and John Husmann addressed recent activities including the Table Tennis Tournament.
    - Oscar Over discussed the written report from the Property Committee. The Spring work day, scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>, will be moved due to the Celebrate CB parade scheduled the same day.
    - Judi Malloy reported for Wider Ministries, stating the Joyful Noise offering for March will go to Inter-faith Response, and April to VODEC. She also presented information about an opportunity through Hy-Vee grocery stores to donate milk to local food pantries.

- Kevin Epperson presented council members with two written reports from the Worship and Music Committee meetings in February and March. Easter preparations are on schedule, new Parameters are on order, Holy Humor Sunday is April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the joint worship in Bayliss Park with Our Savior's Lutheran Church is June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Pastor stated a targeted mailing will go out to the local North Broadway neighborhood promoting our upcoming Holy Week and Easter services, as part of the Evangelism Committee.
- Mutual Ministries had nothing to report at this time.
- The Fresh Start Team is scheduled to meet March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Pastor mentioned after the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team activities conclude, there will be a church archive group to continue the ongoing work of archiving church records, documents and photographs.
- The Facilities and Grounds Use Policy and forms, updated by Oscar Over and presented to council at the December 2015, and January and February 2016 council meetings. Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Peggy Jarrell, to approve the updated policy and forms. Motion approved.
- Council members were reminded of the potluck at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on March 13 from 5-7 p.m. Several members plan to attend.
- Kim Egner presented to the council information gathered by the Daycare Feasibility Study Group to date, addressed questions, and discussed possible next steps. A great discussion ensued of the possible mission project for Emanuel in serving the needs of our North Broadway neighbors. The primary objective is to provide childcare daycare services to the community, and not to make a profit; however, not operate at a loss. The hours of operation are still under discussion. Costs of operation and liability insurance coverage were discussed. The group plans to present information to the congregation at a coffee hour in April, providing additional information and address questions at that time.
- Oscar presented information regarding a request from the family of Leona Carlson, a longtime member of Emanuel who recently passed away, to donate another stained glass window in the Narthex. This project would be completed at no expense to the church. Motion made by Judi Malloy, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve the request, with final authorization to be granted by the council president and vice-president who also serves on the church property committee. Motion approved.
- Coffee hour April 10<sup>th</sup> will honor Linda Martens' service to the church.
- Boy Scout Troop 550 has offered to serve breakfast during coffee hour April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Jared Kaufman, a scout in Troop 550, is building and will put together an activities cart for patients at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital for his Eagle Project. Note cards on the tables in the Fellowship Hall list items he needs to supply the cart.
- Western Iowa Synod Assembly is scheduled for June 10-12 at the Regency Marriott Hotel in Omaha. More information to follow, or go to the synod's website.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by John Husmann, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next council meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7 p.m.

## Scouting News



Linda Vergamini was installed as Emanuel's Boy Scout representative for Troop 550 on March 13 during the worship service.

One of the scouts in *Our* Troop 550 is gathering items for the Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital Care Cart. Ideas include new or gently used paperback books, large print crossword, word search or Sudoku puzzles, magazines, stress balls and pencils/colored pencils. Items are being collected through the end of April in the fellowship hall.



**6 week session**  
**April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4 & 11**  
**Supper at 6:15pm**  
**6:45 p.m.—7:45 p.m.**

*Cost is \$25.*  
*Childcare Provided.*





Kids work on making pillowcases that remind them to pray in the morning and when they go to bed. This was one of many activities during Kidz Kamp.

## Kidz Kamp

Thank you so much to Brenda Hennigs for leading Kidz Kamp during lent! The kids seemed to really enjoy it there were 10 or more students each week! What a wonderful opportunity to teach kids at a time other than Sunday morning!

## Easter

Thank you to all who donated items for the Easter Egg hunt. Also, a huge thank you to the middle schoolers who filled the eggs during their lock-in on Maundy Thursday. The kids had a great time! We had 11 kids participate in the hunt.

## Celebrate CB

We plan to have a float again this year in the Celebrate CB parade. Their theme this year is "Unleash Your Un." We thought about our Un being "United". The plan is to work with Our Savior's on this project. The parade will be May 21. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping with the planning or walking/riding in the parade.



Kids with very full backpacks after the Easter Egg Hunt!

# Volunteers Needed for VBS

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

Planning us underway for Vacation Bible School. We plan to have close to 50 children this year and will need lots of volunteers to help make this a great experience for participants!

Vacation Bible School will be June 12-16 for Vacation Bible School. This will be in collaboration with Our Savior's Lutheran Church again this year.

The first night, Sunday, June 12th, we will start things off with the barbecue for families and participants at 5 p.m. This will allow time for registration, mingling and playing before the start of VBS at 6 pm.

In addition, the rest of the week we will be serving dinner at 5:30 pm for kids and volunteers and VBS will start at 6 pm. We hope that this makes it easier for parents and volunteers to not have to worry about rushing to make dinner before coming.

We will need volunteers for:

- Games
- Shops/Crafts
- Acting
- Leading Small Groups
- Serving/Preparing Food

If you would like to help with the planning process, with purchasing needed materials or volunteer, please contact me at [michaela\\_lewis@icloud.com](mailto:michaela_lewis@icloud.com).

## Vacation Bible School

**June 12-16**

**5:45 p.m.-6:30 pm—Dinner**

**6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. VBS**

Kindergarten through 5th Grade  
Free.

*Collaboration between Our Savior's Lutheran  
and Emanuel Lutheran Church*

## Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp

**August 1-4**

**9 a.m.-9 p.m.**

Kindergarten through 5th Grade  
\$40 per camper

Scholarships will be available, especially for families with multiple children attending.  
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# Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



Some Sundays when you come to church it is informal with more contemporary songs. Other Sundays it is very traditional, just like when we were younger, like what we are used to. So why the difference? And what makes it different?



are the exception and are traditional. (Fifth Sundays are "Your Favorites" for hymns).

Communion is also a different component. On contemporary Sundays we use intinction while traditional Sundays we use cups.

In our church, there are several things that make contemporary and traditional services different. First is the liturgy. In a contemporary service there is no sung liturgy, only the spoken liturgy that is also in a traditional service. We also do not use the order of forgiveness, the creed, or the psalm during contemporary services. Both services use the lessons from the lectionary.

In both services we use gathering and sending hymns. The hymn of the day is chosen to reinforce the gospel.

In a contemporary service we use songs that have been composed in the last 50 years. They are accompanied by a piano, keyboard, and possibly guitar. Traditional services use songs composed prior to the 1960s and mainly use organ accompaniment.

Overall, contemporary Sundays are less formal than traditional Sundays. This is done for the sake of the gospel-to make it more accessible to people who are not used to the formality that Lutherans have used in the past.

During a traditional service the transcendence and Holiness of God are emphasized whereas in the contemporary service the immanence and closeness of God are emphasized. In our Christian lives we need both all of this, the transcendence and immanence, and the holiness and closeness of God. Therefore, one is not better or worse than the other. Both are necessary for a healthy spiritual life in today's world.

At Emanuel the first and third Sundays are usually traditional while the second and fourth Sundays are usually contemporary. Special days, such as Easter,

## Spring Clean-Up

The North Broadway Neighborhood Association

spring clean-up

will meet at Kim-

ball Park on Sat-

urday, April 2,

2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Bring gloves, rakes,

and appropriate gear for clearing weeds

and picking up debris and waste. We

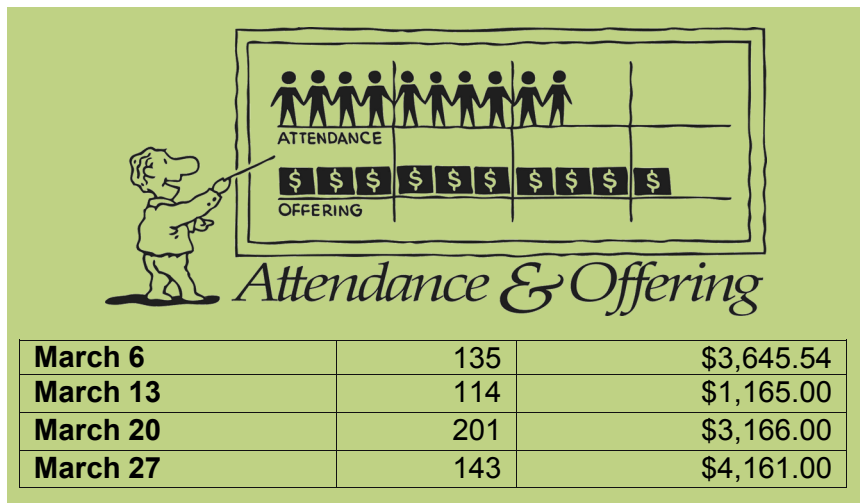
plan to clean from Bethany Lutheran

Church to Christy Crème. Please pass

the word to all your neighbors.



**NEIGHBORHOOD**  
Association



## Finance Team Update

### Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

February Income: .....\$9,683.85  
February Expense: .....\$11,711.49  
 February Balance .....-\$2,027.64

YTD Income: .....\$25,234.60  
YTD Expense: .....\$28,288.74  
 YTD Balance .....-\$3,054.14  
Plus Carryover .....\$13,968.78  
 General Budget Fund .....\$10,666.81



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Game Day**

Thursday, April 17, 1:00 pm  
*Fellowship Hall*

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)  
Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am  
*Village Inn East*

**Adult Fellowship**

Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am  
*Pizza Ranch*

**Blessings & Brunch**

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am.  
*Fellowship Hall*  
All women are welcome!

**Mission Action Committee**  
(Quilters)

Wednesdays, 9:30 am  
*Fellowship Hall*

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 at 7:00 pm, proceeded by a meal at 6:15 pm

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