

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

November 2015

Happenings!

Sunday, November 8—New members; parsonage open house; children's music

Sunday, November 15—Anniversary worship with Bishop Prois; catered meal; confirmation large group

Wednesday, November 18—Pack thanksgiving boxes at worship

Friday, November 20—Middle School Lock-In

Sunday, November 22—Christmas program practice

Wednesday, November 25—Thanksgiving eve worship at 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 29—Hymn sing Sunday; confirmands pick out Christmas tree

Wednesday, December 2—Hanging of the Greens 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Mission
Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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



Enjoying good food and good company on October 11th at the Annual Fire Pit Night.

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Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

In November, we focus on being grateful. We are grateful for our young people who affirm the baptismal covenants in the Rite of Confirmation. We are grateful for the new members who will join our church family in mission and service. We are grateful for 125 years of faithfulness here at Emanuel Lutheran Church. We are grateful for our partnership in and with the Western Iowa Synod, ELCA. We are grateful for all the ways God has blessed in the past year with all we need for daily life and love.

We are richly blessed in every way. The happy and healthy way to respond is with thanksgiving. That's what we mean by gratitude.

In fact, gratitude is the key to happiness. We know this from social scientists. We know this from our own experience. We know this from the Bible. It's really quite simple. Do you want to be happy? Then be grateful. Do you want to be grateful? Then be generous. Do you want to be generous? Then give of your treasure, your time and your talent.

November is therefore the season when we focus on our giving. You will hear about all the ways God has blessed us at Emanuel. You will hear all the ways Jesus calls us forward into exciting new mission and service. You will hear how the Holy Spirit is guiding us to discern the path ahead. And I am asking you to consider your giving as an expression of gratitude to God.

I believe you have a right to know what your pastor gives for the work of God through the mission of the church. In 2015, Brenda and I gave approximately \$5,400 to Emanuel for God's work. In 2016, we will increase that by \$1,200 per year because we are now blessed with more income in our household. I find that giving ten percent of our income for God's work is a wonderful tool for being faithful and happy. We are close to that goal in our household, but we always seek to grow in our giving as well.

I urge you to prayerfully consider your giving to Emanuel for 2016. I encourage you to make a financial faith promise in writing and bring that promise to worship on November 22nd. I pray that you will make your giving to Emanuel the first thing you do each week or month and not the last thing. I invite you to be a partner in our wonderful mission and service here.

Thank you so much for your support and care in the past year. Brenda and I feel wonderfully blessed to be part of this church family. We are grateful to be here and honored to serve with you. God bless you as you grow and give.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell



DaBand entertains members, friends and neighbors at the Annual Fire Pit Night.



Pastor Lowell Hennigs leads one of the breakout sessions in the Youth Center.



ConFest Attendees gather in the Gaga pit for some fun before heading to the breakout sessions at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Youth Ministries

BY DEANN OVER

On October 14th approximately 130 confirmation students, guides and adults, from eight Western Iowa Synod congregations attended the 2015 WIS ConFest at Emanuel.

The weather was perfect for outside games, mixers and especially the Gaga pit!

A presentation about the ELCA water project was held on the lawn and preceded worship in the sanctuary with Bishop Prois and his staff. "BFF" (Be Faithful Friends) breakout sessions followed on *Virtual Friendship*, *Being an Effective Friend* and *Global Friendship*.

All Emanuel's confirmation students, Ashley Hipnar, Alaire Carrier, Carly Sorensen, Clare Plummer, Kobie Ferguson, Noah Conley, Taryn McSorley and Tristan Steensland attended.

Special thanks to:

- ♦ Barb Burns and Connie Solon who helped make 150 sandwiches
- ♦ ELCA Gathering attendees (Aly Sorensen, Mattie Nickels, Will Schademann, Megan Sorensen and Alan Ellis) along with the Youth Team (Brenda Hennigs, Sharon Hansen, Angel McGee, Linda & Greg Steensland) who assisted in the preparation and throughout the evening
- ♦ Those who contributed to the ELCA Walk for Water campaign at our youth hosted coffee hour – free will donations totaling \$85 were placed in the ConFest offering!
- ♦ Pastor Lowell for serving on the WIS ConFest planning team and being a break-out session presenter.

Care Packages

The Youth Ministry Team is planning to send a "care package" to our members attending college, technical school or serving in the military.

If you have a young adult attending one of these, please give the office their current mailing address.

Plans are to have designated boxes by December 6 ready to be filled for students to receive during finals, or a welcome gift before the holidays for those serving our country.

If you would like to contribute to this project, suggested items would be microwave popcorn, peanut butter, crackers, trail mix, stamps, envelopes, hard candy, gift cards, etc. along with cards of encouragement.



Being goofy at the 2015 spring lock-in.



November 20th

8 p.m. to midnight

Bring friends and your own beverage
Emanuel Lutheran Church

In Our Prayers...



Viola Anderson
Elizabeth Britton
Leona Carlson

Betty Ebsen
Glen Fahrenkrug
Deb Hipnar

Ray Kanger
Daphne Miller
Lucille Weatherill

Happy Birthday...

November 1 Larry Hansen
Cara Lewis
November 4 Margaret Tiffey
Norma Heath
November 5 Susan Robinson
November 6 Kaden Krauth
November 7 Sean Larson
Alan Spilde
November 8 Nicholas Matuszeski
November 9 Beth Chatterton
November 10 Chris Petersen
November 11 Jan Stone
Kristin Wilson
November 12 Kay Otto
Ken Nelson
November 13 Daralene Smith
November 14 Michaela Lewis
Haley Holland
November 15 Connie Beckman
William Spangenberg
November 17 Penny Dahlke
Clare Plummer
November 19 David Fietz



November 20 Edna Morgan
Brady Spangenberg
Valerie Weelborg
November 21 Ruth Sullivan
Jessica Hipnar
Grace Hansen
November 22 Barry Larson
November 23 Joel Parker
November 26 CharLes Kemmish
November 27 Gary Pleas
November 29 Loren Carrier
Stephen Plummer
Bethany King
Mia Vodicka
Brayden Hansen
Gabby Gurnicz
November 30 Mike Hipnar
Helen Baker

Happy Anniversary...

November 7 Jeff & Teresa Fischer
November 8 Robert & Kay Otto
November 22 Oscar & Deann Over



If we've missed a birthday or anniversary please let the church office know!

Women of the ELCA

BY CAROL JEPPESEN

Just a note to let you know that our Tabitha Cluster met on Saturday, September 26, at St. John Lutheran in Council Bluffs with 30 women attending. The Western Iowa Women's Synodical Organization's (WISWO) President, Marlyce Hauge and Secretary, Margaret Stanghor attended. We were privileged to have Pastor Jon Benson give us a greater understanding of the Gospel Mark as our theme was Mark 10:13-16. It took only 15 minutes to assemble 14 school kits for World Relief. WOW!

At the business meeting, Carol provided the group with amazing updates on each church's Mission Action activities. It was so impressive that ALL the churches in our cluster are involved in local community charities besides the items for World Relief. Keep up the GREAT work, Ladies! Please remember to include ALL your charitable activities on your annual Mission Action report in May! As a reminder, we only meet once a year in the fall. The fall meeting will be coordinated by Emanuel Lutheran in Council Bluffs. Please plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship of your sisters in Christ!

For more information, contact Carol Jeppesen, Tabitha Cluster Coordinator, caroldenny@cox.net (712) 323-1530



Troop 249 in the Gaga Pit they built in the dug-out area behind the church.

*To Members of Emanuel Lutheran Church,
Thank you for supporting and donating to the construction of the Gaga Pit. Without your support it wouldn't have been possible. Thanks to you now the youth and others can have a good time out there and it helped me complete my Eagle Scout.*

With many thanks,

Brennan Plummer

Troop 249

Women of Emanuel

BY DARLENE JEPPESEN

Blessing & Brunch will meet on their usual 3rd Friday in November.

In December we are planning a trip to the Dodge House Christmas tree display and either breakfast before or lunch after.

Save the 3rd Friday and join us for this special celebration.



Mowers for this month

November 1 - Mike Winter
November 8 - Chris Sorensen
November 15 - Alan Ellis

Property Team

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church and parsonage lawns. Please mow sometime during your scheduled week, preferably by Saturday. If you have a schedule conflict, just trade with someone in the rotation. After mowing, if mower needs gas, please fill the tank and submit the bill to the church secretary. Larry Hansen will take care of all general maintenance and any oil needs. Keys for the mower and the garage will be in the church secretary's office. Return them when you have finished.

Medicare Part D Update

The open enrollment window is October 15-December 7. This the time to review your current prescription drug plan for 2016. (Any changes will take place beginning January 1, 2016). Bethany will once again be offering **free assistance** in reviewing your current plan and options for the coming year. Many have indicated their prescriptions costs have gotten higher recently. This typically is due to the "donut hole or gap". Now is the time to review your policy for next year for premium costs, deductibles and covered prescriptions. It is not uncommon for changes in your policy to occur each year. We're here to help you. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Diane Carlon at (712) 329-5451.

Bethany Christmas Store

The Bethany Christmas Store will be held **December 7th and 8th** from **9:00-11:30 a.m.** and on **December 9th** from **6-7:30 p.m.** The Christmas Store is an area where Bethany residents can "shop" free of charge for items for their families for Christmas. Many of our residents do not have the means to purchase items for their loved ones, but still appreciate the opportunity and memories of giving presents at Christmas. Donations of new items for all ages and gender are appreciated. Gift bags, gift tags and tissue paper are also helpful. We are also looking for volunteers, confirmation groups, etc. to assist our residents as they shop for the holidays. For more information or to donate items, please contact Kaily Stanley at Bethany at (712) 328-9500. Thank you for your support.

Halloween Update

Thank you for your generous contributions of candy for our annual safe Halloween Trick or Treat Night. Your overwhelming generosity of candy was greatly appreciated and the residents and tenants enjoyed the evening. Thank you for your continued support.

Being Thankful

During this season, we want to thank you for your involvement with Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. Whether you are involved in volunteering on a regular basis, helping out with monthly Bingo and Birthday Parties, visiting Residents and Tenants, helping with the Auxiliary and their projects, remembering Bethany with your financial contributions or remembering Bethany in your prayers, we are most appreciative of your involvement. It continues to be our mission to serve while sharing Christ's love. Thank you for your support of Bethany and those we serve.

Remembering Bethany

As the year is coming to a close, we would ask that you consider making a year-end gift to Bethany. Whether it is designated for a specific purpose or to help us continue to carry out our mission, we greatly appreciate your support. Contributions to Bethany are tax deductible to the extent of the law. If you have any questions or would like to discuss ways you can help Bethany, please contact Diane Carlon at (712) 329-5451. Thank you.

**Firmly
founded**



**Faithfully serving
in Jesus' love**
1890-2015

Anniversary
Celebration

November 15th

Special Guest:
Bishop Roger Prois

**Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Followed by Luncheon**

Fair-Trade Items!

Emanuel women have Fair Trade items for sale in the Fellowship Hall!

A variety of flavors are available for coffee, hot cocoa and chocolate bars!

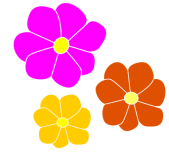
Thank you for your support
of this new ministry!



Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, November 1	9:30 a.m. Communion
Ushers	John & Jan Husmann
Acolyte	Shae Nickels & Kylie Hansen
Lector	Angel McGee
Communion Assistant	Karen McPartland
Communion Set-Up	Connie & Matt Solon
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
Sunday, November 8	9:30 a.m. Communion
Ushers	John & Jan Husmann
Acolyte	Tyler Steensland & Owen Hansen
Lector	Darlene Jeppesen
Communion Assistant	Peggy Jarrell
Communion Set-Up	Carol Fahrenkrug
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso
Sunday, November 15	9:30 a.m. Communion
Ushers	Sid Dillon
Acolyte	Kobie Ferguson & Tristan Steensland
Lector	Rick Stone
Children's Sermon	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistant	Chris Reed
Communion Set-Up	Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
Sunday, November 22	9:30 a.m. Communion
Ushers	Jim & LaWayne Anderson
Acolyte	Lauren Hansen & Clare Plummer
Lector	Loren Carrier
Children's Sermon	Linda Steensland
Communion Assistant	Penny Dahlke
Communion Set-Up	CharLes Kemmish
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs
Wednesday, November 25	7 p.m. Communion
Acolyte	
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistant	Brenda Hennigs
Communion Set-Up	Jane Meyer
Visual Tech	Jane Anderson
Sunday, November 29	9:30 a.m. Communion
Ushers	Al & Linda Martens
Acolyte	Alaire Carrier & Aaralynn Conley
Lector	Mike Loos
Children's Sermon	Carrie Hansen
Communion Assistant	Alan Ellis
Communion Set-Up	Barb Burns
Visual Tech	Jane Anderson



Flowers

November 1
Norma Heath

November 8

November 15

November 22

November 29

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



Coffee Hour

November 1
Youth Committee

November 8
Evangelism


November 15
Anniversary Brunch

November 22
Youth Committee

November 29

The coffee hour chart is in the Fellowship Hall.

November 2015 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Confirmation Cookie Crumbs 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hr 10:45 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Book study	Cookie Crumbs 11:00am Tai Chi	Election Day 3	9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:15 pm Meal 7:00 pm Table Worship with communion 7:30 pm DaBand	9:30 am Adult Study 11:00am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Game Day 7:00 pm Choir Practice 	Office Closed	7
8 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am New Member Reception 10:45 am Sunday School 12 pm-2pm Open House at Parsonage 6:30 pm Book study	Cookie Crumbs 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Worship & Music Committee	9 Cookie Crumbs 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 7:30 pm Council Meeting	10 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6:15 pm Meal 7:00 pm Table Worship with communion 7:30 pm DaBand	11 9:30 am Adult Study 11:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm N. Broadway Neighborhood Association 7:00 pm Choir Practice	Office Closed	14
Anniversary 15 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Anniversary Luncheon 10:45 am Sunday School 11:00am – 2:30pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Book study	16 11:00am Tai Chi	17 7 pm Children & Youth Meeting 7 pm Special Church Council Meeting	18 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:15 pm Meal 7:00 pm Packing Thanksgiving Baskets and Table Worship 7:30 pm DaBand	19 9:30 am Adult Study 11:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Choir Practice	Office Closed 9:30 am Blessings Brunch 8:00 p.m. - Midnight 	21
Joyful Noise! 22 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hr 10:45 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Book study	23 11:00 am Tai Chi 11 am Communion at Midlands 7:00 pm MS Support Group	24	25 9:30am Mission Action (Quilters) 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed 	Office Closed	28
Hymnsing 29 Sunday 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 Fellowship & Coffee Hr 6:30 pm Book study	30 11:00am Tai Chi					

Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 10/13/2015

SUBMITTED BY MIKE WINTER

Present: Kevin Epperson, Penny Dahlke, Carrie Hansen, CharLes Kemmish, Oscar Over, Matt Solon, Ruth Sullivan, Mike Winter, Suzanne Winter, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Karen McPartland, Chris Reed, Danielle (Dani) Schaal

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Kevin Epperson.

Devotions: Penny Dahlke

Council Agenda:

* Oscar Over moved and Penny Dahlke seconded approval of the secretary minutes without amendments. Approved.

* Oscar Over moved and Ruth Sullivan seconded approval of the financial secretary report. Approved.

* Oscar Over moved and CharLes Kemmish seconded approval of the treasurer's report. Approved.

* Oscar Over moved and Matt Sullivan seconded approval of the Capital Fund Report. Approved.

* Oscar Over moved and Matt Sullivan seconded approval of the Memorial Fund report. Approved

* Pastor's written report was submitted. Among the 17 points raised by the report were the following:

1. Adult Study on Thursday mornings has begun.

2. Communion service on the fourth Monday of each month is offered at the Midlands Living Center.

3. The Anniversary Team met on September 21.

4. The Emanuel Fresh Start Team has decided to cease its material and financial support for Monte Manser. Monte has refused to make any constructive changes.

5. The regional confirmation gatherings "Confest" will be hosted by Emanuel on October 14.

6. Confirmation classes started again on September 20.

7. New members will be received at the worship service on Sunday, November 8.

8. Pastor has completed his application to be accepted and trained as a redevelopment pastor.

9. The Pastor has been very busy.

* Oscar Over reported on the Stewardship Committee and indicated that pledges will be placed on the altar on November 22 and that we will have Temple Talks before that date.

* The Youth and Children's Ministry Committee reported that 122 people have signed up for the "Confest" to be held at Emanuel on October 14 with a second meeting on October 21 in Algona, Iowa. It is expected 150-200 persons will participate.

* Kevin Epperson reported on the Worship and Music Committee and indicated that action will be taken soon on new altar coverings since the old ones are worn out.

* Pastor reported on the Fellowship and Support Committee and that the council support the cost for the Wednesday evening meals.

* Ruth Sullivan reported that Wider Ministries Committee will have a collection for Joyful Noise in October, Thanksgiving baskets in November and Interfaith Response in December.

* Pastor indicated that \$100 was spent for advertising for fire pit night which covered the cost of 350 mail drops or a cost of about .30 per household. Approximately 80 people attended fire pit night and it was a huge success.

* There was no report from Mutual Ministries this month.

* Bishop Rodger Prois will visit Emanuel on November 15 and there will be a catered lunch afterwards. The cost is approximately \$10 per person.

* Kevin Epperson reported that he met with a representative from Echo Electric regarding fellowship lights, but has not yet seen a sample.

* Oscar Over reported that the cost for the hard wir-

ing for the installation of projectors in the sanctuary would be about \$500 and that Brad Dahlke is looking into it. Motion was made by Suzanne Winter and seconded by Matt Solon to authorize the spending of \$500 for the hard wiring. Approved.

* Pastor recommended that his interim contract be extended on a month to month basis. Motion was made by Suzanne Winter and seconded by Matt Solon to extend the interim contract beginning November 1 until further action. Approved.

* A special meeting will be held between the council and Bishop Rodger Prois on November 17 at 7 p.m.

* A motion was made by Suzanne Winter and seconded by Penny Dahlke to proceed with the Congregational Renewal and Redevelopment Process. Approved.

* Motion by Oscar Over and seconded by Suzanne Winter to allow Oscar to sign the service agreement as vice-president and property committee chairman with the contract to begin November 1 concerning the copy machine with Canon Solutions America, Inc. Approved. Emanuel has purchased the copying machine for \$1 and the service contract will be \$45 per month for 4,500 copies plus .0095 cents for every copy over 4,500.

* Motion by Oscar Over and seconded by Matt Solon to purchase our insurance with Brotherhood Mutual American Church Group at a cost of \$5,140 per year. Approved. Insurance covers work comp, \$168,000 on the parsonage, \$2.8 million on the church building, \$576,200 for contents coverage at the church and \$10,000 for contents coverage at the parsonage.

Coverage also includes \$10,000 medical payments coverage.

* Oscar Over moved and CharLes Kemmish seconded a motion to authorize the purchase of a bolt of material for about \$200 to recover Fellowship Hall chairs that are torn. Discussion was held concerning wearability and commercial quality. Also recommended use of Scotchguard. Approved.

* A discussion was held concerning the preservation of council minutes and committee reports from 2012 to present. It was discussed that these records should be kept in the church office and that Debbie Ferguson should be contacted concerning council minutes and reports from 2012 until she resigned as church secretary.

* Motion made by Ruth Sullivan and seconded by Carrie Hansen to approve the recommendation that Mattie Nickels and Andrew Hubbard be allowed to proceed with baptism and confirmation. Approved.

* Motion made by Carrie Hanse and seconded by Penny Dahlke to accept John and Jane Underwood, Cheryl Rowe, Bob and Linda Vergamini and Stephanie and Stacie Green as members of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Approved.

* Motion by Matt Solon and seconded by Suzanne Winter to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Study Opportunities at ELC

Thursday mornings

We are beginning our study of Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This study will feature video lectures (fifteen minutes each week) by Dr. N. T. Wright. We will have access to his translation of Galatians and discussion questions he has helped to develop. Bring your Bibles and your curiosity as we study this declaration of Christian freedom in the gospel. Pastor Hennigs will teach this class.

Sunday mornings

Elaine Sasso and Peggy Jarrell will lead discussions on the gospel reading each Sunday morning. These discussions are based on free ELCA materials called "Daily Discipleship." The studies will provide background for the scripture text and create opportunities to apply those texts to daily life. Classes meet from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. in Pastor Hennigs' office.

Sunday evenings

We are now reading Jim Wallis' book entitled *On God's Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned about Serving the Common Good*. We in the church are not afraid of talking about politics and the gospel. If that's your thing, here's your chance! No right answers, but lots of good questions—and Wallis will challenge many of our assumptions about both politics and the Christian faith. That study will meet each Sunday in November.



Students share their musical gifts at a service on Wednesday night.



Students make "leaf wreaths" for our neighbors at Midlands Living Center.



Mason, Michael and Emilia delivered autumn decorations and greeted residents at Midlands Living Center on October 25th. Thank you to Valarie Weelborg, Lucy McNabb and Stephen Lewis who helped with these deliveries.

Children's Ministry

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

We have had a great start to the Sunday School year! So far we have had 26 students attend at least one class on Sunday mornings or service on Wednesday evenings.

Sharing Talents

Cindy has been going above and beyond, working with the kids. On Wednesday nights the kids look forward to working on rhythm and singing and have a blast! They have shared some of their musical talents at the Wednesday night services as well. Cindy is also working with them the first Sunday of the month during Sunday school and the kids then have the opportunity to perform during the service the following week!

Bearing Burdens

The Sunday morning classes are focusing on "Bearing One Another's Burdens". Pastor Lowell Hennigs has been leading many of the lessons and attendance is growing! October 25th we visited our neighbors at Midlands Living Center and took crafts for the residents.

Christmas Program

The year is flying by and we are quickly approaching time for practice for the Christmas Program. This year's program falls on Santa Lucia Day, a history festival in the Swedish Lutheran Church. With this being the anniversary year, the program will focus on the history of this. Thank you to Pastor Lowell who has been researching and writing the program, Linda Steensland who has volunteered to help with costumes and Debbie Ferguson who volunteered to direct the program.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 1 - Songs with Cindy during Sunday School
- ◆ November 8th - Children perform during 9:30 service
- ◆ November 15th - Children will receive their parts for the Christmas program.
- ◆ November 29th - No Sunday School
- ◆ December 2nd - Hanging of the Greens
- ◆ December 13th - Christmas Program
- ◆ December 13th - Caroling at Midlands
- ◆ December 20th - January 3rd - No Sunday School

Thanksgiving Baskets

BY JUDI MALLOY

Our holiday activities are already getting under way with plans for Thanksgiving baskets. We are planning to give out 25 again this year. Below is a list of items that may be donated and left at church at any time.

- ♦ Turkey stuffing mix
- ♦ Jello or pudding
- ♦ Turkey gravy mix
- ♦ Juice
- ♦ Green beans
- ♦ Cranberry sauce
- ♦ Mushroom soup
- ♦ Oil
- ♦ Dried onion rings
- ♦ Roasting bag for turkey
- ♦ Other items that can be offered:
 - ♦ Poultry seasoning
 - ♦ Other vegetables
 - ♦ Roasting pan
 - ♦ Green and black olives
 - ♦ Salt and pepper shaker
- ♦ Pickles
- ♦ Sweet potatoes
- ♦ Canned fruit
- ♦ Cookies



Aluminum foil and napkins have already been donated.

Monetary donations will be used for turkeys, potatoes, pumpkin pie, Cool Whip, butter and rolls.

The baskets will be blessed and distributed on Sunday, November 22.

Thank you for helping with this project. Because of your caring and generosity 25 families will be able to have a Thanksgiving dinner.



2444 N. Broadway before the addition, doubling the size of the building.

A Piece of Emanuel's History

Remember When...

Although the organization of the church began in 1890, services were held several places in the city before the property at 7th & Mill Street was purchased in 1891. Services were held in the basement until the building was completed in 1898. The property where Emanuel now sits was purchased in 1959. Sunday school and church services were held in a home located on the property until it had to be removed to for the new church building. It was dedicated in 1962. In 1989 work began to expand the size of the building due to the growing congregation. The addition was completed in time for the Centennial in 1990.



Groundbreaking ceremonies for the addition to the church building.



Paving the parking lot after the addition is completed.

Sharing Gifts, Offering Hope

BY BRENDA HENNIGS

Emanuel's Wider Ministry team will once again participate in the Angel Tree Ministry by sponsoring 25 local children. Angel Tree is a Prison Fellowship Ministry that provides incarcerated parents the opportunity to have a gift delivered to their children while the parent is incarcerated.

Founded in 1982 by an ex-prisoner who witnessed firsthand the strained relationship between prisoners and their children, Angel Tree has grown to become the largest national outreach specifically for the children of prisoners.



A Program of Prison Fellowship®

Christmas is coming soon, and Angel Tree's goal is to reach children of prisoners who hope for a Christmas filled with joy. They yearn for their absent parent's love, and more than that, they need to know that Jesus Christ can fill the void in their hearts and is able to bring healing and restoration to their families destroyed by crime.

The Angel Tree Team will need YOUR help!

- ♦ You can volunteer to make phone calls to the caregivers of the children to verify their information.
- ♦ You can volunteer to deliver the gifts before Christmas.
- ♦ You can sponsor a child/children and purchase a gift.

We need your help in one or all areas of this important ministry. If you are interested in helping, contact Brenda Hennigs at (402) 650-0786 or blhennigs@hotmail.com

Watch for the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall! As always thank you for your generosity!

October Attendance & Giving

October 4	123	\$3,401
October 11	76	\$2,331
October 18	133	\$1,777
October 25	98	\$1,346

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

September Income:	\$9,064.00	YTD Income:.....	\$95,947.08
September Expense:	\$10,580.76	YTD Expense:	\$104,454.60
September Balance.....	(\$1,516.76)	YTD Balance:.....	(\$8,507.52)



Western Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Synod Council

BY SANDY SMITH

On September 19, 2015 I attended my second synod council meeting at St. Mark's church in Storm Lake, Iowa. It was a wonderful meeting.

The persons I have met on that council are very prayerful and want to do what is best for God's work in western Iowa.

Some of the ideas discussed and expanded on were how the synod can assist in creating more food banks at local churches, expanding the youth gathering numbers (the youth gathering was so inspirational how can we encourage more teenagers to take part) and how can we assist new seminary graduates with their debt. These are just a few of the ideas discussed.

Discussion of these ideas was a major part of the meeting, although, approval of previous minutes and budget occurs. Notes are sent to us prior to arrival at the meeting to save time.

I want to give a big "Thank You" to the Youth group at Emanuel for raising \$500.00 to give to Lakeside Camp for building projects. Husband, Jeff and I got the privilege in staying in one of the newly constructed rooms for spiritual retreat connected with Jeff's lay ministry class in August 2015.

Thank you to everyone at Emanuel who is providing support to me on this endeavor.

National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, and LSI is a proud partner of Iowa KidsNet, the statewide collaboration of agencies that helps Iowans become foster or adoptive parents for children in Iowa's foster care system.



Nationally, there are over 101,000 youth waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. We know there are no unwanted children, only unfound families! To learn how you or someone you know can make a difference, visit www.IowaKidsNet.com.

LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Keeping Up With Brookie

Brookie loves to talk, and she makes friends everywhere she goes. It's quite likely she would be delighted to be your friend, too. But you'll have to keep up with her first.

Brookie has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair. She lives at Harmony Place, a Muscatine house specially designed for "medically fragile" individuals. The home, built in 2008 by the Muscatine Welfare Association through public and private funding, has 24-7 staffing provided by LSI.

The house is innovative, with a track system that makes it easy for its five residents to move from one room to another. And all five of their wheelchairs easily fit together in the Harmony Place bus. It gives Brookie a home base from which she can go anywhere. And she is always on the go.

"I try to do as much as I can," she said. "I work at Wal-Mart, I do sled hockey, I play softball in Davenport. I go to concerts."

There's also bowling league, swimming, singing group, regular trips to see friends and family and fun

times at Camp Courageous in Monticello. Plus, she spends a few days in Ames every year chasing down the competition in the Special Olympics wheelchair races. (She won gold in the 100m this year!)

"Since I've been here, I've come a long way," said Brookie. "I'm more independent now. I'm able to do a lot more. I see a friend whenever it fits in the schedule. I see my family whenever I want. LSI makes really good accommodations."

Some group homes have limits on how many vehicle miles a resident can use each month. Harmony Place does not. Instead, it places special importance on community integration and spending time with loved ones. LSI also helps support her in her goals, such as cooking, exercise and community involvement.

"Many parents cannot provide caregiving," said Lisa, an LSI staff. "Sometimes their home is not equipped or they are older. Harmony Place helps improve quality of life for people."

And for Brookie, that life is lived to the very fullest. Catch her if you can.

Children's Christmas Bags

BY JAN HUSMANN

Again this year the Wider Ministries Committee will be filling 50 bags to give to *Lutheran Family Services* for children ages 0-5 years of age. Lutheran Family Services gives these to local families. Their office is located on the east side of the Omni Mall under the sign "Center for Healthy Families".

The delivery date will be December 8th so need the items soon.

There will be a list of suggested items in the bulletin and on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Items can be placed in the marked box, in the resource room or given to Ruth Sullivan, Penny Dahlke, or Jan Husmann (jjhusmann415@gmail.com) . Thanks so much!



Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS

Occasionally a month has five Sundays. This is nothing new or unusual. Not as rare as a "Blood Moon". However, now we will use this opportunity to take suggestions from you, the congregation. At one time, I believe, this was called "stump the organist" Sunday. Now it is "Favorites Hymnsing" Sunday. The first of these will be coming up November 29th, which happens to be the first Sunday of Advent. For the upcoming year, so that you can be ready with your favorite hymns, we will have a fifth Sunday in January, May, July, and October. These will be extremely music-filled Sundays with extra hymns throughout.

Lincoln Lutheran Choir Upcoming Concerts

Lincoln Lutheran Choir will again present two concerts this fall: Sunday November 15th, 3 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs, IA, and Sunday November 22nd at Grace Lutheran Church in Lincoln. The choir welcomes Brett Epperson as our new Artistic Director and Conductor who has selected our theme: "We Sing Our Faith: Here, There, Then, Now".

Communal singing is at the core of how we celebrate our heritage and relationship with God. As such we will be celebrating our faith through some of the best and most rewarding Lutheran choral music of the past and present.

Please join us and raise your voices in hymn singing!



Uplifting Concert Supporting Local Students

Midland University will host its "2015 Gospel Honors Choir Project" concert at The Holland Center in Omaha, Nebraska, on Sunday, November 8 at 7:00 pm. The event, designed to bring together local youth and community members through gospel music, will feature local leaders such as Salem Baptist Church's "Salem Mass Choir", the Christ Community Church Choir, Midland University performers, and hundreds of hand-selected high school singers from around Nebraska and Iowa. Headlining the event this year is Octavius Womack, a gospel recording artist from Los Angeles, CA.



The Gospel Honors Choir is comprised of hundreds of high school students from schools such as Omaha Bryan HS, Norfolk HS, Gretna HS, Mead HS, Omaha Central HS, Thomas Jefferson HS, Kearney HS, and many more. All high school students have been nominated by their church or school vocal directors.

Each student who participates receives a minimum of \$10,000 scholarship to Midland University.

Ticket sale proceeds will be used to offset the costs of providing students the experience of a lifetime; performing at The Holland Center. Ticket proceeds will also be used to offer performing arts scholarships to participating students to attend Midland University. Unlike other collegiate honor choirs, there is no fee to the participating students.

Tickets to the Gospel Honors Choir concert can be purchased by visiting www.TicketOmaha.com or by calling the Ticket Omaha call center at 402-345-0606. Prices for individual tickets start at \$35.



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Game Day

Thursday, November 5th, 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Tuesday November 10th, 8:30 am
Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, November 11th
11:30 am
Pizza Ranch

Blessings & Brunch

Friday, November 20th, 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
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