

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

March 2018

Happenings!

Saturday, March 3-Sunday, March 4—Table Tennis Tournament

Sunday, March 11—Daylight Savings Time Begins, Healing Service, Confirmation, Bethany Chaplain/Spiritual Life Meeting at Emanuel

Friday, March 16—Volunteers for Food Pantry Meet at Our Savior's

Sunday, March 18—First Communion Class

Friday, March 23—Potluck & Movie Night: Ferdinand

Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday, First Communion Class, Simulated Seder Meal

Wednesday, March 28—No Wednesday Night Service

Thursday, March 29—Maundy Thursday Services, Middle and High School Lock-In

Friday, March 30—Good Friday Services

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday Services, Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Mission Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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



Our fabulous set-up crew for Mardi Gras! We had approximately 170 people attend this fun-filled event!

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Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

I return over and over to Dave Daubert's new book called *The Invitational Christian*. It is fifty-three pages long, so it's a quick read. Daubert is one of our very bright lights in the ELCA when it comes to growing the Church for the sake of the Gospel. If you want to really help and support our redevelopment and renewal efforts here at Emanuel, I encourage you to read this little book. I have ten copies available on a first-come, first-served basis. Just talk to me.

He asserts that inviting others is rooted in having a very clear and specific "why" for the inviting. He writes, "Every congregation that is concerned about a lack of enthusiasm for invitation should seriously assess whether they truly believe that they matter to God and that they are a valuable part of God's work in the world." So I invite you to reflect on these two core beliefs. Do you believe that Emanuel Lutheran Church matters to God? Do you believe that we are a valuable part of God's work in the world?

I believe that Emanuel Lutheran Church matters to God. We have been sustained through good times and bad in order to be here for this neighborhood and community at precisely this time. What wonderful wisdom our founders had in selecting this spot with all the wonderful green space, providing good facilities, and placing us in a location where our ministry is so clearly needed. Not only do we matter to God, we are a valuable part of God's work in this part of the world.

Why should people come and be part of what we do? "People come to church to hear a word from God," Daubert writes, "experience a connection with God, and to build supportive and meaningful relationships with people who love God and each other." People are looking for communities that offer transforming love. "They aren't looking for a new clique," he concludes, "They have enough of those to tend to already." Can we be a place where the life-changing love of Jesus is shared with joy and hope? I know we can!

He speaks a word that is directed especially to smaller congregations. "Although congregational life feels more like family," he notes, "the reality is that our congregations also must be ready for company every week." That is certainly true here at Emanuel. And it will be even truer as you invite, welcome and include more and more new people in our community.

Will we be a community of "invitational Christians"? We are working hard toward this goal. We are practicing the skills required to invite, welcome and include new people. We have the best news in the world, precisely the news people need to hear. Christ is risen! What a privilege it is to be used as the means to share that news. Thanks for your part in this mission of inviting, welcoming and including in the name of Jesus.

Your partner in mission and service,

Pastor Lowell

With Sympathy:

We lift up in prayer and express our Christian sympathy for the family of Melvin Bird who passed away February 17. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



Guest Wifi Access:

It appears that our equipment in the office combined with a lower internet speed is unable to support the guest wifi without shutting down. We have contacted our internet service provider and hope to find a solution to this.

Thank You:

Thank you everyone for the honor of being your 2018 Mardi Gras Queen. The evening was filled with laughter and happiness.

- Ruth Sullivan

Parsonage Wish List

BY DEANN OVER

With the Hennigs moving to their new home and upcoming construction for Emanuel's day care, the empty parsonage provides opportunities for other Emanuel ministry areas.

Lutheran Lakeside counselors will again be conducting a day camp at Emanuel from June 11 – 14. The Children/Youth ministry team would like to provide them overnight housing during their stay and have compiled a wish list:

- Beds
- Mattresses
- Bedding
- Pillows
- Towels
- Dressers
- night stands
- kitchen table and chairs
- Lamps
- Other Household items, etc.



If you have any of the above items, please contact the church office to make arrangements for drop off.

Please note: We know the generosity of our members, if we receive more items than can be used for parsonage guests, items will be sold at Emanuel's annual garage sale.



Easter Breakfast

The Children and Youth Committee will once again host breakfast on Easter Sunday (April 1st). As always, and donations of egg bakes, muffins, fruit and juice are always welcome. We will have clipboards to sign-up as it gets closer.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will also have an Easter Egg Hunt at 9 a.m. While we have a lot of plastic eggs, we need items to fill them! Candy, small toys, stickers, etc. would all be welcome. The Youth at the Middle School and High School lock-in will be stuffing the eggs on March 29. Any help to spread them across the yard on Easter would be fantastic.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily or Mum, envelopes will be available for the next few weeks at Church. Please fill out the envelope complete so we can make sure names are listed correctly. Lilies are \$9 and Mums are \$15.

Table Tennis Tournament

Saturday, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
(Men's Singles)

&

Sunday, March 4th at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch followed by Men's Doubles,
Women & Youth



The more the merrier! All ages welcome!



Just a reminder that if Council Bluffs Public Schools cancels activities due to weather, the office will close and activities and meetings scheduled for that day will also be cancelled or rescheduled.

Inclement Weather Policy

SAVE THE DATE!
Thursday, March 29
8 p.m. to 12 a.m.
(After Maundy Thursday Worship)



For all middle and high school students and friends.

Bring a snack to share and a drink and get ready for some fun!

Worship Assistant Schedule

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



Sunday, March 4	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Rosie Spangenberg
Ushers	Oscar & Deann Over
Acolytes	Grace Hansen & Cael Hansen
Lector	Elaine Sasso
Children's Message	
Communion Assistants	Mike Winter, Suzanne Winter, Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Set-Up	Connie & Matt Solon
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell



Sunday, March 11	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Carly Sorensen
Ushers	Oscar & Deann Over
Acolytes	Kylie Hansen & Owen Hansen
Lector	Kevin Epperson
Communion Assistants	Elaine Sasso, Lauren Hansen, Peggy Jarrell
Communion Set-Up	CharLes Kemmish
Visual Tech	



Sunday, March 18	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Robert Vergamini
Ushers	Oscar & Deann Over
Acolytes	Andrew Borwick & Austin Borwick
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Children's Message	
Communion Assistants	Angel McGee, Rosie Spangenberg, Robert Vergamini
Communion Set-Up	Connie Eyeberg & Barb Burns
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen

If you are interested in helping with worship, please contact the church office, (712) 323-9665, emanuellutheranobia@msn.com or sign-up on our website at: www.emanuelcb.org

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

April 1
Easter Lilies

Altar Flowers

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

March 4

March 11
Connie Edson

March 18
Fresh Start Team

March 25

April 1
Easter Breakfast
Hosted by Youth

Fellowship hour

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



Sunday, March 25	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Amy Garreans
Ushers	Oscar & Deann Over
Acolytes	Lauren Hansen & Shae Nickels
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistants	Kylie Hansen, Rosie Spangenberg, Peggy Jarrell
Communion Set-Up	Al & Linda Martens
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso
Thursday, March 29	7:00 p.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Robert Vergamini
Ushers	
Acolytes	Emma Richards & Mia Richards
Lector	Rick Stone
Communion Assistants	
Communion Set-Up	Carol Fahrenkrug & Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	
Friday, March 30	7:00 p.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
Sunday, April 1	7:00 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	
Acolytes	Amari Johnson & Tyler Steensland
Lector	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistants	
Communion Set-Up	Amy Steensland & Linda Steensland
Visual Tech	
Sunday, April 1	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	
Acolytes	Xander Richards & Alexxia Richards
Lector	Danette Hein-Snider
Communion Assistants	Robert Vegamini
Communion Set-Up	Jim & LaWayne Andersen
Visual Tech	



PALM SUNDAY



MAUNDY THURSDAY



GOOD FRIDAY



EASTER SUNDAY

March 2018 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 pm Visitation team meets in the worship center. 4 pm-6 pm Rescheduled Mardi Gras Celebration!	26 11 am Communion at Midlands Living Center 11 am Tai Chi 6 pm Kanesville Symphony in Youth Center 6:30 pm Faith Team	27 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	28 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kidz Kamp 7:00 pm Worship in Sanctuary	1 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal 	2 Office Closed	3 6:30 pm Table Tennis Tournament
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11 Healing Service 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion and Joyful Noise 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 pm Wider Ministries Meeting 11 am—2:30 pm Confirmation 2 pm Bethany Chaplain/Spiritual Life Meeting  DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	12 9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi 6 pm Kanesville Symphony in Youth Center	13 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	14 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kidz Kamp 7:00 pm Worship in Sanctuary	15 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal	16 Office Closed 9:30 am Blessings & Brunch 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's 	17
18 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am First Communion Class 10:45 pm Worship & Music Meeting	19 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Church Council Meeting 7 pm MS Support Group	20 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	21 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kidz Kamp 7:00 pm Worship in Sanctuary	22 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal	23 Office Closed 6 pm Potluck 6:30 pm Movie 	24
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Daphne Miller
Harvey Coble
Kaye Bird

Glen Fahrenkrug
Mildred Rogers
Paul Heath

Lucille Weatherill
Dana Blessum
Andrea Britton

Dwight Rogers
Clair Ossian



March

BIRTHDAYS

March 01 Deloris Christensen
March 03 Judy Pleas
Alexander VanSickle
March 05 Gayle Grap
March 06 Cheryl Ellis
Joel Hauschild
Randy Palmer
Croix Smith
March 08 Vern Buley
Dee Swanger
March 09 Macy Hansen
Owen Hansen
Ruth Nelson
March 10 Jim Hamilton
March 12 Shelby Johnson
Cheyene Shannon

March 13 Kinsley Cahalan
Caeli McDowell
Killion McDowell
March 16 E'lise Bell
Michael Garreans
Jill Gress
March 17 Judith Borwick
Ron Stairs
March 18 Chelsea Baker
March 19 Kristi Solon
March 20 Jacquie Moats
Cassandra Shannon
March 21 Wade Juhl
Angelina Maxwell
March 22 Dean Loos
Anina Madsen

March 25 Mike Burns
Rosie Spangenberg
March 26 Stephen Lewis
March 27 John Husmann
March 29 Ciara Hite
Chuck Madsen
Phil Meyer
Jim Nelson
John Smith II
March 30 Ed Reedy
March 31 Emma Richards
Mia Richards



March 07 Chuck & Peg Madsen
March 08 Joel & Christi Hauschild
March 24 Tyler & Jamie Hansen
March 31 Phil & Jane Meyer

*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*



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 02/19/2018

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

Present: Rosie Spangenberg, Mike Winter, Bob Vergamini, Elaine Sasso, Peggy Jarrell, Stephen Lewis, Joel Hauschild, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Patty Maxwell, Connie Solon, Judi Malloy, Valarie Weelborg, John Spilde

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

Devotions: Bob Vergamini

Council Agenda:

- Each member was asked to name an ice cream flavor that best described each of them as the new council was introduced to one another.
- Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the secretary minutes for January 15, 2018. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Elaine Sasso to approve the minutes for February 4, 2018. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Stephen Lewis to approve the Financial Secretary (Consolidated Fund) report. Approved.
- Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Discussion was held concerning increasing the transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Fund and Building Account because of increased expenses related to the frozen pipes and loss of water.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Elaine Sasso to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Pastor Hennigs presented a 13 point report. The Emanuel Renewal (Faith) Team met twice in January. They discussed "low hanging fruit" on the upcoming church calendar. They reviewed how they are doing in our focus on hospitality and recommended to the church council that for the sake of hospitality, the number of committee meetings during the fellowship hour be kept to a minimum. If meetings are necessary, the Faith Team requests that they be held somewhere in the building other than the Fellowship Hall. We are finalizing the paperwork for the loan approval with Availa Bank and we have received the first two payments of \$6,000 from the ELCA Congregational Renewal Office for our 2018 grant. The Special Needs Fund has a balance of \$1,358.21 as there was a \$500 deposit in January. The Western Iowa Synod Assembly will be held from June 8 through June 10, 2018 at the Convention Center in Sioux Center. Pastor Jeff Unga has asked Pastor Hennigs to serve as a professional mentor for James Rut during his chaplaincy training quarter. Pastor recommended that Gayle Grap be approved for membership.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve membership for Gayle Grap. Approved.
- Stephen Lewis gave the report for Youth and Children's Ministries. The youth are in charge of the Mardi Gras event this year.
- It was discussed that the cost of repairing the broken waterline will be between \$15,000-\$20,000. It was difficult to find someone who would do the work and do it immediately.
- President Spangenberg reminded us that the Jonathan Rundman concert will be held on September 22 and September 23, 2018. Emanuel must pay for his travel and for his hotel room. It was discussed that the church needs a credit card to be able to make these types of reservations and to pay in advance for other expenses.
- Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Elaine Sasso to authorize the treasurer to apply to Availa Bank for a credit card with a limit of \$5,000. All expenditures on that credit card must be approved by the treasurer. Approved.
- Discussion was held concerning the usage of Emanuel facilities by outside entities. It was discussed that use should be limited to those that have some affiliation with Emanuel and not just open to the general public. It was believed that any organization using Emanuel facilities should have a connection to the congregation and the

usage should be approved by the church council. Peggy Jarrell and her committee will continue to work on the usage form and will present it to the council for approval. The office secretary will be given the approved form.

- Discussion was held about the council members taking the Intercultural Development Inventory and there was general agreement by the council that this should happen.
- Lakeside Day Camp will be from June 11 to June 14, 2018.
- Allan Ellis has been talking to three different sign companies about upgrading our outside sign.
- Report was given by Bob Vergamini, Stephen Lewis and Mike Winter concerning the conference held this past weekend called "Leading Change in the Heartland".
- The computer has been purchased and installed.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the Emanuel Lutheran Church Cancellation Policy with amendments. Approved. A copy of said policy is attached.

- The new member reception will be held on February 25.
- July is Emanuel's month for services at Bethany. This is rotated among 14 different congregations.
- Vacation Bible School will take place from July 29 to August 2, 2018 at Emanuel.
- The council will look at dates to sponsor coffee hour and discuss how donated funds will be used.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Approved.
- All reports presented to the council may be viewed by any church member at the church office.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7 p.m.

First Communion Classes

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Pastor Hennigs will offer a First Communion class on Sundays, March 18 and 25, at 10:45 a.m. in the upstairs conference room. If you and/or your children would like to prepare to receive Holy Communion regularly, then please plan to attend both of these classes. The First Communion class concludes with a Seder meal for class members, family and congregation members on March 25 at 5 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. First Communions will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, March 29, at the 7 p.m. service. Please contact Pastor Hennig with questions and to indicate your interest.



March is National Professional Social Work Month



March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we're grateful for our many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving their communities!

Maybe you've never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you've had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's 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.

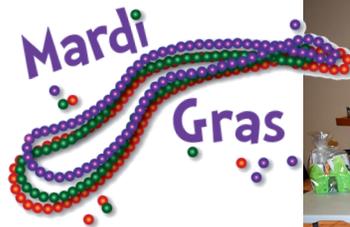


Dinner at 6 p.m.
Kidz Kamp at 6:45 pm
Worship at 7 p.m.

March 7
Variety of Soups
Wider Ministries

March 14
Tacos
Youth Gathering Group

March 21
TBD



Thanks to all who participated in Emanuel's 5th Mardi Gras Celebration!

BY DEANN OVER

Over 170 attended and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon filled with music, food, fun and fellowship at our 5th annual celebration! We raised over \$2,260.00!

We wish to especially thank Thrivent. Through the Thrivent Action Team Project we received \$250 as seed money to apply toward food for the event.

Emanuel's Mardi Gras celebration could not be accomplished without the help of so many volunteers! Our special thanks to:

- Da Band for sharing their musical talents (Cindy Richards, Rosie Spangenberg, Kevin Epperson, Mike Hipnar, Tim Johnson, Brennan Plummer, Nick Haats and Steve Appel, guest drummer for the evening!)
- Queen Ruth Sullivan and King David Appel leading the Mardi Gras parade
- Lawayne Anderson for sewing regal robes for Emanuel's King and Queen.
- Sandy Kanger and Michaela Lewis who sewed jester costumes for Tori Hansen and Mason Lewis
- Linda Steensland who prepared the delicious "Taste of Cajun" specialties
- Kitchen team (prep, during and serving) Adults: Jamie & Tyler Hansen, Judy Heithoff, Angel McGee, Chris & Megan Sorensen, Amy & Mike Gaareans, Mike Nickels, Jolene Hansen, Alan Ellis and Sandy Smith. Youth: Lauren & Kylie Hansen, Aralynn Conley, Cael & Owen Hansen, Maddie & Shae Nickels, Alexis & Brendan Ellis, Ashley Hipnar, Mason Gaareans and Carly Sorensen.



Our Royalty, King David Appel and Queen Ruth Sullivan with their jesters, Mason Lewis and Tori Hansen.

- To all who donated such a variety of wonderful items to the silent auction and Brenda Hennigs who organized.

- Michaela Lewis – our photographer who captured the memories.

- Erin Miller who helped the young create individually decorated masks.

- Those who braved icy roads to decorate the Fellowship Hall: Mike Hipnar; Kevin Epperson;

Tyler, Lauren and Kylie Hansen, Amy, Mike & Mason Gaareans, Judy Heithoff, Linda Steensland, Alan, Alexis & Brendan Ellis, Erin & Amari Miller, Megan, Kyle & Carly Sorensen, Pastor Lowell & Brenda.

- Angel McGee for the loan of the tall vases for our centerpieces and mascot "Mardi". Angel also decorated the outside entrance with a Mardi Gras flare!
- Jan Husmann for the beautiful purple tablecloths – new this year!
- Many helping hands who helped clean up: Mike, Maddie & Shae Nickels, Michaela & Steve Lewis, Darlene & Richard Reed, Tyler, Jamie, Lauren, Kylie & Tori Hansen, Kevin Epperson, Angel McGee, John Spilde, Mike Loos, Jan Stone, Greg & Linda Steensland, Chris, Megan & Carly Sorensen, John & Jan Husmann and Pastor Lowell & Brenda. Decorations were put away and the fellowship hall and kitchen cleaned within an hour!

We've saved all the decorations – if you run across any throughout the year and are willing to donate – we can store them!

Again thanks to everyone – our Mardi Gras has grown each year!

Bethany News

SUBMITTED BY DIANE CARLON



Respite Care At Bethany Heights

We are pleased to announce the addition of Respite Care at Bethany Heights. Respite Care offers caregivers/family members a short-term break while their senior loved one is cared for in a safe, secure, senior community setting. For more information about the program or to set up a visit, please contact Paula Fandry at 712-328-8228.

Bethany Spiritual Life Discussion

Bethany Lutheran Home invites you to be a part of **Coffee and Conversation**, a round table discussion with our sponsoring congregations, delegates and any interested others on how to meet the spiritual needs of Bethany residents, tenants and staff. We will also be discussing our current program offerings and how to best attract and financially maintain a Chaplain position. Please join us on **Sunday March 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 2444 North Broadway** (across from Christy Crème) Council Bluffs, IA.

Volunteer and Spiritual Life Tea

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 or communion; led a Bible Study; 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 15th 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 15th.

Bethany Heights Apartments Available-

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? 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. Small pets are welcome. Some Long Term Care Insurance Policies may be eligible for use at Bethany Heights. **We are currently offering an Assisted Living Move-In Special--- 50% off the deposit and reduced rent prices. The special runs through April 1st.** For more information or to set up a visit please contact Paula Fandry at Bethany Heights at 712-328-8228.

Bethany Auxiliary Meeting

The Bethany Auxiliary Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m.** This will be the **Annual Bake Sale fundraiser** with proceeds supporting resident and tenant projects at Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. This Bake Sale is held both at Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights and supported by Residents, Tenants, Staff and Families. Baked good items of all types are welcome. When possible, please package items in smaller quantities. (If your item contains nuts, gluten free, etc. please let us know). Our residents and tenants enjoy shopping and smaller amounts are better. For more information contact your Auxiliary Key Lady or Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Thank you.

Employment Opportunities at Bethany

Bethany currently has several positions available. For more information, please visit www.indeed.com or contact Bethany Human Resources Director Debbie Butcher at 712-328-9500.

Friday, March 23rd

Emanuel Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. Potluck
6:30 p.m. Movie:
Ferdinand

Free event for all ages!
Bring friends, family and a dish to share!



Plant Exchange

BY JAN HUSMANN

Earth Day is April 22nd. It is time to begin thinking of how you can contribute to this day at Emanuel. You can start seedlings now to donate to our exchange.

Questions????? Contact Jan Husmann at (712) 328-8378 or jjhusmann415@gmail.com



Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS

Do you have devotions or a meditation time each day? Perhaps you use the Bible or a devotion book to guide you. These are very helpful since they give our thoughts focus and direction. Have you ever considered using the hymnal? Hymns are an important part of the worship service and those texts can also serve as a directive for our meditation times.



From the **MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Read each verse of your chosen hymn slowly, phrase by phrase, internalizing the thoughts and emotions of the lyricist. Read them out loud. There in print is our pain, our hope, our thanks. The images and emotions portrayed by those phrases often send our minds off in different directions, opening areas we had closed



and padlocked years ago. It's okay to let them out; to recognize they still exist. Now may be the time to prayerfully start dealing with those thoughts and memories.

Hymnwriters of the past and present know off the power of words and music put together. They also know of the power of the holy spirit to use those words and music. Lenten hymns bring us to the place of the cross in our lives. You might want to play the hymn softly in the background during your meditation. With or without the texts, the tunes can take us to the mental place we need to be in our meditations.

Hymns aren't just for Sunday worship anymore. Use them every day.

Electronic Giving

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

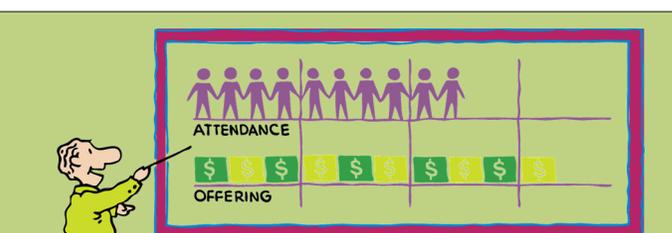
Recently we have added more options to our online giving portal and the online giving app Give+ (available through Google Play and Itunes)

Either of these may be accessed by computer or a mobile device. There are instructions in the pews as well as in the fellowship hall.



This can be especially helpful for those who may not carry cash (this is me most of the time) or those who would like to save a check.. Through the app, you can pick which fund/group you would like to contribute to, add it, then you simply use a card or bank account to complete the transaction. You can actually donate to several funds at one time when giving through the app or online, as it lets you pick an amount for each category you choose to add. If you would like you can also give a percentage to help offset the processing cost. You get a receipt emailed to you and if you create a login, you can see your giving history.

We also have a card reader so that events, we are able to take payments using a phone or tablet. We had the chance to use this at Mardi Gras this year!



Attendance & Offering

Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
February 4	86	\$3,788.32
February 11	70	\$0.00
February 18	141	\$4,196.65
February 25	92+	\$4,174.00

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

January Income: \$24,398.84
January Expense:..... \$12,636.97
January Balance..... \$11,761.87

YTD Income: \$24,398.84
 YTD Expense:..... \$12,636.97
 YTD Balance..... \$11,761.87
 Plus Carryover \$11,223.27
 General Budget Fund..... \$22,985.14



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Game Day

Thursday, March 1st, 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Tuesday, March 13th, 8:30 am
Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, March 14th
11:30 am
Pizza Ranch

Blessings & Brunch

Friday, March 16th, 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 meal at 6:00 pm, Kidz Kamp at 6:45 pm
and worship at 7:00 pm

Staff:

Pastor Lowell Hennigs
Director of Music Ministries, Cindy Richards
Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis
Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed