



Garden of Reading

Emanuel Newsletter

Happenings at Emanuel!

Sunday, August 03—Thursday, August 7—Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 10—Joyful Noise Offering for Habitat for Humanity,
Music from Our VBS Students

Tuesday, August 12—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet

Tuesday, August 19—Book Club Meets

Monday, August 18—Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, August 17—Blood Pressure Checks

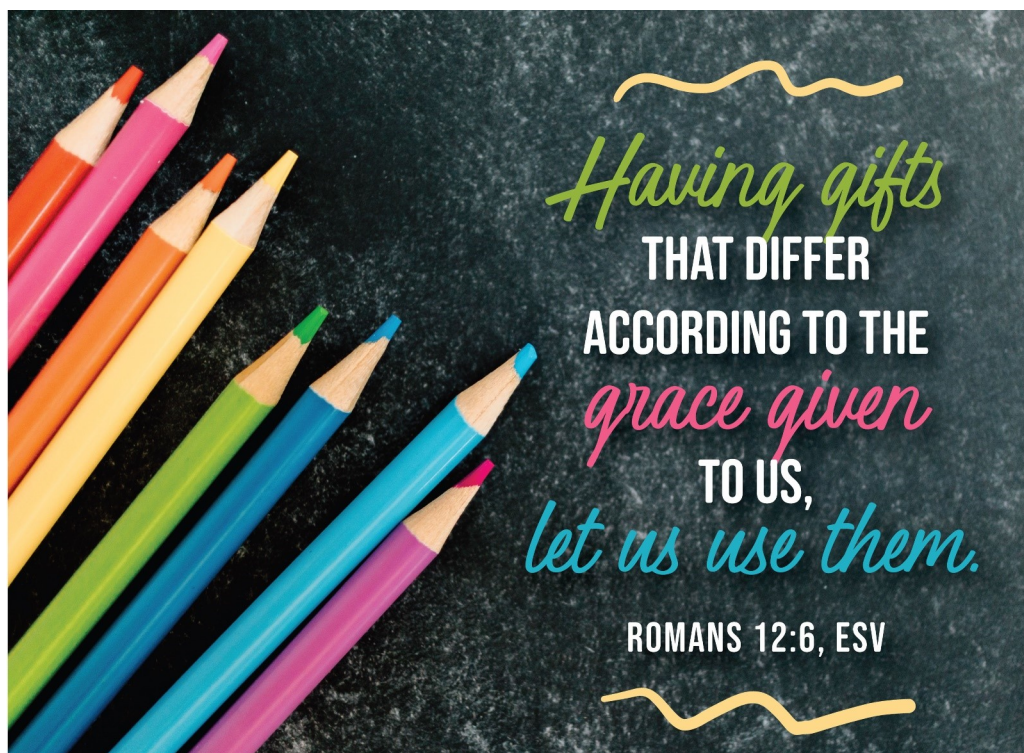
Sunday, August 24—Rally, Sunday, Blessing of Backpacks & Breakfast

Wednesday, August 27—Dinner Church

Tai Chi each **Monday** and **Thursday** morning at 10 a.m. in the upstairs Youth Center.
Bible Study each **Thursday** at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs conference room.

Mission
Statement:
*Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith*

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



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Food, Faith and Fellowship

Dinner Church. A quick internet search shows that this has become a thing. While Dinner Church may seem new to us, in fact the early church met at households, shared a meal, and worshipped. In 2008 a St. Lydia's Church in Brooklyn, NY. The pastor, Emily Scott, sensed that many New Yorkers had a hunger for church but couldn't get their foot in the door. She began to dream what type of a church might meet that hunger. They're named after Lydia, from Acts, who was known for her service and hospitality. This original Dinner Church meets together, prepares food, eats, worships, and cleans up together. They are also a congregation of the ELCA!

I experienced my first Dinner Church while on internship at St Stephen Lutheran in Tallahassee, FL. My internship supervisor, Pr. Marda, and myself sat at her kitchen table and dreamed up how Dinner Church could be. Since coming to Emanuel I've been waiting for the right time to try out this ancient and very modern way of worshipping God together. Each month we gather together, share a meal, song, prayer and worship with communion. Our overall theme is Connecting with God and Each Other Through..., one month was music, another was the outdoors, and another contemplative reading of Scripture.



In August we're going to delve into art and creative expression. My friend from South Dakota, Pr. Sara will be joining us and leading us in a creative reflection. I'll be teaching us a technique called Praying in Color—adding color and form to our prayer and devotional time. Intrigued? Come join us Wednesday, August 27 at 6 pm. We'll be having sloppy joes and salads so you don't need to bring anything but yourself, your curiosity, and desire to meet God through food, fellowship, worship and each other!

See you in church!

Pastor Cara



If you have something you would like to submit for the newsletter, please email it to office@emanuelcb.org by the third Monday of the month.

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

Morning Star Lutheran Church's
Is honoring Pastor Glenn Schacht's 50 years of ordained ministry on

Sunday, August 31st!

We will begin at 11:30 AM with a catered, three course meal.
At 1:00 PM, musicians from Morning Star, Table Grace and the community will offer a music presentation and reflection of Pastor Glenn's ministry.

Please RSVP for the optional meal (\$36) by
Sunday, August 24 by contacting the Church Office!

(402) 393-5553 or office@morningstaromaha.org

Catered by

TABLE GRACE CAFE
Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls

Helping In Our Community

Submitted by Linda Steensland

The Joyful Noise Offering for August will be Habitat for Humanity Council Bluffs. They will speak about the two homes (and more) that are nearly completed for families.

Also, Home in One Golf Classic fundraiser will be held on Friday, August 29 at Dodge Riverside Golf Club at 9:00 a.m. Register now!



**Habitat
for Humanity®**
Council Bluffs



A young missionary family from Mexico will be in Iowa for a one year sabbatical soon. They are in need of the following children's clothing, especially for winter: 5T boy, 2T girl, and newborn-9 months baby girl due in September. Please contact Linda Steensland with questions and donations.

Meal Train

We would like to ask for prayers for a successful surgery, a smooth recovery, and strength for Richard Reed, as he undergoes surgery on July 29. He's expected to be in the hospital for about 10 days, followed by recovery at home.



If you are able to help with a meal train to support him and Darlene during his recovery, they would be very grateful. If you're able to provide a meal or contribute toward one, your help would be a true blessing during this time of healing.

Sign up at: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/lv50z4>

Thank you for your compassion and care for Richard and his family.



Students and Volunteers register at:
<https://emanuel-lutheran-church-cb.mycokesburyvbs.com/>



Sunday, August 3 -Thursday, August 7
Dinner Each night at 5:30 pm
VBS Programming 6 pm - 8 pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church ELCA
2444 N Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503
emanuelcb.org

LUNCH & LEARN AT BETHANY HEIGHTS

Empowering Your Future with Knowledge & Care



With



ELDER LIFE
GROUP®

Join us for a free lunch and valuable conversation!

Discover how Bethany Heights and Elder Life Group work together to support seniors and their families in planning for the future—both in care and finances.

Date: August 6th

Time: 12PM - 1PM

Location: Bethany Heights
Assisted Living
11 Elliott St
Council Bluffs, IA

Bonus:

All attendees receive a complimentary lunch and a free resource packet!

RSVP by: July 30th

Call: 712-328-8228

Email: mwaskowiak@blhs.care

What You'll Learn:

- Who we are at Bethany Heights—our mission, services, and why so many call us home
- How Elder Life Group helps families navigate long-term care funding, insurance, and peace-of-mind planning
- Common questions families face and how to get ahead of them
- Q&A with our staff and financial experts



Celebrating 50 years of care rooted in compassion, community, and Christ.

Worship Assistant Schedule

(If unable to serve as scheduled, please arrange a substitute and notify the church office.)

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sunday, August 03 | 9:30 a.m. Service |
| Ushers | Connie Edson & Connie Beckman |
| Acolyte | |
| Lector | Cheryl Eneboe |
| Altar Guild | Sherrill Stacy |
| Communion Assistants | Sherrill Stacy |
| Visual Tech | Darlene Jeppesen |
| Sound Tech | Kevin Epperson |
| LiveStream Tech | Michaela Lewis |
| Donut Director | Lori Lynn Ahrends |
| Coffee Hour Clean-Up | |
| Sunday, August 10 | 9:30 a.m. Service |
| Ushers | Connie Edson & Connie Beckman |
| Acolyte | Garrett & Grant Ashcraft |
| Lector | |
| Altar Guild | Sherrill Stacy |
| Communion Assistants | Sherrill Stacy |
| Visual Tech | Darlene Jeppesen |
| Sound Tech | Mike Hipnar |
| LiveStream Tech | Michaela Lewis |
| Donut Director | Lori Lynn Ahrends |
| Coffee Hour Clean-Up | |
| Sunday, August 17 | 9:30 a.m. Service |
| Ushers | Connie Edson & Connie Beckman |
| Acolyte | |
| Lector | Joann Blum |
| Altar Guild | Sherrill Stacy |
| Communion Assistants | Sherrill Stacy |
| Visual Tech | |
| Sound Tech | Kevin Epperson |
| LiveStream Tech | Michaela Lewis |
| Donut Director | Lori Lynn Ahrends |
| Coffee Hour Clean-Up | |
| Sunday, August 24 | 9:30 a.m. Service |
| Ushers | Connie Edson & Connie Beckman |
| Acolyte | |
| Lector | |
| Altar Guild | Sherrill Stacy |
| Communion Assistants | Sherrill Stacy |
| Visual Tech | |
| Sound Tech | Mike Hipnar |
| LiveStream Tech | Michaela Lewis |
| Breakfast | Children & Youth |
| Coffee Hour Clean-Up | Children & Youth |
| Sunday, August 31 | 9:30 a.m. Service |
| Ushers | Connie Edson & Connie Beckman |
| Acolyte | |
| Lector | |
| Altar Guild | Sherrill Stacy |
| Communion Assistants | Sherrill Stacy |
| Visual Tech | |
| Sound Tech | Mike Hipnar |
| LiveStream Tech | Michaela Lewis |
| Donut Director | Lori Lynn Ahrends |
| Coffee Hour Clean-Up | |



We are in need of volunteers for worship assistants (lectors, altar guild, communion assistants, visual tech, livestreaming tech) as well as coffee hour hosts. You can sign-up at emanuelc.org under "ministries", or visit tinyurl.com/ELCast. You can also volunteer by contacting Michaela at (712) 323-9665 or office@emanuelcb.org.



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| Aug 3 | Alan Ellis |
| Aug 10 | Sid Dillon |
| Aug 17 | Ken Kemmish |
| Aug 24 | Al Marten |
| Aug 31 | Mike Winter |
| Sept 7 | Chris Sorensen |
| Sept 14 | Alan Ellis |
| Sept 21 | Sid Dillon |
| Sept 28 | Ken Kemmish |

Thanks to our volunteers who take care of the church lawn! It takes a good amount of time and we are extremely grateful to those who take on this role.

Mowing consists of the church lawn and the parsonage lawn. **If you use all the gas in the container, please fill up the container and turn the bill into the church. Keys for the mower and the garage are in the secretary's office which is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., M-F. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, please call Mark Ellis at 402-699-1472.**



August 01
William Schademann

August 02
Ryan McSorley

August 03
Debra Ebsen

August 04
Kimberly Egner
Baylee Snyder

August 06
Crystal Nixt

August 07
Andrea Britton

August 08
Peggy Jarrell

August 09
Alexis Gress

August 10
Larry Britton

August 12
Kajanie Schaal

August 13
Dustin Loos

August 15
Kamryn Maxwell
Jessica Winter

August 16
Mike Garrett

August 17
Katelyn Longnecker

August 18
Ben Clark
Samantha Showalter

August 19
Makenzie Shetterly

August 20
Ryan Loos
Erin Miller

August 22
Jordan Hansen

August 23
Mahala Jankowski

August 25
Jeann Foster

August 27
Pamela Sherman
Tyler Steensland
Kali Salda

August 28
Karen Smith

August 29
Alaire Carrier
Charleigh Rickard

August 30
Mark Ellis

August 31
Jack Henderson



September 02
Darlene Jeppesen

September 03
Jonathan Scheffler

September 06
Marlina Davidson

September 08
Carol Fahrenkrug

September 10
Ian Carrier

September 12
Kevin Epperson
Judi Malloy

September 13
Cheryl Coble

September 15
Ryan Epperson

September 16
Ridgeway Hein-Snider

September 17
Sandy Kanger

September 19
Maxima Spangenberg

September 20
Marcus McGee
Seth Schwartz

September 21
Reegan Haats

September 22
Norma Mass
Alyson Sorensen

September 24
Deann Over

September 25
Jenna Ricks-Ashley

September 27
Dan Heithoff
Janet Kendall

September 28
Alan Ellis
Alexandra Heithoff

September 29
Leah Clark

If we have missed a birthday or anniversary, let us know!
office@emanuelcb.org or (712) 323-9665



Bob Bender
Norma Mass
Melody Schott

Danny Britton
Jane Meyer
Paul Schott

Deloris Christensen
Patty Maxwell
Tommy Schott

Owen Hansen
Julie Powell
Ruth Sullivan

Sharon Hansen
Richard Reed
Stephany Sanborn

Norma Heath
Ron Reiff Jr.



August 06
Rick & Janice Stone

August 10
Barry & Tina Larson

August 12
Cyndi & John Borwick

August 15
John & Barbara Burns



September 07
Michael & Michele Loos

September 14
Greg & Linda Steensland

September 19
Ryan & Jenny Jarrell-Smith

September 08
Robert & Bette Juhl

September 17
Mason & Megan Hiers
Elizabeth & Drew Melani
Brittney & Garrett Smith
Jodi and Brian Vodicka

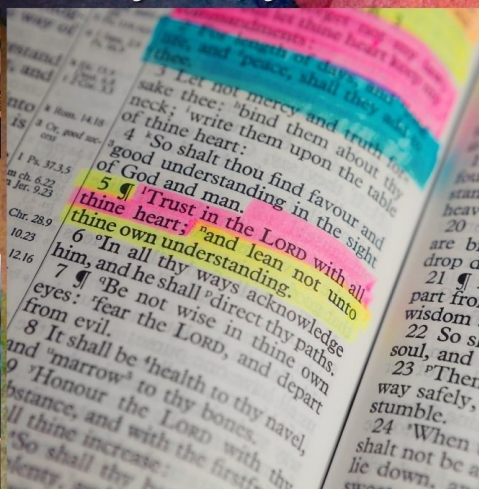
September 23
Michael & Anita Garrett

September 11
James & LaWayne Andersen

September 30
Alan & Kimberly Egner

Dinner Church

Join us for a casual service in the community room while you enjoy dinner



Wednesday, August 27
6 p.m.

Community Room
Emanuel Lutheran Church
2444 N Broadway
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503



Emanuel Member Events

*Submitted by
Michaela Lewis*

Many of our members are involved in groups, organizations, theatre, sports and other activities that take place in our surrounding community.

Several people have expressed that they would attend some of these events to support others if they knew about it ahead of time.



I would love to share these events with the Emanuel community, but I need to know about them!

You can add events online at <https://shorturl.at/CgYfR> or email them to calendar@emanuelcb.org and I will get them added.

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad
& Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



THERE ARE Youth



SEPTEMBER 12 - 14, 2025

Join us for a fun-filled weekend at our Family Campground! You'll enjoy quality time together, classic camp activities, and nights under the stars-there is something for everyone. Reconnect, relax, and make lasting memories!

Ages: All Ages | Cost: Varies
(check website for cost)



OCTOBER 4, 2025

Join us for a Fall Festival at camp! Soar down the zipline, share a meal together, and close the evening with a campfire worship. Whether you're here for family fun or a trip down memory lane, it's the perfect way to celebrate fall at camp!

Ages: All Ages | Cost: Varies
(check website for cost)



NOVEMBER 15 - 16, 2025

Join us to strengthen the special bond between mother and daughter. Together, you'll enjoy hands-on activities, outdoor adventures, and reflective devotionals that celebrate your unique relationship while deepening your faith.

Ages: 10 - 13 | Cost: \$160 per pair

Retreats

FOR ALL AGES!



Carol Joy
Holling Camp

FALL 2025 YOUTH
RETREATS CAROL JOY
HOLLING CAMP



OCT 17 - 19 & NOV 7 - 9, 2025

Join us for a weekend filled with adventure, faith, and fun! Through outdoor challenges, creative projects, and moments of reflection, this retreat is a chance to unplug, recharge, and experience God in a new way.

Grades: 6th - 8th | Cost: \$100



NOVEMBER 1 - 2, 2025

Fall KINnect is a great weekend for campers to spend time at camp with mom, dad, grandparent, godparent, a favorite aunt or uncle, or any special adult in their life. Come spend time having fun and worshiping together.

Ages: 5 - 4th graders with special adult
Cost: \$160 per pair



REGISTER TODAY!

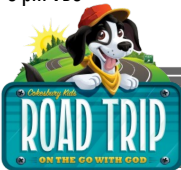









Scan the QR Code or visit NLOM.org/events to register for any of our youth retreats.

For questions, please contact our Youth Programs Specialist, Laura, at LStalder@NLOM.org or 402-944-2544.



AUGUST

At Emanuel Lutheran Church

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour 5 pm VBS Dinner & Registration 6 pm VBS  | 4 10 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm VBS Dinner 6 pm VBS | 5 5:30 pm VBS Dinner 6 pm VBS | 6 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers in community room 5:30 pm VBS Dinner 6 pm VBS | 7 10 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm VBS Dinner 6 pm VBS | 8 | 9 |
|  | | | | | | |
| 10 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Music from our VBS students 10:30 am Coffee Hour  | 11 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm-8 pm Garage Sale Set-Up/Item Drop Off | 12 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East 6 pm-8 pm Garage Sale Set-Up/Item Drop Off | 13 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 6 pm-8 pm Garage Sale Set-Up/Item Drop Off | 14 6 pm-8 pm Garage Sale Set-Up/Item Drop Off | 15 8 am-2 pm Garage Sale | 16 8 am-12 pm Garage Sale  |
| 17 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11 am Church Council Meeting 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Blood Pressure Checks BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS with Crystal  | 18 Newsletter Articles Due 10 am Tai Chi  | 19 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Book Club in Conference Room  | 20 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers in community room | 21 10 am Tai Chi | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Rally Sunday 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, Blessing of Backpacks & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour   | 25 10 am Tai Chi 11 am-4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room | 26 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room | 27 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers in community room 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers in community room  | 28 10 am Tai Chi | 29 | 30 |



SEPTEMBER

At Emanuel Lutheran Church

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Coffee Hour | 1 Labor Day Office Closed  | 2 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room | 3 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room | 4 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour | 8 10 am Tai Chi 11 am-4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room 6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days Bar & Grill  | 9 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room | 10 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room | 11 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi | 12 Family Campout at Carol Joy Holling  | 13 Family Campout at Carol Joy Holling |
| 14 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Joyful Noise Offering 10:30 am Coffee Hour | 15 10 am Tai Chi | 16 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Book Club in Conference Room  | 17 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room | 18 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi | 19 | 20 |
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| 28 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour | 29 Office Closed 10 am Tai Chi | 30 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room | | | | |



Service of Holy Communion
with
Rite of Installation
for

The Rev. Scott Dalen

as Bishop of the
Western Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
AT 2:00PM

SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

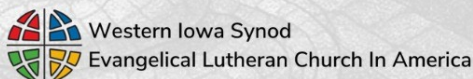
633 WILLOW AVENUE
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51501



RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
CLERGY OF ALL TRADITIONS ARE INVITED TO VEST & PROCESS

THE COLOR OF THE DAY IS RED

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 10TH



RALLY

Sunday

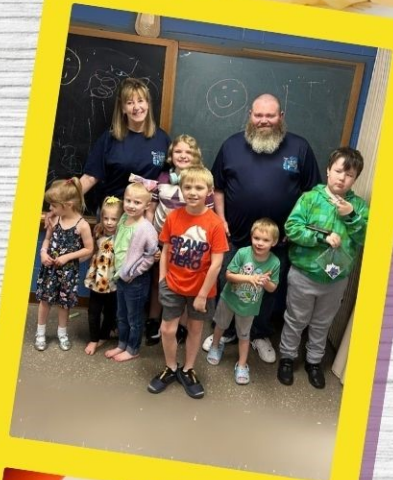
JOIN US FOR OUR FALL KICK-OFF!

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

- Blessing of backpacks during worship service
- Official start of Sunday school
- Breakfast during coffee hour
- Bounce house for kids!



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A New Beginning: Carmen's Journey to Safety and Self-Reliance

Submitted by Deb Whitford



Carmen Ortiz was born in Charco, Nariño, Colombia. At 11, her family relocated to Buenaventura, where she finished high school and watched her father build a small business. Violence in the region forced the family to move again — this time to Bogotá, in search of safety and stability.

In Bogotá, Carmen reconnected with a childhood friend who would become her life partner. Together, they launched Frutería, a fruit-selling business Carmen successfully operated for 17 years. During that time, she also became a mother to her son, Adiel Jesús.

In 2023, violence once again disrupted their lives. Fearing for their safety, Carmen and Adiel fled to Ecuador and applied for asylum through the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Life in Ecuador was grueling.



"We were homeless. I had to sleep with my son under a bridge," she recalls. "He got sick and had to be hospitalized."

After more than a year, IOM helped process their immigration status and arranged travel to the U.S. In July 2024, they arrived in Houston — exhausted, hungry, and unsure of what came next. The guide assigned to help them was rarely available. Desperate for help and food, Carmen approached airline staff to ask about a delayed flight.

"We were so hungry. I just wanted to know when our flight would leave and instead, three employees brought us full meals. I started to cry. I had just arrived, and people were already helping me."

Their flight to Des Moines departed at midnight and landed at 2 a.m., where they were welcomed by Chuck, a caseworker from LSI (Lutheran Services in Iowa). He brought them to a hotel, where Carmen remembers feeling overwhelmed.

"I was scared and confused. I remember thinking: Are we safe? Are we okay?"

Sixteen days later, LSI helped Carmen and Adiel move into their first apartment. From that point, life began to change. Carmen enrolled in English classes, received assistance with legal paperwork, healthcare, and food — and soon found two jobs: one with Des Moines Public Schools, and another at Sam's Club.

"I'm incredibly grateful. LSI helped me with everything."

But life without a car in a Midwestern winter was difficult. Carmen walked long distances through the snow, waited for buses, or spent \$60 a week on rideshares, just to get to work and get her son to school. During a routine check-in, Carmen's caseworker Shaima heard about these challenges and referred her to Duaa, an IDA Specialist at LSI. Duaa introduced her to the matched savings program, which helps participants purchase essential assets — like a car — through financial education and support.

"I'd wake up my son very early so we could catch the school bus from our old address. Then I'd rush to work and still be late."

Carmen had already saved \$2,000 on her own, knowing a car would be vital for her family's stability. Through LSI's Individual Development Accounts program, she opened an account at Veridian Credit Union, completed budgeting and asset-specific classes, and received one-on-one coaching from Juan Lourido, Business Development Specialist at LSI. Juan helped her understand financing, credit, and how to identify reliable used cars online. With his help, Carmen purchased a safe, fuel-efficient 2015 Toyota Prius that fits her family's needs and budget. "I never thought I could buy a car especially one that was safe and good quality. Now I take my son to school and go to work. That means everything to me."

She also opened a secured \$500 credit card to begin building her credit history.

"These classes helped me prepare for when income slows down in the summer. I feel independent now, especially with the car."

Today, Carmen is preparing for her driving test, building a new life, and planning for the future.

"When we left Colombia, we were running from threats and violence. Now I'm getting used to a new life, looking for opportunities to grow, maybe buy a house, and support my son's education."

When asked to describe her journey in one word, she answers without hesitation:

"Apoyo" — Support.

LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, Global Greens, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.

EMANUEL'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 & **SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**
8 AM - 2 PM & **8 AM - NOON**

Proceeds will be split evenly to
Lutheran Family Services & Bethany's van/bus campaign.
The sale will again be donation based,
pay what you can or feel it is worth.

Donations Accepted:
Monday, August 11 - Thursday, August 14
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

2444 N Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa
Early drop offs are currently being accepted during office hours.

Please DO NOT price items.

As always we will not accept clothing, tube type TV's,
computers/monitors, mattresses, infant car seats or booster seats.

All unsold items will be donated
to local charitable organizations.

Volunteer sign up sheets are in the community room.

Contact Mike Hipnar with any questions at (402) 830-7000 or mjhipnar@gmail.com



Attendance



OFFERINGS



| Week of: | In-Person Attendance: | Online Views: | Total Attendance: | Offerings: |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| July 06 | 32 | 12 | 43 | \$1,638.58 |
| July 13 | 38 | 14 | 52 | \$2,256.58 |
| July 20 | 36 | 21 | 57 | \$1,428.00 |
| July 27 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

June Income: \$9,977.05
June Expense: **(-\$13,392.13)**
June Balance..... **(-\$3,415.08)**

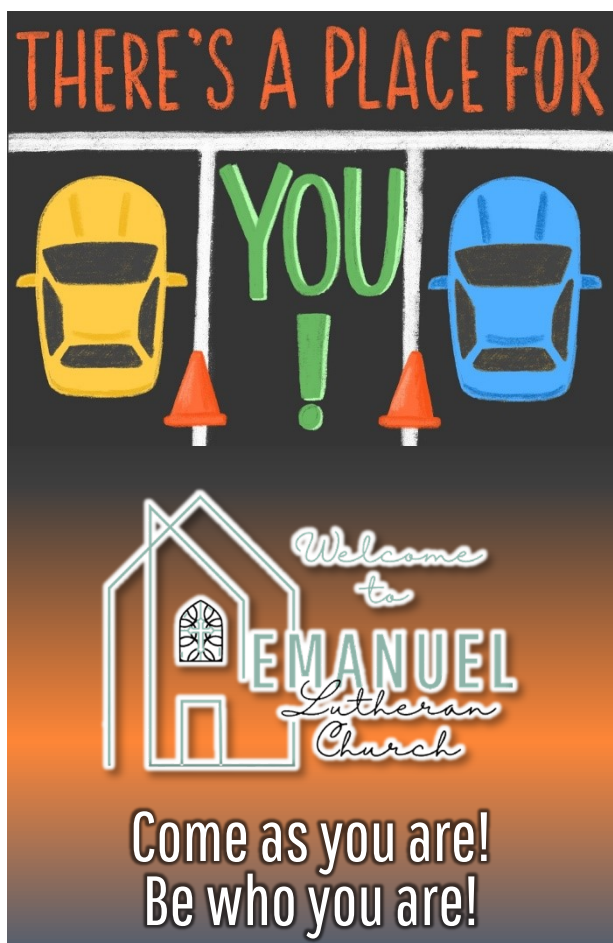
YTD Income: \$92,107.50
YTD Expense:..... **(-\$95,954.23)**
YTD Balance..... **(-\$3,846.73)**
Plus Carryover \$9.12
General Budget Fund..... **(-\$3,837.61)**



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

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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the worship center followed by coffee hour in the community room. Services are streamed live on YouTube & Facebook

Children's Ministry:

Children will be dismissed to Sunday School after the Gospel reading during the Sunday worship service (September—May)

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