

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

May 2016

Happenings!

Sunday, May 1—Sunday school children and adult volunteers delivering May Day baskets to residents at Midlands. Everyone welcome to join us as we visit our neighbors!

Wednesday, 4—Bingo at Bethany Lutheran Home.

Saturday, May 14—ServeFest. Everyone will meet at First Christian Church (20794 Highway 92) before heading starting their work. Sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall. Contact Suzanne Winter with questions.

Sunday, May 15—Confirmation Large Group, Ice Cream Social with music from Da Band.

Saturday, May 21—Celebrate CB Parade.

Sunday, May 22—Healing Service

Tuesday, May 31—Deadline to turn in reservations for Lutheran Night at Werner Park!

Mission
Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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



Confirmation students from the 1950's at the Confirmation Reunion on April 23.

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Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear partners in the Gospel,

It is time to remember our theme verse for 2016: *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good"* (1 Corinthians 12:7). We are giving thanks to God for sending us gifts for mission and service through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are spending time this year exploring how the Spirit is gifting Emanuel Lutheran Church for mission and service. During Epiphany, we explored those gifts in our congregation filled with wonderfully gifted disciples. As we explored those gifts, we asked ourselves, "To what are we being called through these gifts?"

During Lent we learned more about the gift of prayer, and we appreciated the gift of the Psalms to the Church. In Easter we have celebrated the gift of new life through Jesus. We have been emphasized the "new" part of that theme. We have learned new songs in worship. We have moved the sanctuary furniture around. We are collecting the most interesting ideas we can discover and trying things out in worship and service. We are having several baptisms. And we are receiving new members.

In addition, we are exploring new modes of ministry. We have heard from our Daycare Feasibility Study Work Group about church-based daycare as a new way to serve our neighborhood and community. So far, that's a very exciting conversation with more details to come. We continue to build our gospel partnerships with Our Savior's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. I was moved by my participation in the Easter Vigil at St. Paul's and am grateful for these friendships.

In the long season of Pentecost, we will explore some of the most important gifts given to the Church—the gifts of faith, hope and love. We will explore the gift of faith as we read selections from Paul's letter to the Galatians in June. We will celebrate the gift of hope as we read selections for Paul's letter to the Colossians in July. We will appreciate the gift of love as we return to Luke's gospel in August and beyond.

It is my prayer that our experience of the Holy Spirit's power will grow and deepen as we make this journey together. Thank you for sharing your marvelous gifts for our common mission and service here!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

THANK YOU: Pastor Lowell and Brenda want to thank the Property Committee for their hard and diligent work in repairing the sewer system connected to the parsonage. In particular they wish to thank Oscar Over and Brad Dahlke for the hours of waiting and advising and phone-calling that went into the resolution of this issue. They feel so well-loved and are so grateful for the wise and careful maintenance of our church property.



SERVICE OF HEALING WHOLENESS: Our next healing service will be on Sunday, May 22, at 9:30 a.m. You can come forward during communion distribution for prayers, laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing. Please be in prayer and preparation for that service. You may bring your own need for healing to the rail or the needs of another person.



NOTES AND PRAYERS: If you wish to support one of our members, Dwight Rogers, during his incarceration at the Pottawattamie County Jail, you can send a letter to this address: Dwight Eugene Rogers #6283140, Pottawattamie County Jail, 1400 Big Lake Road, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501. Please do not send stamps or envelopes because he cannot receive any such items from the "outside." You can send him your best wishes and prayers. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Hennigs.



Midweek Worship Moves Outdoors

Weather permitting, our Wednesday evening worship services will move out to our south patio beginning May 18. We will continue to have our free suppers at 6:15 followed by informal worship at 7:00 p.m. Some of our suppers will certainly involve grilling outdoors! Please bring

lawn chairs for the outdoor services if you have them. This will reduce the amount of setup and tear-down time needed for the services. Worship includes contemporary and familiar music, an interactive teaching message, prayers and Holy Communion (by intinction). We are currently reading through Paul's letter to the Ephesians at this service and using those verses for activities, conversation and reflection. Invite your friends and neighbors!

When should I call my pastor?

It's not always clear to folks when it might be a good idea to call their pastor. But there are many times when this could be helpful. Here are some suggestions.

- **When you're going into the hospital.** Please tell your pastor when you going into the hospital, or if a family member is. Your pastor likes to visit people who are in the hospital for a few days or more. He'll bring you or your family member God's words of comfort.
- **When you have experienced the loss of a friend or loved one (including pets).**
- **When you would like a prayer said for you.** Your pastor is always happy to do this.
- **When you are not able to come to church for more than a month.** If you are sick for a prolonged period of time or recovering from illness or surgery and can't get to church, your pastor will come to you. He will see how you are doing, pray with you, and bring you the Lord's Supper.
- **When you have a question or concern about something at church.** Many church-related questions that people have can be cleared up easily. Likewise, if you have a concern about something at church, let your pastor know and he'll see what he can do to resolve it. Or if you have a suggestion for something that can be done that is new or different, tell your pastor. Your pastor will not be able to implement every suggestion, but your input does matter!
- **When you have a personal, spiritual or family concern that is unresolved after one month.** If an issue in does not go away after one month, then it is probably not going to go away without some help. Pastoral counseling will focus on spiritual issues. Your pastor is not a professional counselor. But he is able to apply God's powerful Word to your life.
- **When your conscience is troubling you and you want assurance of God's grace.** God does not leave us alone to struggle with temptation and guilt. God invites us to confess our sin and receive God's forgiveness. In strict confidence you can confess your sin to your pastor and receive assurance of God's forgiveness and absolution delivered personally to you. You are welcome to come even if no particular sin is troubling you. It's faith-building to receive God's forgiveness at any time.
- **When you are wrestling with a spiritual issue or have a question about something the Bible says.** Call your pastor if you have a question about a Bible teaching. Talk with him about it. If you encounter something in a sermon, Bible study, or in your own personal Bible reading that makes you scratch your head, let your pastor know. Your pastor loves to discuss God's Word and to see people grow in their understanding of it.
- **When you have a friend or relative who wants to know more about Jesus.** Please pass their names on to your pastor.

This is not a complete list. But it will help you to think about the times when calling your pastor would be helpful. And if calling doesn't work for you, Pastor Hennigs' email address is emanpas1@gmail.com. You can also chat with him or message him on Facebook.



Contact Pastor Hennigs at:

(712) 323-9665

emanpas1@gmail.com



Ray Kanger
Betty Ebsen
Brenda Winter

Daphne Miller
Viola Anderson
Mildred Rogers

Glen Fahrenkrug
Deb Hipnar
David Appel

Lucille Weatherill
Monte Manser
Jim Andersen

Helen Stinson
Dwight Rogers
Penny Dahlke



May 1 Carly Sorensen
Cindy Osborne
Shannon Miller
May 2 Abaigeal Plummer
Josh Thielen
May 5 Bob Parker
May 9 Matt Solon
Kyle Nordstrom
May 10 Renee Piper
Alexander Bradshaw

May 11 Gary Stinson
May 12 Chris Sorensen
Claire Schrage
Jeff Smith
May 13 Richard Reed
Jim Fowler
May 14 Jerry Thielen
May 17 Dayton Hiers
Clifford Holding
Amanda Hansen
May 18 Leslie Basham
May 19 Mike Loos
May 20 Kenna Jo Hite

May 22 Seth Steensen
May 23 Alisha Jacobson
May 24 Bob Nordstrom
May 25 Tiffany Pace
Jennifer Loos
May 26 Ryan Wilson
May 27 Jennifer Plummer
Rick Stone
May 28 Theresa Dorman
May 30 Debbie Ferguson
Brad Dahlke
May 31 Jerry Todd



May 3 Mark & Cheryl Ellis
Gary & Judy Pleas
May 8 Gary & Cheryl Rowe
May 11 John & Glenda Smith
May 17 Loren & Jill Gress
May 19 Richard & Darlene Reed

May 22 Michaela & Stephen Lewis
May 25 Christian & Shelley McDowell
Bob & Kris Parker
May 26 Lowell & Brenda Hennigs
May 29 Ed & Nina Reedy
May 30 Ron & Norma Stairs

*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*

Parade Help Needed

Emanuel and Our Savior's will enter a parade in this year's "Celebrate CB" parade on May 21st. If you would like to help design and construct the float, please contact Michaela at the church office as soon as possible.



Summer Registrations

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

There are registration forms for Vacation Bible School (June 12-16) and Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp (August 1-4) in the fellowship hall. You can also access these forms on our website. Please take time to fill these out if your child plans on attending.

The first night of **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** we will have a cookout before getting started, so plan on attending! Each night before getting started we will also have dinner for VBS attendees and volunteers. We could still use volunteers during the week. Please contact me if you are able to help!

LUTHERAN LAKESIDE DAY CAMP will be located at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Cost is \$40 per child, with financial assistance available, especially for families with more than one child attending.

For youth interested in the **MISSION TRIP** to Rapid City, South Dakota (those entering 6th through 12th grade) please contact Pastor Lowell or Brenda if you have not done so. This trip will be July 17-22. There is a \$60 deposit required. Total cost will be approximately \$350 per person, however, fundraising efforts through our Youth Committee will help with some of this cost.



Ice Cream Social

The last event on our 125th Anniversary Calendar is a neighborhood Ice Cream Social here at Emanuel on May 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. Da Band will provide entertainment for this event. Historically, Emanuel used to have many ice cream socials, so we want to honor and re-start that tradition. A free will offering will be received. Ice cream, toppings and other desserts will be served. We will invite the North Broadway Neighborhood to be with us as we celebrate. Please invite your friends and neighbors as well!



Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. We ask that you mow the lawn **sometime** during your scheduled week, preferably by Thursday. If you have a conflict, just trade dates with someone on the list. Mowing consists of the church lawn and the Pastor's lawn. **If you use all the gas in the container, please fill up the container and turn the bill into the church. Keys for the mower and the garage are in the secretary's office which is open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.**

May 1 Al Marten
May 8 Larry Hansen
May 15 Tyler Hansen
May 22 Jesse Hansen
May 29 Mike Winter

Linda, Thank You

BY JOHN HUSMANN



Relinquishing parish nurse Linda
All these years you've been a winner
Even the bulletin board we peruse
Gives us all here the health news
And generously provides
Instruction in tai chi free
Oh your quilting hobby
Some have insisted on a must see
You've a quiet demeanor
But when making statements
Your listeners do so keener
Blood pressure testing regularly
The blood mobile donation drive
Helping people stay alive
Linda Martens, one of the smart ones
You've served so very capably
Glad you'll be with us and able
If willing to take on other tasks
And you will when someone asks
Contributing in Bible studying
Your book discussion on
Faith and health you led several weeks
Remember the Journey to Jerusalem
Designed for health and faith
Road to Emmaus we recall
That motivation helped us all
And you're anxiousness in seeing
Your grandchildren traveling

To hug those wonderful kin
And wait, an anniversary
Occurs today, congratulations
We believe in you and the
Blessings we've received
You've given us so much
With your medical touch
We raise a cheer you're still here
A very good deal; remember
This is not your last meal
Chasity welcome to your new task
And should questions arise
You've someone you may ask
Linda, you epitomize
Christ's admonition, with steady nerve
We're not here to be served
But rather to serve
Even as we summarize
These actions of yours
We still get a surprise how
You motivated in some chores
Your attitude – positive
A good pattern to live
The way you went about
Your volunteering you tout
We certainly take note of
All done in Christ's love.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank you for the gift certificate. Al and I will enjoy using it.

It was a pleasure and honor to serve the congregation as the parish nurse for the last 10 years. Al and I are looking forward to our retirement from the medical field. We plan to spend our time enjoying our children, grand kids, and church family. Thank you for all your support.

- Linda Martens



Keep Us Updated

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

In an effort to keep our information as accurate as possible, please let us know if you have a change of address, phone number or email. Also, please let me know of your birthday or anniversary if we do not have it.

Those helping with worship will notice that email reminders will be sent through signupgenius.com. This also makes it easy for people to volunteer. There is a link on our website to sign up to volunteer, just click on "ministries" and there are links under "worship & music". Our website is: <http://emanuellutherancbi.wix.com/emanuel>
Thank you so much!

Tabitha Cluster

BY CAROLJEPPESON

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! As we enjoy our spring and summer activities, we need to remember that Easter should be celebrated all year long! God has his paint brush out and is painting such beautiful scenery this time of the year. My husband gets a kick out of me because I say pulling weeds is my stress reliever and also reminds me that God gives us weeds as well as flowers! SO, I would like all my sisters in the Tabitha Cluster to remember God's blessings in all we do even when it seems tough as we encounter death, illness, broken relationships and daily struggles including the weeds of life! Jesus died for us and we need to spread the Good News of the Gospel even when the activities of good weather seem to dominate our thoughts and time. It is important we take some time each day to keep our relationship with God fresh and active. This includes prayer, worshipping with fellow Christians and showing God's love in whatever we do. **Good Morning, Lord, This is your Day, I am your Child, Show me the Way.** God's blessings to all and will look forward to meeting in the fall.

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, May 1	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Ernie Techau & Loren Carrier
Acolytes	Shae Nickels & Alaire Carrier
Lector	Mike Winter
Children's Message	Linda Steensland
Communion Assistants	Karen McPartland, Oscar Over & Brenda Hennigs
Communion Set-Up	Connie & Matt Solon
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppeson
Sunday, May 8	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Ernie Techau & Loren Carrier
Acolytes	Ashley Hipnar & Taryn McSorey
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistants	Jolene Hansen, Patty Maxwell
Communion Set-Up	Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	Jane Anderson
Sunday, May 15	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Ernie Techau & Loren Carrier
Acolytes	Kobie Ferguson & Tristan Steensland
Lector	Jane Meyer
Communion Assistants	Reggy Jarrell, Robert Vergamini & Elaine Sasso
Communion Set-Up	Jane & Phil Meyer
Visual Tech	Jane Anderson
Sunday, May 22	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Ernie Techau & Loren Carrier
Acolytes	Kylie Hansen & Aaralynn Conley
Lector	Kevin Epperson
Communion Assistants	Jolene Hansen, Karen McPartland & John Husmann
Communion Set-Up	Linda & Amy Steensland
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs
Sunday, May 29	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Ernie Techau & Loren Carrier
Acolytes	Lauren Hansen & Clare Plummer
Lector	Jan Husmann
Children's Message	John Husmann
Communion Assistants	Patty Maxwell
Communion Set-Up	Linda & Al Martens
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso



Altar Flowers

May 1

Brenda & Lowell Hennigs

May 8

May 15

May 22

Brenda & Lowell Hennigs

May 29

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



May 1

Senior Recognition (Youth Committee)

May 8

Lutheran Lakeside (Youth Committee)

May 15

Fresh Start Team

May 22









Women of Emanuel

May 29

The coffee hour chart is in the kitchen.

If you are interested in helping with worship, please contact the church office, (712) 323-9665, emanuellutherancbia@msn.com or sign-up on our website at: <http://emanuellutherancbi.wix.com/emanuel>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Senior Recognition 1 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 11 am Delivering May Baskets to Midlands 	11 am Tai Chi	5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 2:30 pm Bingo at Bethany 6:15 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Parenting with Love and Logic 7 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall 7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal	9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Choir Practice 	Office Closed	7
Holy Baptism 8 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 	11 am Tai Chi 9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Sorting	8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6:15 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Parenting with Love and Logic 7 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall 7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal	9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Choir Practice	Office Closed	14 9 am ServeFest 12 pm Ellis Graduation Party
Holy Baptisms 15 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 11 am-2:30 pm Confirmation 2 pm-4 pm Ice Cream Social 	11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Daycare Feasibility Study Group 7 pm MS Support Group Newsletter Articles Due 	5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Children & Youth Committee Meeting	9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:15 pm Dinner 7 pm Worship on patio 7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal	9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Choir Practice	Office Closed 9 am Blessings & Brunch 	21 8:30 am Meet for Celebrate CB Parade
Healing Service 22 Joyful Noise 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & New Member Reception 	11 am Communion at Midlands 11 am Tai Chi	5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Wider Ministries Committee Meeting	9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6:15 pm Dinner 7 pm Worship on patio 7:30 pm Da Band Rehearsal	9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Choir Practice	Office Closed	28 Loos Bridal Shower
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Wider Ministries

BY JUDI MALLOY

Thank you so much for always being so generous and caring. All of you are a blessing to our church family, our community and God's people in need. Here are a few of our current projects through wider Ministries.

Hope Net Ministries

Our Joyful Noise Offering for May is for Hope Net Ministries, Inc. and it will be on May 22. Hope Net Ministries serves women coming out of prison and drug and alcohol rehab. They operate two second hand stores in Council Bluffs called Sequels. Whether you donate items there or shop there you are contributing to this ministry.

ServeFest Volunteers

Suzanne Winter has distributed materials about ServFest on May 14. This is an opportunity for churches to take part in a city wide clean up. If you want to participate and haven't signed up, please do so soon so they have enough T-shirts for everyone. There are flyers at church or you can call Suzanne if you have questions. This is a way to serve our neighbors and community. Some of us will be working with our neighborhood association at Kimball Park.

Fruit/Veggies from Tomato Tomato

I have information available about a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) called Tomato Tomato. This is an opportunity to get fresh fruits and vegetables every week all summer by buying a share or a half share. You can learn more by going to their web site - www.tomatotomato.org. or you can call them at 402 933-0893. These foods are locally grown and come to you fresh. They also have joined VNA and No More Empty Pots to present free cooking classes 1 evening a week for 6 weeks during the summer. The dates have not been announced yet but they will be posted at church when they are available.

Donations

Remember to check the list in the fellowship hall for needs for Phoenix House and other community services that may need our help.

Glasses & Hearing Aid Donations

All of you know that we continue to collect eye glasses for the Lion's Club but do you know that they also can make use of used hearing aids? If you have any you would like to donate, put them in the box with the glasses. New hearing aids are extremely expensive but are necessary for many people to live a full life. Being able to refurbish unused hearing aids and distributing them to those who cannot afford new ones is a great way to help many people.

Assistants for MMHC Dinners

Several members of our committee helped St. Paul's Episcopal Church serve a dinner for MMHC. This is a church group of mentally disabled adults who meet on Tuesday evenings. When there is a fifth Tuesday in the month, they have a dinner at St. Paul's. So far members of our committee have assisted with the dinner but if any of you would like to participate, please call me. It's a great opportunity to serve God's people and become acquainted with our friends at St. Paul's.

Volunteers for Food Pantry

We are moving forward in our project to help Our Savior's Food and Pet Food Pantry expand their hours. They need 10 volunteers to expand to the second Friday of the month from 5-7 pm. Seven signed up on Sunday. If you weren't there and you would like to help, please call me. Volunteers will need to spend a little time shadowing the volunteers on a Thursday morning or the fourth Friday evening before they start the second Friday distribution. Duties of the volunteers were listed in last month's newsletter or you can get the information from me. The expanded hours are greatly needed because the number of people in need of this service continues to grow.





Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 4/12/2016

SUBMITTED BY MIKE WINTERS

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

Absent: Jolene Hansen

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Kevin Epperson.

Devotions: Oscar Over

Council Agenda:

* Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve the minutes of the church council meeting of March 8, 2016. Approved.

* Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by CharLes Kemmish, to approve the financial secretary report. Approved.

* Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Judi Malloy, to approve Treasurer's Report. Approved.

* Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by John Husmann, to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.

* Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Judi Malloy, to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.

* Pastor's written report was submitted. Among the 22 items in the report were the following:

1. The Emanuel Fresh Start Team is prepared to move forward in working with another returning citizen. The team has received an inquiry about such a partnership. Pastor went to the Clarinda Correctional Facility to meet with the man that we hope to enter the program.

2. The Anniversary Team met on April 11 and plans are well in hand for the confirmation reunion weekend on April 23-24. A final anniversary neighborhood ice-cream social is planned for May 15 from 2-4 p.m.

3. The Church Council has received several pieces of information from the Daycare Feasibility Study Group. That team is making a report to the congregation on April 17.

4. Pastor has had two coaching sessions with Pastor Jeff Ungs, our Director of Evangelical Mission in the Western Iowa Synod regarding our congregational redevelopment/renewal process. Pastor says we need people for the renewal team. That team will

meet approximately one time each month for the next three years.

5. Pastor Lowell continues to meet with the pastor of St. Paul's. The potluck on Sunday, March 13, was extremely successful as the councils for both churches met.

6. Pastor visited Dwight Rogers at the Pottawattamie County Jail a couple of times. Some congregation members have also written to him in support. His situation and condition is improving daily.

7. Natasha Anderson has requested that her membership be transferred from First Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, Nebraska to Emanuel Lutheran Church.

8. Pastor reported on the Stewardship Committee. He also reported on the Youth and Children's Ministry and reported that the mission trip to Rapid City, South Dakota will include ten youths and two adults.

* Oscar Over made a report for the Property Committee. The council thanked Oscar for all of his work and the late hours that he spends on that committee. The railing is to be installed within the next month and Bob Vergamini has been working on it. The stained glass window for the narthex has been authorized and in the works. City Water Works will be working on the water main and may cause temporary loss of water service. Traffic may also be reduced to one lane and this project is starting in April.

* Kevin Epperson and Cindy Richards offered the Worship and Music Report.

* Judi Malloy reported that VODEC will be the recipient of the Joyful Noise in April.

* The Evangelism and Visitation Report was made by Pastor. We will be sending mailings out before Easter and there are several baptisms planned.

* There was no report from Mutual Ministries.

* Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve \$750 for the purchase of a chalice and paten and authorizing President Epperson to sign the contract. Approved.

* Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by CharLes Kemmish, to approve the payment for repairs to the parsonage drainage system. Joshua Bogardus has been

authorized to install cleanouts and the council has authorized reimbursement to the pastor for the cost of the motel that he and Brenda stayed in because of the drainage problem. This will come out of the Capital Building and Grounds Account. Approved.

* Motion by Oscar Over, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve the transfer of Natasha Anderson. Approved.

* It is reported that Richard Reed is looking into problems that we are currently having with the computer failure. We may need a new computer.

* Lions Club is accepting the donation of used glasses and hearing aids and a box is set up in the Fellowship Hall.

* Suzanne Winter reported that we will be participating for the third year in the Celebrate Council Bluffs Parade.

* On the Saturday before Celebrate Council Bluffs Week on May 14, 2016, our congregation will participate with the Neighborhood Committee in litter pickup. We will meet at Children's Square and receive our orange t-shirts and end with lunch at Children's Square. You must be signed up by April 27 so the t-shirts can be ordered.

* Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Judi Malloy, to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Igumbilo Lutheran Girls Secondary School

The 125th Mission project is the The Igumbilo Lutheran Girls Secondary School. Thus is a ministry of the Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. The school opened in 2006 with eighty three students. Currently the school serves over four hundred young women annually with a graduation rate of over seventy percent.

The ILGSS Partner Project provides capacity-building educational opportunities for young women who often do not have equal access to other educational opportunities within the country. Yet, it is women who are the proven sharers of such education, resulting in wider economic development of their families and communities. This project provides scholarships to the neediest of students and educational resources such as laboratory equipment, mosquito netting, laptops and textbooks.

The 125th committee goal is to raise \$12,500 for the school. Every penny makes a difference and will help us reach our goal. There are envelopes for donations towards this project located at the usher stand. What a wonderful way to honor those who have gone ahead of us in faith, hope and love! And what an example for those who will come after us in mission and service! Thank you for your help!



"Dad, how come when Jesus gave His 'Sermon on the Mound' He doesn't even mention baseball?"

Lutheran Night at Werner Park

We are invited to once again attend Lutheran Night at Werner Park on June 6. Last year there were 1,422 Lutherans packing the stands.

For special pricing, we will need to have all registrations and funds turned into the office by Tuesday, May 31.

Infield tickets are \$10 (normally \$14)
Outfield tickets are \$6 (normally \$13)

Add-ons available:

\$5.50 for hotdog and soda
\$3 Centris Family Fun Zone pass
\$2 Mini-golf pass

In Celebration of Graduation



May's graduation season is often a celebration of what it takes to accomplish something. We celebrate dreams, determination, hard work and support, and we celebrate the pride and joy of parents, grandparents, friends and other family members who help along the way.

We celebrate "graduations" at Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) all year round. We celebrate when a mom or dad has completed a parenting program. We celebrate when a child has completed all his goals in a skill-building program. We celebrate when an elder refugee attends a citizenship ceremony to take the oath of U.S. citizenship or when a refugee woman completes child care training. We celebrate when teenagers graduate from LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center and begin young adulthood, often with help from churches who have donated furniture or other supplies to help them set up their first apartment.

Graduation is a celebration of community. We don't get where we are in life on our own. We get there with support. With encouragement. With a mentor. With family.

You're the family standing alongside so many people served through LSI as they achieve life-changing milestones. Thank you.

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

Bethany News

BY DIANE CARLON

Bethany Heights Apartments Available

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

Employment Opportunities

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

Auxiliary Meeting and Bake Sale Update

The Auxiliary would like to thank you for your support of the annual bake sale. We were blessed with a large variety of goodies and many customers to enjoy them. Thank you for your continued support of the Auxiliary and their projects.

Auxiliary Ice Cream Social Coming Soon

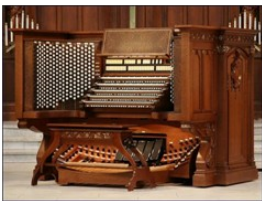
Summer is just around the corner. It will soon be time for the annual Bethany Auxiliary Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendar for *Sunday, June 5th from 2-4 p.m.* at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street. A large variety of pies and cake as well as ice cream will be available. Free will offering with supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial, Pottawattamie County Chapter. Come enjoy great food, fellowship and support the Bethany Auxiliary. We look forward to seeing you there.



BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME / BETHANY HEIGHTS

Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



Recently we have been using “Lord, Listen to your Children Praying” as a response during the prayers of intercession. It was written by Ken Medema. Here’s what the Hymnal Companion has to say about it.



“Ken Medema (b. December 7, 1943) recorded this song on his album *Son Shiny Day* (1973) and published it in the songbook that went with the recording. He wrote it in New Jersey in 1970 when he was working with a youth group there. Here is how it took shape:

We started talking about a young man who was in the hospital and who really needed our prayers. In the middle of our prayer time, the idea for this little chorus came to me. I started humming, then singing. Soon the kids were mumbling along with me. We sang that chorus, “Lord, listen to your children praying,” several times over. Then I started adding verses, and the kids quickly joined me in singing the new words. So it was a song born out of our concern and prayer for a friend.

Kenneth Peter Medema was born in Grand Rapids. Blind from birth, he showed an aptitude for music. After studying in the Christian schools of Grand Rapids, he went to Michigan State University and studied voice, piano, and music theory. He became a music therapist in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Cedar Grove, New Jersey. In 1973 he began a concert career. He has toured throughout the United States and Canada and includes his ability as an improviser in his concerts. In 1985 he started his own recording, publishing, and booking company called Briar Patch Music. In 1998 Huntington College in Huntington, Illinois, gave him an honorary doctorate. He and his wife, Jane, have a son and a daughter.”



Alyson Brooke Sorensen

Celebrate With Us

Saturday, June 4th, 2016 6-10 pm

Council Bluffs Firefighter’s Union Hall

1827 South 8th Street

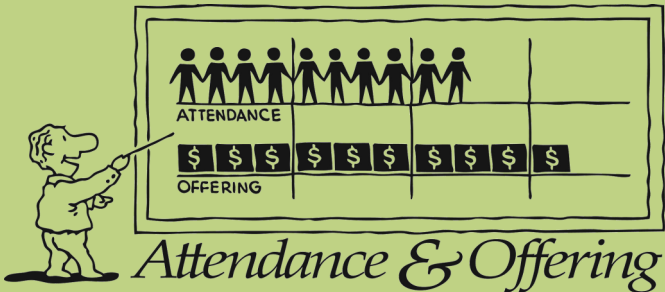
Council Bluffs, Iowa

The Abraham Lincoln Class of 2016

Commencement Exercises

Sunday, June 5th, 2016 4 o’clock pm

Mid America Center, Council Bluffs, Iowa



April 3	102	\$2,855.00
April 10	122	\$3,461.00
April 17	131	\$2,490.00
April 24	72+	\$6,094.00

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

March Income:	\$12,137.54
March Expense:	\$13,270.81
March Balance	-\$1,133.27

YTD Income:	\$37,375.34
YTD Expense:	\$39,784.08
YTD Balance	-\$2,408.74
Plus Carryover	\$13,968.78
General Budget Fund	\$11,560.04



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Game Day

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

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

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

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, May 11th
11:30 am
Pizza Ranch

Blessings & Brunch

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

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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship
Wednesday at 7:00 pm, preceded by a meal at 6:15 pm

Staff:

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