

Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

Happenings at Emanuel!

Saturday, July 01-Craft Inn Sunday, July 02—Ice Cream Social during coffee hour Monday, July 03—Tuesday, July 04—Office Closed Sunday, July 09—Joyful Noise Offering Monday, July 10—Church Council Meeting Tuesday, July 11—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet Friday, July 21—Saturday, July 22—Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 30—Blood Pressure Checks during coffee hour

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



We had a tie dye party on the patio June 25! It was great to see the creativity every-one had with their projects.

Mission Statement: Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith

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

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A Post from the Pastor

By Pastor Cara Knutson

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice! Welcome to summer. Pray for rain. I hope your gardens are growing well and remember if you're going to be out in the hot sun limit your exposure: wear a hat, light colored clothing, drink water and wear your sunscreen!



I'm happy to report that PT has been going extremely well. My hopes are to return to full capacity by the end of PT—approximately mid July. It's amazing that the pain I've

learned to live with for so long is mostly gone. This type of healing only makes me praise God and thank God for the blessing of our bodies and our health. Derek will finish summer school July 15 and has been mostly enjoying having reading and math in the morning and fun activities such as sports, art, and field trips in the afternoon. He comes home tired and sleeps well at night. As a reward for all his hard work we're taking him to Legoland in Kansas City once summer school is finished for the summer. Maja has been working this summer in a home for adults with disabilities mostly overnights. Once school starts she'll return to substitute teaching working occasionally at the home especially over breaks. As for me as I plan to each month take a few days of vacation to work on personal projects and hobbies. Later on in the fall I'll be taking some time to participate in a Civil War event in Mason City, IA.

Some events taking place this month: please join us for an old fashioned ice cream social Sun. July 2nd during coffee hour. I'll be making homemade ice cream and we'll have toppings you can add to celebrate the 4th of July.

Vacation Bible School will be held Friday July 21 and Sat. July 22 with the theme of Pets Unleashed. Please sign up the young people in your lives and have them prepared to have a good time. We'll start with a meal on Friday night and conclude with lunch on Saturday.

Have a fun and grace filled summer season!

See you in church!

Pastor Cara



July 2 Chris Sorensen

July 16 Mark Ellis

July 23 Gary Stinson

July 30 Sid Dillon

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With eight mowers, we have a nice rotation where we are not mowing all the time. We ask that you mow the lawn **sometime** during your scheduled week, preferably by Thursday. If you have a conflict, just trade dates with someone on the list. Mowing consists of the church lawn and the 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. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Mark Ellis at 402-699-1472. Thank you for all the love and kindness from everyone here at Emanuel following my mom's



passing. Your generosity and support has been overwhelming! Thank you! - Cindy Richards



The Bethany Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 30th 1 PM to 3 PM

GET READY FUR GRRRREAT VBS!

At Pets Unleashed VBS, kids dig into Jesus' loving care through a relatable, pet-inspired adventure! This VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch. Team-building games, cool Bible songs, and multisensory Bible adventures are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and sturdy shoes.)



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Council Bluffs has several activities to keep kids occupied over the summer when not in school. On this page we have a few of the resources that the city and school system provide.

Recreation On-The-Move

This is a free drop-in program with fun, pop-up recreational programming throughout the parks of Council Bluffs. The activities are designed for kids to attend with friends, parents, or caregivers and will feature a different theme with related games and activities.

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Friday, July 14	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Valley View Park	Yard Games, Big Blue Blocks
Friday, July 28	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Sunset Park	Big Blue Blocks



The second Sunday of the month we have a "joyful noise" offering at the beginning of the service for local non-profits.



July 9 - Bridges Out of Poverty

Bridges Out of Poverty is making a difference in Council Bluffs by bringing the community together to end poverty. Together, our goal is to help individuals and families realize their dreams and create a new story, and a compelling future. They offer workshops for individuals by introducing a new perspective, and they will learn that you have the power to influence your future and create positive change for yourself and your loved ones. They can break the poverty cycle once and for all!

Fire Hydrant Parties

Old-fashioned summer fun! The Council Bluffs Fire Department hosts hydrant parties on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. throughout the summer at various locations.

Hydrant parties are made possible thanks to our partners. We'd like to give a special thanks to Council Bluffs Water Works for providing the water and thanks to Centris Federal Credit Union for providing frozen treats.

2023 Hydrant Party Schedule:

- July 6: Lake St & Arnold Ave
- July 11: Curtis St & Ave F
- July 13: Goshawk St
- July 18: 25th Ave & Pavich Dr
- July 20: North Linden Ave & Walton Ave
- July 25: S 33rd St & 3rd Ave
- July 27: Berwick Cir

Questions: Council Bluffs Fire Department (712) 328-4646

8 am – Noon HUGE INDOOR MULTI-FAMILY SALE Toys, games, books, movies, crafts, furniture, housewares, kitchen items, collectibles, wicker, holiday items, baby items, electronics, sporting equipment, hardware, home décor, lawn & garden & MORE!!

Emanuel's Annual

New this year - 2 huge days!

Friday, Aug. 18th

8 am – 2 pm

Saturday, Aug. 19th

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Nothing priced, give what you can or what you feel it is worth Proceeds to benefit Children's Ministry & Programming

Christmas in July

"Christmas in July" at Bethany Lutheran Home. These items are needed: items for them to give as gifts, DVD movies, electronic items, handheld games, wall décor, picture frames...Holiday crafts, tempura paint, ceramics, colored pencils, washable markers...Winter hats, gloves, aloe socks, lap blankets, blankets...

Personal Care Items—combs, brushes, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, shower caps, body lotion, eye glass cases, ...(for both men and women) water bottles/flip drinking hole... All Items must be new and in their original package. Thanks for your generosity!





A Closer Look at ACS #977

SUBMITTED BY CINDY RICHARDS, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Our newest hymnal supplement, All Creation Sings, has many wonderful new hymns that address many issues we

that address many issues we are facing today. Currently we are using a new liturgy setting from that hymnal. Another new song we will be learning is Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table (ACS 977). The lyrics were written by Thomas Troeger, "a skillful hymnwriter who wrote four books of hymn texts and lyric poems. Born in Suffern, New York, he studied at Yale, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and Dickinson College. He received an honorary doctorate of divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and the University of Basil, Switzerland, gave him a doctorate of theology, citing his hymns and poems with 'contemporary language which does justice to both theological and aesthetic demands.' Ordained in 1970, he was a Presbyterian pastor at New Hartford Presbyterian Church. In 1999 he was also ordained as an Episcopal priest. He taught homiletics and practical theology at Rochester Divinity School, Iliff School of Theology in Denver, and Yale University Divinity School. In addition to more than twelve books and numerous articles about preaching and worship, he was a flutist, and he hosted conferences and hymn festivals. He was national chaplain for the American Guild of Organists, president of the Academy of Homiletics, and president of Societas Homiletica. He was also a fellow of Yale University's Silliman College and of the Hymn Society.

The tune COPELAND was written for this text by Michael Corzine who is the organist and choirmaster at First Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, Florida, which commissioned this hymn. An organ recitalist who has performed throughout the country and has won awards for his playing, he studied at Wisconsin State University, Superior, and Eastman School of Music. In 1973, the same year he joined the staff at First Presbyterian, he also became the professor of organ at Florida State University. He retired from Florida State in 2013 but continues at First Presbyterian.

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

- Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
 Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing. Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for ev'ryone.
- 2 Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear, saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight; Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.
- 3 Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand diffrent ways, but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has invited north and south and east and west to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.
- 4 Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it truth and manna from above! and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:30 am—10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal 11 am Tie Dye Ministry	26 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm NAMI meet- ing at Emanuel	27 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	 28 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room 	29 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	30	1 10 am Craft Inn Craft Inn
2 9:30 am—10:30 am	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 8:30 am Mission	6 9:30 am Adult	7	8
Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour with Ice Cream Social	10 am Tai Chi 6 pm NAMI meet- ing at Emanuel	5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi		
9 Joyful Noise 9:30 am—10:30 am	10 10 am Tai Chi	11 8:30 am ROMEO's	12 8:30 am Mission	13 9:30 am Adult	14	15
Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour OMAHA BRIDGES	7 pm Church Council Meeting	(& Friends) meet @ Village Inn <u>East</u>) 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, July 2	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mark Ellis & Alan Ellis
Acolyte	Mason Lewis
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	Mason Lewis
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, July 9	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mark Ellis & Alan Ellis
Acolyte	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, July 16	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mark Ellis & Alan Ellis
Acolyte	Mason Lewis
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	Mason Lewis
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, July 23	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mark Ellis & Alan Ellis
Acolyte	Alex & Gabe VanSickle
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	Alex & Gabe Vansickle
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, July 30	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mark Ellis & Alan Ellis
Acolyte	Grace & Tayah Nixt
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	Grace & Tayah Nixt
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	

We need YOUR help!

We would love to heave you help with worship! Please contact the church office at (712) 323-9665, office@emanuelcb.org or sign-up on our website at: <u>www.emanuelcb.org</u>



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Fruit of the Spirit Word Search

Faith	Lord
Fruit	Love
Gentle	Meekness
Goodness	Patience
Jesus	Peace
Joy	Spirit



"It's hard to bear the fruit of the Spirit when they're hurling rotten tomatoes."



<u>June O3</u> Jeselyn Maxwell

June 04 Danette Hein-Snider Bette Juhl Katrina Nixt

> <u>June 07</u> Connie Solon

<u>June 10</u> Heather Linsenmeyer Nolan Winter <u>June 16</u> Judy Heithoff Kennedy Rickard

> <u>June 17</u> Ben Heithoff

<u>June 18</u> Ken Kemmish Ryan Nordstrom

<u>June 21</u> Kade Holcombe Porter McSorley June 24 Ian Spangenberg

> <u>June 28</u> Brad Holding Chris Wade

<u>June 29</u> Jeff Wilson

<u>June 30</u> Connie Edson Mason Lewis



<u>July 05</u> Terry & Connie Eyberg

<u> July 06</u>

Clifford & Jacqueline Holding

<u>July 10</u> Todd & Jeanine Schademann Karen & James Smith

Jakob & Molly Ferguson

July 27

<u>July 29</u> Brian & Renee Goss

<u>July 15</u> Mahala & James Jankowski

<u>July 16</u> Ridgeway & Danette Hein-Snider

If we've missed a birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please let the church office know! Contact Michaela at (712) 323-9665 or office@emanuelcb.org



IT'S SUMMER! KIDS EAT FREE!

MEALS AVAILABLE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 5 – JULY 28, 2023 (ALL SITES CLOSED JULY 3 & 4)

Locations and Times

Thomas Jefferson High School Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM, Lunch 11:30-12:30 PM

Franklin Elementary School Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM Lunch 11:30-12:30 PM

Longfellow Elementary School Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM Lunch 11:00-12:00 PM

Hoover Elementary School Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM, Lunch 11:30-12:30 PM

Edison Elementary School JUNE TIMES Lunch 11:45 AM-12:15 PM

Edison Elementary School JULY TIMES Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM Lunch, 11:45-12:15 PM

Carter Lake Boys and Girls Club Breakfast 8:00-9:00 AM, Lunch 11:30-12:30 PM

Children's Square Breakfast 8:45-9:15 AM, Lunch 11:45-12:15 PM

YMCA Breakfast 8:00-8:30 AM

Council Bluffs Library Lunch 11:00-11:30 AM Council Bluffs Community School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge. One adult may also eat free with their child. Meals will be provided, at a first come, first serve basis. Meals will be available to eat on site and cannot be taken out of the meal facility. Meals will be distributed at the locations listed on the left from June 5 - July 28. All sites will be closed on July 3&4. For any questions please contact Lisa Stewart, Director of Nutrition Services at (712) 328-6420. To view menus, please visit cb-schools.org/summerlunch

Look for the Summer Meal Banner at each Meal Site!



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Council Minutes for June 19, 2023

RECORDED BY MICHAEL WINTER, COUNCIL SECRETARY

<u>Members Present</u>: Pastor Cara Knutson, Greg Steensland, Mike Winter, Mike Hipnar, Connie Edson, Richard Reed and Char Les Kemmish,

<u>Members Absent</u>: Matt Perrone, Mike Loos and Brittney Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Greg Steensland

Devotions: Greg Steensland

Council Agenda:

- •Motion by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Richard Reed to approve the Treasurer's report. Approved.
- •Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Mike Hipnar to approve the Consolidated Fund report. Approved.
- Motion by Mike Winter, seconded by Char Les Kemmish to approve the Memorial Fund report. Approved.
- •Motion by Char Les Kemmish, seconded by Connie Edson to approve the Capitol and Building Fund report. Approved.
- •Pastor gave her report asking that on February 10, 2024 the church facilities would be used by the Society for Creative Anachronism and that they would pay \$700 for the use of the building. Motion by Mike Winter, second by Mike Hipnar to approve the use of the facility with Pastor being present during the event. Approved.
- •Pastor provided a list of the job description and goals of Director of Music, Parish Assistant and Director of Children and Youth Ministry. Motion by Mike Winter, seconded by Richard Reed to approve the job description and goals for church employees. Approved.
- •Discussion concerning Michaela Lewis extending her work hours. Motion by Mike Winter, seconded by Mike Hipnar to increase her hours to 30 hours per week. Approved.
- •Discussion was held regarding potential vacation and sick time for Michaela Lewis. Motion by Mike Winter, seconded by Richard Reed to table that issue pending further investigation.
- •Motion by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Mike Winter to allow pastor to take vacation time from Monday,

July 17 through Thursday, July 20. Approved.

- •Char Les Kemmish gave a report from the Property Committee indicating that Olson Brothers Construction Company gave a bid for remodeling the bathrooms of \$54,760 and that this was not a closed bid, meaning there could be more additions. Kevin Epperson is apparently seeking another bid and no action was taken.
- •Motion by Connie Edson, seconded by Mike Hipnar to approve payment to Amped Electric for installation of lights and timer on the outside cross and payment of \$3,287.76 to come from the Noran Davis Estate. Approved.
- •Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Char Les Kemmish to pay \$700 to fix the lawn mower to be paid out of maintenance. Approved.
- •Report from Mike Hipnar for the Worship and Music Committee that the annual garage sale will be held on August 18-19, 2023. August 18 will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and August 19 from 8 a.m. until noon.
- •It was agreed to move the July council meeting to July 10 at 7 p.m. due to the absence of President Steensland. Char Les Kemmish will give devotions at that meeting.
- •Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Mike Hipnar to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Approved.



Deloris Christensen

Norma Heath

Julie Powell

Rita Epperson

Robert Hesseltine

Tommy Schott

Owen Hansen Sawyer Lorenz

Doug Shapland

Larry Hansen Norma Mass

Ruth Sullivan

Sharon Hansen

Jane Meyer

Bob Vergamini

God's work. Our hands.

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry. Through your support, a first-time mom is able to receive the education and resources she needs to build futures full of hope, a person with a disability is reaching their goals



and becoming more independent each day, and an immigrant is learning English through our Community Based English Language Learning (CBELL) program led by compassionate teachers.

This month, we would like to give a special thank you to those of you who have made LSI a focus on your congregation's "God's work. Our hands." project. On a planned day in September, each congregation is encouraged to reach outside of the church and do good deeds in the community by participating in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to combine community projects with a special project for nonprofits like LSI, whether it's raising money or contributing in-kind gifts.

We thank you for your generous support in this important work! If you are interested in supporting the Iowa children and families served by LSI or would like to get involved in a "God's work. Our hands." project with LSI, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI senior director of philanthropy and church relations, at <u>Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org</u> or 563-676-2065.

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 LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.Iowa.

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Week of:	In-Person	Online Views:	Total	Offerings:

Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
June 04	50	24	74	\$3,523.00
June 11	38	42	60	\$1,149.00
June 18	39	42	81	\$1,447.00
June 25	41	N/A	N/A	\$797.00

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

May Income:	\$6,906.00
May Expense:	
May Balance	

YTD Income:	\$84,602.72
YTD Expense:	\$77,480.65
YTD Balance	\$7,122.07
Plus Carryover	\$3,245.82
General Budget Fund	\$10,367.89



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.

Genesis 8:22, ESV



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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 & Twitter

Children's Ministry:

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

Staff:

Pastor Cara Knutson (*pastor@emanuelcb.org*) Director of Music Ministries, Cindy Richards (*music@emanuelcb.org*) Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis (*office@emanuelcb.org*) *Office Hours: M-Th 8 a.m.—3 p.m.* Children & Youth Programming, Stephen Lewis (*youth@emanuelcb.org*) Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed