



Garden of Reading!

Emanuel Newsletter

Happenings at Emanuel!

Saturday, May 02—Community Spa Day at Emanuel

Sunday, May 03—Senior Sunday

Tuesday, May 05—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet

Sunday, May 10—Mother's Day

Monday, May 11—Ale & the Almighty

Sunday, May 17—Blood Pressure Checks

Monday, May 18—Newsletter Articles Due

Tuesday, May 19—Book Club Meets

Monday, May 25—Memorial Day, Office Closed

Sunday, May 31—Last Day of Sunday School

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



Installation of new synod staff was one of the first things that took place at synod assembly. Rev. Cara Knutson was installed as an assistant to Bishop Scott Dalen along with Rev. Melissa Pickering being installed as Director of Evangelical Mission.

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Moments of Calm: Caring for Mental Health Through Faith and Community

By Pastor Cara Knutson

May is mental health awareness month. It's the time to raise awareness of those living with mental or behavioral health issues and to help reduce stigma so many may experience. Many people take medication, including myself, to help stabilize their mental health. I serve on the board of the Southwest Iowa NAMI affiliate (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and have been working with the executive director, Anna Kilpack, to start a new program called FaithNet in our SW Iowa affiliate of NAMI. FaithNet will be made up of communities of faith that pledge to support and uphold greater mental health, and reducing stigma. FaithNet will be a source of resources, trainings, awareness raising events, and support for both faith community leaders and those they serve.

I'd like to invite you to join SW IA NAMI and Emanuel for **Moments of Calm: A Community Spa Day May 2 from 1:00-4:00 pm**. Join us for a relaxing Spa Day while supporting NAMI of Southwest Iowa and FaithNet! Treat yourself to a day of community, self-care, and renewal. Enjoy spa services like hair, nails, and chair massages, while kids take part in fun, supervised activities. All services are offered with a freewill donation, and every dollar goes to support NAMI and FaithNet. Come unwind, connect, and make a difference—we'd love to see you there!

We serve and proclaim a God who shows up in a body—bodies are important in our walk of faith. Our hands care for one another—everything from changing a little one's diaper and feeding them a bottle, to helping an elder in and out of our car so they can be safe and protected. We use our bodies, our time, our resources and our money to show acts of love in concrete, specific ways—helping out someone with their lawn care, or taking them to the beauty parlor or running errands, keeping an eye on little ones while mom is in a meeting. Our Community Spa Day is more than a day of relaxation and pampering—it's also a way of living out our faith to care for and nurture people in a concrete, specific way. Our service reflects God's love and welcome and inclusion of all people.

People know we care for them when we show up in ways that matter to them. We hear talk about love languages—for some it's little gifts and tokens of thoughtfulness, a card, or flowers, for others it's spending time with someone or helping them with something. Jesus encourages us to show our love for each other in practical and tangible ways. Just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples to live out his call to love and serve and give an example to his closest followers, so we too use our hands, and our bodies to help and serve one another as a way of both showing our love of God and our neighbor, and to allow that neighbor to experience God's love through our care.



On April 26th we celebrated those who serve Emanuel through the ministry of music. Through voice, instrument, and technical gifts, these servants enrich our worship and help lead us in praise. Their offerings of time and talent lift our hearts, strengthen our song, and proclaim the good news of God's love. We are blessed to have them as a part of our congregation.

This beautiful music inspired quilt made by Linda Martens and presented to our Music Director, Cindy Richards, is on display in the community room.



Grace Nixt
Ava Jarrell
Alex VanSickle

From Surviving to Thriving

Becoming Participating Disciples

By Sharon K Cochran UMC pastor in Oklahoma

"In the rural church, we often tell ourselves a story that simply isn't true. We say, "If only we had more people, we could do more." Or, "If only our church were bigger, we'd have more ministries, more energy, more life." But after spending several days at a leadership conference, I've come home with a truth that is both humbling and strangely hopeful:

Small churches and megachurches have the same percentage of active disciples.
The only difference is scale.

Most churches — regardless of size, denomination, or zip code — have about 10–20% of their people who are truly active disciples. Not just members. Not just attenders. Disciples. People who pray, serve, give, grow, and take responsibility for the ministry of the church.

In a church of 30, that's three to six people.
In a church of 3,000, that's three hundred to six hundred.

Same percentage.
Same ratio.
Same human nature.
Radically different impact.

Three disciples can keep a church alive.
Three hundred disciples can change a city.

This is not a spiritual failure.
It's a math problem.

And yet, this math reveals something important about the future of the rural church: we don't need 300 disciples to thrive. We need three more.

Three more people willing to show up consistently.
Three more people willing to serve without being begged.
Three more people willing to grow in their faith.
Three more people willing to take responsibility instead of waiting for someone else to do it.

If three more people in each of my churches stepped into real discipleship, the entire culture of those congregations would shift. Not because we suddenly became a megachurch, but because we would no longer be asking the same handful of exhausted saints to carry the entire weight of ministry.

The rural church does not suffer from a lack of faith.

It suffers from a lack of participation.

And participation is not a personality trait — it is a choice.

This is where the conversation becomes uncomfortable. Because many rural churches say they want to grow, but they resist every opportunity to do so. Suggest a gospel sing, a community meal, or a new outreach, and the response is often, "Nobody will come." That is not realism. That is resignation. It is a pre-emptive failure — failing in advance so we don't have to risk being disappointed later.

But faith has never been about avoiding disappointment.
Faith is spelled T-R-Y.

If we never plant anything, we guarantee no harvest.

The other hard truth is this: rural churches often confuse compassion with enablement. Helping someone you will never meet — that is generosity. That is the gospel. But pouring resources into people who have no desire to change is not compassion. It is exhaustion disguised as charity. Jesus healed people who wanted to be made well. He did not fund destructive patterns.

The rural church must reclaim the difference between serving and being used.

So where does this leave us?

It leaves us with a calling — not to become a megachurch, but to become a faithful church. A courageous church. A church that stops pre-failing. A church that risks again. A church that plants seeds even when the soil looks dry. A church that understands that discipleship, not nostalgia, is the engine of growth.

I still want to be a pastor after this conference. But I want to be a different kind of pastor — one who tells the truth with love, who teaches the math of discipleship, and who invites the rural church to stop surviving and start participating.

Because the future of the rural church will not be built on numbers.
It will be built on disciples.

And we only need three more."

Weekly Readings for Reflection

We are invited to grow in our relationship with God through the prayerful relection of his Word. Below are the upcoming readings, along with brief reflections for those who wish to spend time with them beyond Sunday worship and reflect on them in another setting.

May 03 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Easter lasts for several more weeks. The readings unfold the meaning of the resurrection.

Acts 7:55-60

The martyrdom of Stephen

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

1 Peter 2:2-10

God's people chosen to proclaim God's mighty acts

John 14:1-14

Christ the way, truth, and life

May 10 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today is the 36th day of Easter. We continue to celebrate the meaning of the resurrection.

Acts 17:22-31

Paul's message to the Athenians

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

1 Peter 3:13-22

The days of Noah, a sign of baptism

John 14:15-21

Christ our advocate

May 17 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

This seventh Sunday of the Easter combines some of the content of Luke's Ascension Day with a gospel of Johannine theology. It is Sunday, when we experience the presence of Christ in God, within the baptized community, and throughout the cosmos.

Acts 1:6-14

Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

God will sustain and restore those who suffer

John 17:1-11

Christ's prayer for his disciples

May 24 – Day of Pentecost (Wear Red!)

Fifty days after Passover, Jews kept the Pentecost festival, which originally celebrated the wheat harvest but had become the commemoration of the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. As the fiftieth day of Easter, Christians maintained the festival, altering its focus to a celebration of the Spirit of the risen Christ in the church. In an oblique reference to Sinai, the fire of God's word is now on the foreheads of the faithful. In John, all believers receive the peace of the Lord. In Luke, especially the leaders are lauded. Pentecost concludes the Easter season.

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Varieties of gifts from the same Spirit

John 20:19-23

The Spirit poured out

May 31 – Holy Trinity Sunday

Pentecost is a day, not a season. Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday following Pentecost, has been kept since the tenth century as a special celebration of the mystery of the triune God, as in a similar way the Baptism of Our Lord follows the Christmas season with its trinitarian focus.

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

The creation of the heavens and the earth

Psalm 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)


2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth

Matthew 28:16-20



Bible Quiz



Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

Answer: A (Romans 16:22)

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, May 03	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Jan & Rick Stone
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	
Donut Liaison	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, May 10	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Jan & Rick Stone
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	
LiveStream Tech	
Donut Liaison	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, May 17	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Jan & Rick Stone
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	
LiveStream Tech	
Donut Liaison	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, May 24	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Jan & Rick Stone
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	
Donut Liaison	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, May 31	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Jan & Rick Stone
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	
Donut Liaison	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour	



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". You can also volunteer by contacting Sherrill Stacy at volunteers@emanuelcb.org

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 Ron Sasso
 Ruth Sullivan



May 01

Carly Sorensen

May 02

Abaigeal Plummer

May 06

Anna Luther

May 09

Kyle Nordstrom
 Matt Solon

May 10

Alexander Bradshaw
 Riley Maxwell
 Chris Nixt

May 12

Chris Sorensen

May 13

Natalie Boose
 Richard Reed

May 14

Christi Hauschild

May 19

Cheryl Eneboe
 Mike Loos

May 20

Kenna Hite

May 22

Garrett Smith

May 23

Desirée Snell

May 25

Jennifer Clark
 Tiffany Pace

May 26

Ryan Wilson

May 27

Jennifer Plummer
 Rick Stone

May 30

Brad Dahlke
 Debbie Ferguson



June 03

Jeselyn Maxwell

June 04

Danette Hein-Snider
 Bette Juhl
 Katrina Nixt

June 05

Sarah Britson

June 07

Connie Solon

June 10

Heather Linsmeyer
 Nolan Winter

June 16

Judy Heithoff
 Kennedy Rickard

June 17

Ben Heithoff

June 18

Ken Kemmish
 Ryan Nordstrom

June 21

Kade Holcombe
 Porter McSorley

June 29

Jeff Wilson

June 30

Connie Edson
 Mason Lewis

If we have missed a birthday or anniversary, let us know!
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May 03

Gary & Judy Pleas

May 07

Chris & Crystal Nixt

May 08

Cheryl & Gary Rowe

May 11

John & Glenda Smith II

May 19

Richard & Darlene Reed

May 20

Jeremy & Tonia Thielen

May 22

Stephen & Michaela Lewis

May 28

Clarissa & Edward Haats

May 29

David & Linda Fietz
Edward & Nina Reedy

May 30

Ron & Norma Stairs



June 01

Michael & Carla Hipnar

June 01

Kenneth & Char Les Kemmish

June 04

Laura & Clayton Kai
Stephen & Jennifer Plummer

June 11

Ryan & Tara McSorley

June 19

Michael & Carolyn Andersen

June 21

Carrie & Paul Nygard

June 25

Jennifer & Brandon Clark

June 28

Dennis & Jane Eitmann
Jesse & Jolene Hansen
Michael & Suzanne Winter

June 29

Christopher & Megan Sorensen

God's Work. Our Hands.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Sept. 13, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands."

Participating in service projects is one way to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in faith and life. As we continue our tradition of service, we remember the words of Martin Luther, "Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing." With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name.

If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 13, you are encouraged to pick another date that fits your schedule. ELCA congregations participate in acts of service every day. This day of service is an extension of the work you already do to make your community a better place.



Be sure to save the date and check resources soon. ELCA.org/DayOfService for updated Go in peace.





MAY

At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 1 pm Spa Day in Community Room (NAMI FaithNet Fundraiser)
3 Senior Sunday 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour with cake to celebrate our Seniors	4 10 am Tai Chi 11 am–4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room	5 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East) 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	6 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room 7 pm Spring Band Concert at TJ (Mason)	7 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	8	9
10 Mother's Day 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 11 am Church Council Meeting	11 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days Bar & Grill 	12 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	13 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	14 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	15	16 1 pm AL Graduation Grace Nixt Alex VanSickle
17 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal 	18 Newsletter Articles Due 10 am Tai Chi 11 am–4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room 	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 (Community Sewing Group) in community room	21 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	22	23
24 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	25 10 am Tai Chi Memorial Day Office Closed	26 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	27 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	28 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	29	30 1 pm & 6 pm Spencer has KDS Dance Recital at Bellevue East High School



JUNE

At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	1 10 am Tai Chi 11 am Communion at Midlands 10:30 am Music at Bayliss Park with Lori Lynn	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 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship & First Communion	5 7 pm Good Friday Worship	6 1 pm Shelby & Leah have Dynamix Dance Recital at Lewis Central PAC
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The installation of Synod Council was one of the last pieces of business at the assembly.



Michaela Lewis, Maja Knutson and Rev. Cara Knutson at Synod Assembly.

Synod Assembly

Submitted by Michaela Lewis

The 2026 Western Iowa Synod Assembly was held in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa April 17-18.

Each congregation in the synod can have two voting members, in addition to clergy. This year I attended along with Maja Knutson. I would encourage you to consider volunteering to go next year if you are interested in learning more about what is going on in the ELCA as a whole and in the synod. It is a great opportunity to meet others from Western Iowa and see what activities and opportunities are in the area.

The short report is that anything proposed was approved. There were three resolutions voted on. The Compensation and Care Guidelines passed with a 100% yes vote. The budget passed with 99.5% yes vote. Amendments to Western Iowa Synod Constitution per Church wide passed with a 99% vote. All of the details for these are available on the synod website.

Bishop Scott Dalen, who was elected at last year's assembly, shared celebrations and struggles he has experienced since being installed. He is trying to share thoughts and travels on Facebook from "Your Friendly Internet Bishop." He is excited about what our congregations can do together and what the congregations are doing would love an invitation to come visit.

Rev. Chip Borgstadt is the Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy. He shared that there are eleven seminary students who are also serving congregations. Since Vicar Stephen Lewis is one of these candidates, I got

to join in on a meeting before assembly with some of the other students going through the TEEM program. The backgrounds, personalities, and ages are very different, so it shows that anyone can make that step when they feel that call. He encouraged anyone who feels the holy spirit nudging them to come to the Candidacy Retreat at St. John Lutheran in Carroll Iowa on Saturday, June 20, just let him know so they can plan on you coming! candidacy@wisynod.org.

Rev. Cara Knutson was installed the assistant to the Bishop for Mobility, Call Process & Congregational Care. She shared that there is a great need for leaders in congregations and one way that people who care called to serve can help fill that need is through the Synodically Authorized Minister program. These are leaders that help bridge the gap when a congregation does not have full time leadership. If you are interested in this program, please contact Rev. Cara.

Rev. Melissa Pickering was installed as the Director of Evangelical Mission. She spoke about sharing our stories, history and ideas. She encouraged congregations to invite her to join them for worship and is excited about working together.

Emanuel is in the "River of Grace" conference. There are some opportunities to serve on Synod Council. If you are interested, please contact the Synod office.

- Synod-wide- 2 youth leaders needed (1 for a 2-year term, 1 for a 3-year term)
- Rivers of Grace – one male layperson (1 year term)



Vicar Stephen Lewis



Dr. Laurie Jungling



Synod Assembly took place in Sergeant Bluff.



Rev. Brian Jack & Bishop Scott Dalen

Testimony from a Grateful Family

Submitted by *Andrea Maschka*
LSI Chief Development Officer



“We first learned about LSI’s school-based therapy program through our son’s school counselor. We had wanted to get him into therapy for a long time, but it often felt out of reach. We do not have many extra resources, and finding a provider in Dubuque with availability for a child under 12 was incredibly difficult. On top of that, we both work and did not know how we would manage getting him to appointments during or after the school day.

When we found out that therapy could take place right at his school, it truly felt like an answer to our prayers. He did not have to miss much class, we did not have to take time off work, and he was able to meet with someone in a place where he already felt comfortable.

Even after getting connected, we still had concerns. Our insurance included a copay that was difficult for us to afford. LSI let us know that financial assistance was available to help cover those costs, as long as we remained committed to his treatment. That support made all the difference. Without it, I do

not think we would have been able to continue.

Our son has only been in therapy for about six weeks, but we are already beginning to see small changes. He seems to be learning new ways to manage his emotions and is starting to talk more about what is bothering him instead of shutting down or acting out. We know he still has a long road ahead, but for the first time in a long time, we feel hopeful.

We are so grateful for this opportunity and for the support LSI has provided to our family. Without this program and the financial assistance, I truly do not know if our son would have been able to receive the help he needs.”

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.



Attendance



OFFERINGS



Services	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Total Attendance:	Weekly Offerings:
Thursday, April 2, 2026	123	9	132	\$2,579.87
Friday, April 3, 2026	19	28.5	48	
Sunday, April 5, 2026	14	N/A	14	
Sunday, April 5, 2026	53	21	74	
Sunday, April 12, 2026	32	N/A	32	\$835.00
Wednesday, April 15, 2026	28	N/A	28	
Sunday, April 19, 2026	51	12	63	\$978.00
Sunday, April 26, 2026	39	N/A	39	\$1,788.00

Finance Team Update

March Income: \$8,694.00
 March Expense:..... (-\$15,688.63)
 March Balance..... (-\$6,994.63)

YTD Income: \$61,209.28
 YTD Expense:..... (-\$48,139.46)
 YTD Balance..... \$13,069.82
 Plus Carryover (-\$5,564.00)
 General Budget Fund..... \$7,505.82



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Office Hours: Monday –Friday 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

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.

Children's Ministry:

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

Staff:

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