Garden of Readin'

Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

Happenings!

Saturday, November 5—Craft Inn
Monday, November 7 & Tuesday, November 8—Cookie Crumbs Sorting & Packing
Tuesday, Novmeber 8—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet, Volunteers for Food Pantry Meet at Our Saviors
Sunday, November 13—Blood Pressure Checks During Coffee Hour
Monday, November 21—Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 16—Newsletter Articles Due
Sunday, November 20—Kids sing during worship
Wednesday, November 27—First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday, November 30—Hanging of the Greens

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

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

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On Reformation Sunday we also celebrated new and returning members. Pictured are the Nixt Family: Crystal, Chris, Katrina, Tayah and Grace (Shelby and Leah Clark wanted to be with them in the picture too), Lori Lynn Ahrends, Debbie Steensland, Pastor Cara Knutson, Judy Castillo and Matt and Janet Perrone. Jack Henderson snuck out before the photo was taken. Welcome to Emanuel!

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Mission

Statement:

Forgiven

by Grace,

Serving by



A Post from the Pastor BY PASTOR CARA KNUTSON



Anna Carter Florence, the speaker at fall convocation at Lakeside Lutheran camp, presented a series of workshops like no other I've been to. We read lots and lots of poetry—many thought provoking, although some laugh out loud funny. As a group we not just read, or talked about, but experienced the correlation between poetry and preaching. So what, you may say, I'm not a preacher. I hate metaphor.

Poetry not only gives us another way to think about preaching—poetry gives us another way to look at life, and specifically the life of faith and following Jesus. So this month instead of talking specifically about faith I offer you poetry, as inspired by Anna Carter Florence's novel approach.

Here's a well known poem by Maya Angelou "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings"

The free bird leaps on the back of the wind and floats downstream till the current ends and dips his wings in the orange sun rays and dares to claim the sky. But a bird that stalks down his narrow cage can seldom see through his bars of rage his wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his throat to sing. The caged bird sings with fearful trill of the things unknown but longed for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for the caged bird sings of freedom The free bird thinks of another breeze and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees and the fat worms waiting on a dawn-bright lawn and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream his wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his throat to sing

> The caged bird sings with a fearful trill of things unknown but longed for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for the caged bird sings of freedom.

Questions to ponder: how does the cage relate to our life of faith? How are we called to be free?

See you in church!

Pastor Cara

Wider Ministries News

BY CHRIS REED, WIDER MINISTRIES CO-CHAIR

Thanksgiving Baskets

We will be offering Thanksgiving Baskets for those less fortunate again this year. This will include a



complete meal for Thanksgiving. We are currently collecting items or money if you'd like to donate. On November 6, we will have Joyful Noise. All items not collected, will be purchased by the committee funds. On November 16 at 6:30 p.m., we will be packing all baskets. Feel free to come and help with the packing. Contact Linda Steensland at (402) 669-5222 for a list of items you want to shop for.

Green Bean Casserole

Judi Malloy is chairing again this year. See her article for more details. We have committed to 20 green bean casseroles. Please contact Judi at (712) 314-8154 if you can bake a casserole.

Lutheran Family Service Bags

We will be making gift bags for children age 0-5 years old. The bags include needed items such as socks, soap, diapers, sip cups, shampoo, lotion, plus a book and a small toy. Thanks to Jan Husmann, Linda Martens, Connie Solon, and Chris Reed for putting together these bags for the children. If you'd like to donate to this cause, please contact Chris Reed at 712-435-9461.

Christmas Tree Stuffing

We will putting up a Christmas tree again this year and collecting hats, socks and gloves. Please help those that are in need of these items by hanging on the tree.

Green Bean Casseroles

For more than 20 years Emanuel has provided the green bean casseroles for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The number of dinners served has increased every year and we have been asked to provide 20 casseroles this year. We will pick up all the supplies on Friday, Nov. 18, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the people making casseroles can pick up supplies on Sunday, Nov. 20 after church service. The

casseroles need to be delivered to Community of Christ Church on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 24. You will be able to sign up at church, online

(www.signupgenius.com/

go/30e0a49a9a62cabf58-green) or Facebook. If you have any questions, please

contact Judi Malloy by text or phone at (712) 314-8154.



Christmas falls on Sunday this year! We know many people have plans at home or traveling on Christmas Day, so we wanted to get an idea of



what those attending would like the service to look like on Christmas Day.

For those that plan to attend would you prefer:

1) Regular service in the sanctuary

2) Hymn sing and scripture

3) Come as You Are service in the fellowship hall with cocoa and cookies (You can come in your pajamas if you want, we'll sing carols, hear scripture, with cocoa and cookies).

You can talk to Pastor about your preferences or fill out our poll online at: https://poll.app.do/christmasservice



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.



<u>Nov. 01</u> Larry Hansen

<u>Nov. 02</u> Maja Knutson

<u>Nov. 04</u> Norma Heath

<u>Nov. 06</u> Kaden Krauth

<u>Nov. 07</u> Garrett Haats Hailey Holcombe Sean Larson

<u>Nov. 08</u> Nichlos Matuszeski

> Nov. 09 Beth Schultz

> > <u>Nov. 11</u> Jan Stone

<u>Nov. 14</u> Haley Holland Michaela Lewis <u>Nov. 15</u> Connie Beckman William Spangenberg

> <u>Nov. 16</u> Todd Over

<u>Nov. 17</u> Penny Dahlke Clare Plummer Paul Schwartz

<u>Nov. 18</u> Matt Clark Alexxia Richards

> <u>Nov. 19</u> David Fietz

<u>Nov. 20</u> Valerie Weelborg

<u>Nov. 21</u> Grace Hansen Jessica Hipnar Ruth Sullivan <u>Nov. 22</u> Barry Larson

<u>Nov. 23</u> Joel Parker

<u>Nov. 24</u> Lauren Hansen

<u>Nov. 26</u> Aaralynn Conley Char Les Kemmish

> <u>Nov. 27</u> Gary Pleas

<u>Nov. 28</u> Nikki Rickard

<u>Nov. 29</u> Loren Carrier Brayden Hansen Steve Plummer

> <u>Nov. 30</u> Mike Hipnar

THIS MONTH'S Anniversaries

<u>November 2</u> Alyssa & Desirée Snell

<u>November 3</u> Nick & Amy Steensland-Rickard

> <u>November 5</u> Dick & Judy Borwick

<u>November 7</u> Jeffrey & Teresa Fischer

<u>November 9</u> Mike & Emily Burns

<u>November 22</u> Oscar & Deann Over

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

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, November 6	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mike & Suzanne Winter
Acolyte Lector	Grace & Tayah Nixt
Altar Guild	
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Communion Assistant	Grace Nixt
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, November 13	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mike & Suzanne Winter
Acolyte	Alex & Gabe VanSickle
Lector	Deann Over
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	Alex VanSickle
Visual Tech	
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, November 20	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mike & Suzanne Winter
Acolyte	Mason Lewis
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
Wednesday, November 23	7:00 p.m. Service
Ushers	
Acolyte	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	
Visual Tech	
LiveStream Tech	
Sunday, November 27	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mike & Suzanne Winter
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Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	
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LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	TITATAT

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!



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Our church directory is a great resource tool 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.





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: www.emanuelcb.org

Trick-or-Treat

Thank you to everyone who donated candy or their time at our Trick-or-Treat event! Thank you also to Linda Steensland for getting a grant from Thrivent Financial to help fund some of the expenses. We had about 225 kids come to trunk or treat with at least that many adults.



























Hiring for summer staff!

Both Lutheran Lakeside Camp and Carol Joy Holling Camp have started taking applications for the 2023 summer session staff.



Allison Sorensen sails the Hobie Cat at Lakeside with campers or East Okoboji Lake. Allison worked at camp in 2014-2015.

Camp can be an incredible experience for youth and very rewarding for those who lead camp activities. Emanuel has had several members who were staff at Lutheran Lakeside.

In addition to earning a paycheck, staff also receive room and board.

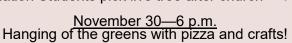
Camp is also not just for young adults! They also need health care staff, lifeguards, marketing, support staff as well as direct care staff. There truly is something for everyone!

Staff at Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Spirit Lake, IA must be at least 18 years old. Students who are 14 years old or older can apply to be support staff or day camp councilors. You can learn more at www.lutheranlakeside.com

Those who would like to apply at Carol Joy Holling

Camp in Ashland, NE, need to be at least 19 years old or one year out of high school. Current high school seniors can also apply to be a camp hand. You can learn more at www.nlom.org

Upcoming Events Dates & times are tentative <u>November 27</u> Confirmation Students pick live tree after church



December 10—2 p.m.-4 p.m. Cookies with Santa

December 18—9:30 a.m. Christmas Program

December 19-January 2 Christmas break, no Sunday School



Students who would like to attend Sunday school will leave the Sunday worship service after the Gospel reading to go to the classroom for lessons, projects and songs with Stephen Lewis & Lori Lynn Ahrends.

November 6 God Talk, Good Talk Ishmael Taunts Isaac Genesis 21:1-14; Ephesians 4:29 God wants us to be encouragers.

November 13 When No One's Watching Eliezer Chooses Rebekah for Isaac *Genesis 24:1-67, Matthew 25:34-40* God wants us to be helpful and kind, even when no one else is watching.

November 20 Circle of Forgiveness Jacob and Esau *Genesis 25-33; 1 Peter 4:8* God forgives us as we forgive others.

November 27 Christmas Program Practice We will be working on the Christmas program during Sunday school through December 11th. The program will be December 18th during the service.



fellow staff at Lakeside during a

murder mystery event in 2000?



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30 am—10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 2 pm –4 pm Trunk or Treat	31 10 am Tai Chi	1 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Com- munity Room	2 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	3 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	4	5 10 am Craft Inn Craft Inn
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Did You Know

Julian of Norwich was



an English mystic and anchoress of the Middle Ages. Her writings, now known as Revelations of Divine Love, are the earliest surviving English language works by a woman. They are also the only surviving English language works by an anchoress. Julian lived in the English city of Norwich, an important centre for commerce that also had a vibrant religious life. During her lifetime, the city suffered the devastating effects of the Black Death of 1348-1350, the Peasants' Revolt (which affected large parts of England in 1381), and the suppression of the Lollards. In 1373, aged 30 and so seriously ill she thought she was on her deathbed, Julian received а series of visions or shewings of the Passion of Christ. She recovered from her illness and wrote two versions of her experiences, the earlier one being completed soon after her recovery-a much longer version, today known as the Long Text, was written many years later.

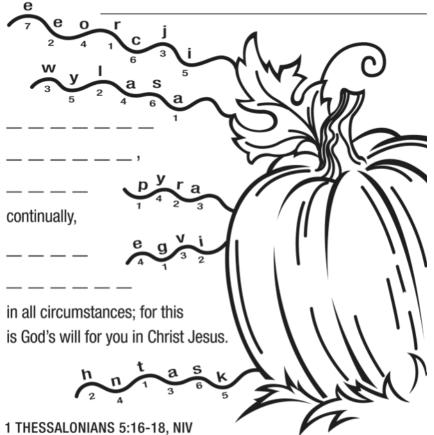
And so our good Lord answered to all the questions and doubts that I might make, saving comfortingly: I may make all thing well, I can make all thing well, I will make all thing well, and I shall make all thing well; and thou shall see thyself that all manner of thing shall be well. Where He says, I may, I understand it for the Father; and where He says, I can, I understand it for the Son; and where He says, I will, I understand it for the Holy Ghost; and where He savs. I shall. I understand it for the unity of the blessed Trinity; three Persons and one Truth; and where He says, Thou shall see thv self. I understand the oneing of all mankind: that shall be saved unto the blessed Trinity. And in these five words God wills we be enclosed in rest and in peace.

Wednesday, November 30
 6 p.m.—8 p.m.
 6 p.m.—8 p.m.
 Enjoy dinner & help decorate for Christmas!
 We will have pizza, put up decorations and children will make Christmas ornaments to decorate a tree in the worship center.



God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.



wer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks



Food Shelf Challenge! By Chris Reed, Wider Ministries Co-Chair

Emanuel Lutheran Church and Our Saviors Lutheran Church will be teaming up to collect 500 non-perishable food items from November 1 – November 30. We will be collecting items for Our Savior's Lutheran Food & Pet Food Pantry. The food drive will be supplemented with a Generosity Multiplier Gift, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network - Nebraska Region of \$500.

Let's see how many non-perishable food items we can collect? Can we collect more than Our Savior Lutheran Church? Are you up for this challenge?

There will be a box our in the Community Room starting November 1 to place your non-perishable food items in. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Reed at 712-435-9461.



Thanksgiving Eve <u>November 23</u> 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Worship

Bethany Home & Bethany Heights

The Bethany Lutheran Health Services Auxiliary met on October 10 in the community room at the Heights. Various Auxiliary documents were reviewed. Tracey Gabehart, director at the Home, announced that masks were no longer required at the Home and the Heights, their census is high, and Brian Emel is their new Human Resource leader. Angie Wagner at the Heights said they are reconfiguring rooms to meet the demand of potential community members.

They are planning a big event for families, "The Polar Express" in the shared areas of the Heights. It will take 10-20 volunteers to help with this event on Thursday, December 15. Please contact Michael or Angie at the Heights if you

can help, 712-328-8228.



Angel Watts, activity director at the Home, says they still need items for their General Store. The residents especially like matching shampoo/conditioner. (See previous list.) Also needed are items for their Christmas Store—Christmas decorations, picture frames, word finds, knick knacks, puzzle books, colored pens, notepads, scarves, gloves, etc.-- where the residents can buy gifts for their family members.

Finally, Michael Thomas, activities director at the Heights, said he was excited about planning fun activities for the community members: lunch at Buck Snort in Neola, Bethany Chili Cook-off, pumpkin carving, a trip to the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, and various music guests.

Election of officers for the year 2023 was held: President—Jan Stone, Emanuel. Vice President—Sylvia Lilly, St. John in Mineola. Secretary—Rose Hansen, St. John in Council Bluffs. Treasurer—Norma Vorthmann, St. Paul, Treynor. Installation will be held at the January 9, 2023 meeting. As always remember to keep the community members, residents, and staff in your prayers.

Bethany General Store



We are collecting donations for the Bethany Lutheran Home's General Store! The Home is having more Activities and more residents who will participate in using the General Store. See list below of requested items:

- •Shampoo and Conditioner
- •Body wash
- •Body Lotion
- •Tissues
- •Women's Deodorant
- •Eye Glass Cases
- •Snack Items (Cookies, Candy, Snack Cakes,
- Chips and Soda)
- •Q-Tips

- Notebooks/Note pads
- Slipper socks
- Gloves
- •Blankets/Lap Blankets
- Tooth Floss Sticks
- Bristle Brushes
- Hair Rollers
- •Water Bottles with flip drinking hole

We ask that all donations are new and unused. Thank you for your time and everything you do for Bethany!!



Deloris Christensen Robert Hesseltine

Tommy Schott

Rita Epperson Sawyer Lorenz Ruth Sullivan Owen Hansen Norma Mass Bob Vergamini Larry Hansen Jane Meyer

National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children and teens. For LSI, it is a time to



celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption services, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, healthy home.

LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every lowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment. But more work needs to be done. Thousands of children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care into a "forever family".



To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at <u>Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org</u> or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

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 <u>www.LSIowa.org</u> and <u>www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa</u>.



Did you know that the more interaction ("likes", comments and shares) we have on our social media posts, events or videos, the more people will see them? The more interactions we have, the more it gets boosted in Facebook newsfeeds or promoted as a suggested video on YouTube!



Week of:	In- P erson Attendance:	Online Views:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
Oct. 02	64	29	93	\$3,145.00
Oct. 09	42	24	66	\$2,220.00
Oct. 16	56	26	82	\$1,132.00
Oct. 23	46	15	61	\$1,137.00
Oct. 30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

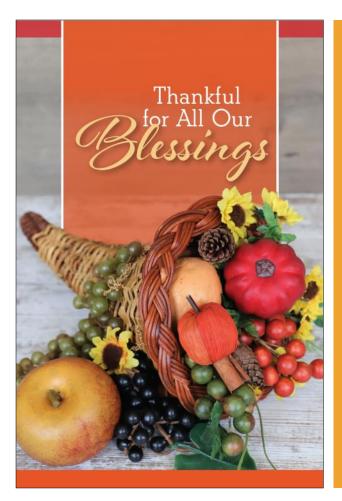
August Income:	\$6,990.00
August Expense:	
August Balance	

YTD Income:	\$106,465.83
YTD Expense:	\$106,176.94
YTD Balance	\$288.89
Plus Carryover	\$14,978.52
General Budget Fund	\$15,267.41



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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*)

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