

# Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

May 2018

## Happenings!

**Tuesday, May 1**—DaBand at Barley's (Fundraiser for Youth Gathering)

**Sunday, May 6**—Family Game Day

**Friday, May 11**—Potluck & Movie Night: Peter Rabbit

**Sunday May 13**—Mother's Day, Senior Recognition

**Friday, May 18**—Volunteers for Food Pantry Meet at Our Savior's

**Sunday, May 20**—Mental Health Sunday with Kickball in afternoon with MOSAIC to "Kick the Stigma of Mental Health"

**Wednesday, May 23**—Wildlife Encounters

**Saturday, May 26**—Spring Work Day

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

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



Jolene Hansen and Amari Johnson help The Great Lindy with a magic trick on Holy Humor Sunday during coffee hour.

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# Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

Here at Emanuel Lutheran Church we are working to widen our welcome to all people. People who live with mental illness and their families often feel excluded from the life of the church. So on May 20, we will observe "Mental Health Sunday" here at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Our worship service will include prayers and other resources to increase our awareness of issues related to mental health. We will host Jennifer Unruh, from MOSAIC of Western Iowa, who will talk briefly at our worship service about MOSAIC's work in the area of mental health in southwestern Iowa. Our Joyful Noise offering that day will be given to MOSAIC of Western Iowa to support that work. But that's not all!

Jennifer and some members of her community will be with us for some discussion during our fellowship time. Then she will meet with members of our congregation who have an interest in a larger mental health ministry here at Emanuel Lutheran Church. **If you would like to attend that meeting, please know that you are welcome!** The meeting will happen in Pastor Hennigs' office unless the group becomes larger. Then we will find another space. That meeting will happen from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on May 20.

We hope that out of this meeting may come a support group for those who live with mental illness in their lives and in their families. Mental illness impacts one in four people in the United States, and that is true in the church as well. We want Emanuel to be a place of safety and welcome for all who are impacted by mental illness and long for the Spirit's healing and help. But there's more!

**Staff and community members from MOSAIC of Western Iowa will host a Mental Health Awareness event that afternoon here at Emanuel.** The event is called "Kicking the Stigma of Mental Health" and set to start at 12:15 p.m. We will play kickball in the upper parking lot, and people from all of Council Bluffs will be invited. If you are a confirmation student, this event will be part of our class that day! We hope that people will come to a deeper appreciation of both the gifts and the struggles that mental illness presents to the church.



**Would you please consider wearing your Emanuel "God's Work, Our Hands" shirts that day?** If you don't have one of those shirts, I think we're about to place an order for more. So watch for that opportunity. If you have questions and/or want to be part of this event, please contact Pastor Hennigs ([emanpas1@hotmail.com](mailto:emanpas1@hotmail.com)). It's a joy to be part of such a positive event!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Phyllis Fowler has recently moved to Primrose and Jim Fowler is at Midlands Living Center. The family has said that any visitors or cards would be appreciated as they adjust to their new living situation. Phyllis is at Primrose (1801 E Kanesville Blvd, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503) and Jim is at Midlands Living Center (2452 N Broadway, Room #130, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503)

**THANK YOU:** Dear Emanuel Friends, thank you so very much for your thoughts and prayers on the beautiful prayer quilt that Darlene Jeppesen sent. It is such a lovely thing and is and will be treasured. And as I read your messages and names you are also remembered with prayers and gratitude. Thank you so very much. With Love,  
Esther Bender

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We offer prayers and blessing to Dustin and Jacqueline Loos who just welcomed their son, Jack Loos, into the world on April 17.





Gabe VanSickle holds a Tarantula during the Wildlife Encounters last fall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.



Ava Jarrell feeds one of the animals above when the group was at St. Paul's.



The group brings a wide variety of animals with them, including birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles.



## WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

WILDLIFE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

**Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Dinner at 6 pm**

**Program at 6:45 pm**

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
*Interact and learn about  
different animals.*

*This is great for all ages,  
including adults!*



Alex VanSickle (third from left) helping hold a large snake at St. Paul's last fall when Wildlife Encounters came.

## DaBand at Barley's

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Da' Band will play from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Proceeds from a free will offering as well  
as a portion of the proceeds from food  
sales will go to the gathering group.

Barleys is at

114 W Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA

**Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Emanuel Fellowship Hall*

**6 p.m. Potluck**

**6:30 p.m. Movie:**

**Peter Rabbit**

**Free event  
for all ages!**

**Bring friends,  
family  
and a dish to  
share!**





Daphne Miller  
Harvey Coble  
Kaye Bird  
Jeff Smith

Glen Fahrenkrug  
Mildred Rogers  
Paul Heath  
Jim Fowler

Lucille Weatherill  
Dana Blessum  
Andrea Britton  
Phyllis Fowler

Dwight Rogers  
Clair Ossian  
Esther Bender



**May 01** Shannon Miller  
Carly Sorensen

**May 02** Abaigeal Plummer

**May 05** Bob Parker

**May 09** Kyle Nordstrom  
Matt Solon

**May 10** Alexander Bradshaw  
Riley Maxwell  
Renee Piper

**May 11** Gary Stinson

**May 12** Jeffrey Smith  
Chris Sorensen

**May 13** Jim Fowler  
Richard Reed

**May 14** Jerry Thielen  
Christi Hauschild

**May 17** Amanda Hansen  
Clifford Holding

**May 18** Leslie Meyer

**May 19** Mike Loos

**May 20** Kenna Hite

**May 22** Garrett Smith

**May 23** Alisha Jacobsen

**May 25** Jennifer Clark  
Tiffany Pace

**May 26** Ryan Wilson

**May 27** Jennifer Plummer  
Rick Stone

**May 30** Brad Dahlke  
Debbie Ferguson  
Joshua Thielen



**May 03** Mark & Cheryl Ellis  
Gary & Judy Pleas

**May 11** John & Glenda Smith II

**May 16** Bob & Linda Vergamini

**May 19** Richard & Darlene Reed

**May 22** Stephen & Michaela Lewis

**May 26** Lowell & Brenda Hennigs

**May 29** David & Linda Fietz  
Bob & Kris Parker  
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](mailto:emanuellutherancbia@msn.com)*



## Worship Assistant Schedule

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

<b>Sunday, May 6</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Ushers</b>	Ernie Techau & Loren Carrier
<b>Acolytes</b>	Alexxia Richards & Xander Richards
<b>Lector</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Children's Message</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	John Spilde, Mike Winters
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Char Les Kemmish &
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Peggy Jarrell
<b>Sunday, May 13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Ernie Techau & Loren Carrier
<b>Acolytes</b>	Andrew Borwick & Cael Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Children's Message</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Elaine Sasso, Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie Eyberg
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Sunday, May 20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Ernie Techau & Loren Carrier
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kylie Hansen & Lauren Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Danette Hein-Snider
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Joel Hauschild
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Deb Ebsen & Carol Fahrenkrug
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Darlene Jeppesen
<b>Sunday, May 27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Ernie Techau & Loren Carrier
<b>Acolytes</b>	Grace Hansen & Amari Johnson
<b>Lector</b>	Angel McGee
<b>Children's Message</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Pat Hiller
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Elaine Sasso

If you are interested in helping with worship, please contact the church office at (712) 323-9665 or [emanuellutheranclubia@msn.com](mailto:emanuellutheranclubia@msn.com) or you can also sign-up on our website at: [www.emanuelcb.org](http://www.emanuelcb.org)



**May 6**  
Church Council

**May 13**  
Gathering Group

**May 20**  
Fresh Start Team

**May 27**

*The coffee hour sign-up chart is in the kitchen. Duties include picking up donuts, starting coffee, pouring juice and clean-up.*



**May 6**

**May 13**

**May 20**

**May 27**

*The flower sign-up is on the bulletin board above the usher stand.*



### Have you visited our website?

You can view events, the newsletter, past newsletters, announcements, sermon videos, make a gift online and more!

You can even sign up to help with worship!

[www.emanuelcb.org](http://www.emanuelcb.org)

# May 2018 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>29</p> <p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour 11:30 am—4 pm Angel Tree Mini Camp</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 6 pm—8 pm Gathering Fundraiser at Barley's  7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kidz Kamp &amp; Adult Study 7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi 6:30 am FAITH Team Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm Children &amp; Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kidz Kamp &amp; Adult Study 7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm North Broadway Neighborhood Association Meeting 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Office Closed 6 pm Potluck 6:30 pm Movie: Peter Rabbit</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b> 9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion and Senior Recognition 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour with Ministries Meeting 10:45 am Wider </p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kidz Kamp &amp; Adult Study 7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Closed 9:30 am Blessings &amp; Brunch 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's </p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p><b>Mental Health Sunday</b> 9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour 10:45 pm Worship &amp; Music Meeting 11 am—2:30 pm Confirmation 12:15 pm Kickball with MOSAIC </p>	<p>21</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi 11 am Communion at Midlands Living Center 7 pm Church Council Meeting 7 pm MS Support Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Wildlife Encounters </p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8 am Spring Work Day </p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12 pm—4 pm Brennan Plummer Graduation Open House</p>

# Upcoming Events

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

## Fundraiser at Barley's

Join us for fun, great food and some fundraising! May 1<sup>st</sup> Da Band will be at Barley's (114 W Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa). They will be playing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Proceeds from a free-will offering as well as a portion of the proceeds from food sales will go to the group going to the National Youth Gathering this summer.



## Day Camp

A week after school gets out we welcome staff from Lutheran Lakeside for Day Camp. This is a great opportunity for kids to have fun during the day, build their faith and experience camp without the trip to Spirit Lake. Early registration is needed for this so we know how many staff they need to send. You can register on our website or there are registration forms on the children's ministry bulletin board. You can also find the registration form on page 11 of this newsletter. The cost is \$40 for all four days and is due by the first day of camp. There are scholarships available for those who may have difficulty with the cost, especially if they have more than one child attending. If you would like to help out during the week, please talk to Deann Over or email her at [2cbovers@gmail.com](mailto:2cbovers@gmail.com).



## Game Day

May 6<sup>th</sup> we will have a game day from 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Weather will determine if we have games inside our outside. We will have a lite lunch about noon. All ages are welcome!

## Kidz Kamp

Kidz Kamp continues through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kidz Kamp is on Wednesday nights following dinner and before worship. We are grateful for all the work and leadership of Brenda Hennigs for this program. Elaine Sasso, Rosie Spangenberg and Cindy Richards have continued to have music on Wednesday nights after Kidz Kamp lessons. They changed from bells to boomwackers this past month and we look forward to the kids (and adults) sharing these talents during worship. May 30<sup>th</sup> will be our first night of our summer Wednesday night schedule. For the summer we will have dinner at 6 p.m. followed by worship at 6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall or on the patio depending on how the weather cooperates.



## Wildlife Encounters

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have Wildlife Encounters at Emanuel for the evening. They will have live animals and is a really neat experience. St. Paul's Episcopal invited us last fall to visit them when they had the group there and many kids from Emanuel were able to interact with the animals. This group is dedicated to educating the public about our natural world while offering a home for animals in need! For details, you can visit their web site at <http://www.wildlifeencounters.org/>.



## Summer Camps

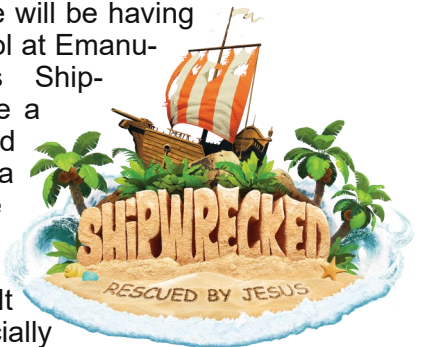
For those interested in attending a week at Lutheran Lakeside, they do offer a wide variety of camps. These camps are for all ages! They even offer family camp and grandparent camp! Emanuel does help with a portion of the cost for members. There are brochures in the fellowship hall with more information about Lakeside, or you can visit their website at [www.lutheranlakeside.com/](http://www.lutheranlakeside.com/)



Family Camp

## Vacation Bible School

At the end of July we will be having Vacation Bible School at Emanuel. The theme is Shipwrecked. This will be a fun event for kids and adults. We need a few people to take the lead on snacks, groups, games and other activities. It would be especially helpful if we could have some high school and junior high students to help lead songs! If you are able to help, please talk to me at church or email me at [emanuellutheranbia@msn.com](mailto:emanuellutheranbia@msn.com). We do have VBS registration and volunteer registrations on the website as well.







# Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes for 04/16/2018

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

Present: Rosie Spangenberg, Mike Winter, Bob Vergamini, Elaine Sasso, John Spilde, Joel Hauschild, Connie Solon, Judi Malloy, Stephen Lewis, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Peggy Jarrell, Patty Maxwell, Valarie Weelborg

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by President Rosie Spangenberg

Devotions: Mike Winter

### Council Agenda:

- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Elaine Sasso to approve the secretary minutes after correcting the spelling of Valerie to Valarie and correcting that the Worship and Music Report should be corrected to show that "if" rather than that new banners were purchased from the same company that made the paraments, it would cost \$1,500 a pair. Approved.
- Motion by John Spilde, seconded by Elaine Sasso to approve the Financial Secretary report. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Judi Malloy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Joel Hauschild to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Pastor Hennigs gave a 17 point report. The Emanuel Fresh Start Team received a recommendation from the Church of the Damascus Road for a candidate, but the team felt the candidate should not be recommended. The Faith Team met on March 26 and urges the council to approve a parking lot sign that points to additional parking in the upper parking lot. The expense would be approximately \$300. They also recommended that we rename some of the spaces in the building and place signs to point to those spaces. In particular, visitors sometimes don't see where we worship. It is recommended that we designate our sanctuary as the "WORSHIP CENTER". The Fellowship Hall should be renamed "Community Room". The Team is also exploring the creation of prayer paths and a

prayer labyrinth as part of our property here at Emanuel. We closed on the daycare construction mortgage on April 4. We have received the second of two payments of \$6,000 from the ELCA Congregational Renewal Office for our 2018 grant. The balance in the Special Needs Fund on February 28 was \$1,358.21. Three hundred dollars (\$300) was requested for a member family in need early in March, leaving the current balance at \$1,058.21. Our next new member reception will be Sunday, April 29, 2018. The Western Iowa Synod Assembly will be held from June 8-June 10, 2018 at the Convention Center in Sioux City. We need to be represented by two voting members and the cost will be paid by the congregation. Pastor is working to recruit members for a Spiritual Gifts Team to focus exclusively on the identification and deployment of spiritual gifts, time and talents here at Emanuel and will free up the Stewardship and Finance Committee to focus exclusively on money matters. Pastor attended the Comprehensive Bereavement Skills Training Course through the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado from April 8 – April 12, 2018. Michaela attended the Administrative Assistant Gathering in Storm Lake, Iowa on April 12, 2018. An initial meeting of members interested in mental health ministry here at Emanuel met on April 15. We will have a mental health ministry Sunday here at Emanuel on May 20, 2018.

- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by John Spilde to spend \$300 for the signs recommended by the Faith Team. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Joel Hauschild to allow the Pastor to take a vacation from July 2 through July 15, 2018. Approved.
- Stephen Lewis gave a report for the Youth and Children's Ministries Committee. Fourteen (14) attended the Maunday Thursday Lock In and forty participated in the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Bob Vergamini reported for the Property Committee that May 26, 2018 and September 29, 2018 are workdays. They intend to contour the ground near the bridge as it cannot be mowed. A plumber needs to install a new sprayer head to the sink that's near the dishwasher,
- Connie Solon reported on Wider Ministries and indicated that Earth Day would take place on Sunday, April 22, 2018.

- The church council will be responsible for serving coffee on May 6, 2018 as organized by John Spilde.
- Rosie Spangenberg gave the Worship and Music report. The Jonathan Rundman Concert will be September 22 and September 23, 2018 and hotel reservations will be made for the Rundman family which includes his wife and two children. A "concert fund" will be started to finance future events. Thirty additional hymnals were purchased for a cost of \$719 using Memorial Funds. The cost is \$24 apiece. Mike Hipnar will pursue purchasing additional projectors with an estimate of \$1,200 for two projectors.
- The Boy Scouts will need a new liaison to replace Linda Vergamini. Erin Miller will fill that need.
- Bob Vergamini has resigned as a member of the church council.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by John Spilde to appoint Amy Garreans to serve the un-

expired term until the Annual Meeting in January 2019. Approved.

- The council gave a thank you to Bob and Linda Vergamini for their service to the Worship and Music Committee, to Emanuel and for Bob's service on the church council.
- Da Band will be playing at Barley's on May 1, 2018 for a youth fundraiser. They will also be playing on May 19 in Bayliss Park after the Celebrate Council Bluffs Parade. August 11, 2018 is the tentative date for the Emanuel Garage Sale. "God's Work. Our Hands." will be September 9, 2018. We will be taking new shirt orders.
- Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Connie Solon to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Approved.
- All reports presented to the council may be viewed by any church member at the church office.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7 p.m.

## Children & Youth Events

### First Communion & Seder Meal

We had seven students receive first communion in Maundy Thursday. Those who received first communion were: Grant Ashcraft, Garrett Ashcraft, Hailey Holcombe, Cole Holcombe, Kade Holcombe, Kamryn Maxwell and Maximus Sizemore.

All first communion students also participated in the simulated Seder Meal on Palm Sunday. Special thanks Jan Husmann for her beautiful place settings and Rosie Spangenberg who assisted in coordinating and prepping each table. Tyler, Kylie and Torie Hansen who helped prep the tables following coffee hour. Connie Solon and Char LesKemmish for the desserts. Amy Garreans, Steve, Michaela & Mason Lewis; Angle McGee and John Spilde who served and cleaned up following. Pastor Lowell and Brenda for their participation in making the evening memorable.

### Easter

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Easter breakfast. The free-will offering at breakfast went to help the group going to the national youth gathering this summer.

We had approximately 40 students and their families participate in the Easter Egg hunt. Each participant got an Emanuel drawstring backpack or if they preferred one of the generic faith backpacks left from last year they were able to do that instead. The hunt was held inside due to cold temperatures. Thank you to everyone who donated candy, toys or eggs!



Our fabulous crew at the lock-in on Maundy Thursday.

### Lock-In

On Maundy Thursday we had the middle school & high school lock-in. We had 14 youth attend. In addition to games, the youth also filled Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter. Special thanks to Stephen Lewis, Joel Hauschild, Tyler Hansen, Mike Garreans, Michaela Lewis & Lowell Hennings for helping to supervise the chaos.



Filling massive amounts of eggs for the Easter egg hunt.



Joel Hauschild and Tyler Hansen are getting in on the Nerf War fun.



# Happy Mother's Day



Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI's Mental Health or Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see young first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2016, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to 552 first-time parents. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider giving a gift in her name at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org).

Thank you for standing alongside our Iowa families.

You make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. Thank you!



*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 [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## Earth Day

BY JAN HUSMANN

Thanks everyone for celebrating Earth Day.

This can be an extended celebration.

Bring any plants you have to church anytime. We will find new homes for them. Let me know or Brenda Hennigs. Brenda has a whole backyard to fill.

Jan Husmann 712-328-8378 or [jjhusmann415@gmail.com](mailto:jjhusmann415@gmail.com).



## Thank you!

BY DEANN OVER

Thanks to all who helped plan, set up, brought plants and baked treats for the Earth Day Celebration last Sunday! Over \$160 was raised from free will donations and purchases to send our youth and adult leaders to the national gathering in Houston!



At left: Matt & Connie Solon talk with Karen McPartland at the Earth Day plant sale.



# Changes Around the Church

The church council has approved name changes for our sanctuary and our fellowship hall. The sanctuary will now be known as the "Worship Center." The fellowship hall will now be known as the "Community Room." These changes come at the recommendation of our FAITH Team. Why are we making these changes? People who aren't familiar with church life really don't know what "sanctuary" and "fellowship hall" mean in our context. So we are making the change to be more inviting, welcoming and including. We will work on signs for each space to reflect the new names. And the new names reflect what happens in each of those spaces—worship and community. So, when you hear these names, you will know what we're talking about. Thanks for your prayers and support!



Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With ten 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 which is open from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. -3 pm Tues.—Thurs. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.**

May 6	Larry Hansen
May 13	Tyler Hansen
May 20	Mike Winter
May 27	Chris Sorensen

# Summer Mentors & Bible Study Leaders Needed

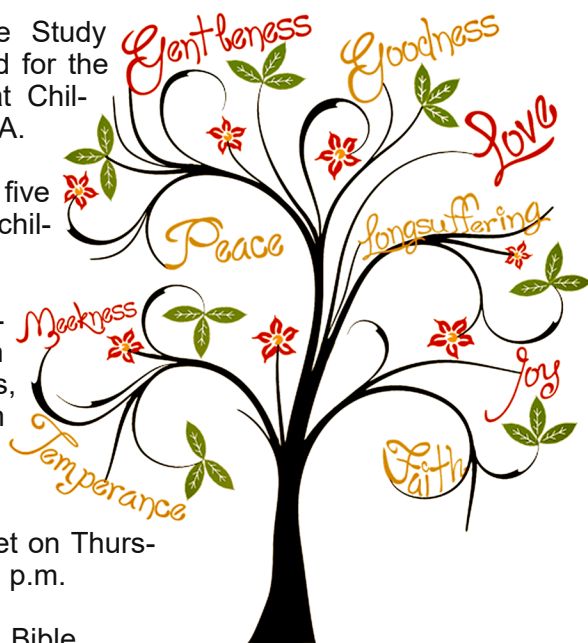
BY LISA MILBRATH

Mentors and Bible Study leaders are needed for the summer session at Children's Square U.S.A.

This would be just five meetings with the children.

Bible Study Leaders would meet on Thursday evenings, classes are from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Mentors would meet on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m.



Mentoring and Bible Study both begin mid-June and run for just over a month.

*The Fruit of the Spirit*  
Galatians 5:22-23

Please contact Lisa Milbrath at 712.325.5869 or [lmilbrath@childrensquare.org](mailto:lmilbrath@childrensquare.org) for more information.



**"THE CHARACTERS IN THIS BOOK ARE REAL. THE NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED BECAUSE YOUR BROTHER CAN'T PRONOUNCE THEM."**

# An Update from the FAITH Team

## FAITH Team Meeting Notes

**March 26, 2018, 6:30 p.m. in Pastor's office**

Present: Christie Hauschild, Tyler Hansen, Chris Sorensen, Jan Stone, Judy Heithoff, Mike Hipnar, Pastor Lowell Hennigs, Pastor Jeff Ungs

***Faith practice question: "Tell about a time when the Holy Spirit was empowering you to do something."***

### Updates

We will host the next "speed greeting" events on fifth Sundays of the month. The next fifth Sunday is April 29. We will have a preparation on April 22 during the announcements. Judy has volunteered as one of the demonstrators. **We need one more volunteer for that day.**

**Progress on our current ninety-day goals (January 1-March 31).**

- a. (ACCOMPLISHED) Children: A children's bell choir during Lent Cindy will engage children in a "boomwhacker" choir for Holy Humor Sunday on April 8 and has introduced the instruments to the children.
- b. (BUILD ON THIS) Lay Leadership: **Church council will seek ways to engage leaders and congregation in materials from the Changing Hearts in the Heartland workshop.** Council will use portions of those studies during devotion times in the next several months.
- c. (BUILD ON THIS) Faith: The Stewardship and Finance Committee will engage our spiritual gifts coach and seek to bring that emphasis to the congregation this spring. **Thursday morning adult study is reading and studying Neal Boese book on Spiritual gifts in March and April. The church council has approved the establishment of a Spiritual Gifts team to be recruited and to work with the coach. Suggestions for team members?**
- d. (ACCOMPLISHED/BUILD ON THIS) Faith: Lenten midweek services included five congregational members who shared faith stories and/or faith experiences to inspire, encourage and model such sharing among members more generally. **How could we incorporate this periodically into Sunday morning worship? We will do this quarterly, the first Sunday talk being given on May 20 (tentatively). Pastor Hennigs will recruit.**

e. Relationship: **Tyler and Alan have pursued placement of parking lot sign. Pastor Lowell will bring the cost to the next council meeting. We will pursue wall signs to indicate the locations of the "Worship Center", "Community Room" (aka Fellowship Hall) and restrooms, especially to assist newcomers and guest.**

f. Digital church sign—**SOME BIDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR POSSIBLE SIGN PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION. REALISTIC BID CAME IN AT ABOUT \$10,000 (THERE WAS ALSO ONE FOR \$100,000). COUNCIL CONTINUES TO PURSUE BIDDING AND INSTALLATION AND IS MOVING FORWARD.**

### April 1-June 30 Goals

- Interior signs indicating location of sanctuary (see "e" above)
- Exterior signs pointing to upper lot (almost ready)
- Path to membership brochure (Hennigs, in process)
- Electronic giving options review at Fellowship time on April 15
- Offering cards in pews for electronic givers (in process)
- New member reception on April 29; speed greeting experience (see updates)
- Mail route mailing by March 15 regarding Holy Week, Easter and Holy Humor Sunday (DONE)
- Easter backpacks loaded with Day Camp registration and VBS flyer (DONE); newspaper ad for Day Camp (DONE)
- Holy Humor Sunday magician (BOOKED)
- Day Camp June 10-14 here at Emanuel
- Resume work on prayer path (on agenda for next FAITH Team meeting)
- Projectors in the sanctuary for side sections tested (use current equipment to test feasibility, then proceed with purchase if test is successful).
- Evangelism team recruited and trained (AMY GARREANS RECRUITING MEMBERS)

- Stewardship and Finance Committee establishes Spiritual Gifts task force (DONE)
- Spiritual Gifts Team recruited (in process)
- Parsonage furnished for guest housing (UNDER WAY)—discussion of moving toward use of parsonage as retreat house. Jan will research needs and other information with bible camps and with members of synod Spirituality Network.
- Offer monthly temple talk celebrations of goals and accomplishments, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.
- March celebration: digital sign—Alan Ellis (done)
- April 29<sup>th</sup> celebration: prayer path project—Mike Hipnar
- May 20<sup>th</sup> celebration: holy dreaming about parsonage as retreat center
- June celebration?
- July celebration?

## Longer term goals

- Daycare project: mortgage closing on April 4 and construction committee getting back to work
- New member interviews (see 10.23.2017 meeting: review and continue)
- Childcare available in quiet room (see 11.6.2017 meeting)
- Volunteer or paid director for Wednesday night programming
- Establish support group for family members of those who struggle with mental illness (in process, Pastor Hennigs exploring interest and resources; possible Mental Health Sunday on May 20)
- Relationship with Thanksgiving Lutheran Church? (discussed)
- Men's Ministry launch and offer of free bibles (discussed)

**Next meeting: Tentatively April 24, but that doesn't work for a few members, so watch for an updated date!**

# Neighborhood Association Update

## North Broadway Neighborhood Association meeting 4/12/18

### Discussed Improvements to Kimball Park

- Geoff Hubbard, Council Bluffs Parks Superintendent, presented park master plan
- Park Timeline (if all goes well):
- 4/23 Final City Council Approval of plan
- 5/7 Public Hearing; bid preparation
- 5/8 Bids go out to contractors
- 5/15 Joint Press Conference re fundraising effort; Kimball Park 10:00AM
- 5/30 Bids due back
- 6/11 Council approval of bids
- 11/1 Estimated completion of Park Improvements
- City has \$200,000 earmarked current budget. Estimates are \$180,000; hopefully, any leftover can go toward pavilion
- Morgan Wade (712 Initiatives) discussed his assistance for the Kimball efforts and upcoming grant writing workshop on 5/1



### Fundraising Discussion

Kelly Dix reported PCCF has already received contributions for the Dixon Pavilion. Our Fundraising totals to date nearly \$8,000 between PCCF and Gerald Dixon contributions.

Group efforts possible fundraising events at VFW, Pizza King, Christy Creme

volunteers are needed to drop off donation forms door to door in the neighborhood

### Other Neighborhood Improvements

Clean up in mid-May to coincide with Council Bluffs Clean Sweep

Tree replacements by city along N Broadway due soon

*If anyone wants to volunteer to assist with the fundraising, litter pick up, or any other things we can do to make this a better neighborhood in which to live, please contact us. Dave Christiansen 402-618-7260*





Max Sizemore and family at the Seder Meal. This was part of the learning experience for those who received First Communion on Maundy Thursday.



Mike Garreans portraying Pilate on Good Friday.



Iris and Luella Fahrenkrug taking part in the parade in during the later worship service on Easter Sunday.

## Bethany News

SUBMITTED BY DIANE CARLON



### Omaha/Pottawattamie Co. Gives May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Omaha Gives! is a 24-hour online giving event in May to celebrate nonprofits, including **BETHANY**. This year's giving day will take place on **Wednesday, May 23, 2018**. The goal is to inspire the community to come together for 24-hours to raise as much as possible to support the work of public 501(c)(3) nonprofits in the metro area. The minimum donation is \$10 and there is no maximum. Prizes and challenge funds are available through the Omaha Community Foundation, the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation (PCCF) and the Iowa West Foundation to increase charitable donations to make each dollar go further. Last year, over \$7.8 million was raised for local nonprofits, including Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights.

All donations for this event will be processed through [www.omahagives.org](http://www.omahagives.org) website. Click on the donate tab at the top and look for Pottawattamie County. You will be directed to a page with the organizations participating. Scroll down and click on the Bethany box. You will be directed from there how to make your gift. You can make your gift early, but specify you want it to draft on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to be eligible for generating additional challenge funds or you can wait and make your gift on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Thank you for your support.

### Volunteers Needed for Parade May 19<sup>th</sup>

Each year Bethany participates in the Celebrate CB Parade. It is an opportunity for residents and tenants to see the parade in person as well as participate. We are asking for volunteers to help pass out candy and carry the Bethany banner. The parade is May 19th and will begin at 10:30. We are located along the parade route so you are able to both watch and volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Kaily Stanley at 712-328-9500, ext. 230.

### Auxiliary Ice Cream Social Coming Soon

It will soon be time for the annual Bethany Auxiliary Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, June 3rd 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. Come enjoy great food, fellowship and support the Bethany Auxiliary. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Employment Opportunities at Bethany

Bethany currently has several positions available. For more information, please visit [wwwIndeed.com](http://wwwIndeed.com), [www.CareerLink.com](http://www.CareerLink.com), Iowa Workforce Development or contact our HR Director Debbie Butcher at 712-328-9500.

### Auxiliary Meeting & 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.

### Summer Teen Volunteer Program

Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights are looking for some great volunteers between the ages of 14-18 to be a part of our Summer Teen Volunteer program. Teen Volunteers interact with residents and tenants, participate in activities and outings (ex. Zoo, Museums, Music in the Park, fishing at Lake Manawa, etc.) and assist where needed. If you are looking for an opportunity for a rewarding experience and willing to commit 2-4 hours per week, **please contact Kaily Stanley at 712-328-9500, ext. 230** to sign up. **Teen Volunteer orientation** will be held on **Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in the Green Garden Lounge at Bethany Lutheran Home. Hope you join us this summer!!

# Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS

During the past year and a half we, in the band, have been blessed to have Brennan Plummer and Nic Haats playing their guitars with us. They added to the depth of the sound of the band. They took time from their hectic high school schedules to attend practices and performances at our outside venues and also assist in worship leadership in church. Often they added their percussion skills on our variety of hand percussion instruments. Picking out a bass line and chords, they provided back up to many Sunday worship hymns. The enthusiasm exhibited by Brennan and Nic for all music swelled our hearts.



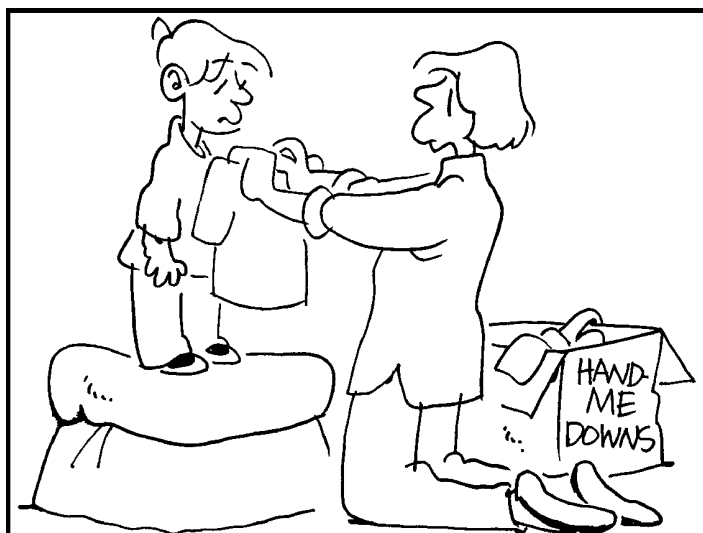
We in the band wish both Brennan and Nic the best as they continue their music education.



The choir sharing their musical talents on Holy Humor Sunday.

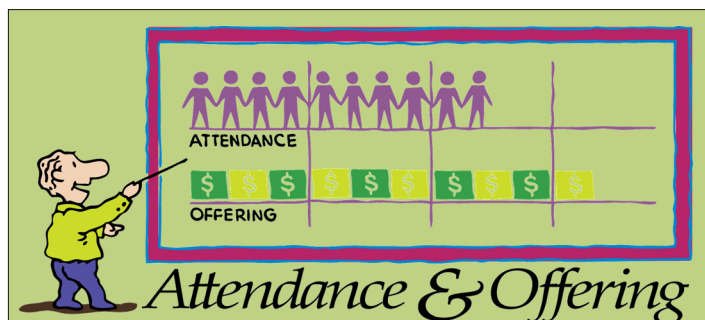


Our Boomwacker crew performing "Do Your Ears Hang Low" on Holy Humor Sunday.



Campbell.

"I'd just like to know when the last shall be the first to wear something around here."



Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
April 1	201	\$6,388.00
April 8	123	\$1,761.22
April 15	82	\$1,145.00
April 22	96+	\$1,646.00

## Finance Team Update

### Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

March Income: .....\$18,007.75  
 March Expense:.....\$22,075.57  
 March Balance .....-\$4,067.82

YTD Income: .....\$54,665.56  
 YTD Expense:.....\$49,872.42  
 YTD Balance .....\$4,793.14  
 Plus Carryover .....\$10,886.00  
 General Budget Fund.....\$15,659.14



## **Emanuel Lutheran Church**

2444 North Broadway  
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

### **Game Day**

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 pm  
*Fellowship Hall*

### **R.O.M.E.O.'S**

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)  
Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am  
*Village Inn East*

### **Adult Fellowship**

Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am  
*Pizza Ranch*

### **Blessings & Brunch**

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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*

### *Contact Us*

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### *Worship Services:*

Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship

Wednesday meal at 6:00 pm, Kidz Kamp and Adult Study at 6:45 pm and worship at 7:30 pm

### *Staff:*

Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Director of Music Ministries, Cindy Richards

Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis

Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed