



The Garden of Readin' October 2015

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Happenings!

Midweek continues on Wednesdays! Join us on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come at 6:15 for supper, then we will have "table worship" at 7 p.m. with weekly communion. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Please note that there will NOT be Wednesday worship on October 14th. Emanuel will host the first of four Western Iowa Synod "Confests." This is a festival for confirmation students, teachers, guides and mentors. Emanuel will play host to about 150 people that evening as well as to members of our synod mission team and other volunteers.

We pray for Jeselyn Grace Maxwell, daughter of Matthew Maxwell and Vitoria Hopkinson (and granddaughter of Patty Mawell) who will be baptized into Christ's death and resurrection on October 4th. We are excited that the Holy Spirit will use us to welcome and embrace this newest member of the family of God here.

The annual meeting of the Lakeside Lutheran Bible Camp Association will be held on October 10. If you would like to represent Emanuel at that meeting, please contact Pastor Hennigs who will be glad to drive if anyone is interested.

The Annual Emanuel Family Firepit Fun Night will be held on October 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. on our patio. This is a potluck and we hope we'll have guests, so bring the goodies! Da Band will play and we'll have yard games as well. Bring lawn chairs if you have them. And most of all bring your friends and neighbors. We are inviting our North Broadway friends and our friends from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, so don't miss this change to be your usual, friendly Emanuel selves!

The fall cleanup for the North Broadway Neighborhood Association will be held on Saturday, October 24th, beginning at 10 a.m. You can park in Emanuel's parking lot and then cross the street to where people will gather for the cleanup. Bring along rakes, clippers and other cleanup equipment. Let's be good neighbors on North Broadway!

Emanuel's second Annual "Trunk or Treat" will be held on Saturday, October 31st, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Emanuel parking lot. Set up your favorite Halloween display, lights, costumes, etc., and bring candy to share. Or if you don't want to provide the treats, then bring your kids and grandkids, your neighbors and friends, to be part of the fun. Midlands Living Center will have their annual trick or treat celebration from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., so the little ones can make quite a haul!

Save these November dates as well!

- *November 8, from 12 to 2 p.m.*—you are invited to the parsonage for a fall open house. Please join Pastor and Brenda for a time of friendship and fellowship.
- *November 15*—125th Anniversary worship and luncheon with Bishop Roger Prois as guest preacher
- *November 20*—Fall Middle School Lock-in: Be sure to bring your friends!

PERIODIC PASTORAL PONDERINGS (PPP) **(from a guy who likes alliteration a lot)**

Dear friends in Christ,

At the end of October, we will begin our annual fall stewardship appeal. While stewardship is certainly about more than money, your financial gifts are critical to funding the mission of Emanuel Lutheran Church, the Western Iowa Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Our theme for the appeal is “Going Forward: The Next 125 Years.” How’s that for a visionary perspective!

But first things first. Thank you for your marvelous support of our mission and service here at Emanuel. Because of your kind and careful generosity, we are able to carry out our ministry fully and faithfully. We have had one of the best summers of giving in recent memory. Thank you so very much!

Now, on to the future. I try to be clear and direct. The church needs you to give more in 2016 if you are able to do so. I hope your next question is “Why?” I am so glad you asked.

Perhaps you give as a way to grow spiritually and to deepen your faith. If that’s the case, then giving is a way to express your gratitude to God for all you have received. Gratitude is the key to joy and satisfaction in this life. Do you want to be happy? Then be generous. Do you want to be generous? Then give. Giving allows us to fully experience our dependence on God’s goodness and to deepen our trust in God by the power of the Holy Spirit. If you want to be joyful in your faith, then you will consider giving more in 2016.

Perhaps you give as a way to grow the mission of the Church. After some years of decline, Emanuel is once again on the upswing. We are seeing new faces and returning faces. We have new programs and initiatives. We are making plans for a bright future here. As we grow in our mission and service, our program expenses are bound to increase. We haven’t been able to dream very much about education or global mission or youth programs or worship and music unless we have engaged in numerous special appeals. You have been so very generous in your response, but it’s hard to make concrete plans based only on special appeals. If you want to see Emanuel (and the Western Iowa Synod, and the ELCA) grow in our mission and service, then you will consider giving more in 2016.

Perhaps you give as a way to make sure the bills get paid here. Some of our expenses will increase in 2016. Health care costs for pastoral staff will increase about 7% for 2016. We are doing our very best to save on utilities, but some of those expenses may well rise. We are blessed with wise property managers who regularly put aside money to maintain our property. But we certainly could use more janitorial or custodial service here. Our director of worship and music has taken on significantly more responsibilities in the last several years without a commensurate increase in pay. That should be remedied. Our parish assistant’s hourly wage is on the low end of the scale for churches in the metro area, and that should be addressed as well. If you want to put Emanuel on a good financial footing, then you will consider giving more in 2016.

Most of all, I hope you will consider make a financial faith promise for 2016—one that is proportional to your resources, that comes from your first fruits rather than your leftovers, and one that expresses your gratitude to God, your trust in Jesus, and your hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are motivated in different ways in our giving for the mission of the church. I encourage you to consider all the factors mentioned above as you consider your 2016 gift to Emanuel. Thank you again for your partnership in the Gospel here.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Lowell

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT ELC

Thursday mornings: We are beginning our study of Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This study will feature video lectures (fifteen minutes each week) by Dr. N. T. Wright. We will have access to his translation of Galatians and discussion questions he has helped to develop. Bring your Bibles and your curiosity as we study this declaration of Christian freedom in the gospel. Pastor Hennigs will teach this class.

Sunday mornings: Elaine Sasso and Peggy Jarrell will lead discussions on the gospel reading each Sunday morning. These discussions are based on free ELCA materials called "Daily Discipleship." The studies will provide background for the scripture text and create opportunities to apply those texts to daily life. Classes meet from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. in Pastor Hennigs' office.

Sunday evenings: We are now reading Jim Wallis' book entitled *On God's Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned about Serving the Common Good*. We in the church are not afraid of talking about politics and the gospel. If that's your thing, here's your chance! No right answers, but lots of good questions—and Wallis will challenge many of our assumptions about both politics and the Christian faith. That study will meet on October 4th and 18th.



Emanuel Golf Outing

Sunday, October 4th, 1 pm
Location to be announced.

Contact office or Mike Loos for more information and to sign up!

Picnic to follow at Gary and Sherri Stinson's home (54460 222nd St, Glenwood, IA). Bring your meat for grilling and a shared dish. Drinks provided. (3:30 pm)

WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
So no Senior goes hungry.

Have a couple of hours to help with Emanuel's Meals on Wheels Route?

Since August, 2002, Emanuel members have delivered an average of 15-20 meals each Wednesday for this worthwhile program. Emanuel's "Route 9" takes less than two hours to complete.

Meals are available for pick up by volunteers at the Lakin Red Cross parking lot by 10:15. Our regular team members are Darlene and Richard Reed, Jane and Phil Meyer and Deann and Oscar Over.

If Meals on Wheels is something you might like to try, either on a regular once a month or an occasional Wednesday basis, please contact Deann Over (712-322-5075). We'd love to add more members to Emanuel's team!

YOUTH MINISTRY

By Deann Over

Emanuel's Congregational Goal Reached!!

Last year Emanuel, along with other congregations, received a request to consider a gift of \$500 per year for the next three years to Lutheran Lakeside's Capital Fund Drive. The fund appeal, *All Our Welcome Campaign*, will renovate/build new facilities and strengthen on-going support of the camp programming ministries of Lutheran Lakeside.



Since the Children's/Youth Ministries Team fully support and have seen the spiritual growth of our children and youth from their camp experiences, we pledged Emanuel's support. Thank you Emanuel - through your generosity from free will donations at coffee hours - Emanuel's first year's commitment has been reached!

Our Church Family

In Our Prayers...



Ray Kanger Daphne Miller Glen Fahrenkrug Lucille Weatherill Leona Carlson
Betty Ebsen Elizabeth Britton Viola Anderson Deb Hipnar

Happy Birthday to...

October 1	Jessica Gearhart	October 10	Jesse Hansen	October 28	Darlene Reed
	Caden Souther		Nancy Schrage	October 31	Dani Schaal
	Ron Smith	October 16	Sarah Clark		Matt Todd
October 2	Tyler Hansen		Jane Eitmann		
October 4	Norma Stairs		Mike Dillon		
	Lindsay Petersen	October 22	Cindy Richards		
October 6	Kyle Sorensen	October 23	Emma Wilson		
October 9	Lacey Fischer	October 24	Scott Steensen		
	Nicole Fischer	October 25	John Spilde		



Anniversaries...

October 6	Larry & Andrea Britton	October 17	Jerry & Debra Ebson
October 7	Adam & Autumn Tanner	October 23	Bob & Tammy Nordstrom
October 13	Ray & Janet Kendall	October 27	Keven & Deborah Ferguson
	Ray & Sandra Kanger		



***If we've missed a birthday or anniversary
please let the church office know!***

HOW HAS CONFIRMATION AFFECTED ME?

By Mattie Nickels

Most people would think that confirmation wasn't supposed to do anything to them. The reason why Lutherans go through confirmation is because they need to know the 10 commandments. These are the most important sins. We have learned right from wrong along the way. There have been many things that we have learned from. Many stories have been told of how God has changed lives. Also volunteering places to help out the community.

Confirmation was a very fun and amazing experience. Throughout two years I have learned so much. All 10 commandments, what kind of situations are good and bad, and helping out whenever I can. I have come so much more closer to God than ever. He has taught me not to quit, become stronger, and to always be a leader. When I was in confirmation we volunteered at Table Grace Cafe. During this experience we cleaned, paint, and also got to meet new people. This cafe was to help homeless people get a hot meal in their bodies if they could not afford a meal at all. In return to the cafe they would help clean and or cook for others to "pay" for their meal. At our church we would have can-ins. Can-ins is when we have people donate their canned foods or we would have a competition between foot ball or anything else we could figure out. We would also use money we raised to go buy food for a food pantry. We raised a 1,000 pounds of food to put in the food pantry.

Although this doesn't relate to confirmation I wanted to share about when I went on a mission trip to Detroit, Michigan and how God changed my life even more. At first I wasn't sure if I wanted to go at all, only because I

didn't know anybody. I ended up meeting a lot of people from all over America, even out of America. It was the best time I have ever had! At night we would go to Ford Field and worship there for about 4 hours. There were activities throughout the day at the COBO Center and the GMC Center. Volunteering there was an amazing experience

there too. It made me of how much I should be thankful for the things I have. The outskirts of Detroit which has built into little sections in the Detroit city limits. We had to clean out alley's for garbage trucks to get through. We found toys, clothes, shoes, rotten food, bed frames, and much more. Cleaning out that alley was a struggle. throughout three hours we were doing all of those things including ripping out weeds and tearing down trees. When we got done with that we had to join all together and look at the progress we made. Not even getting $\frac{1}{3}$ way through. It was hard work but we did it out of kindness and being a follower of God. After getting through to see some of the yards outside of the alley we saw multiple people outside cleaning up their yard and having conversations with our groups that came out and volunteered. This trip taught me to have more faith and trust in God and other people that are followers of him. Overall I have grown 10x more into God's relationship.

I wanted to say thank you to all the people who has brought me closer to The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. Thank you to my mentor, Brenda Hennigs, Pastor Lowell, my grandfather, my parents, and to all I met throughout this journey.



Mowers for October

October 4 – Al Marten

October 11 – Larry Hansen

October 18 – Tyler Hansen

October 25 – Jesse Hansen

PROPERTY TEAM

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church and parsonage lawns. Please mow sometime during your scheduled week, preferably by Saturday. If you have a schedule conflict, just trade with someone in the rotation. After mowing, if mower needs gas, please fill the tank and submit the bill to the church secretary. Larry Hansen will take care of all general maintenance and any oil needs. Keys for the mower and the garage will be in the church secretary's office. Return them when you have finished.

FIANCE TEAM UPDATE

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

August Income: \$13,633.06
August Expense: \$10,677.75
August Balance: \$2,955.31

YTD Income:..... \$86,883.08
YTD Expense: \$94,047.24
YTD Balance: \$(7,164.16)

WIDER MINISTRIES NEWS

By Judi Malloy

I'm sorry we had to postpone the Red Cross Blood Drive. We only had two donors sign up. We are now planning it for December but don't have a firm date yet. I have been told that they have a hard time getting enough donors in December so we hope you will spread the word.

Matt and Simone Weber from Table Grace Café will be conducting the service on December 6. We will have our Joyful Noise offering for them on that day and they will be available for a question and answer period during coffee hour. Simone will also have a new CD that can be purchased at that time.

Representatives from Mosaic gave a presentation at our September 2 meeting and we look forward to helping in their programs as needed.

Our October Joyful Noise offering will be for our Thanksgiving baskets. Thanksgiving seems a long way off but it will be here before we are ready. Last year we gave out 26 baskets. We could not have done that without the caring and generosity of our church family. Watch for a list of needed food items as we get into October. We will post them in several places.

We served coffee to the ministerial association when they met at Emanuel in September. We were happy to welcome other pastors here and hope that we can do so again soon.

The big news with Wider Ministries is that we have a new meeting night. We will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month in order to give Pastor and Brenda an opportunity to take part in our meetings. Their input is always helpful and informative.

Meals on Wheels teams still need more volunteers. If you can help with this even once a month they really need you.

I just learned that Phoenix House is having a large baby shower to help their residents. More information will be coming out shortly and I hope you will help want to participate in this project.

I see so many wonderful things happening at Emanuel. There are people there every day and every evening. God's love is being shared in so many ways and, in the process, we are sharing an even stronger bond with one another and strengthening our church family as a whole. What a joyful thing to be a part of!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Emanuel women continue to have Fair Trade items for sale in the Fellowship Hall!

Variety of flavors available for coffee, hot cocoa and chocolate bars! We have had several requests for different flavors and types so check the coffee corner weekly for new items! Thanks for your awesome support of this new ministry!



BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME / BETHANY HEIGHTS

Medicare Part D- Open enrollment for Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug program) will be held October 15th-December 7th. (Any changes will take place beginning January 1, 2016). Bethany will once again be offering free assistance in reviewing your current plan and options for the coming year. Many have indicated their prescriptions costs have gotten higher recently due to the “donut hole or gap”. Now is the time to review your policy for next year for premium costs, deductibles and covered prescriptions. It is not uncommon for changes in your policy to occur each year. We’re here to help you. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451.

Trick or Treat- Donations of candy are being accepted to help treat the many children who will be visiting Bethany on Friday, October 30th from 6:00 -7:15 p.m. Each year approximately 350 children come through our doors to greet our residents/tenants and receive a treat. You can hear the laughter and see the smiles on everyone’s faces. It is one of the many highlights of the fall season. If you are able to donate candy, it would be greatly appreciated. All items must be individually wrapped and can be left at your church or dropped off at Bethany Lutheran Home or Bethany Heights. We would also like to invite you to join us on the 30th. Thank you for your support.

Thank You-The Bethany Auxiliary and Key Ladies would like to thank everyone for their support of the annual Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale. More than 240 individuals attended the luncheon served by the 14 sponsoring congregations. We would like to also thank those who contributed items for the bake sale and the luncheon. Thank you for your continued support of the Bethany Auxiliary, Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. It is greatly appreciated.

Bethany Golf Outing- Thank you to all of the golfers and sponsors who participated in the 11th Annual Bethany Golf Outing. The weather and golf were great. If you missed it this year, plan to join us next year.

Bethany Auxiliary Meeting- The quarterly meeting of the Bethany Auxiliary will be held on Monday, October 12th at 2:00 p.m. in the Dining Room at Bethany Lutheran Home. Various reports and election of officers for the coming year will be included in the meeting. All members of the Auxiliary are encouraged to attend.

The Christmas Store is coming- Donations are being accepted for the Bethany Christmas Store. Each year this project is provided free to our Bethany Residents. The residents experience great joy in shopping for their loved ones thanks to your generosity. Donated items must be new and can range from infant to adult. Please check with your Bethany Key Lady for more information or drop-off location or contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Gift bags, tissue and gift tags are also appreciated. (Due to Fire Codes, candles that burn cannot be accepted. Flameless or battery operated candles however are permissible).



WARMING HEARTS WITH GOD'S LOVE AND A GOOD PAIR OF MITTENS

Far too often, there are children who arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with almost nothing in their possession. And for children or youth who have been in the foster care system, it's not uncommon for them to arrive with everything they own in a single garbage bag.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations because you faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demand for hats, coats, gloves and mittens for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. And if you've ever been a child, had a child or known a child, then you also know it doesn't hurt to have a few extra pairs around!

Your church has likely received or will soon be receiving a letter inviting you to participate in LSI's coats and mittens appeal. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org.

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

A FRESH START FOR SOPHIA

Sophia is funny, creative, brave and smart. But in junior high, she heard none of those words from her peers. Instead, when she was 12, a classmate said to her, "Why are you still alive? I wish you were dead."

That's when she started cutting herself.

"Other kids at school threatened me on a daily basis, and the teachers didn't do anything to stop it," said Sophia, now 18. "I didn't want to walk home by myself after awhile."

Things fell apart for Sophia during seventh grade. Her grades slipped and she started acting out. A rocky home life didn't help matters. Sophia spent the next five years in and out of treatment centers, shelter care and foster care, and eventually she was placed at LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly.

"I didn't have a lot of family support, so Bremwood became my family," she said. "They built up my self-esteem as much as they could when I didn't have any."

"Before Bremwood, I didn't care about wanting to be successful or happy or stable," she added. "I would self-harm multiple times a day with anything I could find. I'm doing better with it, but it's still a struggle sometimes."

Sophia completed treatment at Bremwood, and she is now attending community college with plans to eventually study social work and business. LSI staff are so proud of Sophia – she was named "Student of the Year" at her GED graduation ceremony this past spring!

125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEWS

By Connie Solon

REMEMBER WHEN . . .

It's that time of year when the Finance Committee is hard at work trying to develop a budget for the coming year. Committees are seeking funds for various projects, the staff would like raises and we would like to increase synod support.

As I reflect on 125 years of council minutes, I find in 1908 the Sunday School purchased, for the Christmas Program, 3½ doz. oranges @ 88¢, 34# candy @ \$3.44, 1 Christmas tree @ \$2.25, 3 wreaths @ \$2.55, holly @ 40¢, 6 boxes of tree candles @ 60¢ and a gift for Peter Nelson @ 90¢.

In 1923 the auditing committee introduced the 1924 budget as follows: Conference & synod dues @ \$300, Rev. Henderson @ \$600, organist @ \$120, gas & lights @ \$25, water @ \$15, coal @ \$120, janitor @ \$125, insurance @ \$30 and misc. items @ \$50 for a total of \$1385.

1925 – Pastor salary was \$950 annually

1937 – Pastor salary was \$1,800 and the church fireman \$45 per year.

1948 – Total receipts were \$7,914.91

1952 – Annual budget was \$9,142 with the January utilities of \$51.08

1953 – Mail cost 1¢ - approx. \$2.75 per month

1963 – Pledges for the year \$16,188 – proposed budget of \$16,320.75. The organist salary increased from \$7.50 per service to \$25 per week.

1970 – Church secretary hired at four days per week, four hours per day @ \$2.00 per hour.

1983 – Annual budget \$88,293

1990 – Benevolence paid @ 10%

1997 – Annual budget \$125,000

2010 – Annual budget \$133,366 of which \$4391 was faith giving

And so I wonder – Were those simpler times or do they just appear so?

To the Finance Committee, as you struggle to make all the numbers fit, we appreciate your hard work; you're in our prayers.

If you have remembrances you would like to share please contact a committee member or Connie Solon (siscss@aol.com) or Michaela in the office.

125TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORABILIA

The 125th Anniversary Committee has selected an “ornament” for our memorabilia. Be the first 100 members to get your keepsake for \$10.

Please contact Chris Reed at 712-435-9461, creed1907@aol.com

or Connie Solon at (712) 328-2936, siscss@aol.com.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By Michaela Lewis

I would like to introduce you to Manny (short for Emanuel). You may start to see him around more often, as he is a mascot for Sunday school, encouraging the kids to "bear each other's burdens."



Children and confirmation helpers who attend all have banks to collect "tokens of faith." They receive these for attending class, participating in activities, crafts, and attending church activities throughout the rest of the week. They can then use these coins to buy items from our prize cart (if you have a snazzy name to suggest for the cart, let me know!).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Sunday School will be each Sunday
from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.**

- October 4th:** Songs With Cindy!
October 11th: Children perform at 9:30 a.m. service.
5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Fire Pit Night!
October 25th: Visiting our Friends at Midlands Living
October 31st: Trunk or Treat
November 1st: Songs With Cindy!
November 8th: Children perform at 9:30 a.m. service.
November 15th: Hand out parts for Christmas Program
November 29th: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 15th: **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**
December 20th: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 27th: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 31st: Family New Year's Potluck and Games!
January 3rd: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
January 10th: Sunday school resumes



Songs with Cindy

October 4, 2015

Practice during
Sunday school

October 11, 2015

Children perform
during worship

November 1, 2015

Practice during
Sunday school

November 8, 2015

Children perform
during worship



 **Carol Joy
Holling Camp**

Wild West Fest

October 4th

12 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Carol Joy Holling Camp
in Ashland, NE.

FREE fun for the whole
family. Zipline (first 100
kids 2nd grade on up),
hayrack rides, games and
more! Visit

www.caroljoyholling.org for
more information.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

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

October 2015	Ushers: Greg and Linda Steensland
October 4	9:30 a.m. Communion
Acolyte	Kobie Ferguson & Tristan Steensland
Lector	Sandy Smith
Children's Sermon	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistant	Elaine Sasso
Communion Set-Up	Todd & Jeanine Schademann
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs
October 11	9:30 a.m. Communion
Acolyte	Lauren Hansen & Clare Plummer
Lector	Kevin Epperson
Children's Sermon	NONE
Communion Assistant	Brenda Hennigs
Communion Set-Up	Linda & Al Martens
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
October 18	9:30 a.m. Communion
Acolyte	Alaire Carrier & Aralynn Conley
Lector	Greg Steensland
Children's Sermon	Brenda Hennigs
Communion Assistant	Alan Ellis
Communion Set-Up	Phil & Jane Meyer
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
October 25	9:30 a.m. Communion
Acolyte	Ashley Hipnar & Taryn McSorley
Lector	Elaine Sasso
Children's Sermon	NONE
Communion Assistant	Judy Heithoff
Communion Set-Up	Connie Eyberg & Carol Fahrenkrug
Visual Tech	Jane Anderson

Flowers

October 4 Sorensen Family
October 11
October 18
October 25

Coffee Hour

October 4 Emanuel's Fresh Start Team
October 11 Women of Emanuel
October 18 Children & Youth
October 25 Stewardship & Finance

The flower chart is hanging on the bulletin board at the usher station.
The coffee hour chart is in the Fellowship Hall.

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE & GIVING

September 6	82	\$4,017
September 13	106	\$1,996
September 20	113	\$1,815
September 27	72*	\$1,226

**Wednesday night attendance not available at deadline for last week in September.*

October 2015 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:30 am Adult Study 11:00am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Game Day 7:00 pm Choir Practice	2 Office Closed	3
4 9:30am Worship & Holy Comm 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hr 10:45 am Sunday School 1 pm Emanuel Golf Outing 6:30 pm Book study	5 <i>Cookie Crumbs</i> 11:00am Tai Chi	6 <i>Cookie Crumbs</i>	7 9:30 am Mission Action 10 am Stewardship & Finance Mtg 6:15 pm Meal 7:00 pm Table Worship 7:30 pm DaBand	8 9:30 am Adult Study 11:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm N Broadway Neighborhood Assn 7:00 pm Choir Practice!	9 Office Closed	10 1:00 p.m. Lutheran Lakeside Annual Meeting @ camp
11 9:30am Worship & Holy Comm 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hr 10:45 am Sunday School 5 pm – 7 pm Fire Pit Night	12 11:00am Tai Chi	13 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 7:00 pm Council Meeting	14 9:30 am Mission Action 11:30 am Adult Fellowship @Pizza Ranch 5:45 pm – 8:15 pm ConFest	15 9:30 am Adult Study 11:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Choir	16 Office Closed 9:30 am Blessing & Brunch	17
18 9:30am Worship & Holy Comm 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hr 10:45 am Sunday School 11:00am – 2:30pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Book study	19 11:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Worship & Music Comm 7:00 pm MS Support Group	20 7 pm Children & Youth Min. Mtg	21 9:30 am Mission Action 6:15 pm Meal 7:00 pm Table Worship 7:30 pm DaBand	22 9:30 am Adult Study 11:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Choir	23 Office Closed	24 10 am North Broadway Neighborhood Fall Clean-Up
Joyful Noise! 25 9:30am Worship & Holy Comm 10:30 Fellowship & Coffee Hr 10:45 am Sunday School 5 pm Confirmation Banquet	26 11:00am Tai Chi 11 am Communion at Midlands 5:30 pm Anniversary Team Mtg	27 7 pm Wider Ministries Team Meeting	28 9:30 am Mission Action 6:15 pm Meal 7:00 pm Table Worship 7:30 pm DaBand	29 No Adult Study 11:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Choir	30 Office Closed	31 6:00 pm – 7 pm Trunk or Treat in parking lot



Since 2007, the Iowa Cookie Crumbs have sent over 891,000 cookies to our deployed men and women. We are now preparing for our **2015 Operation Holiday Cheer** and again want to thank Emanuel for the use of the church for all our packings, a place to store our supplies and members on-going support.

Following are the dates and times for **Holiday Cheer Comfort Items Packing**:

Sunday, November 1, 2:00-7:00PM

- collection of comfort items in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 2, all day

- build boxes, sort items, and prep for packing

Monday, November 2, 7:00PM

- pack Holiday Cheer Comfort Items' boxes (last year we sent 121 boxes to deployed troops)

While we have list of suggested items to include in the boxes (games, puzzle books, individually wrapped snacks, beef jerky, nuts, etc.), we also have a list of "free stuff" we will include:

Holiday Comfort Boxes - Free Stuff

- 2016 Calendars (Any size) - From charitable organizations and businesses
- Unused Stationery and Holiday Cards - Deployed troops are not charged postage. We receive great feedback that they are able to send holiday greetings back to their loved ones in the states.
 - Note: Unfortunately we cannot send cards with the true meaning of Christmas
- Travelers - If you've recently traveled disposable razors, lotions, shampoos, aspirin, etc.
- Letters or cards of support - we always include in our holiday as well as monthly boxes. The ones kids write are great!

If would like to donate, there will be a table in the Fellowship Hall where you can leave items to be included in the boxes along with a complete list of suggested items.

Following the November 2nd packing will be our **Holiday Cheer Cookie Packing** on:

Tuesday, November 10, 10:30AM

- pack Holiday Cheer Cookie boxes – We use large post office Military Flat rate boxes at a cost of \$15.90 per box (last year we sent 248 boxes)

Members of Emanuel as well as supporters of the Iowa Cookie Crumbs are always welcome at any of the packings.

More information about the Iowa Cookie Crumbs can be found at their website – just 'google iowa cookie crumbs' and facebook.

Should you wish to bake cookies, make a donation for postage or have any questions, please contact Deann Over, 712 322-5075.

List of Suggested Items for the Iowa Cookie Crumbs 2015 Holiday Comfort Item Boxes



(Note: Our Holiday Boxes are a larger than our normal cookie boxes!)

Holiday Cheer Comfort Items packing will be Monday, November 2, 7:00PM at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 2444 North Broadway, Council Bluffs. Collection of items will be Sunday, November 1 at Emanuel. Questions? Please contact Deann Over, 712-322-5075.

Holiday Related Items: Wrapped Christmas candy (such as candy canes, etc.) for the stockings. Unsigned Holiday/Christmas cards (no religious ones) with envelopes for the soldiers to address and send to their loved ones back home. Small Christmas decorations. Holiday CDs, Holiday movie DVDs, such as Christmas Vacation, comedies, and those the soldiers might enjoy - new and used.

We cannot send any religious items of any kind or reference to the true meaning of Christmas.

We cannot send any suggestive reading material.



Games: Board (Sorry, checkers, Scrabble, etc.) Card (UNO, Phase 10, Rook, Skip Bo) Yahtzee, cribbage, dominos (if they are the light weight sets), puzzle books such as word search, crossword and sudoku. Small dart boards, hackie sacks, Frisbees, electronic handheld games, minifans, flashlights, foam footballs or basketballs. Batteries (AA, AAA, 3 volt lithium, 9 volt).

Comfort Items: Tube socks, emery boards, combs, cotton balls, q-tips, band aids, boot shoelaces, handiwipes, lip balm, hand sanitizers, stationery & envelopes, pens, foot powder, tampons, nail clippers, eye drops, metal silverware, small tubes of moisturizing cream, small cans of Febreze, nice bars of soap, nail polish, disposable razors, shampoo, mouth wash, deodorant, body wash, baseball hats.

2016 Calendars - they like to mark off their days until they are home

Snack Items: Beef jerky, canned or packaged meat/fish, crackers, nuts, energy bars, hard candy, small mini chocolate bars, Tootsie Rolls and Tootsie Pops, individually wrapped red licorice, energy drink mixes, Kool Aid individual packets, small cans of fruit with pull off lids, cough drops, small cans of Pringles, snack crackers/chips, sunflower seeds, trail mix, M&Ms, instant oatmeal & soup, instant cocoa & coffee, tea bags, etc. Small individual packets of condiments - catsup, salt, pepper, sugar, etc.

Anything else you can think of that would fit into the Christmas stockings or the boxes that might bring a smile to their faces!



EMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes for 9/8/2015

Present: Kevin Epperson, Carrie Hansen, CharLes Kemmish, Oscar Over, Danielle (Dani) Schaal, Matt Solon, Ruth Sullivan, Mike Winter, Suzanne Winter, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Penny Dahlke, Karen McPartland and Chris Reed

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Kevin Epperson.

Devotions: Pastor Hennigs

Council Agenda:

- Oscar Over moved and Ruth Sullivan seconded approval of the secretary minutes without amendments. Approved.
- Oscar Over moved and CharLes Kemmish seconded approval of the financial secretary report. Approved.
- Oscar Over moved and Matt Solon seconded approval of the treasurer's report. Approved.
- Oscar Over moved and CharLes Kemmish seconded approval of the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Oscar Over moved and Ruth Sullivan seconded approval of the Memorial Fund report. Approved
- Pastor's written report was submitted.
 1. Communion service is offered at the Midlands Living Center on the fourth Monday of each month.
 2. The Anniversary Team met on August 17.
 3. A joint Habitat for Humanity project will take place on September 11 and 12.
 4. The Emanuel Fresh Start Team will continue to meet weekly at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings. The Pastor is involved in planning "Confest". One of those gatherings will be hosted by Emanuel on October 14.
 5. Confirmation classes begin on September 20.
 6. Pastor recently completed an online course on the Letter to the Galatians.
 7. Pastor will officiate the wedding of Jenny Jarrell and Ryan Smith on September 19.
 8. The pastor will be attending the Lutheran Lakeside Camp and is requesting two lay people to volunteer to attend with him.
- The Stewardship Committee will be meeting on September 9 to discuss renewal of insurance with Brotherhood Insurance and Church Mutual.
- The Youth and Children's Ministry Committee met on August 18. The confirmation class will meet 9 times a year on the third Sunday of the month following worship services. Construction of the Gaga Pit was set for August 23 with an estimated cost of \$383. Construction has been completed,
- The Fellowship and Support Committee reports that funds have been released for the community service held on Wednesday evening from the escrow account.
- The Property Committee report indicated that the Paint-A-Thon was a great success. Several plantings were planted in the patio area. Brenda and Pastor Lowell were authorized to paint the exterior parsonage doors red. They have volunteered to furnish the paint and do the painting.
- The Wider Ministries Committee reported that Mosaic will be the October Joyful Noise.
- The Worship and Music Committee met on August 17 and discussion was held regarding the consolidation of accounts and working with the Finance Committee.

- On September 27, the Altar Guild meeting will be held to discuss gluten free waivers. Midweek services will start on September 9, 2015 with meals. Plans are to hang the projectors in the sanctuary and three companies will be asked for bids.
- There was no report from the Evangelism and Visitation Committee.
- Mutual Ministries Committee will meet on September 16.
- 125th Anniversary Committee is asking Emanuel to support the girls' school in Tanzania in the amount of \$12,500. They are asking that 100 donors contribute \$125 each. Suzanne Winter moved and Carrie Hanson seconded a motion to support this request. Approved.
- The council reviewed the ministry site profile to be submitted with a goal of keeping Pastor for an additional five years.
- Motion was made by Oscar Over and seconded by Dani Schaal to accept the resignation of Brenda Hennigs as parish assistant. Approved.
- The Executive Committee recommended the hiring of Michaela Lewis as the new parish assistant with the same terms as previous parish assistant at \$12.36 an hour for 20 hours a week. Motion was made by Oscar Over, seconded by Carrie Hansen. Approved.
- Motion was made by Suzanne Winter, seconded by Danielle Schaal to pay Brenda Hennigs for the time she spent helping Michaela learn her new job. Approximately 8 hours. Approved.
- The terms of Penny Dahlke, Carrie Hansen, Danielle (Dani) Schaal, Matt Solon, Ruth Sullivan and Suzanne Winter will expire in January of 2016. Council members who's terms are to expire are to make an attempt to find replacements.
- The windows over the kitchen sink in the parsonage need to be replaced. Motion made by Oscar Over, seconded by Suzanne Winter to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to cover the cost of removal of old windows and installation of new. Approved.
- Motion made by Oscar Over, seconded by Suzanne Winter to authorize Lowell and Brenda to paint the parsonage doors red. Approved.
- Discussion was held concerning the Gaga pit and Suzanne Winter voiced her concern that the council and members of Emanuel were not informed earlier about plans to build the Gaga pit and she felt the church's insurance company needed to be notified so that the church could be assured of coverage regarding this new activity on church property. It was also discussed that the church council should be involved in making any major decisions concerning construction projects on church property.
- Discussion was held concerning installation of Fellowship Hall lights. There are currently 43 lights. It was reported that 28 LED lights would be sufficient to light this area. Echo provided two bids and with rebates, the net cost per light under the first bid would be \$53.34 and the net cost per light pursuant to the second bid would only be a net cost of \$1 per light. The final decision is to be addressed by the council at the October meeting.
- Motion was made by Ruth Sullivan, seconded by Matt Solon to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Mission Statement: Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith
Vision Statement: To Grow in Faith, Love, and Spirit



RAMBLINGS FROM THE BACK CORNER

By Cindy Richards

During October, Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday of the month, is planned for very carefully in the Lutheran churches around the country. There are many tributes to Martin Luther himself, his 95 Theses, the “Marching Hymn of the Reformation” as A Mighty Fortress was called, and to the whole reformation movement that began in 1517. Throughout history the church as a whole has gone through many smaller reformation processes. Perhaps that’s what every individual church does. It goes through it’s own reformation, it’s own changes and improvements, it’s own reshaping process, as we are now at Emanuel.

So I look at our music in the worship services. How can we hold onto our Lutheran theology and still be reforming? In our services we sing texts as old as 340 AD to 2006 and hymntunes just as old and just as new. We put new words to old tunes and old words to new tunes. We sing songs from all over the world which are old and new. We keep renewing, rewriting and reworking the music. Why? To deepen our relationship with God. Because we are many people, many backgrounds, many histories, but with one God, we need many songs to sing.

In our ELW hymnals, at the bottom of each hymn, it tells who wrote the text and who wrote the music. I encourage you to look at the wide variety of sources from which our music of the church comes from. In the future, there will be even more new and old music used in our services from other sources. I’m excited about the ways the music of the church is still reforming and renewing . And may it continue to deepen our relationship with God



The Pottawattamie County Thrivent Board is having their annual meeting & a dinner on Sunday, October 11th at 4pm at the St. Paul Lutheran Education Center in Co. Bluffs at 1500 N. 16th St. All Thrivent members and anyone interested in what Thrivent has to offer are welcome to attend. There will be entertainment/activities for the whole family, a catered meal, a short meeting, and door prizes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any board member or Berni Bichel, President of the Board at 712- 486-2282.



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Jen Henrichs joined the Western Iowa Synod team as the Communication Coordinator and receptionist/admin assistant on August 24. She will be the first one you see when you visit the office and first one you talk to when you call. She is a native Minnesotan, married with 2 step kids and a dog, that acts like he's human. She loves spending time with her family, watching and playing sports, cooking, baking, gardening, and traveling. Most important, according to Jen, she's a MN gopher fan! Please help make Jen feel welcome!

Sunshine Mission Bazaar for Salem Lutheran Home

Tuesday, October 13th
Meal from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Auction at 6:30 p.m..

Horn Lutheran Church (4313 Main St, Elk Horn, IA 51531)
Donations of theme baskets, craft items and baked goods needed for Bazaar auction.

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Game Day

Thursday, October 1st at 1:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall

Romeo's (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Tuesday October 13th @ 8:30 am at
Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, October 14th at 11:30
am at Pizza Ranch

Women of Emanuel Blessings & Brunch

Friday, October 16th at 9:30 am.
All women are welcome!

Mission Action Committee (Quilters)

Wednesdays at 9:30 am
in Fellowship Hall

Golf Outing



Sunday, October 4th, 1 pm
Fox Run Golf Course.

Contact office or Mike Loos for more
information and to sign up.

Picnic to follow at Gary and Sherri Stinson's home.
Bring what meat you would like to fill and a dish to
share!

Fire Pit Night!

Sunday, October 11th, 5 pm-7 pm
Bring friends and a dish to share! Enjoy
food, music by Da Band and games!



Trunk-or-Treat



Saturday, October 31st, 6 pm – 7 pm
Set-up a display in the parking lot and
bring candy to hand out. Or bring
trick-or-treaters!.