

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

June 2017

Happenings!

Saturday, June 3—Church Work Day

Sunday, June 4, 11, 18 & 25—Emanuel Leading afternoon worship at Bethany Lutheran

Sunday, June 4—Special guest Pastor Filemon Diaz & family at worship, Global Ministries Potluck, Sundaes at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Friday, June 9— Food Pantry Volunteers meet at Our Savior's Lutheran

Friday, Just 9-Sunday, June 11—Western Iowa Synod Assembly

Monday, June 12-Thursday June 15—Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp

Friday, June 23—Family Potluck & Movie Night

Mission
Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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



Confirmation students prepare bags for the homeless. These bags may be picked up in the Narthex and given to someone you might see who could use some help and hope when you are out and about. This project was started by Jessica Hipnar and is an ongoing project at Emanuel. If you would like to contribute items for this (gallon size ziplock bags, socks, travel size soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.), they may be placed in the designed box in the Narthex.

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Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear partners in mission and service,

In First Corinthians 12, verse 7, Paul writes, *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* He is speaking to a group of highly gifted and talented Christians. Many are exercising their gifts, but several are doing so purely for personal benefit and not for the "common good." That shouldn't be surprising, since that's how the "world" works. But shall not be so in the Church. We are called to be people who model the proper use of God's gifts to benefit all.

We will read those words from First Corinthians on Pentecost Sunday (June 4th). They will serve as our focus for the summer. So we will practice identifying our spiritual gifts for mission and service. We will learn skills for growing and deepening our spiritual lives as individuals and as a community. We will complete a "Congregational Health Survey" as part of our Redevelopment and Renewal process. We will reflect together on how we are gifted for the "common good" of Emanuel Lutheran Church and for the "common good" of our larger community, church and world.

In such a time as this, I believe we are called to be "3-C" Christians. I believe we are called to demonstrate **Compassion**, build **Connection**, and exercise **Courage** in the name of Jesus, by the power of his Holy Spirit. We can only do this as we grow and deepen our spiritual lives individually and as a community.

While this happens on Sundays, we will dive deep into the Gospel of God's grace and mercy on Wednesday nights. At our midweek services (starting with the June 21 service) we will experience the depth and power of the Good News of Jesus— that *"neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39). Here is a fourth "C" just for good measure. Our **confidence** in that Resurrection hope is the first gift of the Holy Spirit—the gift we call "faith."

You will get as much out of this as you put into it. The Spirit does not take hostages. The Spirit invites and woos and encourages. I pray this will be a spiritually fertile and fruitful summer for you and for all of us together. I'm excited to walk together on this part of the journey!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell



YOU'RE INVITED! The family of David Appel would like to invite you to an open house on June 24th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in celebration of his 100th Birthday.

WELCOME TO EMANUEL!

We welcome new members into the Emanuel Family on May 21st: Marc & Katty VanSickle along with their children Alex & Gabe, and Danette & Ridgeway Hein-Snider.



We share our Christian sympathy with several members of our congregation who have recently lost loved ones. Please keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers: Gary and Sherri Stinson at the death of Gary's mother, Helen in April, the family of Genevieve Bird who passed away last month, Cheryl Coble, whose brother died and entered the new life in May, Cyndi Borwick on the death of her Father on May 21st, and to Marge Powell McIntosh at the death of her mother on May 22nd. We hope that the promise of the new life with Jesus will bring you comfort.

Western Iowa Synod Meets in Assembly June 9-11

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

What is the Western Iowa Synod Assembly? We are called to do God's work in the world and that compels us to be prayerful, thoughtful and courageous as we discuss and make decisions about how to go about God's work as a church.

The Western Iowa Synod Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the Western Iowa Synod and gathers every year. Voting members are chosen from local congregations. Together with other leaders of the ELCA and guided by the Holy Spirit, they discuss the work of the church in the world and make decisions reflecting the challenges we face and the strengths we all bring to loving and serving our neighbors — locally and globally — in the name of Jesus Christ.

When the Western Iowa Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf the entire church. Over the course of the weekend, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of synod and churchwide officers, leaders and units;
- Receive and consider proposals from conferences, congregations, or individuals;
- Elect leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws;
- Establish Western Iowa Synod policy;
- Worship together;
- Adopt a budget; and
- Conduct other business related to the Western Iowa Synod.

The Western Iowa Synod Assembly can be lively and challenging, yet it is respectful of the diverse nature of the church and the world we live in. It reflects how we participate in God's work in the world while embracing each other's questions, perspectives, complexities and strengths. It provides a time and place for growth and change while remaining rooted in Scripture, tradition, Lutheran confessions and the rich histories of our congregations and communities.

Emanuel will be represented at this year's assembly in Sioux City by Rosie Spangenberg, Jeff Smith, and Pastor Hennigs. In addition, Sandy Smith serves on the Western Iowa Synod Council, and Cindy Richards is part of the Assembly Worship Planning Team. Both will attend.

You can do several things in preparation for the assembly. **You can use an envelope in the pews to contribute to the assembly offering.**

You can contribute medical supplies for mission and service in Tanzania. The Western Iowa Synod Companion Synods Medical Initiatives Network is once again striving to enhance health and wholeness for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Tanzania. In conjunction with Global Health Ministries, an organization that collects, refurbishes, warehouses, and redistributes any and all sorts of medical supplies and equipment to Lutheran health facilities in the developing world, WE WILL OPEN DOORS

And you can pray for our voting members, our bishop and his staff, and all who will attend the assembly. Thank you for your support!

Thanks for the good work!!!

Thanks to the sixteen people who were part of the annual ServeFest Event here in Council Bluffs. You worked hard and well with our neighbors to make North Broadway a better place to live and work. Our neighbors know we care about the world around us and want to be part of life on North Broadway. Thanks again for your help!

SERVEFEST
loving our city together

Drivers Needed for Angel Tree Campers

Drivers are needed to take campers from the Kmart parking lot to Des Moines (morning) on the following dates: June 19, June 26, July 3 and July 24.

Drivers are needed to pick-up campers in Des Moines and bring them back to the Kmart parking lot on the following dates: June 23, June 30, July 6 and July 27.





Daphne Miller Glen Fahrenkrug Lucille Weatherill Dwight Rogers Andrea Britton
 Harvey Coble Mildred Rogers Dana Blessum



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 01 Marlene Combs

June 02 Maya Todd

June 03 Jeselyn Maxwell
Karlle Petersen

June 04 Bette Juhl

June 05 Sarah Britson
Trish Conley

June 07 H. Kathryn Bird
Breanne Preston
Connie Solon
Sherri Stinson

June 10 Heather Linsenmeyer
Nolan Winter

June 12 Michelle Jacobsen
Arnee Shannon

June 13 Linda Vergamini

June 14 Katie Comley

June 16 Judy Heithoff
Bill Over

June 17 Ben Heithoff
Jason Siebels

June 18 Ken Kemmish
Ryan Nordstrom
June 20 Dave Appel

June 21 Porter McSorley

June 24 Ian Spangenberg

June 26 June Gehrig

June 28 Megan Hansen
Brad Holding

June 29 Jeff Wilson

June 30 Connie Edson
Mason Lewis
Ayden Sullivan



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 1 Carla & Mike Hipnar
CharLes & Ken Kemmish

June 4 Laura & Clayton Kai
Jennifer & Steve Plummer

June 6 Anina & Charlie Madsen

June 11 Tara & Ryan McSorley

June 17 Phyllis & Jim Fowler
Donna & Ken Nelson
Ruth & Jim Nelson

June 19 Carolyn & Mike Andersen
Rita & Kevin Epperson

June 21 Esther & Bob Bender

June 24 Carrie & Eric Hansen

June 25 Jennifer & Brandon Clark
Jan & John Husmann

June 28 Jane & Dennis Eitmann
Jolene & Jesse Hansen
Sherri & Gary Stinson
Suzanne & Mike Winter

June 29 Megan & Chris Sorensen

*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*

Worship Assistant Schedule

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



Altar Flowers

June 4

June 11

June 18

June 25

In honor of David Appel's 100th Birthday

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



June 4

Global Potluck (Worship & Music)

June 11

Lakeside Camp (Children & Youth)

June 18

Fresh Start Team

June 25

Marc & Katty VanSickle

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

Sunday, June 4	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Acolytes	Kylie Hansen & Grace Hansen
Lector	Elaine Sasso
Children's Message	Linda Steensland
Communion Assistants	Dwight Rogers, Elaine Sasso & Robert Vergamini
Communion Set-Up	Connie Eyberg & Carol Fahrenkrug
Visual Tech	Cheryl Rowe
Sunday, June 11	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Acolytes	Andrew Borwick & Austin Borwick
Lector	Danette Hein-Snider
Communion Assistants	Brenda Hennigs & Angel McGee
Communion Set-Up	Lawayne & Jim Anderson
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso
Sunday, June 18	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Acolytes	Lauren Hansen & Aaralynn Conley
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Children's Message	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistants	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Set-Up	Jeanine & Todd Schademann
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs
Sunday, June 25	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Acolytes	Owen Hansen & Tyler Steensland
Lector	Kevin Epperson
Children's Message	Brenda Hennigs
Communion Assistants	Peggy Jarrell, Robert Vergamini
Communion Set-Up	Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso

If you are interested in helping with worship, please contact the church office, (712) 323-9665, emanuellutherancbia@msn.com or sign-up on our website at: www.manuelcb.org

June 2017 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>28</p> <p>9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45am-11:30am Adult Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm Supper at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship on Patio or Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day</p> <p>Game Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8 am Work Day</p> <p>Church Work Day</p>
<p>Pentecost Sunday 4</p> <p>9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Global Potluck 12:30 pm Sundays at St. Paul's Episcopal 3 pm Fellowship Hall In-Use 4 pm Worship at Bethany Lutheran</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship on Patio or Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm North Broadway Neighborhood Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Office Closed 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Joyful Noise 11</p> <p>9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Adult Bible Study 2 pm Fellowship Hall in Use 6 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony 4 pm Worship at Bethany Lutheran</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Day Camp 9 am Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Emanuel 11 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Day Camp 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 9 am Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Emanuel 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Day Camp 9 am Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Emanuel 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship on Patio or Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Day Camp 9 am Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Emanuel 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>NewsLetter DEADLINE</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Office Closed 9:30 am Blessings & Brunch</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>Father's Day 18</p> <p>9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Adult Bible Study 4 pm Worship at Bethany Lutheran</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi 7 pm MS Support Group 7 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Children & Youth Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship on Patio or Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi 9:30 am Adult Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed 6 pm Potluck 6:30 pm Movie: Beauty & the Beast</p> <p>DINNER</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2 pm—4 pm Open House for David Appel's 100th Birthday</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45am-11:30am Adult Study 11:30 am Mutual Ministry Meeting 12 pm Appel Family in fellowship hall 4 pm Worship at Bethany Lutheran</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11 am Communion at Midlands 11 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Wider Ministries Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship on Patio or Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>3 pm Girl Scouts Using Fellowship Hall</p>

Daycare Start-up Appeal Very Successful So Far!

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges for our Daycare Mission Project start-up expenses!

Here are the results as of May 17, 2017. We have received gifts and pledges totaling \$53,280! Of that amount, \$16,995 is cash in hand. This is an amazing and wonderful and faithful response!

We continue to pursue grant funds from the ELCA to make sure we can meet all our start-up goals. We are also pursuing other grant possibilities to assist with potential scholarships and other ways to make the ministry accessible to more people.

We continue our work on the loan application to the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund. And our architect, Roger Doehling, is working to secure our "Conditional Use Permit" that will give us the appropriate zoning designation for this enterprise. We are on schedule for a spring 2018 opening.

If you wish to participate in the Start-up Capital Appeal, it is not too late to give and/or pledge. Every dollar makes a difference! And please keep our Daycare Mission Project in your prayers daily. Thank you again for all your support!

Worship Assistants

Did you know that on any Sunday we have on average about 12 volunteers to help with worship in addition to those who help with coffee hour?

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

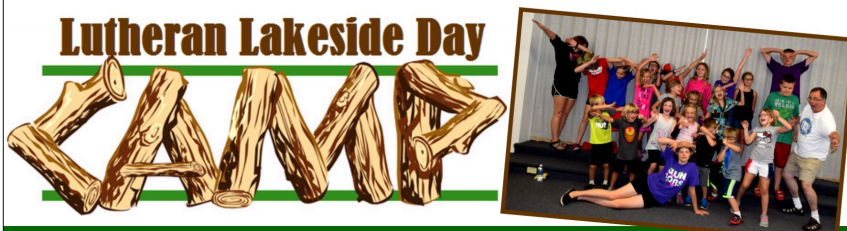


This includes, ushers, acolytes, lectors, children's message, communion set-up and clean-up, communion assistants and visual techs.

We have several wonderful volunteers that help make Sundays run smoothly, but would like to extend an invitation to you to help.

We use sign-up genius, which also sends out reminders a few days before the day you are scheduled!

If you are interested in helping in , please contact the office or sign-up on the web-site at <http://www.emanuelcb.org/ministries>. If you are interested in ushering, please contact Rick Stone.



June 12-15, 9 am—3 pm

Only \$40 per child!

For students entering 1st through 6th grade

Held at Emanuel Lutheran Church (2444 N. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa)



Lutheran Lakeside Camp is coming to YOU!

Come and experience all the fun of camp right in Council Bluffs! Playing, growing, singing, crafting, experiencing, dancing, acting, talking, running, shouting, skipping, snacking, laughing, learning, and worshipping each and every day!

For more information and registration form visit:

www.emanuelcb.org

Or call (712) 323-9665.

Register for Camp

This will be the third year that Emanuel has hosted Lutheran Lakeside for Day Camp. Last year it was held at Our Savior's, but it will be at Emanuel this year.

Camp will be June 12th -15th for Day Camp. Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with lunch provided.

Students are welcome to bring their own lunch if they prefer. The cost for the week is \$40 per camper.

Camp is open for campers entering 1st - 5th grade. Middle school and high school students are encouraged to register as volunteers for the week.

You can now register directly on the website (www.emanuelcb.org) for both campers and volunteers! We look forward to seeing everyone there! We would like to have as many register by May 31st as we can so that we can let the camp know how many staff to send.

Staff from Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Spirit Lake, Iowa will join us for the week. Lutheran Lakeside offers a variety of camps throughout the summer and have activities year-round. For more information about Lutheran Lakeside, visit <https://www.lutheranlakeside.com>

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Ice Cream Social / Fire Pit Raffle / Silent Auction!

We celebrate the beginning of God's church by honoring the day that brought a *FIERY COMPLETION* to Christ's mission! Help us commemorate this special day as we join together for FUN!

WHEN: Sunday, June 4, 2017 // 12:30 to 2:30

WHERE: St. Paul's Episcopal Church Social Hall (on lower level)
22 Dillman Drive, Council Bluffs

WHAT: Ice Cream Social, Raffle & Auction!

- > FREE fire-themed ice cream sundaes!
- > \$5 RAFFLE for a NEW Tile-Top Fire Pit!
- > Awesome silent auction items

**\$5.00 Raffle Ticket for a
NEW 34" Tile Top Fire Pit!!**

Safe for use on decks, too!



**Awesome Silent Auction
items awaiting your bids!**

*Wear RED to celebrate this wonderful gathering
of friends, family and spirit!*

***Save the date and make
plans to attend!***

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

22 Dillman Drive, Co. Bluffs, IA 51503

Ph: 712-323-7188 // www.StPaulsCB.com



facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopal

June 4 Worship Features Special Guests & Potluck

SUBMITTED BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Sunday, June 4, is Global Ministries Sunday across the ELCA. On that day Emanuel Lutheran Church will welcome **Pastor Filemon Diaz and his family as our guests**. Pastor Filemon is the pastor developer of our new mission effort in Denison called Senor De La Misericordia Mission. Pastor Filemon will bring greetings at our worship service and be available for questions and comments during our fellowship time.



June 4 is Pentecost Sunday—the birthday of the Christian Church. We will invite Pastor Filemon and others to read some of our worship texts in other languages that day. And you are invited to bring a dish for a **Global Ministries potluck after worship**. Does your family have a favorite dish from your ethnic and national heritage—lefse, aebelskiver, spaetzle—just to name a few possibilities? Let's share our heritages as we celebrate the multilingual,

Care Packages FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS



The children & youth committee organized care packages for the young adults in our congregation attending college. We thank all those who donated items for these boxes. They are delivered or mailed towards the end of each semester to help them get through finals week. Below are the thank-you notes and emails that we received. Handwritten notes that were sent in will be posted in the narthex.

Thank you so much for the wonderful care packages! They brighten up my day and my tummy. School has been going well, I've got great friends, teachers & classes. Midland has been everything I hoped college to be, that being said, I'm ready for summer! Thank you again for the finals week package! Hope to see you all soon! XOXO's & Prayers, Baylee ♥ (Snyder)

They arrived on Friday. Soga and I both appreciate it! Thank you so much!
- Brett Egner
(and college roommate from Hawaii)

I just went and got it. Thank you!
It's much appreciated
- John Scheffler

I just wanted to thank you and everyone involved that helped with the care packages for college kids. I really appreciated it. Final week is very stressful and receiving this care package really put a smile on my face. Again, thank you so very much!
God Bless!
- Jessica Borwick



Overflowing With Thanks
opening it

- Jessica Hipnar

Thanks for the care package this semester while studying for finals. Finals week is an extremely stressful week, as some of you know, and it's nice to be thought of by our church community during this stressful week. I thank you for the continued support of not only me, but the other college attendees at Emanuel and God Bless!

- Will Schademann
Creighton University- Class of 2019

Just checked my mail today and thank you so much for the package! Loved

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. 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 Pastor's lawn. **If you use all the gas in the container, please fill up the container and turn the bill into the church. Keys for the mower and the garage are in the secretary's office. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.**



June 5 Chris Sorensen
June 11 Alan Ellis

June 18 Mark Ellis
June 25 Terry Eyberg

Earth Day - Garden Party

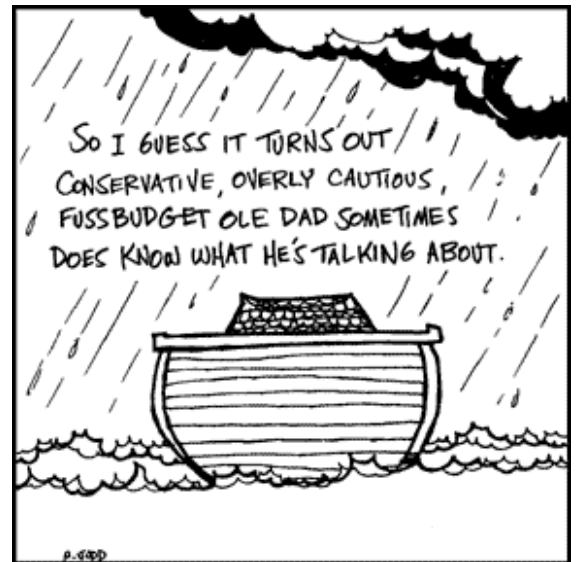
SUBMITTED BY JAN HUSMANN



Thanks to all who brought, bought and helped with our celebration.

Perhaps it will be an annual affair!

The Youth Gathering's benefit was \$261.65.



Happy Father's Day

At Lutheran At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day.

In our Early Childhood fatherhood program, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families.

Many of the boys and young men that LSI serves in our residential programs have never had a positive male role model in their lives. But our volunteer mentors are there to help guide them.

At a gathering of mentors and mentees, a few of these children introduced their mentors to each other. When a boy from Beloit spoke, you could hear the quiet pride in his voice.

"This is Josh," he said simply. "And he's the mentor I've always wanted."



You are making all of this possible through your support of LSI. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

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 and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Breaking Barriers

After years of living in fear, surrounded by violence in his home country of Burundi, Firmin wanted to create a better life for the family he and his wife, Emma, dreamed of.

They fled to Tanzania, where they lived in a refugee camp for 13 years. While there, Firmin worked as a principal in the camp's school and he and Emma welcomed two baby boys, Dan and Joshua. But when the Tanzanian government closed the camp, he and his family were sent to live in the U.S. as refugees. When he arrived in the U.S., Firmin came to LSI's Refugee Community Services to attend English classes and become familiar with his new home.

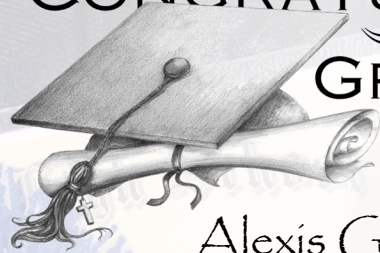
Firmin and Emma have spent the last 10 years raising their family in Des Moines, and Firmin is finding

ways to give back and support more Iowa kids and families. During the school year, Firmin can be found in the halls and classrooms of public schools across the Des Moines district. He is one of several bilingual outreach community workers in the schools, translating for families who speak Swahili, Kirundi, Kinyarwanda, Kinyamulenge, and French.

In his free time, Firmin works as a direct support caregiver in the Des Moines area, and he spends his weekends as a pastor at a local church. He loves that he can help ease the congregation's daily stresses and lingering trauma through prayer and worship.

Dan and Joshua are now in high school and Firmin and Emma have welcomed two daughters, Grace and Selah, in Iowa.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Alexis Gress

Abraham Lincoln High School

Alexis plans on going to the University of Alabama to study Political Science for Pre-Law and music education this fall.



Hailey Holland

Abraham Lincoln High School

Hailey plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall and enter the field of Engineering.

Porter McSorley

Lewis Central High School

Porter will attend Iowa Western Community College in the fall and will study engineering and earn a Pre-Engineering degree from IWCC before transferring to Iowa State University to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering



Friday, June 23
6 p.m. Potluck
6:30 p.m. Movie

Emanuel Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
Bring a dish to share &
a friend or neighbor!



We will be watching:

Beauty & The Beast

An adaptation of the fairy tale about a monstrous-looking prince and a young woman who fall in love.

2017 live action film featuring Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Luke Evans Josh Gad and more.



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 05/15/2017

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

Present: Rosie Spangenberg, Suzanne Winter, Mike Winter, Bob Vergamini, Elaine Sasso, Patty Maxwell, Connie Solon, Stephen Lewis, Dwight Rogers, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Peggy Jarrell, Judi Malloy, Valerie Weelborg

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Rosie Spangenberg

Devotions: Suzanne Winter

Council Agenda:

- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the secretary minutes for April 17, 2017. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Stephen Lewis to approve the Financial Secretary Consolidated Fund report. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Elaine Sasso to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Dwight Rogers to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Connie Solon, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Pastor Hennigs gave his report which included 12 items. He intends to meet with those who have agreed to serve on the Emanuel Renewal Team for the first time on May 22. Those members include Mike Hipnar, Judy Heithoff, Jan Stone, Tyler Hansen and Chris Sorensen. One or two more interested members may be added in the next month. This team will work to oversee and coordinate our efforts as a congregation to move into the next generation of ministry and mission. Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Dwight Rogers to approve the Emanuel Renewal Team. Approved.
- Pastor reported that as of May 11, 2017, the day-care start-up capital fund appeal has produced \$53,280 in gifts and pledges.
- Pastor reported that there are more requests recently for the use of the church and we now have a form on the "Events" page of the website for both members and non-members to use to request the use of the church.
- Pastor recommended that Danette and Ridgeway Hein-Snider be received by affirmation of faith into membership at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Bob Vergamini to receive them as members of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Approved.
- Pastor reported that we had 16 people involved in the ServeFest workday with the North Broadway Neighborhood Association on May 6.
- Pastor was asked to officiate at the memorial service for Gerald Dixon, the Gunn School janitor, who died in a boiler explosion in 1967. The memorial service took place on May 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Kimball Park.
- Richard Reed reported that Brenda Hennigs is now insured for health insurance purposes through her current employer effective May 1, 2017. This allows Emanuel to save \$6,330 annually in health insurance premium benefits. He recommended that the pastor's salary be increased by one-half of that difference or \$3,165. Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve that recommendation. Approved.
- Richard Reed recommended that \$1,858.91 from the Les Haas Estate and \$3,141.09 be taken from the loan from our insurance claim for a total of \$5,000 and be placed in a deposit certificate with ELCA Synod. This is necessary to allow Emanuel to borrow funds from the Synod. He further recommended that the insurance claim loan be paid when the Les Haas CD comes due on July 28, 2018. Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Dwight Rogers to approve the recommendation. Approved.
- Stephen Lewis gave a report of the youth and children's ministries committee.
- Bob Vergamini gave a report of the Property Committee. The dishwasher is working again without leaks. The air-conditioner for the parsonage has been repaired. The spring work day was rescheduled from May 20 to June 3. Oscar Over was elected as committee chairman.
- Linda Steensland is the new chairperson for the Wider Ministries Committee.

- Rosie Spangenberg gave a report of the Worship and Music Committee. She reminded us that the August 5 concert with Rachel Kurtz will be held in Bayliss Park from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and that there will be a Bayliss Park joint service with Our Savior's and St. Paul's on August 6 at 10 a.m. The majority of the cost of \$1,500 for Rachel Kurtz is already paid. Rosie also reported that June 4 (Global Day) will be held with a possible potluck and ethnic food being shared and that Filemon Dias will be present. She also reported that the August 27 coffee hour funds will go toward the van fun.
- Pastor gave a report for the Evangelism Visitation Committee and indicated that mailings will soon go out to highlight Day Camp and that there will be advertising in the newspaper.
- Dwight Rogers gave a report on the Emanuel Fresh Start Team. Everything is going great and there is talk of taking on another person to enter that program.
- The gifts acceptance policy has been referred to the Stewardship and the Financial Committee for recommendations.
- Discussion was held about scheduling a special event to thank and honor church volunteers.
- On Saturday, June 24, 2017, between 2 and 4 p.m., there will be a 100th birthday open house celebration for David Appel. All church members and the public are invited.
- Motion to approve Larry Britton using the church for the symphony practice. Motion by seconded and approved.
- Motion made by Bob Vergamini, second by Dwight Rogers to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Approved.
- All reports presented to the council may be viewed by any church member at the church office.



June 7
Brats
Pasta Salad

June 14
Pulled Pork
Cole Slaw

June 21
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Chips

June 28
Taco Salad
Fruit Salad

Menu is subject to change

Women of the ELCA

SUBMITTED BY CAROL JEPPESEN

Did you know WELCA was formed 35 years ago in Milwaukee, WI? It is important to note that every confirmed female member of an ELCA congregation belongs to the Women of the ELCA. If you are reading this, you are member of the Tabitha Cluster, a geographical regional division of the Western Iowa Synodical Women's Organization.

Women have always had gatherings with Bible Study, fellowship and of course, coffee with refreshments. Women are always involved in several ministries of each congregation especially those serving others! We need to be proud of our heritage and pray for its continuing success.

One of the best resources I have come across to keep me grounded is the **Gather** magazine (formerly the Lutheran Women). Having just received the June issue, I wanted to share just how it helps in our daily life. The emphasis on several articles was on nice versus good! Do I do the good thing or nice thing just to avoid confrontation? It was very humbling reading to think I may be more interested in taking the easy (nice) way or more difficult (good) route in my daily encounters. Even the Bible Study in this issue "Saying Goodbye to Nice: Niceness can sometimes get in the way of doing good in our own lives and within our faith community. WHOOPS! Hopefully, you are already receiving this marvelous magazine and if not, please consider a subscription. 800-638-3522, X2730 or gather@elca.org.

Please note that the Tabitha Cluster will be having its annual Fall meeting sometime in October. Look for the upcoming notice! Carol Jeppesen, Tabitha Chapter Coordinator. 712-323-1530 caroldenny@cox.net.

Calendar & Reservations

BY MICHAELA LEWIS



Since the website was redesigned last year, the calendar has been made available on the website. This is a great way to check on church availability if you are planning an event or want to see what is planned for the month.



One feature that has been added in the last month is the ability to submit a request for the use of the church online! Prior to this, the form would need to be either picked up in the office and filled out, or emailed, filled out, scanned and emailed back. This makes it much easier to process these requests. The link to this is located just below the calendar on the "events" page.

A Message from Bethany

SUBMITTED BY DIANE CARLON



Auxiliary Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendar. It's time for ice cream!! The Auxiliary Ice Cream Social will be held on **Sunday, June 4th from 2-4 p.m.** at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street in Council Bluffs. Ice Cream as well as assorted pies and cakes will be available for a free will offering. Come join us for an afternoon of fellowship and dessert!! Tell your friends!! Proceeds will be used for resident and tenant projects at Bethany.

Calling All Teens

What are **YOU** doing this summer? Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights are looking for some great volunteers between the ages of 14-18 to be a part of our Teen Volunteer program. Teen Volunteers interact with residents and tenants, participate in activities and outings 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 Sarah Norton at Bethany Heights at 328-8228 to sign up. Teen Volunteer orientation will be held on **Tuesday, June 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the Garden Lounge at Bethany Lutheran Home.** Hope you join us this summer!!

Garden Produce Always Appreciated

We all enjoy the taste of homegrown vegetables and fruits over the summer. Many of the residents and tenants were avid gardeners in their day and miss the taste of homegrown foods. If you are gardening this summer and have extra produce you would like to share, please feel free to drop it off at Bethany Heights or Bethany Lutheran Home during the week. We would greatly appreciate it and the smile you'll see on the faces of our residents and tenants is priceless!

Bethany Heights Now Offering Independent Living Option

Not quite ready for the services of assisted living, but would enjoy the benefits of a senior community? Maybe someone interested in living independently or having the benefits of an assisted living community available when they need them? Bethany Heights offers both independent and assisted living services in full size apartments ranging from a Studio to Two Bedroom/Two bathroom. As an individual's needs increase, services are delivered directly to your apartment. Something unique to the area. Both living options include meals, recreational activities, transportation, utilities, Cox cable and WiFi, housekeeping and much more. We'd love for you to schedule a visit. Small pets are welcome. Some Long Term Care Insurance Policies are eligible for use with assisted living services at Bethany Heights. For more information or to set up a visit, please contact Paula Fandry at Bethany Heights 712-328-8228.

Employment Opportunities at Bethany

Bethany currently has several positions available. For more information, please visit www.careerlink.com or www.indeed.com or contact our Human Resources Coordinator, Cindy Schechinger at 712-328-9500.

Bethany Auxiliary Meeting

The Bethany Auxiliary will be meeting Monday evening, **July 10th** at Bethany Heights. A short business meeting will be held at **6:00 p.m.** followed by Bingo and a pie social with the tenants. Please note the time change from the regular meeting time. Contact your church key lady for more information.

Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



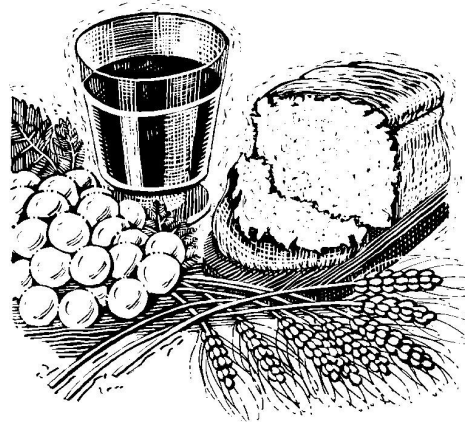
During the summer months we will be using "Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy by Marty Haugen. It is an alternative communion setting that uses inclusive language and is theological sound.

The offertory in "Now the Feast" is *As the Grains of Wheat* which is included the ELW #465. The background for this hymn is explained in the Hymnal Companion to the Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

"The *Didache* was a cut-and -paste catechetical manual from the late first or early second century, perhaps from Alexandria. Chapter 9 gives instructions about the Eucharist. In the thanksgiving connected to the bread it uses the imagery of grain scattered on the mountains that is harvested, ground, and baked into one loaf. The prayer is that the church likewise may be gathered together from the corners of the

world into God's kingdom. Marty Haugen picks up this imagery with an almost literal quote from the *Didache* and

shapes it into the refrain. He says he thinks 'the *Didache* had beautiful texts worth being presented again [and that] the oldest words are often the best.' Two stanzas, one about the cup and one about the feast to come, separate repetitions of the refrain. Haugen wrote this to be sung as the table is prepared at the offering in his setting of the service of Holy Communion called *Now the Feast and Celebration*."



Finding out where the inspiration comes from for some of our favorite hymns is one of the great joys of service preparation. The texts within the liturgy become deeply entrenched in our being with every repetition during the service. What a wonderful way to deepen our faith.



Attendance & Offering		
Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
May 7	118	\$3,759.00
May 14	96	\$2,165.00
May 21	80+	\$2,105.00
May 28	n/a	n/a

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

April Income:\$13,548.06
 April Expense:.....\$14,040.07
 April Balance.....-\$492.01

YTD Income:\$60,987.44
 YTD Expense:\$56,583.47
 YTD Balance\$4,403.47
 Plus Carryover.....\$9,506.26
 General Budget Fund\$13,909.73



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Game Day

Thursday, May 4th, 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

R.O.M.E.O.'S

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Tuesday, May 9th, 8:30 am
Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, May 10th
11:30 am
Pizza Ranch

Blessings & Brunch

Friday, May 19st, 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

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Wednesday at 6:45 pm, preceded by a meal at 6:00 pm

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