

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

April 2017

Happenings!

Sunday, April 2 —First Communion Class & Seder Meal

Saturday, April 5—Last Lenten Service with Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday, Joyful Noise & Confirmation Large Group

Monday, April 10—Bethany Auxiliary Meeting and Bake Sale

Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday Worship Services, Middle and High School Lock-In

Friday, April 14—Good Friday Worship Services

Sunday, April 16—Easter Worship, Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 19—Rise Up with Jesus Easter Event for all ages!

Friday, April 21—Food Pantry Volunteers meet at Our Savior's Lutheran

Friday, April 28—Family Movie Night & Potluck

Mission Statement:
Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith

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



Our group that successfully made and flew kites at the March children & family event! It was a little cold out with just a few flurries, but it was still fun!

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Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear partners in the Gospel,

At the bottom of our weekly attendance sheets is a section entitled “Please pray for...” Each week a few of you take the opportunity to put down a name, a concern, a cause, a joy or a blessing on those lines. I receive those slips and follow up as I see appropriate with a card, a phone call and my own prayers related to the information you share.

In a previous time, that information would be read from the altar as part of the worship service. I choose not to do that for several reasons. I am often uncertain of the larger context of the request and cannot answer the questions of others about the request after the service. If the request regards a third party, I am unsure about that third party’s desire to have things announced in public. I am sometimes unsure of the details of the actual request and am unwilling to get those details wrong.

Most important, I have a strong sense of the importance of pastoral confidentiality regarding personal information. Please understand that I am not talking about any legal restrictions on information sharing, since I am not subject to those restrictions as a pastor. I am talking about a much higher responsibility.

Perhaps you have had this experience. You wonder about the situation of another member. You ask me—with the best of intentions—about that person. And you find that I am unwilling to share information. You are thus disappointed.

I have a pastoral duty to maintain confidentiality when it comes to the personal information of my parishioners. I am often aware of many things that I will neither confirm nor deny for precisely that reason. You are, of course, free to share information with me if you think it will be helpful. And you are free to contact directly any member of our church family about which you are concerned. But I generally cannot be the source of such information. And I’m grateful when my parishioners understand that and exercise care in asking me for such information.

When it comes to the written prayer requests, I read each one and seek to respond appropriately. If there is a direct request for a concern to be submitted to our prayer chain and/or placed on our announcements page, I am happy to do that. I am, however, also concerned with the impression we might create for our guests and visitors. I don’t believe anyone is well-served if we are known as the congregation that announces personal information from the altar on a weekly basis. Guests and visitors might not understand our good intentions in doing such a thing.

So, please feel free to write your prayer requests. I will read them. Please feel free to ask for prayers from our prayer chain. We will make sure those requests are forwarded. Please feel free to ask for names to be added to our announcements prayer list (and to be removed if and when the concern has passed). And please feel free to ask one another about any concerns you may have about one another.

In addition, please indicate your attendance and communion participation on those sheets. We record communion participation for our congregational records and reports. Please fill out these sheets so that guests and visitors don’t feel singled out for information. I get names, addresses and phone numbers from those sheets. Over the past three years I have followed up nearly two hundred times on guests and visitors to Emanuel. So these attendance sheets are important in several ways.

Thank you for your time and care.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

Special Congregational Meeting Notice

Please plan to attend a special meeting of our congregation on Sunday, April 2nd, 2017, at 10:45 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall. At that meeting we will consider the approval of a contract with Mr. Roger Doebling to serve as our architect for the Daycare Mission Project. Mr. Doebling served as the architect during the feasibility study leading up to this project and has developed the general plans for the project. Copies of Mr. Doebling's letter detailing his proposal for services are available at the usher's station in the Emanuel Lutheran Church narthex.

Congregational Meeting



You are Invited to Consider a Gift/Pledge for the Daycare Startup Expenses

On March 12, members and friends of Emanuel Lutheran Church were invited to consider gifts and/or pledges of gifts to assist with the startup costs of the Emanuel Daycare. **These startup costs are not related to the construction and renovation necessary for the project.** Those construction and renovation costs are to be paid through a short-term construction loan and long-term mortgage. The costs of repaying the mortgage are built into the annual business plan for the Emanuel Daycare.

These startup funds will allow the Emanuel Daycare staff to come onboard gradually during the three months prior to opening of the Daycare. This will allow the Director to organize the business, hire and bring on appropriate staff and ensure that proper training takes place. Startup expenses will include about \$27,500 for staff costs, about \$14,000 for furnishings, equipment, supplies and advertising, and about \$19,000 for a contingency fund to assist with any cash flow issues during the operation of the daycare. The goal for our startup fund appeal is about \$60,000.

Our hope would be that we would have \$30,000 or more of gifts in hand on January 1, 2018. This would make possible our projected opening sometime in March of 2018. Our hope would be that we would receive support from the ELCA for 2018 of \$30,000 or more. This combination of \$60,000 or more would provide the startup cash and contingency funds needed for the Emanuel Daycare.

Gifts and pledges paid in 2019 and 2020 would assist in sustaining any temporary shortfalls in operating revenue and building the contingency toward a two-month operating contingency fund. We would hope that support from the ELCA for 2019 would be \$20,000 and for 2020 would be \$10,000, to be used for the same purposes.



When the Daycare is self-sustaining (and we believe it will be even at a 90% enrollment rate), then these gifts and grants over and above the contingency amount could be used to provide scholarships for families in need of such support in accessing the services of the Daycare.

The request is for gifts and pledges from Emanuel members and friends totaling up to \$60,000 over three years, with the majority of those gifts and pledges begin applied in the first of the three years of the project.

Members and friends of Emanuel Lutheran Church will receive this information and a pledge card by mail in the coming days. We ask that you would prayerfully consider a gift and/or pledge to support this important project for the life and mission of Emanuel Lutheran Church and in service to the children and families of our community.

The members of the Daycare Capital Fund Appeal Team include John Burns, Rick Stone, Kim Egner and Pastor Lowell Hennigs.



Daphne Miller
Dwight Rogers

Glen Fahrenkrug
Andrea Britton

Lucille Weatherill
Jeff Smith

Helen Stinson
Ione Spitznagle

Bette Ebsen



April 01	Barb Burns Elizabeth Miller	April 14	Patricia Hiller	April 23	Brayden Fager Linda Steensland
April 02	Jenny Smith	April 15	Jim Andersen William Donovan Sharon Hansen Jackie Holding	April 24	Chris Fietz Priscilla McGee
April 04	Scott Carrier Bethany Fietz Peg Madsen	April 16	Amy Epperson Marissa Lewis Tom Lewis	April 25	Brittney Andersen
April 06	Amanda Wilson Suzanne Winter	April 17	Laura Kai Kyler Petersen	April 26	Cynthia Borwick
April 07	Renee Goss	April 19	Christian Chatterton	April 27	Kylie Hansen
April 09	Joshua Tiffey	April 20	Norma Jones Heather Wilson	April 28	Bob Vergamini
April 12	Chasity Christie Nathaniel Larson	April 21	Jenna Comley Glenda Smith Lucille Weatherill	April 30	Allison Goldapp
April 13	Tes Winter				



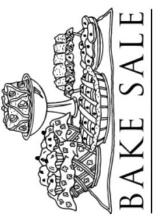
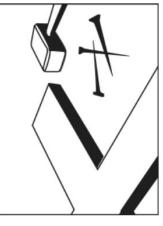
April 10	Al & Linda Martens
April 13	Judy & Carl Wilson
April 14	Dennis & Connie Beckman Rick & Jackie Ogg
April 15	Dick & Donna Steensen

If we've missed a birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please let the church office know!
Contact Michaela at (712) 323-9665 or emanuellutheranbia@msn.com

April 2017 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45am-11:30am Adult Study 3 pm First Communion Class 5 pm Seeder Meal	3 11 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	4 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	5 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 12 pm Lenten Worship 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kidz Kamp in Youth Center 7 pm Lenten Worship	6 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 6:30 pm Choir Practice	7 Office Closed	8 11:30 am - 4 pm Fellowship Hall in Use 8 am - 1 pm Conference Room/Youth Center in use
9 Joyful Noise 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 11 am Confirmation	10 9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi 2 pm Bethany Auxiliary Meeting & Bake Sale	11 9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	12 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch	13 10 am Service at Midlands 11 am Tai Chi 12 pm Worship & Holy Communion 7 pm Worship Service with First Communion 8 pm Middle & High School Lock-In	14 Good Friday	15 Office Closed
16 Easter 7 am Worship & Holy Communion 7:45 am - 9 am Easter Breakfast 9 am Easter Egg Hunt 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion	17 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm MS Support Group 7 pm Church Council Meeting	18 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 6:45 pm Worship & Music Meeting 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Children & Youth Ministry Meeting	19 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Rise Up with Jesus Easter Event	20 11 am Tai Chi 9:30 am Adult Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice	21 Office Closed	22 9:30 am Blessings & Brunch 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's
23 Holy Humor 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:30 am Plant Exchange on Patio 10:45 am Adult Bible Study	24 11 am Communion at Midlands 11 am Tai Chi	25 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Wider Ministries Meeting	26 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall 7:15 pm Kidz Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Fellowship Hall	27 11 am Tai Chi 9:30 am Adult Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice	28 Office Closed	29 6 pm Potluck 6:30 pm Movie: Hidden Figures
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Newsletter DEADLINE



ALLELUIA!
CHRIST IS ALIVE!





A life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities.

Did you know...nearly 1 in 5 Americans suffers from mental illness each year?

Did you know...the largest mental health facility in the country is the Los Angeles County jail?

Did you know...mental illness is treatable and when people receive the proper supports they thrive?

Did you know...Mosaic in Western Iowa serves people in Council Bluffs who are living with chronic mental illness by helping them live meaningful lives, surrounding them with a caring community and giving a voice to their needs?

Want to learn more? Mosaic in Western Iowa offers lunch and learn sessions each month. If you're looking to get educated and inspired these sessions are for you. Lunch doesn't work? We're happy to bring our session to you and your group at a convenient day and time...brunch, lunch or dinner. We'll work around your schedule. Contact Kara Wesely at 402-578-6712 or kara.wesely@mosaicinfo.org to schedule your session today.

Mosaic in Western Iowa needs people just like you to help us fulfill our mission of providing a meaningful life for each and every person we serve and surround them with a caring community. Volunteering is just one way to get involved. We have multiple volunteer opportunities and would love to explore them with you. Please contact Kara Wesely at 402-578-6712 or kara.wesely@mosaicinfo.org for more information.

New Adult Classes Have Begun

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

The Thursday morning adult class has begun a study on the New Testament book of Revelation. One of the resources in this study is a fine video entitled "The Rapture Racket" by Professor Barbara Rossing. Rossing is Associate Professor New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Dr. Rossing vigorously challenges the teaching of those who espouse "the rapture". She examines and critiques the passages in the Bible which are said to predict the rapture. Her conclusion; the rapture is not biblical and is not a valid Christian teaching. From there, the class will take an in-depth look at several of the most challenging passages in Revelation. The class meets on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs conference room at Emanuel Lutheran Church. All are welcome.

The Sunday morning adult class has begun a study on the Christian understanding of the Resurrection. The class will rely in part on a DVD presentation by Bishop (Dr.) N. T. Wright. Here is some information from the DVD. "The most startling claim of Christianity is that Jesus rose from the dead after being brutally executed on a Roman cross two thousand years ago. Could it possibly be true? And if it were, what difference could it make to us today?" We will watch this 50 minute video over several weeks. The class will include Scripture study of the Resurrection and discussion by the group. The class meets (most Sundays) in Pastor Hennigs' office at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome!

Lutheran Lakeside Day CAMP

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 worshiping each and every day!

For more information and registration form visit:
www.emmanuelcb.org
Or call (712) 323-9665.

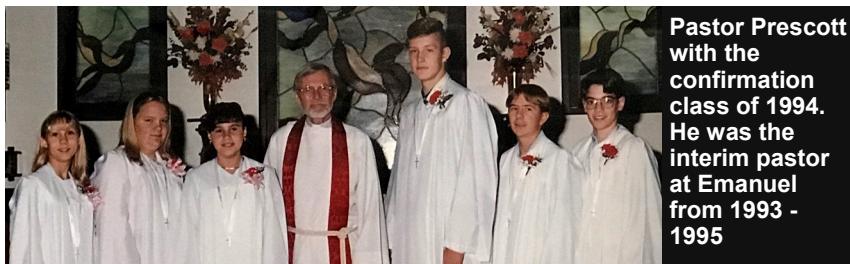
Staff from Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Spirit Lake, Iowa will join us for the week.
Lutheran Lakeside offers a variety of camps throughout the summer and have activities year-round.
For more information about Lutheran Lakeside, visit <https://www.lutheranlakeside.com>

Former Interim Pastor Roger Prescott

Condolence Information

If you wish to leave remembrances and condolences for Shirley Prescott at the death of the Reverend Roger Prescott, you can go to this website: <http://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Roger-Prescott-2/>.

Watch for copies of some of Roger's books on the Fellowship Hall table, available for borrowing.



Pastor Prescott with the confirmation class of 1994. He was the interim pastor at Emanuel from 1993 - 1995

Ylvisaker Funeral Service Streamed Here on April 26

John Ylvisaker, composer and church musician, died and entered the new life in Christ on March 9, 2017. In keeping with his life-long ministry, John created his own memorial service which will be held in the Chapel on the Wartburg College campus in Waverly on April 26, 2017 at 1:00 PM. The service will be live-streamed via www.wartburg.edu/knightvision and will also be archived for those who are not able to attend in person. [You can take part in a live-stream of that funeral at Emanuel Lutheran Church](#). Come to our sanctuary at 1 p.m. on April 26, and we will have the service on our sanctuary screens.

Visitation with the family is scheduled for April 25, 2017, 4-8 PM, at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home 218 2nd St. S.E. Waverly, Iowa. Online condolences for John's family may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials or gifts be given to Habitat for Humanity, the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, or Cedar Valley Hospice.

**Friday, April 28
6 p.m. Potluck
6:30 p.m. Movie**

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



To my Emanuel friends,



Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and words of encouragement I received while having surgery. I did not feel alone and could not have asked for better support. Prayers will be appreciated as I will be going through continued recovery over the next several weeks.

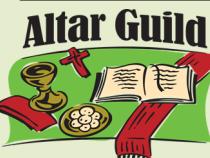
God's Blessing to all of you,
Jeff Smith



Thank you to everyone who sent cards or attended my 90th Birthday Party. I was overwhelmed by all the cards and the number of people who came! Special thanks to DaBand for playing Happy Birthday and my favorite hymn! I was so surprised!

- Deloris Christensen

The Children's/Youth Ministry Team will again be hosting and serving the Easter Breakfast from 7:45 – 9:00 on Easter Sunday, April 16th. As in past years, donations of breakfast items (egg bakes, muffins, juice, etc.) would be appreciated. A clip board with a sign-up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall.



Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will meet with Pastor Hennigs after worship on Sunday, May 7th from 11 to 11:45 for updates and organizing.

We will be watching:

Hidden Figures

Three brilliant African-American women at NASA -- Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) -- serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn (Glen Powell) into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world.

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, April 2	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mark Ellis & Alan Ellis
Acolytes	Owen Hansen & Andrew Borwick
Communion Assistants	Elaine Sasso, Robert Vergamini, Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Set-Up	Carol Fahrenkrug & Connie Eyberg
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
Sunday, April 9	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mark Ellis & Alan Ellis
Acolytes	Kylie Hansen & Tyler Steensland
Lector	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistants	Brenda Hennigs, Peggy Jarrell, Angel McGee
Communion Set-Up	Linda Steensland & Amy Steensland
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso
Thursday, April 13	12 p.m. Service
Lector	
Communion Assistants	
Communion Set-Up	
Thursday, April 13	7 p.m. Service
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Emma Richards & Mia Richards
Lector	Mike Loos
Communion Assistants	Brenda Hennigs
Communion Set-Up	Jeanine & Todd Schademann
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen



Altar Flowers

April 2

April 9

April 16
Easter Lilies

April 23

April 30

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



April 2
Darlene &
Richard Reed

April 9
Jamie & Tyler
Hansen

April 16
Easter Breakfast
Children &
Youth

April 23
Boy Scout
Troop 550

April 30
Fresh Start
Team

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

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Friday, April 14	12 p.m. Service
Ushers	
Lector	
Visual Tech	
Friday, April 14	7 p.m. Service
Ushers	John Spilde & Angel McGee
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso
Sunday, April 16	7 a.m. Service
Ushers	Tyler & Jamie Hansen
Acolytes	Lauren Hansen & Kylie Hansen
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistants	Rosie Spangenberg, Kevin Epperson
Communion Set-Up	Jim & LaWayne Anderson
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs
Sunday, April 16	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mark Ellis & Alan Ellis
Acolytes	Amari Johnson & Austin Borwick
Lector	Darlene Jeppesen
Communion Assistants	Elaine Sasso, Judy Heithoff & Peggy Jarrell
Communion Set-Up	Linda & Al Martens
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso
Sunday, April 23	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mark Ellis & Alan Ellis
Acolytes	Lauren Hansen & Aaralynn Conley
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Children's Message	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistants	Karen McPartland
Communion Set-Up	Pat Hiller & CharLes Kemmish
Visual Tech	Cheryl Rowe
Sunday, April 30	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mark Ellis & Alan Ellis
Acolytes	Shae Nickels & Grace Hansen
Lector	Jane Meyer
Children's Message	John Husmann
Communion Assistants	Robert Vergamini, Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Set-Up	Connie & Matt Solon
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso

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



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 03/13/2017

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

Present: Rosie Spangenberg, Suzanne Winter, Mike Winter, Bob Vergamini, Elaine Sasso, Peggy Jarrell, Judi Malloy, Connie Solon, Stephen Lewis, Valerie Weelborg, Dwight Rogers, Pastor Hennigs

Absent: Patty Maxwell

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

Devotions: Bob Vergamini

Council Agenda:

- The minutes for the meeting of February 13, 2017 were corrected to show that Ken Kemmish reviews rather than audits the church accounts each year. Motion by Connie Solon, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the minutes as amended. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the Financial Secretary consolidated report. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Stephen Lewis to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Elaine Sasso to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Dwight Rogers, to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Judy Heithoff appeared at the council meeting to give the council an update at Bethany Lutheran Home. Dan Heithoff is currently the treasurer of the board. Judy reported that they have had a huge turnover in staff and that they currently have no chaplain. Maintenance costs are up because the main building is 40 years old. Medicaid falls short of covering the actual cost by \$30 a day. It was for financial reasons that the construction project south of Emanuel has temporarily been placed on hold.
- Richard Reed addressed the council and explained the purpose of the Capital Fund. It is used primarily to cover major repairs. He also explained the use of the Memorial Fund. He explained in the past that the interest earned on investments was used to pay for supplies, but that because of low interest rates, the interest no longer covers the cost of supplies.
- Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Suzanne Winter to use any Memorial Funds accounts that have been reduced to \$50 or less to be used for supplies and expenses and transferred to the expense account. Approved.
- Connie Solon explained the compilation of the consolidated fund. She pointed out that Mardi Gras raised \$2,071 this year.
- Council received a non-member request to use the church facilities for a birthday party on Saturday, April 8, 2017. This did not conflict with any church related activities. Motion by Suzanne Winter, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the request. Approved. Bob Vergamini volunteered to open and close the church on that day to facilitate its use.
- Motion by Rosie Spangenberg, seconded by Judi Malloy to hold all future church council meetings on the third Monday of every month beginning in April. Approved.
- Pastor Hennigs gave his report containing twelve specific items. He indicated that a Capital Fund Appeal Team needed to be put together for the daycare project. Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Bob Vergamini to appoint John Burns, Rick Stone and Kim Egner to the Capital Fund Appeal Team. Approved.
- Discussion of the "gift acceptance policy" has been tabled for the next meeting.
- Pastor reminded us that the current balance of the Special Needs Fund as of March 1, 2017 was \$1,373.21.
- Pastor reported that the next meeting of the North Broadway Neighborhood Association will take place on Tuesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.
- Pastor reminded us that a meeting regarding the 2017 edition of "ServeFest" will take place on Thursday, March 16. Pastor Hennigs plans to attend that meeting. This involves all churches that go out to work on community projects.
- Council received a proposal letter from LYMCA Architecture LLC for the architectural services for a daycare renovation. The total fee for services is \$33,770. Any expenditures over \$2,500 must be approved by the congregation. Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Bob Vergamini to schedule a special congregational meeting for April 2, 2017. Approved.

- Stephen Lewis gave a 4 page report from Children/Youth Ministry.
- It was reported that 85 people attended the concert on March 10. Al Martin is the chairman of the Fellowship and Support Committee.
- Bob Vergamini gave the Property Committee Report and indicated there is a leak in the kitchen that has been repaired.
- Judi Malloy gave a report on Wider Ministries and indicated that we will be asked to contribute to the Spinal Bifida in April as Joyful Noise
- Rosie Spangenberg gave the report of the Worship and Music Committee.
- Connie Solon reported the Mutual Ministries met on March 5.
- Dwight Rogers gave a report on the Emanuel Fresh Start team.
- Judi Malloy reported that Emanuel provided 12 volunteers to Our Saviors Food Pantry which is held on the second Friday of each month, but will not be held on the second Friday of April because of an Easter conflict.
- The council reviewed the descriptions for each of the ministries. Each of the ministries is going to work on its description and provide a list of its respective members. Some of the ministries were not on the sheet at all and some are combined.
- The reception for new members will be scheduled at a later date.
- The start up for Van funds has been turned back over to the Worship and Music Committee for consideration.
- Motion by Suzanne Winter, seconded by Elaine Sasso to adjourn at 8:54 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, April 17, 2017 at 7 p.m.



April 5
Soup Supper
Hosted by the Wider Ministries

April 12
No worship service or Dinner

April 19
Sloppy Joes
Chips
Veggies

April 26
Spaghetti
Garlic Bread
Salad

Menu is subject to change

Holy Humor Sunday has Horticultural Theme At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Why do potatoes make good detectives? Because they keep their eyes peeled. What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter? Pumpkin pi. How do you lead a horse to water? With lots of carrots.

That's just a sample of "horticultural" jokes that could be shared at our next Holy Humor Sunday, April 23rd. Holy Humor Sunday is also known as "Ritus Paschalisi"—the festival of God's great joke on Satan called the Resurrection. This year it is just a day after the forty-seventh observance of Earth Day in the United States. So we will tell "dirt jokes" (please be clear about the spelling here) and have a Garden Patio party after worship.

Wear your bib overalls and straw hats, your garden frocks and gardening gloves. Bring your favorite horticulturally oriented jokes and stories and anecdotes and be ready to share them at worship. We'll sing some of our favorite earth and creation and agriculture related hymns. We will have a liturgy to bless the seeds and the soil for the coming agricultural and gardening year. And we will have FUN.

What do you call a stolen yam? A hot potato. Everyone has these on their face? Tulips. What vegetable can tie your stomach in knots? String beans. "What did the carrot say to the wheat? Lettuce rest, I'm feeling beet."

Does this spark any other ideas for you? Please contact Pastor Hennings with your ideas. And be ready to get a little dirt under the fingernails!

Bethany Bake Sale

BY JAN STONE

The Bethany Auxiliary Meeting and Bake Sale is Monday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott St. This is the first Fund Raiser for 2017 and the money will be used to provide items or services for the residents of Bethany.

Each church is asked to furnish a minimum of 5 items, but we will gladly accept more. One item is classified as a cake; a pie; two dozen cookies; two small loaves of bread; one large loaf of bread or sweet rolls etc. In packaging these items, consider that the residents would like to buy and would appreciate items being packaged in smaller packages such as 4 cookies to a package; 2 sweet rolls to a package; 2 brownies or 4 pieces of fudge, etc.

If you would like to provide baked items for this event, please contact Jan Stone at 712-308-1216 or gbia@cox.net



Table Tennis

BY AL MARTENS

We had a great time at the Table Tennis Tournament on March 4 & 5th. It would not have been possible without all the people who participated in the event and especially those who helped with lunch and the clean-up afterwards. Thank you Jan Husmann and your crew for organizing it.



And the **WINNER** is...

Men's singles were played on Saturday evening with Tyler Hansen reigned as champion and Kevin Epperson in second place. Thank you Ron Rieff for being the umpire for the evening. On Sunday, Greg Steenland did a excellent job as our MC. 1st grade champion was Tori Hansen with Mason Lewis second, Youth champion was Lauren Hansen with Kylie Hansen second, and Women Champion was Jamie Hansen with Erin Miller second. Men's doubles champions were Tyler Hansen and Allen Martens with Mike Loos and John Husmann second.

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Children's Ministry

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

There will be first communion class for children and their parents on April 2nd from 3 pm to 5 pm. This will be followed by a Seder Meal at 5 pm. Children who attend this class will receive First Communion on Maundy Thursday (April 13th) at the 7 pm service. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Pastor Hennings. Normally children receive first communion in second or third grade, but it is up to the parents to decide when they think their child is ready.

We will have an Easter Egg hunt on Easter at 9 am. We have back packs for each participant to use to



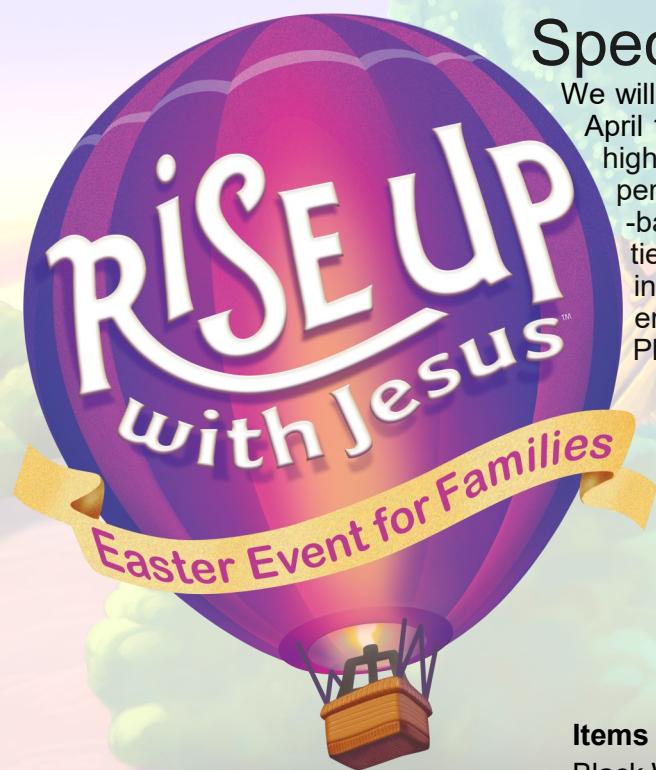
Hanna Ferguson & Lauren Hansen flying their kites.

collect eggs in. They will then get to keep the backpack. We have plenty of eggs for the Easter Egg hunt, but we would appreciate any donations of candy or small toys to fill the eggs. You can bring this by the office during office hours or contact me at sewwhatmichaela@gmail.com.

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Special Easter Event

We will have "Rise Up with Jesus" Easter Event on Wednesday, April 19th. It is designed as an event for all ages. This hour-long, high-flying adventure is designed to provide a fun Easter experience for families as they travel through engaging, station-based adventures. Guests will experience games, activities, crafts, and an interactive drama—all while experiencing Easter in a new and refreshing way. We will need several volunteers and a few more supplies for this event! Please contact Michaela if you are able to help in any way!



Volunteer for Rise Up With Jesus!:

Decorating
Getting Supplies
Set-Up and Tear Down
Station Leaders
Photographer

Items Needed for Rise Up With Jesus!:

Black Washable Markers
Highlighters
Large Grit Sandpaper
2 Fans
Cotton balls
Muslin "shroud"
Dark plastic tarps

Sand
2 Dark Cloths
Spotlight
Traffic Cones
Woven Basket
Large green or blue tarps

Return Completed Form to
Emanuel Lutheran Church
2444 N Broadway
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499
Due by May 31, 2017
Questions?
(712) 323-9665

Health History Form for Short-Term Campers (Day Camp)

Camper Name: _____
First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____
Date of Birth: _____ Boy Girl
Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

About health care for short-term camper stays: Campers should bring and use insect repellent (min. 30% DEET) and sun screen (min. 30 SPF).

Date (month & year) of your child's most recent tetanus immunization: _____

1. Is this child allergic to any food or medication? Yes No

If YES, names of items and reactions _____

2. Does this child have asthma? Yes No

If YES, what triggers your child's asthma? _____

If YES, will your child carry a rescue inhaler during the camp session? Yes No

If YES, does your child need staff help to use that rescue inhaler? Yes No

3. We will call when there is a question about your child's health and/or in an emergency.

Provide contact information for a custodial parent who will be available via phone while your child is attending our program.

Name of Parent: _____ Phone: (____) _____

4. List the medications that your camper takes on a routine basis: This camper takes no routine medication.

a. Med: _____ Reason for taking this: _____

b. Med: _____ Reason for taking this: _____

5. What else should we know about your child? Please write additional information about your child's health that may impact your child's participation in our program: _____

Parent/Guardian Authorization

My child _____ has permission to engage in all prescribed camp activities except as noted. I give permission to Lutheran Lakeside Camp to use photographs, video and audio recordings of my child in camp publicity and to transport my child as needed for camp activities. I give permission for forms to be copied for activities occurring off of camp property. The information provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have indicated any special health conditions, including required medication and activity limitations which should be known to the camp staff and medical personnel. I hereby give permission to medical personnel selected by the camp director to order treatment and necessary transportation for my child. I understand that the camp has limited healthcare on site that that staff will call the indicated parent/guardian when necessary. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to medical personnel to secure and administer emergency medical treatment, including hospitalization for my child and understand that I am responsible for all costs of treatment (through insurance or otherwise).

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp and 1 Day event Registration Form

(Please use dark ink.)

Name (in ink): _____ Birthdate: _____ Sex: M/F _____ Grade Completing: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Other Phone: (____) _____

Emergency Name: _____ Emergency Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____ Home Church: _____ Church Town: _____

Program I am registering for **Emanuel Lutheran Church Day Camp**

Date: **June 12-15, 2017**

To the best of my knowledge, all information for the person(s) described herein is correct. I give permission for these persons to participate in all camp activities, including ropes courses, rock climbing, sailing, etc., except as noted here: _____ and agree that the camp or its staff will not be held responsible for accidents or personal injury arising therefrom. I also grant permission for any photos of me, my child, or my family to be used for promotional purposes for Lutheran Lakeside Camp and ELCA Outdoor Ministries. I also agree that my child, family, or self is covered by family / medical insurance or that, in case they are not, I/we shall cover the cost of health care should the need arise.

Signature of parent/guardian of camper _____ Date _____

National Child Abuse Prevention Month



According to Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, more than 8,200 Iowa children were found to be abused in 2015. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety and stability services, and mental and behavioral health treatment.

LSI's Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents support and resources to build a healthy, stable home environment for their children. In 2016, our Early Childhood programs served more than 1,000 families with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers!

LSI's Family, Safety, Risk and Permanency Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's residential programs at Beloit and Bremwood serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect.

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 ECLA (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.LSlowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Finding Her Confidence

Melissa didn't know what to do. Her oldest daughter, Brianna, struggled with anger issues and Melissa felt she was losing control at home. She wanted to have a loving relationship with her daughter, and she was afraid of becoming the "stern parent."

She turned to LSI's Mental Health and Behavioral Health Intervention Services for help three years ago.

The services provide regular home visits and family meetings for Melissa and Brianna. Each week, Brianna's LSI team collaborates with her to find the coping skills she needs to thrive.

"We're trying positive reinforcement, we're practicing exercises like taking a pillow and screaming into it," Melissa says. "Instead of just yelling and screaming, we're finding an outlet for that anger."

Brianna is also learning to express herself through her favorite hobby: drawing. Melissa says her daughter is a visual learner, so the family is using art to help Brianna cope with her anger. Brianna loves her drawing exercises so much that she now wants to become an artist when she grows up.

Every step of the way, Melissa says she has felt empowered and supported by her LSI team.

"You get the positive support. As parents, you hear that you're doing a good job. You get that pat on the back when you're feeling defeated," she says. "Without these programs, our family would still be struggling. LSI gives you the tools you need."

Help decorate the sanctuary for Easter by ordering a Easter Lily. Please indicate how many you would like along with any notes and return to the church office no later than April 2nd.

Your Name: _____

Number of Lilies

_____ (\$8.00 each)

In honor/memory of:

Total Enclosed: _____

A Message from Bethany

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN BURKE



BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME / BETHANY HEIGHTS

Volunteer and Spiritual Life Tea

"Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead.

We are proud of our Volunteers, Sponsoring Congregations, Pastors and Secretaries. We want to say thank you to you. Whether you've served as a Key Lady; led worship; helped out with Bingo, a Birthday Party or the Auxiliary; baked a pie, cake or have helped out at the Ice Cream Social; whether you've contributed or helped at the Salad Luncheon; whether you have provided volunteer time visiting Residents and Tenants or helping with an Activity or anything else; we want to recognize and thank you. Invitations will be sent out so please join us as we recognize our volunteers on Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street. Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and entertainment as we say thank you for what you have done for Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. We look forward to seeing you on April 30th.

Employment Opportunities

We encourage you to check out our available positions on our website at www.bethanylutheranhome.org. For further information, please contact Brenda Hennigs at 712-328-9500.

Spring Work Day

SUBMITTED BY
THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The spring work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th, starting at approximately 8:00 a.m. or when you can make it.

The main projects will be outdoor work, inside sprucing up and maintenance.

Please bring the tools and supplies you anticipate working with.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Auxiliary Meeting and Bake Sale

Please note that the April meeting of the Bethany Auxiliary will be held on April 10th at 2:00 p.m. This will be the quarterly meeting and bake sale. This year the bake sale will be held at both Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. Individuals are encouraged to donate baked good items for the sale. (Items packaged in smaller quantities are always appreciated by the Residents and Tenants). *Please do not price your items.* Thank you for your support of this fundraiser. Supplemental funds are being provided by Thrivent Financial Pottawattamie County Chapter.

Bethany Heights Apartments Available

Bethany Heights currently has multiple one bedroom apartment selections available for seniors. Come experience the companionship and devoted care Bethany has to offer! Please contact Paula Fandry for inquiries or to schedule a tour at 712-328-8228.

General Store Donations Needed!

The residents at Bethany Lutheran Home greatly have been enjoying shopping for free items at the General Store. However, the General Store supply is running low and in need of your donations. For a listing of items that are needed to restock the General Store, please call Kaily Stanley at 712-328-9500. Thank you all for your support!

Wider Ministries

BY JUDI MALLOY

The Joyful Noise Offering for the second Sunday in April will be for the Spina Bifida Association. On the second Sunday of May the Joyful Noise Offering will be for Centro Latino. The Centro Latino is moving into the Omni Center so watch for an open house to celebrate their new space.

We are continuing to collect things for the Youth Emergency Services and there is a list of items needed for Phoenix House on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. These organizations could not serve others without our help.

We are also exploring the possibility of participating in Servfest again this year. Servfest takes place in May and involves people from many churches taking on projects within our community.

Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ELW 351 is perhaps one of the most well-known Lenten hymns. It was originally attributed to a medieval poem by Bernard of Clairvaux, (1091-1153), a Cisterian monk, greatly admired by Martin Luther. The poem 'Salve mundi salutare' talks about Christ's body, as he suffered and hung on the cross. It has seven sections, each addressing a part of Jesus' body-his feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, and head. O Sacred Head, Now Wounded is a translation of the seventh section 'Salve caput cruentatum', focused on Jesus' head.

Paul Gerhardt, a 17th century German hymn writer, translated the words of this hymn from Latin into German. The American Presbyterian minister, James Alexander, (1804-1859), translated the words from German into English in 1830. In 1899 the English poet Robert Bridges (1844-1930) made a fresh translation from the original Latin, beginning "O sacred Head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn." This is the version used in the 1940 Hymnal (Episcopal), the 1982 Hymnal (Episcopal; stanzas 1-3 and 5), and the Church of England's New English Hymnal (1986) and several other late 20th-century hymn books.

The words have been modified considerably over the years. Dieterich Buxtehude wrote seven cantatas,

**Garden Patio Party
to Celebrate Earth Day**

April 23, 2017 , 10:30-12:00

Out on the Patio,
Emanuel Lutheran Church



Bring your seedlings, plants, promises to share, pots, decorations etc. to share with others. Need not be new.
Free will offering for items will go to the Youth Gathering.

Jan Husmann 328-8378
Darlene Jeppesen 322-6391

"The earth laughs in flowers" Emerson

Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

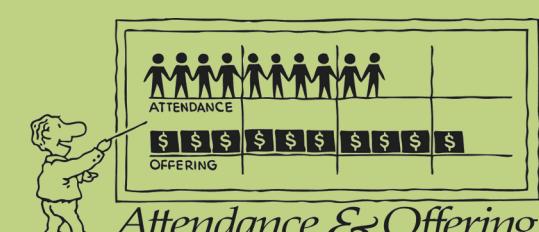
February Income:	\$9,812.00
February Expense:	\$15,046.14
February Balance.....	-\$5,234.14

Membra Jesus Nostri, also based on the poem.



The music for the German and English versions of the hymn is by Hans Leo Hassler, written around 1600 for a secular love song, "Mein G'müt ist mir verwirret", which first appeared in print in the 1601 Lustgarten Neuer Teutscher Gesang. The tune was simplified in 1656 by Johann Crüger. Johann Sebastian Bach arranged the melody and used five stanzas of the hymn in the St Matthew Passion. He also used the hymn's text and melody in the second movement of the cantata Sehet, wir gehn hinauf gen Jerusalem, BWV159. Bach used the melody with different words in his Christmas Oratorio. Franz Liszt included an arrangement of this hymn in the sixth station, Saint Veronica, of his Via Crucis (the Way of the Cross). The Danish composer Rued Langgaard composed a set of variations for string quartet on this tune. It is also employed in the final chorus of "Sinfonia Sacra", the 9th symphony of the English composer Edmund Rubbra.

Even in the twentieth century this timeless tune is still used. "American Tune" by Paul Simon, and Peter, Paul & Mary and the Dave Brubeck Trio "Because all men are brothers" use this same melody.



Attendance & Offering

Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
March 5	141	\$5,112.00
March 12	154	\$1,924.48
March 19	119	\$2,435.00
March 26	98+	\$2,080.00

YTD Income:	\$35,936.73
YTD Expense:	\$30,211.97
YTD Balance	\$5,724.76
Plus Carryover.....	\$9,506.26
General Budget Fund	\$15,231.02

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Game Day
Thursday, April 6th, 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

R.O.M.E.O.'S
(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Tuesday, April 11th, 8:30 am
Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship
March, April 12th
11:30 am
Pizza Ranch

Blessings & Brunch
Friday, April 21st, 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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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship
Wednesday at 7:00 pm, preceded by a meal at 6:00 pm
During Lent these meals are hosted by various committees

Staff:

Pastor Lowell Hennigs
Director of Music Ministries, Cindy Richards
Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis
Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed