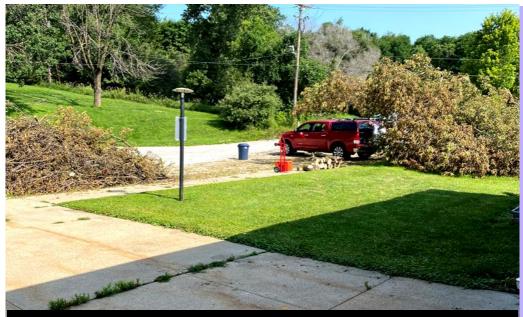
Garden of Readin'

Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

Happenings!

- Saturday, August 7—Concert by Brennen Plummer
- Sunday, August 8-Worship & Coffee Hour, Special Congregational Meeting
- Sunday, August 15—Worship & Coffee Hour
- Friday, August 20—Food Pantry Volunteers meet at Our Savior's Lutheran
- Sunday, August 22—Worship & Coffee Hour
- Saturday, August 28—Emanuel Garage Sale & Carnival
- Sunday, August 29—Worship & Coffee Hour
- Tai Chi each **Monday** and **Thursday** morning at 10 a.m. in the upstairs Youth Center
- Bible Study each **Thursday** at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs conference room.



Mark Ellis gets a head start on cutting up the tree that toppled during a storm in early July. We are thankful more damage wasn't done by the storm. Thank you to everyone who helped with cutting and the removal of the debris at the "tree removal party" on Julv 31.

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Mission

Statement:

Forgiven

by Grace,

Serving by

Faith

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



A Post from the Pastor

By Pastor Cara Knutson

I love seeing the back to school supplies stocked on shelves about this time each year. For many the new year begins in January, but for

me fall always feels like a new beginning. All those neatly sharpened pencils resting along with a brand new pet pink eraser in a plastic pencil case—the clasp still holding tight. Derek always gets a new backpack and first day of school clothes and as I drop him off that first morning and see his little head bobbing off I feel a little sad but also re-

assured that he'll be well taken care of left in the hands of his amazing teacher. At Derek's school everyone seems to know who he is—the teachers all call him by name. It makes me feel good that he's known and loved.

And just down the street I pull into the parking lot of the church, go into my office, switch on the coffeepot and begin that day's work. I feel good that like Derek, at the church people are known and loved. Here in this place we come together as the family of God, brothers and sisters in Christ-and here in this place I feel we really live that out. I've talked to so many people who shared with me that Emanuel is their family and when they had problems or struggles they could count on church family's support. If you look at the healings of Jesus, not only did Jesus heal people of physical ailments, but Jesus also restored people back into their communities. Jesus restored Zacheaus' honor in calling him down from that sycamore tree. In raising the widow's son from the dead, he gave her back her family. We are all created in the image of God—a God that we profess dwells in a community of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I've always believed that we are created to be at our best when we too dwell in community-being a part of a family of caring and loving people that enrich and support our lives as we help each other in living our faithful witness. As I said, this is something Emanuel does well and it's a great gift we can share with our community.



As we celebrate the coming fall and coming back together consider reaching out to friends and invite them to come along—to break bread and fellowship with us. As a reminder Oct. 1st we'll be gathering for a grill out, s'mores, a bonfire, lawn games and overnight camping and pancakes for breakfast Sat. morning. Later that morning on Sat. Oct. 2nd we'll have our first of a monthly Craft Inn—bring your knitting, or quilting, or sewing, or whatever creative project you're working on and meet together in the fellowship hall. Bring your crockpot or goodies, snacks, and treats to share for a potluck lunch.

And an update on your pastor's quest towards greater health and wellbeing—I'm proud to say as of July 28 I've lost 22 pounds! It's so exciting to see momentum, change and progress! Indeed we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us! This member of the body of Christ is feeling pretty great.

See you in church!

Patio Volunteers Needed



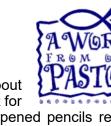
Volunteers who can bend over and kneel down are needed to take care of the patio plants.

If you can help, please phone the church, (712) 323-9665, or email (<u>office@emanuelcb.org</u>) or phone Oscar Over, (712) 322-5075, or email (<u>2cbovers@gmail.com</u>) to volunteer.

Missing Items! Please Help!

If you have borrowed or may know of the whereabouts - we need returned.

- The Mardi Gras and Garage Sale Spinner Banner.
- The Large Wooden Puppet Theater Stage





Esther Bender Robert Hesseltine **Daralene Smith**

Deloris Christensen Norma Mass Bob Vergamini

Owen Hansen **David Perault**

Emanuel Garage Sale

This year's annual garage sale will be held on August 28^{th} with all the proceeds going to Owen Hansen to help with medical expenses plus building a new home for him and his family.

Early drop offs of sale items can be placed in the first classroom on the main

level. There is a sign on the door indicating this along with what can and cannot be donated. Do not price anything, it will be pay what you can or what you feel it is worth. If possible, we would prefer to have items dropped off any evening that week prior but understand that may not be possible. We will be setting up for the sale after service on 22nd and be available for drop offs each evening from 6-8pm.

BY MIKE HIPNAR



Sign up sheets to help will be available as the event gets closer or contact Mike Hipnar directly. We will need volunteers for set up, sale day, clean up & haul away. If you need to arrange a pick up or have any questions contact Mike Hipnar (402) 830-7000 or anyone in Worship & Music.

We are hoping to make this a big event this year to help Owen which as of now includes kids games and a bounce house. We are working on having #OWENSTRONG merchandise available and possibly youth groups to help with games and other event tasks. If you have any ideas please let us know.

!! Baked Goods and Concession Items

are Back !!

The Children's/ Youth Team are asking for donations of baked goods and drinks (pop & bottled water) for Emanuel's Annual Garage Sale, August 28th.

We couldn't provide last year due to

COVID restrictions - but we're excited to offer this year!



More details will follow in the August newsletter

but in the meantime - watch for sales of pop & bottled water and be thinking of what you might like to bake.

Baked goods and concession items will not be priced - a free will dona-



tion suggested. Proceeds will be added to the Owen Hansen Benefit.

Children's Ministry By Michaela Lewis

Sunday school will begin September 12th at 9:30 a.m. Students from toddler through elementary are invited to join Mr. Steve and Corey for videos, stories and activities each Sunday during

the first part of the church service. The stories and activities each Sunday will follow along with the gospel lesson that adults are hearing during the church service. Students will rejoin the congregation before communion. The online Sunday School show will still be posted online weekly.



We will also be having a water day September 12th beginning at 11 a.m. We will have a 100 ft waterslide set up on the hill behind the church. Since our old one got a lot of wear and tear from the past few years, we do need to purchase some new supplies. We would appreciate any help or donations to help purchase the following supplies:



- 20' x 100' of 8 mil plastic sheeting
- 60 foam pool noodles
- · Gift certificates for Menards or Home Depot

Confirmation classes will start September 26th. Classes will be from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with a break for lunch in the community room. The curriculum is a new one from Augsburg fortress called Collaborate. Each student will receive a Collaborate student Bible and Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

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Sunday, August 1	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Gary & Sherri Stinson
Lector	
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, August 8	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Gary & Sherri Stinson
Lector	Mike Winter
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, August 15	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Gary & Sherri Stinson
Lector	
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, August 22	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Gary & Sherri Stinson
Lector	John Husmann
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, August 29	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Gary & Sherri Stinson
Lector	Greg Steensland
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	

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: <u>www.emanuelcb.org</u>

Thank You to Our Mowing Crew!

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With nine mowers, we have a nice rotation where we are not mowing all the time. We ask that you mow the lawn sometime during your scheduled week, preferably by Thursday. If you have a conflict, just trade dates with someone on the list. Mowing consists of the church lawn and the parsonage lawn. If you use all the gas in the container, please fill up the container and turn the bill into the church. Keys for the mower and the garage are in the secretary's office which is open Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 am—3 pm. You can also contact Michaela to make arrangements to pick them up at another time. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.





Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory* and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.





Aug 1 Alan Ellis	
Aug 8 Mark Ellis	
Aug 15 Ken Kemm	ish
Aug 22 Phil Meyer	
Aug 29 Al Marten	



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Service in Worship Center 10:30 am Coffee Hour	2 10 am Tai Chi	3 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	4	5 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	6	7 7 pm Concert by Brennan Plummer
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Those in attendance for any services or events must wear a mask, and social distancing will be practiced. Masks will be provided if you do not have one. Visit us online at <u>www.emanuelcb.org</u>.



<u>Aug. 01</u> William Schademann

> <u>Aug. 02</u> Ryan McSorley

<u>Aug. 03</u> Debra Ebsen

<u>Aug. 04</u> Kimberly Egner Baylee Snyder

<u>Aug. 07</u> Andrea Britton

<u>Aug. 08</u> Peggy Jarrell

<u>Aug. 09</u> Alexis Gress

<u>Aug. 10</u> Larry Britton <u>Aug. 12</u> Kajanie Schaal

<u>Aug. 13</u> Dustin Loos

<u>Aug. 15</u> Kamryn Maxwell Jessica Winter

> <u>Aug. 16</u> Mike Garrett

<u>Aug. 17</u> Katelyn Longnecker

<u>Aug. 18</u> Ben Clark Samantha Showalter

<u>Aug. 19</u> Makenzie Shetterly

> <u>Aug. 20</u> Ryan Loos Erin Miller

<u>Aug. 22</u> Jordan Hansen

<u>Aug. 23</u> Mahala Jankowski

> <u>Aug. 25</u> Jeann Foster

<u>Aug. 27</u> Pamela Sherman Tyler Steensland

<u>Aug. 28</u> Wendi Hancock Karen Smith

<u>Aug. 29</u> Alaire Carrier

> <u>Aug. 30</u> Mark Ellis

THIS MONTH'S Anniversaries

Aug. 06 Rick & Jan Stone

<u>Aug. 07</u> Jeff & Sandy Smith

Aug. 10

Barry & Tina Larson Danielle & Jesse Schaal <u>Aug. 12</u> Cynthia & John Borwick

> Aug. 15 John & Barb Burns

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

Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for July 19, 2021

RECORDED BY CHRIS REED, COUNCIL SECRETARY

Members present: Mike Winter, Pastor Cara Knutson, Greg Steensland, Mike Loos, Nick Rickard, Mike Hipnar, Shelby Rickard, Chris Reed, Alan Ellis

Member absent: Joel Hauschild, Char Les Kemmish, Matt Solon, Connie Edson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Mike Winter. Alan Ellis gave devotions.

Secretary's minutes from the June meeting: Motion to approve by Mike Loos,

seconded by Alan Ellis. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary report: Motion to approve by Alan Ellis, seconded by Mike Hipnar.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve by Shelby Rickard, seconded by Nick Rickard.

Motion carried.

Capital Fund report: Motion to approve by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Alan Ellis.

Motion carried.

Memorial Fund report: Motion to approve by Alan El- • lis, seconded by Shelby Rickard.

Motion carried.

Pastor Cara gave her monthly written report. She has been reaching out to members who have not yet returned to church. She contacted Jack Turner from St. Paul's Episcopal Church to continue the relationship already begun with Emanuel. Pastor Cara has contacted the North Broadway Neighborhood Association to express interest in attending meetings.

Committee Reports:

- Worship and Music Committee Mike Hipnar reported that Cindy Richards would like to cut back on January 1, 2022 with Bell Choir and Choir. Options were discussed, no action taken.
- Property Committee Alan Ellis reported that Ruth Sullivan will no longer be pulling weeds on the right side of the entrance into the church/ nursing home.
- Other Alan Ellis reported that John Spilde is in contact with Dwight Rodgers. Dwight has got a new job at The Home Depot.

Old Business:

- Power to garage and lighting Alan Ellis received a few bids. His recommended we not move forward. He will evaluate other options.
- Bathroom Addition and Upgrades Alan Ellis made a motion to get new bids for 1 new handicap/family bathroom and upgrade the 2 current

bathrooms. Seconded by Greg Steensland. Motion carried.

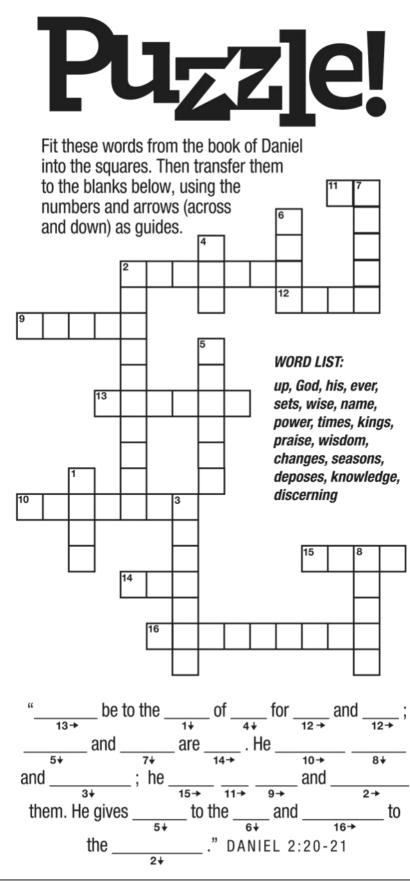
Streaming capabilities and audio equipment -Mike Hipnar presented the committees proposal to go with Midwest Sound & Lighting for a bid of \$19,638. The committee also proposed a new desktop, laptop, headphones, flat screen TVs, software upgrade to Propresenter, and electricity. After discussion and questions, Mike Hipnar made a motion to spend up to \$35,000 for streaming capabilities and audio equipment, seconded by Chris Reed. Motion carried. Pastor Cara will work with Michaela Lewis to set up congregation meeting and notification process.

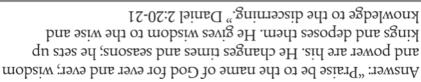
New Business:

- Joel Hauschild put in his resignation to President Mike Winter. Chris Reed made a motion to accept his resignation, seconded by Shelby Rickard. Motion carried. The council members discussed options to replace Joel, Mike Winter will contact a few members.
- New Lease Agreement for Copier Michaela Lewis proposed to turn in our current copier instead of finishing out the lease, to save on our monthly lease. She provided 3 bids. Greg Steensland made a motion to approve Lease Option 1 of \$211.40 monthly fee, saving the church \$36.60/ monthly. Seconded by Nick Rickard. Motion carried.
- Committee assignments Linda Steensland ask the council to assign liaison to one or more committees. The following council members were assigned as liaison: Children & Youth - Nick Rickard; Property - Alan Ellis; Wider Ministries - Chris Reed; Worship & Music - Mike Hipnar; Women of Emanuel - Char Les Kemmish; Mutual Ministry -Mike Winter; Finance & Stewardship - Matt Solon; Fellowship & Support - Greg Steensland; Faith Team - Shelby Rickard. Greg Steensland said the Fresh Start committee has disbanded.

Next meeting is August 16 with Nick Rickard doing devotions.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Reed, seconded by Alan Ellis. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by President Mike Winter at 7:59pm.





Volunteers Needed on Sundays By Michaela Lewis

As we start to get closer to how our Sundays were before the pandemic, we are in need of volunteers to help with the worship service and coffee hour.

We have sign-up links on our website or clipboards in the community room to sign up for the following volunteer positions:

- Assisting Minister
- Lector
- Visual Tech
- LiveStreaming Tech

We also need hosts for coffee hour. At this time we are still using paper cups and individual bottles/boxes of juice. Everything is also pre-packaged on trays.

We have included other items than pastries as many people have different dietary needs. So we are trying to have some low carb, low sugar and glutten free options as well. These change from time to time, so if you have a suggestion, please let me know.

In addition, we will have Sunday school starting September 12. This will be during the first part of the church service. We have a lot of younger kids in the church, so if there are volunteers to help Steve and "Corey" in the Sunday School room during this time, especially if there is a larger number of kids, it would be greatly appreciated!

Save your Pop Tabs!

For the past several years Richard Reed has been sending in pop tabs on behalf of Emanuel Lutheran Church to the



Ronald McDonald house. We are only 40,000 off from hitting a half-million! If you save them you can give them to Richard or place in the collection bucket in the community room to add to our total!

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12" ANNUAL ENARGUE GARAGE SALE

WHEN Saturday, August 28, 2021 9 am - 1 pm

WHERE Emanuel Lutheran Church 2444 North Broadway, Gounell Bluffs, Iowa

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE FAMILY OF OWEN HANSEN. OWEN IS RECOVERING FROM A SNOWBOARDING ACCIDENT THAT INJURED HIS SPINAL CORD. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OWEN'S STORY, VISIT THE OWENSTRONG FACEBOOK PAGE.





HUGE IN-DOOR MULTI-FAMILY SALE WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Toys, games, books, movies, furniture housewares, kitchen items, collectibles crafts, holiday items, baby items, electronics, sporting equipment, hardware & MORE!!

GAMES & ACTIVITIES Bounce House Face Painting Carnival Games

FOOD & DRINKS AVALIABLE

Hot Dogs Nachos Popcorn Soda Baked Goods

Bethany General Store

Bethany Lutheran Home is creating a new General Store for their residents! They are asking for these items: personal things,

NURSING We Need The HOME Tollowing: DONATIONS

i.e. deodorant (men & women), shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, bar soap, body spray, brushes, combs, lotion, tweezes, hair items (bands, barrettes, etc.), slipper socks (with rubber stripes on bottom), fleece lap blankets, grabbers, snack items (individually wrapped), stress balls, fidget spinners, walker bags, big puzzle books, pens of various colors, and notepads. All items must be **new**. A **box** is placed inside the

entry to Fellowship Hall for our collection. Thank you for your support with this project!

Habitat Home Dedication

The new Habitat home is almost complete for a mother and her 3 sons! The dedication is expected around August 15. If you would like to donate paper products they would be appreciated!

Napkins, toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels, etc. can be left at the church. Questions? to Linda Steensland.

Back to School Month

BETHANY

Lutheran Health Services

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.



Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home or in a community setting to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more lowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or <u>Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org</u>.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in lowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the lowa 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 LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Helping Families Adjust to a New Normal

Uriyah felt overwhelmed by anxiety.

During the pandemic, it was hard for him to even leave his room, talk to his family, and attend school. When classes moved online, he felt comfortable completing his homework and attending classes virtually. But when it was time to return to school for in-person classes, he would not attend. His mom, Holly, wanted him to be able to finish the school year virtually, but she needed help navigating the transition with his school.

That's when she learned about LSI's STEP IN community program. Through the service, LSI social workers are there to build on a family's strengths and ensure children and parents have what they need to

thrive and create a brighter future. Children and teens in the program work with their LSI team to develop coping skills, conflict resolution, and healthy communication. The LSI team helped Uriyah feel more comfortable engaging with his family, and Holly had the support she needed to work with the school, advocate for her child, and ensure Uriyah could finish the school year online.

Now, Uriyah has felt a weight lifted off his shoulders, and he successfully graduated out of LSI programming. The last year has created unprecedented stress and anxiety for many children and teens, but Uriyah now feels more comfortable and confident moving forward.

SPECIAL CONCERT BY Brennan Plummer 2444 North Broadway Council Bluffs, IA

Music of Bach Grieg Beethoven Ravel

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH emanuelcb.org 712-323-9665



Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

June Income:	\$7,463.00
June Expense:	
June Balance	



ATTENDANCE S S S S OFFERING Attendance & Offering					
Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Attendance:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:	
July 4	31	15	46	\$3,553.00	
July 11	33	15	48	\$2,219.00	

July 11	33	15	48	\$2,219.00
July 18	42	21	63	\$2,653.00
July 25	42	26	68	\$4743.00
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YTD Income:	\$93,050.99
YTD Expense:	
YTD Balance	\$14,786.62
Plus Carryover	\$20,408.34
General Budget Fund	\$35,194.96



Emanuel Lutheran Church 2444 North Broadway Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, August 8 during coffee hour.

The purpose of this meeting is to vote on whether or not to upgrade the audio/visual equipment to enhance worship bo th in person and online. Mission Statement: Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith Vision Statement: To Grow in Faith, Love, and Spirit

Contact Us

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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the worship center followed by coffee hour. Facemasks are optional. Services are streamed live on YouTube, Facebook & Twitter

Staff:

Pastor Cara Knutson (pastor@emanuelcb.org) Director of Music Ministries, Cindy Richards (music@emanuelcb.org) Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis (office@emanuelcb.org) Kidz Kamp/Activities, Stephen Lewis (youth@emanuelcb.org) Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed