



Garden of Reading!

Happenings at Emanuel!

Saturday, April 6—Craft Inn

Friday, April 12—Kidz Kamp

Sunday, April 14—Joyful Noise Offering, Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal and Confirmation

Tuesday, April 9—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet

Sunday, April 21—Earth Day Celebration, Church Council Meeting

Monday, April 22—Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, April 28—Appreciation reception for Cindy & Michaela

Monday, April 29—Ale & the Almighty

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.

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

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



Families fill the community room during the craft workshop & Easter egg hunt the Saturday before Easter. Families decorated cookies, made bird houses, snow globes and hunted eggs! We had approximately 80 in attendance. Thank you so much to Megan and Chris Sorensen for applying for a grant from Thrivent to help with the cost of the event.

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Easter Ponderings



The Lord is Risen! He is Risen indeed, alleluia!

As I'm writing this I'm deep into plans and preparations for Holy Week as we all prepare for Jesus to die on a cross. My heart and mind are in two places at once. Then I got to thinking about it. Isn't this how we all are... observing Holy Week, the most solemn time in Christianity, yet we know how the story ends. We know that on Easter morning the stone will have been rolled away, the tomb will be empty, and Jesus will begin to appear to those who loved and knew him.

I wonder how different it would be to have been there, physically, with Jesus as he chose his disciples, and as those disciples ate, and fought, and argued over who was the greatest? What would it have been like to have been in the Upper Room and have Jesus wash their feet? To know that one of them that is dipping their hand in the bowl with them, would betray their beloved teacher?

To have been with Jesus at his arrest, stood fearfully at the foot of the cross, fled the scene after his death like drowning rats, and huddled together in the upper room fearful for their lives? As many of you know our Thursday morning Bible Study group has been viewing *The Chosen* together. As someone said this morning we know the story, we know the words, and we can understand with our heads, but somehow seeing these characters makes the whole thing come to life. I'd highly recommend if you aren't already watching *The Chosen* to check it out. You can find it on YouTube or several other streaming stations.

How do we today, as modern people, best enter into the tragedy that is Good Friday and the celebration that is Easter Sunday? Maybe that's why we observe these ancient traditions year after year—maybe it takes a lifetime for God's message to fully penetrate our hearts?

In my own life it's those moments when I've suffered the greatest pain and loss that most help me connect with Jesus' death. He knows what I'm feeling because he took all pain, brokenness, and dis-ease onto himself and died in my, and all our, place. And it's those moments where new life blooms in the place where there was once death that I can most celebrate Christ's resurrection as my own spirit is brought back to life.

It reminds me of an old song from my childhood: Something beautiful, something good, all my confusion, he understood. All I had to offer him was brokenness and strife. But he made something beautiful of my life. Amen!

See you in church,
Pastor Cara

Joyful Noise

Our joyful noise offering on April 14th will go to Council Bluffs CARES. This is a nonprofit corporation that aims to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities through training, employment and to provide a place of hope and understanding.



Monday, April 29th

6 p.m.

Glory Days (106 W Broadway)

Join us for an evening of fellowship and studying scriptures and how they apply to today's world and current events. They have a full menu and drinks if you would like to plan to eat/drink there during this time.

Holy Humor Sunday

This year's holy humor theme is "Food, Glorious Food."

Bring a copy of you favorite recipes to share and we will make copies of them to have out so others can replicate some of your favorites.

Feel free to dress is any food related attire you feel is appropriate.

If you have a food related joke you would like to share, feel free to bring it to share during the service.

Holy Humor Sunday is celebrated by many churches the Sunday after Easter as a lighthearted way to celebrate God's joke on the devil, with the resurrection of Jesus.

Heavenly Humor



THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024
8 P.M. - 8 P.M.

KIDZ KAMP
(PARENTS NIGHT OUT)

REGISTER ONLINE AT
[VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/D4F1DA](https://vbapro.events/p/d4f1da)

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STAFF & VOUNTEERS HAVE PASSED BACKGROUND CHECKS AND COMPLETED SAFETY TRAINING.

What does a sound tech do?

Most Sundays you will find Mike Hipnar at the back of the worship center manning the sound board. While he has become an expert at it, we would love to have some others learn!

Without someone manning the controls, our worship services would sound quite different, both in the worship center and online. There are controls for each microphone, so they can be adjusted at different parts of the service.

Mike listens not only to the sound in the sanctuary, but a pair of headphones allow him to also be able to check on the sound coming through to the livestream.

If you have watched a service online, you may notice that during hymns, often the congregation is much softer. That is because we don't have microphones suspended over the congregation. While this would make it great to hear everyone singing, without someone to adjust the sound down at other times, we would also hear any other conversations going on.

This is an important role to help make our services run smoothly. If you are interested in learning how you can help, please talk with Mike Hipnar.



What does a communion assistant do?

Each Sunday we need two communion assistants to help distribute communion. Often, our acolytes also help with this.

When Pastor extends the invitation to the congregation after the Lord's Prayer, the communion assistants come forward and receive communion. Then one person takes the tray of cups and after people receive bread from Pastor, the communion assistant offers a cup and says "blood of Christ, shed for you."

A second assistant holds a basket for the empty cups. When we only have one assistant, we have had "junior communion assistants" before. Leah Clark has done a wonderful job with this and we have discussed having some of our other younger students help with this task occasionally as well.

After everyone has gone through the line, the communion assistants return to the altar and then serve Pastor communion.

What does a visual tech do?

The visual tech runs the slides that we see on the walls during the worship service.

Michaela has these all pre-programmed and printed in a binder at the back of the worship center. Most Sundays, this is already pulled up and ready to go.

The person running slides can use a remote, or arrows on the computer to control the slides on Sundays.

This requires the person running them to pay very close attention to where we are in the service.

When using the remote, sometimes the slides will lag a bit, or jump ahead if it is feeling especially energetic.

After the service, the computer can be shut and the projectors turned off.



Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, April 7	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Pat Hiller & Chris Reed
Acolyte	Grant & Garrett Ashcraft
Lector	Amari Johnson
Altar Guild	Pat Hiller
Communion Assistants	Grant & Garrett Ashcraft
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
Coffee Hour	Property Committee
Sunday, April 14	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Pat Hiller & Chris Reed
Acolyte	Tayah Nixt
Lector	
Altar Guild	Pat Hiller
Communion Assistants	Tayah Nixt
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	Property Committee
Sunday, April 21	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Pat Hiller & Chris Reed
Acolyte	
Lector	
Altar Guild	Pat Hiller
Communion Assistants	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	Property Committee
Sunday, April 28	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Pat Hiller & Chris Reed
Acolyte	
Lector	Joann Blum
Altar Guild	Pat Hiller
Communion Assistants	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	Property Committee



APRIL

Birthdays

April 01
Barb Burns

April 02
Jenny Jarrell-Smith

April 04
Scott Carrier
Peg Madsen

April 06
Amanda Wilson
Suzanne Winter

April 07
Lori Ahrends
Renee Goss

April 09
Joshua Tiffey

April 12
Chasity Christie
Nathaniel Larson

April 13
Tes Winter

April 15
Jim Andersen
William Donovan
Sharon Hansen
Jackie Holding

April 16
Amy Epperson

April 17
Laura Kai
Jack Loos

April 19
Christian Chatterton
Deanne Skovgaard

April 20
Lucas Holcombe
Heather Wilson
Angela Wolfe

April 21
Glenda Smith

April 22
Cara Knutson

April 23
Brayden Fager
Linda Steensland

April 24
Priscilla McGee

April 26
Cynthia Borwick

April 27
Kylie Hansen

April 28
Haley Snell

April 30
Allison Goldapp



MAY

Birthdays

May 01
Carly Sorensen

May 02
Abaigeal Plummer

May 06
Anna Luther

May 09
Kyle Nordstrom
Matt Solon

May 10
Alexander Bradshaw
Riley Maxwell
Chris Nixt

May 12
Chris Sorensen

May 13
Richard Reed

May 14
Christi Hauschild

May 19
Mike Loos

May 20
Kenna Hite

May 22
Garrett Smith

May 23
Desirée Snell

May 25
Jennifer Clark
Tiffany Pace

May 26
Ryan Wilson

May 27
Jennifer Plummer
Rick Stone

May 30
Brad Dahlke
Debbie Ferguson

*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*



Jeanne Andrews	Deloris Christensen	Owen Hansen	Sharon Hansen	Norma Heath
	Norma Mass	Jane Meyer	Patty Maxwell	Jim O'Neill
Julie Powell	Melody Schott	Paul Schott	Tommy Schott	Ruth Sullivan

APRIL

Anniversaries

April 08
Zach & Samantha Winter

April 14
Richard & Jacqueline Ogg

April 10
Allen and Linda Martens

April 19
Dick & Donna Steensen

MAY

Anniversaries

May 03
Gary & Judy Pleas

May 19
Richard & Darlene Reed

May 29
David & Linda Fietz

May 07
Chris & Crystal Nixt

May 20
Jeremy & Tonia Thielen

May 29
Edward & Nina Reedy

May 08
Cheryl & Gary Rowe

May 22
Stephen and Michaela Lewis

May 30
Ron & Norma Stairs

May 11
John & Glenda Smith II

May 28
Clarissa & Edward Haats

Thank you to all of those who helped decorate the worship center for Easter by purchasing lilies or mums.

Ashcraft Family
In memory of Alex Skovgaard

Angel McGee
In memory of David Larson

Karen Smith
In honor of Ava & Noah

Joann Blum
In memory of close friends who passed from cancer

Oscar & Deann Over

John Spilde
In honor of my parents, Orval & Bernadean Spilde

Jack Henderson
In memory of wife Carol and Sister Rose Mary

Judith Pleas

Steensland Family

Sandy Kanger
In memory of Harvey Christensen, Ray Kanger & David Perault

Elaine Sasso
In memory of Almond & Elizabeth Ossian

Jan & Rick Stone Stone
In memory of Michael Stone

Mike & Michele Loos & Family

Deanna Skovgaard
In memory of Dill & Alice Mills

Mike & Suzanne Winter
In memory of our parents

A.P.R.I.L

At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday 7 am Sunrise Service 8:45 am–9:15 am Easter Breakfast 9:30 am Easter Worship <i>Happy Easter</i> 	1 10 am Tai Chi	2 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	3 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	4 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	5	6 10 am Craft Inn 
7 9:30 am–10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour Meeting 2 pm SCA meet upstairs	8 10 am Tai Chi	9 8:30 am ROME0's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	10 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	11 9:30 am Adult Bible Study at Village Inn East (first Thursday of the month) 10 am Tai Chi	12 6 pm Kidz Kamp	13
14 9:30 am–10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal 11 am Confirmation 2 pm SCA meet upstairs	15 Newsletter Articles Due 10 am Tai Chi 	16 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	17 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	18 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	19 Synod Assembly	20 Synod Assembly
21 9:30 am–10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11 am Church Council Meeting 2 pm SCA meet upstairs	22 Earth Day 10 am Tai Chi	23 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Church Council Meeting	24 Administrative Professionals Day 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	25 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	26	27
28 Church Musician Appreciation Day 9:30 am–10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 2 pm SCA meet upstairs	29 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days	30 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	1 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	3 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	3	4 10 am Craft Inn 

Earth Day

Submitted by Suzanne Winter

Earth Day is a global event held every year on April 22 since 1970. The official theme for 2024 is "Planet vs. Plastics".

Did you know?

- Studies show we ingest up to 5 grams of microplastics per week, equivalent of a credit card.
- 95% of U.S. tap water contains microplastics
- Consumer Reports found plastic in almost every food they tested, often at high levels
- Plastic is in the air we breath inside & outside posing a threat to vegetation, human & animal health.

Genesis 2:15: *The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*



Thank you from Sequels

Submitted by Jan Husmann

Emanuel has provided a meal once a week for the last two months for people at Sequels.

John Spilde, Pat Hiller, Suzanne Winter, Al and Linda Martens, Linda Steensland, and Ruth Sullivan have donated money or food. I have also used ingredients found on the shelves at Sequels.

Ideas and help are always welcome.



SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

EARTH DAY

DURING COFFEE HOUR

WE'LL CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT EMANUEL DURING COFFEE HOUR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL & ON THE PATIO ON APRIL 21. THERE WILL BE DISPLAYS & IF THE WEATHER COOPERATES WE CAN BRING PLANTS TO EXCHANGE OR A LIST OF WHAT WE HAVE TO SHARE. QUESTIONS OR IDEAS CAN BE DIRECTED TO SUZANNE WINTER OR JAN HUSMANN.

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Online Giving

Did you know that we have the option of online giving? You can download the Vanco Faith app on your mobile device through the Apple Store or Google Play, or you visit our website at <https://www.emanuelcb.org/> There are customizable giving options, including giving to different funds with one donation and you also have the option of setting up recurring payments. You are also able to view your electronic giving history through the app.



"All Glory, Laud and Honor" fills the worship center during the Procession on Palm Sunday.



Kneeling at the altar, Noah Smith receives first communion, with his family.



Surrounded by her family, Katrina Nixt receives first communion. The smaller kneeler was donated by Jack Henderson and was the perfect size for this occasion.

Holy Week



During the Procession of the Cross on Good Friday, Amari Johnson proceeds to the front carrying the cross.



A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN 3 DAYS

Thank you to our volunteers, musicians, singers and staff for all their hard work to make Holy Week special!



We had a beautiful day for an outdoor Easter Egg hunt!



Families work on making birdhouses at the craft workshop. They also made Easter snow globes and decorated their own sugar cookies.



Our annual Maundy Thursday lock-in would not be complete without a Nerf war.



Crafts aren't just for kids! Jennifer Smith and Karen Smith work together to paint a birdhouse at the craft workshop.



The Emanuel Bell Choir played "The Strife Is Over" at the 9:30 am service on Easter.

INTER-FAITH RESPONSE, INC.

Weather

March has started out quite warm and dry. For our clients, this warmer than usual weather is a good thing. The milder temperature will thankfully result in more manageable utility bills. The problem is the large bills from the cold winter months. As the winter moratorium ends on April 1st, we expect to see increasing numbers of disconnect notices for large gas and electric bills. The extra funds available during the Covid pandemic have continued to dry up. There is just less energy assistance available this year. West Central Community Action, one of our community partners, did not receive funds this year for their water program. We have truly missed being able to partner with West Central in addressing this vital need for our shared clients in Pottawattamie County. Potable water is critical for preserving life and health.

Inter-Faith in Action

Lynnette, 44, and her 16 year old daughter had been doing fine. Then carpal tunnel syndrome struck. Both Lynnette's wrists are in terrible shape so that meant 2 surgeries 2 weeks apart. In total that is an entire month off from work, doctor's orders. Very few parents with a teen can miss that much work, so we helped Lynette with her past due rent. Her savings have been depleted, and she was desperately worried. Thanks to funds from the 2024 HEAT Grant, we were able to pay the partial month's past due rent that Lynette could not, thus preventing eviction. She has a good job to go back to, so we expect that Lynette, like 75% of our clients in 2023, will need help only 1 time.

Maddy is a 33 year old woman with 3 grade school age children. She and her husband, an undocumented immigrant from Mexico, had been building a good life together. Sadly, Maddy's husband has been caught up in the "Remain in Mexico" policy, and has been separated from his family for a significant period of time. This family was managing until Maddy's hours were reduced. Using Inter-Faith's general funds, we were able to pay the past due rent for this struggling family. Maddy's husband has an immigration hearing coming up, and we hope that this family will be re-united.

Cambre's story is different from the previous one. She too is a single parent, but she is not trying to reunite with a beloved spouse. Instead she is trying to stay one step ahead of one who is abusive, and is not in any way kind, either to her or her 2 grade school children. Women may not leave bad situations

for a lot of reasons, but a prime driver is the man usually has all the financial power. Cambre is working hard to establish independence. She has a job, and is able to receive Medicaid and Food Stamps. Her estranged husband, not surprisingly, does not pay child support. Using the HEAT Grant, we were able to pay the remainder of her past due rent.

Marie, 42, is recently divorced, and has 2 small children with special needs. Prior to a debilitating injury, she had a meaningful job with decent pay and was buying her home. Marie has been denied disability several times and is pursuing an appeal with the aid of an attorney. She has exhausted all her savings and retirements funds. Using general funds, Inter-Faith was able to pay several of Marie's past due utility bills, assuring that she and her children have heat, lights and water. Rae, 41, is a disabled single mother of two middle school age sons. She has been living with her parents, saving money for her own place. Rae does receive disability, Food Stamps, and Medicaid, and is newly qualified for subsidized housing. Using the HEAT Grant, we were able to pay toward her deposit. Rae had her own money to pay toward the first month's rent. It may sound like single mothers are the only category of people we are helping, but not so. We help on a first come first served basis.

Our clients are the ones who are fastest with their phones, or the most persistent with redial. Single parents are consistently a significant portion of our clients. Though their stories are unique, their very difficult struggle to stay above economic water is the common thread.

The Rest of the Story

When Ashley, now 46, saw us 4 1/2 years ago, she had just lost her job and had a three day eviction notice. This self sufficient woman was understandably panicked. A friend told her about us and she called. We helped with her rent and prevented the eviction. This gave Ashley some breathing room, and a few days later she was offered a better job Ashley landed a position that paid substantially more than her previous job. She credited Inter-Faith with her more affluent life.

Gratitude

We are so grateful to you, our faithful supporters. Without your prayers, thoughts, and financial contributions, we could not do any of this ministry. We could not have helped any of the people in our stories.

Sincerely, *Mary Mason & the Inter-Faith Staff*

National Professional Social Work Month

Submitted by Joyce Williams



March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we are grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

At LSI, we believe every Iowan deserves the independence they need to thrive. LSI's Host Homes is an innovative way LSI is serving adults with disabilities. Through this program, an individual moves from Supported Community Living into a private family home with a carefully selected mentor. This program is built entirely around an individual's goals and interests, and LSI's extensive matching process ensures the mentor and mentee are a great fit.

Take a moment to read the following story from a Host Homes mentee:

"My journey with LSI's Host Homes started in early 2023. I've known my mentor for a few years while he provided hourly services to me. We learned about Host Homes and thought it would be a good fit for us. I moved into my mentor's home where he helps me maintain a daily routine with schoolwork, household

tasks, daily living skills, improving independence, and more.

I attend a college nearby and go to classes a few days a week. I am able to navigate the local bus system to access my community to attend classes and visit friends. My mentor is always available to transport me into the community as needed.

This summer, I went on a trip across the country with one of my classes. While on this trip, I was able to maintain my independence with limited support, but I knew my mentor would be available by phone to assist me with my coping skills and problem solving. This trip was a big success for me knowing I had support only a phone call away.

I like LSI's Host Homes Program because my mentor supports me in the way I want to be supported, assists me with some daily tasks I struggle with, and understands me."

If you are interested in becoming a Host Homes mentor and helping a fellow Iowan achieve independence, please visit LSIowa.org/HostHomes for more information.

SHOWING OUR *Appreciation*

Sunday, May 5th

We will have a reception during coffee hour in appreciation of our parish assistant, Michaela Lewis, and music director, Cindy Richards.

We will have a basket out if you would like to share your appreciation for all they do with a card, note or gift card.

Administrative Professionals Day
is Wednesday, April 24.

Music Minister Appreciation Day
is Sunday, April 28.

TEACHER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

May 19, 2024 During Coffee Hour

Help us show our appreciation to our Children & Youth Leader, Stephen Lewis, and our talented youth music leader, Lori Lynn!

Feel free to share your appreciation
with a card, note or gift card.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION



CLASS OF 2024

Help us honor our 2024 graduates.
Each will be acknowledged during
the worship service.
We will have a reception during
coffee hour to honor them.



SUNDAY
MAY 5, 2024

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
THE GRADUATION OF

KYLE SORENSEN

May 19, 2024 2-6pm
Council Bluffs Firefighters Union Hall
1827 S 8th St Council Bluffs, IA

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024
5:15 PM

GOLF LEAGUE

WISPERING WINDS GOLF COURSE
(FORMERLY FOX RUN)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
TALK TO MIKE LOOS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!

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Welcoming Youth

Submitted by Michaela Lewis

Do you ever see our energetic preschoolers and wish you could have an ounce of the energy they have? As a Mom with one of these energetic kids at home, I think this daily.

I was a quiet child and I remember sitting in the back of the church playing with dolls or other quiet toys during the service. I grew up at Emanuel and the sanctuary that is now the youth center didn't have a lot of wiggle room. Funny thing is, I could recite a lot of the service, even without following along in the green LBW. Even when you don't think kids are listening, they are still absorbing information. I noticed that with Holden Evening Prayer during Lent, as Spencer started to respond, "God of mercy, hold us in love" during the appropriate parts.

When Steve and I have attended trainings, it is always interesting to tour the other building and see what the offer, and what they might do a bit differently. One thing that we have talked about for several years with the children and youth committee is having a "pray ground" or space in the worship center for kids to be comfortable.

We would like to do a trial of this as we move towards the summer months, when we don't have Sunday school.

So we will be getting some things, like a soft rug, pil-

lows and blankets, and small quiet toys to help stock this area, which will be in front of the middle section of pews. We will also have weekly children's bulletins and crayons.

The point of this area is to make worship a welcoming place for all ages, and give kids some "wiggle room" in a place that can seem very ridged to kids.

With that in mind, you may notice that the new all-accessible bathroom has had a few additions recently. The larger stall has a potty seat with steps for our younger students and several of them and their parents have let us know that the kids were really excited about this.

We also added a taller step stool with safety rails at one sink (it can easily be moved), as well as bins with extra supplies for parents. We have had comments from kids, parents and visitors about how nice it is to have these. It helps our kids' self-esteem and independence and helps parents who might be juggling more than one little one.

These little things make a big impression on little minds, as they realize, "this is here for me. My church cares for me and they want me here."



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS



Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
March 03	86	11	97	\$3,018.00
March 10	109	12	121	\$1,861.00
March 17	87	14	101	\$797.00
March 24	127	32	159	n/a

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

February Income: \$9,155.00
 February Expense: -\$15,585.94
 February Balance (\$6,430.94)

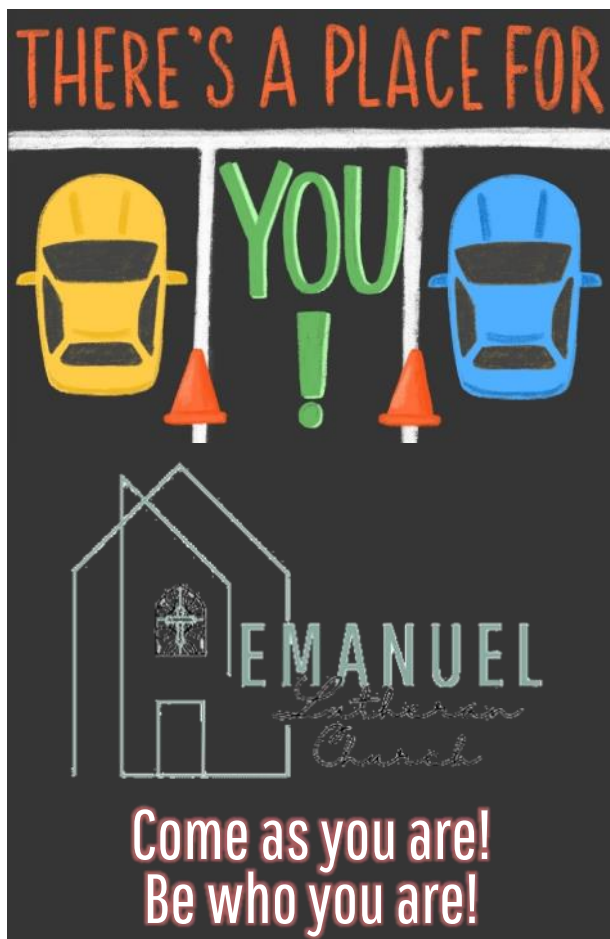
YTD Income: \$36,708.12
 YTD Expense: -\$32,426.52
 YTD Balance \$4,281.60
 Plus Carryover (\$576.26)
 General Budget Fund \$3,705.34



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

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Office Hours: Monday 9 a.m.—1 p.m.,
Tuesday –Friday 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Worship Services:

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

Children's Ministry:

Children will be dismissed to Sunday School after the Gospel reading during the Sunday worship service (*September—May*)

Staff:

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