# Garden of Readin'

#### **Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter**

**April 2022** 

# Happenings!

Saturday, June 4—Spring Work Day

Sunday, June 5—Senior Recognition

Tuesday, June 14—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet, North Broadway

Wednesday, June 15—Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, June 19—Father's Day, Baptism

Saturday, July 2—Craft Inn

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



Tayah Nixt Spencer Lewis, Leah Clark and Katrina Nixt decorating the patio on the last day of Sunday school for the 2021-2022 year. Unfortunately rain washed away their artwork a few days later. Thank you so much to Stephen Lewis for leading Sunday school lessons and the online programing, and to Lori Lynn Ahrends for sharing her musical talents and leading music with our youth. VBS is just around the corner, so save the date! It will be August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>!

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## A Post from the Pastor

By Pastor Cara Knutson

I grew up in the Black Hills of South Dakota, named for the spruce trees that grow there. They have dark stripes on their bark making the hills look black from a distance. Every year fires burn through the area making the news—the destruction monitored carefully so that too much of the forest doesn't burn. COVID has been likened to a forest fire finding human wood to burn. As we continue on and we look to our church it can seem like looking out over the smoldering remains of a

forest fire. Charred and black, with huge gaping holes that used to be filled with trees. But every year you could rely on little shoots of green appearing and growing until the remains of the fire became reclaimed by the forest.

Here at Emanuel and in our community COVID found lots of human wood to burn and has impacted the ecosystem of our church. Some folks have left, some have died, and many are absent for unknown reasons. It's easy to despair. Where I find hope, those green shoots springing forth, is in young children giggling and running through the fellowship hall, the happy din of voices laughing and talking over coffee hour, people coming forward for communion, and singing the liturgy. I truly believe God continually presents us with opportunities to serve God and neighbor and over time our forest will be green and lush again.

Towards our regrowth as a community yours truly has been working at connecting with the larger community. I'm happy to announce I've been elected to the board of Habitat for Humanity, and am looking forward to working with others to provide affordable housing in our community. I've also been able to attend the North Broadway Neighborhood Association and begin to make connections there. The NBNA recognizes that a neighborhood church is a vital sign of a healthy neighborhood and support our presence and ministry here. I also continue to reach out to St. Paul's Episcopal to find where our two churches can partner in outreach ministry as well how we can collaborate with children's ministry. This is just a start.

I've been thinking quite a bit how Emanuel is really good about stepping up to help out when there's a need—bringing food for funerals, picking up donations and organizing for the annual rummage sale, helping in preparations for Mardi Gras, and Tea for Two, giving generously to groups who visit us on Noisy Offering Sundays. So maybe a way for us to think of outreach is to all listen together and when anyone hears of a need they think Emanuel could help with to share the news. We're already doing this in small ways, like when we hold boxes for someone moving, or help one another with rides to doctor's appointments. Maybe God will send up opportunities to show up and help in big ways as well.

My challenge for all of us is this: send me an email or tell me as you leave services or grab me over coffee hour and share what you'd like to see Emanuel do in the next year. Where do you see little sprouts of green popping up that we can encourage and support? Together we can be co-creators with God in helping make a safe and just world.

See you in church!

Pastor Cara

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Melinda Mass. She passed away May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her children, Shane Mass, Ryan Mass, Mitchell Mass, Kacie (Sean) Synacek, in your thoughts and prayers.







Our deepest sympathy goes out Sandy Kanger and the family of David Perault. He passed away April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Sandy and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



Esther Bender
Robert Hesseltine
Ruth Sullivan

Deloris Christensen Sawyer Lorenz Bob Vergamini Owen Hansen Norma Mass Larry Hansen
Tommy Schlott

# Bethany Lutheran Health Services

The Open House for the Mary Pat Center for Healing wing of the Home on April 21<sup>st</sup> was attended by many in our community. The refurbished rooms are for short term recovery patients. They have their own inviting dining room. After a short ceremony and tour drinks and appetizers were served. Have you visited their website: *blhs.care* where "The care you need for the life you want"? "Bethany Lutheran Health Services provides a faith based community that is dedicated to each resident's health. We offer memory care, assisted living, therapy programs, long term care, and so much more. To learn more about what we have to offer, contact us today and we will be happy to discuss the details with you." The Home can be contacted at 712-328-9500 and the Heights at 712-328-8228. Their website has a link to their *supporting churches* 

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#### Bethany Lutheran Health Services Auxiliary

The Bethany Lutheran Health Services Auxiliary's Mission Statement is "To promote love in action for the residents, to assist with the leisure time activities and projects for the residents and to promote volunteer services".

All members of Emanuel are welcome to join in any of the Auxiliary meetings and activities. Our representative for the Auxiliary is Jan Stone. Call Jan if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with activities such as birthday parties and bingo.

Emanuel was responsible for the birthday party and two bingo afternoons in May. Thanks to all who helped with these activities.

#### North Broadway Neighborhood Association Upcoming Events



**Hydrant Party** 

Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m. N Linden Ave & Walton Ave

Annual Neighborhood Picnic Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m.—2 p.m. Kimball Park



# June 12 June 19 June 26 LAWN-MOWING TEAM Sid Dillon Ken Kemmish Al Marten Mike Winter

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With eight 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. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Mark Ellis at 402-699-1472.

# Patio Volunteers Needed

As the weather gets warmer, we are in need of volunteers to help take care of the outside plants. We could especially use a few volunteers who are able to bend over and kneel down to take care of the patio plants. If you can help,

please contact Oscar Over.





# Congratulations to our 2022 graduates!



#### Lauren Hansen

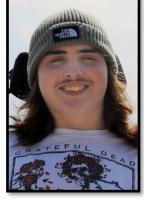
#### Abraham Lincoln High School

Lauren has played golf the last two years and has had a great season so far. She completed an introduction to culinary program her senior year through IWCC. She will be attending Iowa Western in the fall. She completed several of lowa western classes her senior year, so she has enough credits transferring to almost complete a full year of college already. She is not sure what she wants to major in so she's completing this first year of general education classes. Lauren was awarded a couple of scholarships so far, one including the Ruth Rysta Gunn Elementary scholarship.



**Abraham Lincoln High School** 

Owen will be attending classes at Iowa Western Community College this fall to study music technology.



#### **Garrett Haats**

#### **Abraham Lincoln High School**

Garrett has been involved in band, baseball and wrestling throughout high school and been on the silver honor roll. In addition to graduating from high school, Garrett also graduated from Iowa Western Community College on 5/14/2022 with his Welding Certificates and Plumbing Diploma through the TradeWorks high school partnership program. He will be attending Western Welding Academy in Gillette, WY in the Fall to study to become a Professional Pipe Welder.



#### Joshua Hubbard

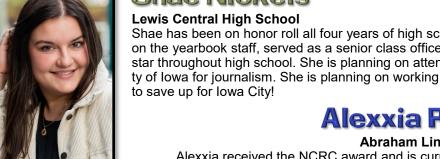
Abraham Lincoln High School

Josh will be entering an Adult Transition program through Ameriserve where he will begin working for an actual paycheck biweekly while continuing to learn adult living skills. Some examples of the work they do are 'Meals on wheels' to the elderly, park grounds litter clean up and much more.



#### Shae Nickels

Shae has been on honor roll all four years of high school and has been on the yearbook staff, served as a senior class officer, and been five star throughout high school. She is planning on attending the University of Iowa for journalism. She is planning on working over the summer



#### Alexxia Richards

**Abraham Lincoln High School** 

Alexxia received the NCRC award and is currently working as a resident healthcare aid. She is planning on studying to become a crime scene investigator.





#### **Haley Holland**

BS Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University

#### **Brennan Plummer**

BM Piano Performance, University of Iowa

#### **Kaitlyn Egner**

BS Addiction Prevention & Counseling, University of South Dakota

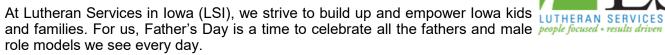
#### Alyson Sorensen

JD College of Law, University of Iowa

#### **Kobie Ferguson**

Construction Management, Iowa Western Community College

# Happy Father's Day





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

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. And through LSI Foster Care and Adoption, our licensed foster dads are there to help guide them.

This is only possible through your support of LSI! If you would like to make a gift, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at <a href="mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org">Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org</a> or 563-676-2065.

Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

#### Therapy Provides a Solid Foundation

Dana and Jack have lots to look forward to. They are planning their wedding, Jack is hard at work finishing his college degree, and they share a growing baby boy, Levi.

But while they wanted to keep their sights set on the future, Jack struggled to cope with some of his past.

As an Army veteran, Jack found himself struggling with addiction after he returned home, and he found it difficult to process some of the emotions that came with it. He wanted to break free from those struggles and get help. Dana had been meeting with her LSI therapist, Andrea, for several years already and wanted her to connect with Jack too.

Now, after meeting with Andrea, Jack has learned to cope with his past in healthy ways. He has since been able to break his addiction and he now feels clear-headed whenever he needs to cope through the challenging days.

Jack and Dana also attend couples counseling with Andrea and through their sessions, they are able to ensure they have a happy, healthy home for Levi.

The couple says Andrea and LSI have been a "breath of fresh air," and they feel more empowered and in control of their life.



<u>June 04</u> **Katrina Nixt** 

<u>June 03</u> **Jeselyn Maxwell** 

<u>June 04</u>

Danette Hein-Snider Bette Juhl Katrina Nixt

June 07
Connie Solon
Sherri Stinson

<u>June 10</u>
Heather Linsenmeyer
Nolan Winter

<u>June 16</u>

Judy Heithoff

Kennedy Rickard

June 17
Ben Heithoff

<u>June 18</u> Ken Kemmish Ryan Nordstrom <u>June 21</u> Kade Holcombe Porter McSorley

<u>June 24</u> Ian Spangenberg

June 28
Brad Holding
Chris Wade

<u>June 29</u> Jeff Wilson

June 30 Connie Edson Mason Lewis



June 01

Michael & Carla Hipnar Kenneth & Char Les Kemmish

June 04

Laura & Clayton Kai Stephen & Jennifer Plummer

June 11

Ryan & Tara McSorley

June 1*7* 

**James & Ruth Nelson** 

June 19

**Kevin & Rita Epperson** 

June 21

Robert & Esther Bender

June 25

Jennifer & Brandon Clark

June 28

Jesse & Jolene Hansen Michael & Suzanne Winter

June 2*9* 

**Christopher & Megan Sorensen** 



We missed some milestones last month! Chris and Crystal Nixt celebrated their 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Chris also celebrated his birthday May 10<sup>th</sup>!

# Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, June 5	9:30 a.m. Service		
Ushers	Pat Hiller & Chris Reed		
Acolyte	Alex VanSickle		
Lector	Alan Ellis		
Children's Message			
Altar Guild			
Communion Assistant	Angel McGee		
Visual Tech			
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis		
Coffee Hour	Children & Youth Committee		
Sunday, June 12	9:30 a.m. Service		
Ushers	Pat Hiller & Chris Reed		
Acolyte	Mason Lewis		
Lector			
Children's Message			
Altar Guild			
Communion Assistant	Connie Edson		
Visual Tech			
LiveStream Tech			
Coffee Hour	Chris Reed		
Sunday, June 19	9:30 a.m. Service		
Ushers	Pat Hiller & Chris Reed		
Acolyte	Gabe VanSickle		
Lector			
Altar Guild			
Communion Assistant			
Visual Tech			
LiveStream Tech	Kathy Schneckloth		
Coffee Hour	Chris Reed		
Sunday, June 26	9:30 a.m. Service		
Ushers	Pat Hiller & Chris Reed		
Acolyte	Grace Nixt		
Lector			
Children's Message			
Altar Guild			
Communion Assistant			
Visual Tech			
LiveStream Tech			
Coffee Hour	Chris Reed		





FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android

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.







We need YOUR help!

We would love to heave you help with worship! Please contact the church office at (712) 323-9665, office@emanuelcb.org or sign-up on our website at: www.emanuelcb.org



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour	30 Memorial Day 10 am Tai Chi	31 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	3	Work Day  Work Day
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# FIRE HYDRANT PARTIES

Old-fashioned summer fun! The Council Bluffs Fire Department hosts hydrant parties on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. throughout the summer at various locations.

Hydrant parties are made possible thanks to our partners. We want to give a special thanks to Council Bluffs Water Works for providing the water and thanks to Centris Federal Credit Union for giving frozen treats. Mark your calendars for the following parties:

June 14: Robert's Park (1000 N 25th St)

June 16: 21st Ave & S 9th St

June 21: Baldwin Cir

June 23: Poplar between Ash and Birch

June 28: Bel Air Dr & Renner Dr

June 30: River's Edge Park

July 5: Lake St & Arnold Ave

July 7: Curtis St & Ave F

July 12: N 17th St & Ave F

July 14: 25th Ave & Pavich Dr

July 19: North Linden Ave & Walton Ave

July 21: S 33rd St & 3rd Ave

July 26: Berwick Cir

July 28: Chippewa Ln & 32nd Ave Aug 2: Twelve Oaks Dr & Butler St

Aug 4: Lakin Campus



# Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 05/16/2022

RECORDED BY CHRIS REED



Members present: Mike Winter, Char Les Kemmish, Chris Reed, Pastor Cara Knutson, Alan Ellis, Greg Steensland, Nick Rickard, Connie Edson

Members absent: Shelby Rickard, Mike Loos, Mike Hipnar,

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

Secretary's minutes from the April meeting: Motion to approve by Connie Edson, seconded by Alan Ellis. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary report: Motion to approve by Chris Reed, seconded by Alan Ellis. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve by Chris Reed, seconded by Nick Rickard. Motion carried.

Capital Fund report: Motion to approve by Alan Ellis, seconded by Chris Reed. Motion carried.

Memorial Fund report: Motion to approve by Char Les Kemmish, seconded by Connie Edson. Motion carried.

Pastor Cara presented her monthly report. May has been Emanuel's month to provide Sunday worship services at Bethany Lutheran each Sunday at 4pm. She met with the Habitat director and Linda Steensland about her serving on the board for Habitat. Linda will nominate Pastor Cara at the May meeting. If elected, she will serve on the Restore committee. Pastor Cara has been in contact with Bob Collins about St. Paul's partnering with Emanuel for VBS this summer. She requested vacation from Monday, June 20 through Saturday, June 25. Pastor Stephany would be available to attend to any emergency pastoral care needs. Motion to approve by Alan Ellis, seconded by Nick Rickard. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

Worship and Music Committee - They would like to purchase 4 Timpani from Red Oak High School. Motion to approve by Alan Ellis, seconded by Connie Edson. Motion carried. The fund will come from Music and Worship. Also, 2 churches, New Horizon Presbyterian and Our Savior's Lutheran, have offered to have our Bell Choir join theirs and then play at both churches. Our Bell Choir members showed little interest in these options. No inquires in the Job postings have come in either.

Property Committee - Char Les Kemmish reported on the wind damage of the Facia. The council reviewed the damage after the meeting. What is the deductible of our policy? Alan Ellis will contact a few companies to get bids. Char Les also says that more members are needed on the Property Committee, anyone interested in please contact Oscar Over or Char Les Kemmish.

Mutual Ministry - Greg has contacted Synod, but no one has returned his call. He will call again. Also working on setting up first committee meeting.

#### Old Business:

Progress on bathroom remodeling - Alan Ellis reviewed the old bathroom remodeling plans and we took a tour of the old kitchen that will be the new Family and Handicap Bathroom. Alan is working on new bids.

Pastor Cara confirmed with Synod that we should store the Flood Buckets for when they are needed.

Spring Work Day is scheduled for June 4.

Progress on calling inactive members - no great feedback.

#### New Business:

The council members have decided that a Van is not needed for the church or congregation so the Van Fund of \$3,455 will be moved to the Display Sign Fund. Motion to approve by Chris Reed, seconded by Greg Steensland. Motion carried.

There will be a baptism on June 19.

Alan Ellis will get bids for Electronic Display Sign, the funds are currently at \$6,763. Plus, Alan would like to use Kara Nickels Memorial Fund of \$2,931 for the Display Sign.

Next meeting is June 20 with Char Les Kemmish doing devotions.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alan Ellis, seconded by Chris Reed. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by President Mike Winter at 7:49pm.



#### **Locations and Times**

Thomas Jefferson High School Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM, Lunch 12:00-12:30 PM

Bloomer Elementary School Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM, Lunch 11:00-12:00 PM

Franklin Elementary School Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM Lunch 11:30-12:30 PM

Hoover Elementary School Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM, Lunch 11:30-12:30 PM

Edison Elementary School JUNE TIMES Lunch 11:45 AM-12:15 PM

Edison Elementary School JULY TIMES
Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM Lunch, 11:45-12:15 PM

Carter Lake Boys and Girls Club Breakfast 8:00-9:00 AM, Lunch 11:30-12:30 PM

Children's Square Breakfast 8:45-9:15 AM, Lunch 11:45-12:15 PM

YMCA Breakfast 8:00-8:30 AM

Council Bluffs Library Lunch 11:00-11:30 AM Council Bluffs Community School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge. One adult may also eat free with their child. Meals will be provided, at a first come, first serve basis. Meals will be available to eat on site and cannot be taken out of the meal facility. Meals will be distributed at the locations listed on the left from June 6 - July 29. All sites will be closed on July 4. For any questions please contact Lisa Stewart, Director of Nutrition Services at (712) 328-6420. To view menus, please visit cb-schools.org/summerlunch



Join us for Vacation Bible School

### August 19th & 20th!

Register at https://vbspro.events/p/events/elc2022vbs











Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Sunday School Attendance:	Online Sunday School Views:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
May 1	48	24	10	5	87	\$1,799.00
May 8	53	21	8	8	90	\$3,503.00
May 15	45	n/a	8	8	61	\$1,580.00
May 22	50	18	7	2	77	\$1,519.25
May 29	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Finance Team Update

April Income:	\$11,345.00
April Expense:	\$15,754.60
April Balance	

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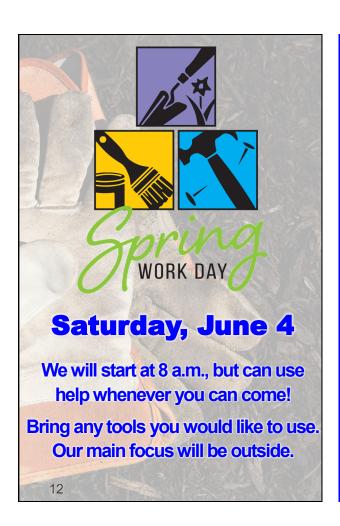
YTD Income:	\$73,507.00
YTD Expense:	
YTD Balance	\$15,470.81
Plus Carryover	\$14,978.52
General Budget Fund	\$30 449 33



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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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#### 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:

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. in the classrooms (September-May)

#### Staff:

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Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed