

# Garden of Reading'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

August 2016

## Happenings!

**Monday, August 1 to Thursday, August 4**—Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp

**Monday, August 1**—Teen Event at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**Sunday, August 7**—Summer Splash Event for All Ages

**Saturday, August 13**—Emanuel's Annual Garage & Bake Sale!

**Sunday, August 21**—Back to School Bonfire for High School Students

**Friday, August 26**—Middle School Lock-In

**Sunday, August 28**—Healing Service

**Saturday, September 17**—Movie Night!

Mission Statement:  
Forgiven  
by Grace,  
Serving by  
Faith

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



Students prepare to leave on their mission trip to South Dakota.

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# Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

I hope you are taking some time to read Paul's little letter to the Colossians. That letter is the focus of the messages in July and August. The center of that letter is found in two powerful verses:

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

These verses are a particular invitation to build up our ministry of Christian education. Will we continue to live our lives in him, rooted and built up in him? That can happen only if we continue to grow in our faith and knowledge of Jesus through God's Word. A healthy congregation has many adult members involved in regular adult Christian education.

When I read these verses, I think immediately about our children and youth. If you participate in your own Christian education, you are providing a powerful example to our children and youth. You are showing them that growing in faith and knowledge of Jesus is important every day of our lives. **Watch for at least three weekly opportunities for adult education this fall.**

We are investing time and money, prayers and hopes in the education and formation of our young people. We had another awesome Vacation Bible School in June. A group has just come back from a fantastic mission trip in South Dakota. We're getting ready for our second annual Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp in August. We have events for children, middle schoolers and high schoolers in August. **We're planning to launch weekly midweek programming in mid-September.**

These efforts are worth the effort if you do several things. If you are a parent or grandparent, make sure your young people come and participate. Volunteer to help with one or more of these opportunities. Encourage our young people to bring their friends and classmates to these great events. Talk to your family, friends and neighbors about these great opportunities.

We can put up signs, pay for ads, plaster Facebook with messages and tweet, snapchat, Instagram until our fingers fall off. **But we have no more effective outreach than YOU.** That's true whether you have children involved right now or not.

Will we continue our lives rooted and built up in Jesus? I believe we will. Will Emanuel Lutheran Church continue to share this good news with people who haven't yet heard? They will if you invite them. They will if you make what we offer here a priority in your schedule. They will if you help to make it happen with your time and your financial support. Thank you for all you have done so far. But, wait, there's more! Let's respond to the opportunities the Holy Spirit gives us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell



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Or leave a note with the current address in the parish assistant mailbox.



**September 17**  
7 p.m.

We will provide popcorn. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage.

# The “Special Needs Fund” Needs Funds

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Here at Emanuel Lutheran Church, we have a “Special Needs Fund.” This fund is supported by individual contributions and is designated to respond to financial emergencies which may confront ELC members and families from time to time. Of course, our church office has a list of other resources for assistance in the community, and we are able to make appropriate referrals to those resources. However, there are times when those resources are not available or are insufficient to meet the emergency. At those times, we can help our sisters and brothers through a difficult time.

The funds are distributed with the strictest confidentiality. Pastor Hennigs investigates the need and seeks documentation for that need. Pastor Hennigs then communicates the need to the congregational president and the amount requested. Names are not used in this communication. The congregational president can then approve that recommendation. A check is then written. Usually

that check is written to the vendor or business where the bill is to be paid. No more than \$300 is disbursed in any one situation, and a particular party can receive this help, generally, no more than once per year.



The current balance of the Special Needs Fund is \$149. We have been able assist several member families in the past year or so. Some of those folks have then been able to “repay” the fund with their own contributions when life has gotten better. Sometimes they have not been able to do so. The Church Council has requested that gifts would be solicited to replenish this fund.

You will find envelopes in our pews with which you can make contributions to the Special Needs Fund if you wish. Any amount will be helpful and will be appreciated. Please watch future newsletters for updates on this fund. Thank you for your generosity!

## Stop the Leaks!

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Our Emanuel Property Committee has been working hard to assess the leaking roof over our upstairs education unit. The roof in question is the flat roof on the north end of our facility. After many attempts to repair the leaks, the Property Committee has concluded that replacement of the roof is the best solution. The Committee has consulted with qualified experts in this process and has brought several bids to the Church Council for approval.

Repairs were completed a few years ago on other parts of the roof after significant hail damage. Those repairs left a balance of insurance funds after they were completed. We are blessed to be able to access those funds for the current repairs rather than to engage in a fundraising effort that would run into the tens of thousands of dollars. As a result the Church Council can act in a timely fashion to remedy this problem.

As of the July Church Council meeting, the council received the proposed bids and found one to be appropriate in scale and cost. A few questions remained to be answered before approval of that bid. So the Church Council will receive those answers and then make a decision at a special council meeting in the next few weeks. Then the work can begin.

If you see workers on the flat roof on the north end of the building, please know that good work is being done after careful and well-informed decisions were made. If you have questions or comments, please see Oscar Over, chair of the Property Committee, and/or Kevin Epperson, congregational president.





Ray Kanger  
Betty Ebsen  
Andrea Britton

Daphne Miller  
Viola Anderson  
Paul Heath

Glen Fahrenkrug  
Deb Hipnar

Lucille Weatherill  
Monte Manser

Helen Stinson  
Dwight Rogers



<b>August 01</b>	William Schademann	<b>August 10</b>	Larry Britton Landyn Stinson	<b>August 20</b>	Samantha Kile Ryan Loos
<b>August 02</b>	Ryan McSorley	<b>August 12</b>	Dany Springer	<b>August 22</b>	Jordan Hansen Jane Nelson Colbey Sullivan
<b>August 03</b>	Debra Ebsen	<b>August 13</b>	Dustin Loos	<b>August 23</b>	Sarah Hubbard Mahala McGee Mildred Rogers
<b>August 04</b>	Gene Jeppesen Gladys Koenig Baylee Snyder	<b>August 15</b>	Kamryn Maxwell Jessica Winter	<b>August 25</b>	Jeann Foster
<b>August 05</b>	Trisha Gysin Chuck Miller Troy Weelborg	<b>August 16</b>	Mike Garrett Richie Robinson	<b>August 26</b>	Jack Ogg
<b>August 06</b>	Crystal Nixt	<b>August 17</b>	Katelyn Longnecker Tonia Thielen Melissa Zook	<b>August 27</b>	Pamela Sherman Tyler Steensland
<b>August 07</b>	Andrea Britton Linda Jacobsen	<b>August 18</b>	Ben Clark Cole Otto	<b>August 28</b>	Anna Ellingsen Wendi Hite
<b>August 08</b>	Peggy Jarrell	<b>August 19</b>	Makenzie Shetterly Jami Thielen Wanda Thielen	<b>August 29</b>	Alaire Carrier
<b>August 09</b>	Alexis Gress			<b>August 30</b>	Mark Ellis Rose Matuszeski



<b>August 6</b>	Rick and Jan Stone
<b>August 7</b>	Jeff & Sandy Smith
<b>August 10</b>	Barry & Tina Larson Danielle & Jese Schaal
<b>August 15</b>	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 emanuellutheranbia@msn.com*

# Worship Assistant Schedule

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

<b>Sunday, August 7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Phil & Jane Meyer
<b>Acolytes</b>	Alexxia Richards & Aaralynn Conley
<b>Lector</b>	Deann Over
<b>Children's Message</b>	Linda Steensland
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Chris Reed, Jolene Hansen
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	LaWayne & Jim Andersen
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Sunday, August 14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Phil & Jane Meyer
<b>Acolytes</b>	Grace Hansen & Shae Nickles
<b>Lector</b>	J. Husmann
<b>Children's Message</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Elaine Sasso, Carrie Hansen, Peggy Jarrell
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	CharLes Kemmish
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Darlene Jeppeson
<b>Sunday, August 21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Phil & Jane Meyer
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lauren Hansen & Kylie Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Steensland
<b>Children's Message</b>	John Husmann
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Jolene Hansen, Angel McGee
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie Eyberg & Carol Fahrenkrug
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Sunday, August 28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Phil & Jane Meyer
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tyler Hansen & Amari Johnson
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Winter
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Jeanine Schademann
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Jane Anderson



Altar Flowers

**August 7**  
Elaine Sasso in honor of Andrea and Larry's Birthdays

**August 14**

**August 21**  
Angel McGee

**August 28**

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



**August 7**

**August 14**  
Children & Youth Committee

**August 21**  
Fresh Start Team

**August 28**

*The coffee hour chart is in the kitchen.*

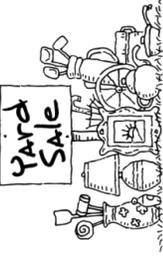
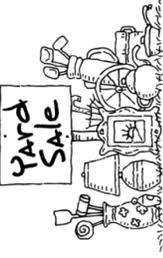


Have you visited our website?

You can view events, the newsletter, past newsletters, announcements, sermons, past sermons and more!  
You can even sign up to help with worship!

<http://emanuellutherancki.wix.com/emanuel>

# August 2016 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:00 am Brennan Plummer Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p>	<p>9 am—3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Our Savior's Lutheran</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Event at Our Savior's Lutheran (Middle School &amp; High School)</p> <p>6:45 pm Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p>	<p>9 am—3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Our Savior's Lutheran</p> <p>6:30 pm Daycare Feasibility Study Group</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>	<p>9 am—3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Our Savior's Lutheran</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)</p> <p>6:15 pm Dinner</p> <p>7 pm Worship on patio</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p>9 am—3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Our Savior's Lutheran</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Study</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>6:30 pm N. Broadway Neighborhood Association at Pee Wee Gardens</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> 	<p>Office Closed</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p>	<p>8 am-2 pm Emanuel Yard Sale</p>  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p>
<p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour</p> <p>11 am Summer Splash Event</p>  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p>	<p>9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Sorting</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p>	<p>9:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East</p> <p>9 am Iowa Cookie Crumbs Packing</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p> <p>7 pm Church Council Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p>	<p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)</p> <p>11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch</p> <p>6:15 pm Dinner</p> <p>7 pm Worship on patio</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p>	<p>9:30 am Adult Study</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>6:30 pm N. Broadway Neighborhood Association at Pee Wee Gardens</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> 	<p>8 am-2 pm Emanuel Yard Sale</p>  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p>
<p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p>	<p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>7 pm MS Support Group</p> <p><b>Newsletter Articles Due</b></p>  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p>	<p>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p> <p>7 pm Children &amp; Youth Committee Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p>	<p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)</p> <p>6:15 pm Dinner</p> <p>7 pm Worship on patio</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p>	<p>9:30 am Adult Study</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>9 am Blessings &amp; Brunch</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> 	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>9 am Blessings &amp; Brunch</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p>
<p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour</p> <p>5 pm Council Potluck at St. Paul's Episcopal Church</p> <p>7 pm High School Back to School Bonfire</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p>	<p>11 am Communion at Midlands Living Center</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p>	<p>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p> <p>7 pm Wider Ministries</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p>	<p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)</p> <p>6:15 pm Dinner</p> <p>7 pm Worship on patio</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p>	<p>9:30 am Adult Study</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>7 pm Middle School Lock-In</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>Healing Service</b></p> <p><b>Joyful Noise</b></p> <p>9:30am Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship &amp; Coffee Hour</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p>	<p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p>	<p>7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p>	<p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)</p> <p>6:15 pm Dinner</p> <p>7 pm Worship on patio</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p>	<p>9:30 am Adult Study</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p> <p>1 pm Game Day</p>  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>



Mission Trip Participants and helpers work on raising funds at the car wash on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

# Let's Get Together

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

With the end of summer around the corner (I know, it's going too fast), there are a few things to look forward to yet this summer and fall. We hope you will be able to join us for one or all of these events.



## Day Camp for Kids

The first is Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp, which will be held August 1-4 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pre-registration is preferred so that we can make sure we have enough staff from Lakeside and enough food for the week. Registration forms are available in the fellowship hall, or on the website at: [emanuellutherancci.wix.com/emanuel](http://emanuellutherancci.wix.com/emanuel) under the events tab, It will be a great week and we hope everyone can join us. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for a day or so as well!

We will have a summer splash event after church on August 8<sup>th</sup>. All ages are welcome! We will have water games, Bible devotions and lunch. Bring a friend!



Starting September 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a family movie night the third Saturday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. The movie title will be announced prior to the date. Weather will determine if the movie will be inside or outside. Everyone is welcome!

Teen Event  
**Monday, August 1**  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Food & Fun with Staff from Lakeside.  
 All middle-school and high school students welcome! Bring a friend!  
 Our Saviors Lutheran  
 (600 Bluff Street, Council Bluffs, IA)



Back to School Bonfire  
 for High School Students  
**Sunday, August 21**  
 7 p.m.—Midnight  
 Join us for food, fun and friends! Guests welcome!



Middle School Lock-In  
**Friday, August 26**  
 8 p.m.—Midnight  
 All middle schoolers, friends and brave volunteers welcome!




# Emanuel Annual Garage Sale!

**Saturday, August 13**  
 8:00 a.m.—2 p.m.



Consider donating items and/or volunteering to help set-up or help the day of the sale!

Please pre-price your items if possible. We do have limited storage if you need to bring items early.

No clothing items please. We will have more details as the event gets closer.

**Please contact Deann Over if you would like to provide items for the Youth Group bake sale at the event!**



# Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes for 7/12/2016

SUBMITTED BY SUZANNE WINTER

Present: Kevin Epperson, Pastor Lowell Hennigs, John Husmann, Peggy Jarrell, Oscar Over, Connie Solon, Bob Vergamini, Suzanne Winter,

Absent: Jolene Hansen, CharLes Kemmish, Judi Malloy, Patty Maxwell, Mike Winter

Devotions by Connie Solon

*Only 6 council members present so it was an informal meeting. Later a 7<sup>th</sup> council member arrived giving us a quorum so we went back over the reports that had already been discussed to get an official approval for them.*

**(The following mentioned reports are available to members of Emanuel by contacting the committee or from Parish Assistant, Michaela)**

### **Council Agenda:**

- Correction to the 6/14/16 Council minutes-Under Youth & Children's Ministries it should read *ages are 14 through 21 not 14-2*. Bob moved to approve the minutes as corrected. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Connie, approved.
- June's Financial Secretary report (labeled-Consolidated Fund Activity Report). The negative amount for the flower fund was discussed. Also discussed was the \$500 donation made for a street sign which the city did not approve. This donation is sitting in the Evangelism Fund. Moved to approve by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, approved.
- June Treasurer report looks good for this time of year compared to past years. Moved by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peggy, approved.
- Capital Fund report-moved by Oscar & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob, approved
- Memorial Fund report-moved by Bob & 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, approved
- Pastor's written report-following items were discussed from report:
  - #7 the menu for the August 21 potluck at Emanuel with council members & spouses with St. Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry members & spouses.-
  - #9-vacation day for pastor will change from August 21 to September 25. Moved by Suzanne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, approved
  - #13 correction-two graduations instead of two baptisms

- Stewardship Committee-no report
- Youth & Children's Ministries-written report provided.
- Fellowship & Support-No report.
- Property Committee-Oscar said the shed near parsonage was removed and two trellises installed near church. Bob Vergamini is almost done building the railing that will surround the indent near front of church for safety purposes. Some help may be needed to transport it to church.
- Wider Ministries-Pastor said that the Emanuel volunteers staffed Our Savior's food pantry last Friday. There were about 8 members and about 10 clients. Emanuel will staff the pantry one Friday/month.
- Worship & Music -Kevin stated that Richard Reed attended their meeting to discuss Memorial Funds. Kevin mentioned that Cindy will be attending or taking on line several educational projects in the future. Martin Luther's 500 year anniversary is coming up. Garage sale is August 13. Funds from garage sale will go to the girl's school in Africa. Funds from the refreshments will go to youth. The company that installed the church's carillon system asked if church wanted an upgrade so committee will give this matter some consideration. On Oct. 16 at 5 PM there will be a Fire Pit night at church.
- Evangelism-no report.
- Mutual Ministries-had a good turn out for their meeting. John & Kevin mentioned some of the things discussed; wear & tear of pastors, how to support a pastor. It was decided to try to meet quarterly.

### **Old Business**

- Emanuel Renewal Team-Oscar wanted to add a few more names to the list to be considered. It was decided Kevin would email all council members asking that all names be presented to him by Aug. 1 so we could vote on them at the September council meeting.
- The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee had their last meeting. An Archival Committee will be an ongoing discussion. Many interesting items were discovered while looking through the old records such as a debate about whether or not to switch from Swedish to English.

## New Business

- Special Needs Funds has been depleted. It was decided an article about the Fund would be put into the next newsletter so members could know about the fund. Envelopes will be placed at the end of the pews at a future date.
- Oscar presented a second bid for replacing the flat roof over the old section of church with a membrane roof. The bid was almost \$8,000 higher than the Bates' Roofing bid he presented last month at the council meeting. Oscar attempted to get a third bid but that company never produced a bid. Bates Roofing has a good reputation so council feels good with moving forward with that company. But after further discussion it was decided that Oscar will ask them if the membrane roof comes in a lighter color to help reflect the heat. He will also ask how much it would add to the cost to have rigid insulation put under the foam helping lower heating and cooling costs for the church. He will report back to council on what the additional cost for these items. The funds will come out of the money the church received from the insurance company for the hail damage to the metal roof. The metal roof is still in good shape just dented.

Motion to adjourn approved. Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting: 8/12/2016 7 PM



**1st half of August:**

Deann & CharLes

**2nd half of August:**

John & Jan

**1st half of Sept:**

Karen

**2nd half of Sept:**

All will get together to review Maintenance needed; a date will be set later

## Back to School Month

School is right around the corner! As children and teens adjust to a new classroom routine, the transition can often bring to light behavioral issues that may stem from a mental health diagnosis, such as ADHD, anxiety, depression, or oppositional defiant disorder.

Did you know Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) partners with schools across the state to provide mental health services right in their schools? This makes it easier to collaborate with educators and reduce the transportation barrier that sometimes makes it hard for families to attend appointments.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

*LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## Becoming a Kid Again

At 8 years old, Sofia was often the only one caring for her younger siblings. She worried constantly they didn't have enough food. She helped them hide in a closet when their mother's boyfriend began drinking and hitting their mother.

That all began to change when Mitch came into the children's lives. Mitch is a family care coordinator for LSI. His job is to keep Iowa kids and families safe. He made sure Sofia and her siblings had clothes for school. He helped transport them to doctor's appointments. He remembered their birthdays.

And when it became clear that living with their biological parents wasn't a safe option, Mitch was by the siblings' side and advocated to keep them together.

Kate and Mark, a couple who had provided foster care for two of Sofia's younger siblings, decided to adopt all five kids.

"We had faith. We knew it was the right thing to do. Why? Because they are worth it," Kate says.

Sofia is now 12 and thriving. Kate has photos of Mitch visiting the kids on Halloween and dropping off presents from LSI on Christmas Eve.

"Now Sofia gets to be a kid again," says Kate. "Every child deserves that."



# Bethany News

BY DIANE CARLON



BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME / BETHANY HEIGHTS

## Bethany Golf Outing Update

The Annual Bethany Best Ball Golf Outing is just around the corner. Watch for more information and registration information in the coming weeks. The event will be held this year at **Dodge Riverside Golf Course in Council Bluffs on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. Come spend an enjoyable time golfing and support Bethany at the same time. We hope you will be able to join us. Please feel free to invite others. The outing is open to everyone. Individuals, Couples and Foursomes are welcome!!

## Bethany Auxiliary Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale

Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy great food and fellowship at the annual Bethany Auxiliary Salad Luncheon, **September 21st** from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The luncheon and bake sale will be held at Saint John Lutheran Church 633 Willow Avenue in Council Bluffs. Tickets are \$7. We promise you won't go away hungry!! Join us for lunch and grab some goodies from the bake sale for later. Help support the Bethany Auxiliary. Proceeds support Resident projects at Bethany. Thank you.

## New Greeting Cards Wanted

Our residents and tenants love sending greeting cards. Each building has a location designated where they can go and pick out a greeting card to send. The cards are made available to them **FREE OF CHARGE** thanks to your generosity. We are currently in need of Birthday, Sympathy, Thinking of You and Friendship Cards. If you would like to donate **new** greeting cards, please feel free to drop them off at Bethany Lutheran Home or Bethany Heights.

## Lap Blankets Needed

Do you remember the feeling of warmth or comfort you experienced from a blanket or throw? We would like to provide each new BLH resident with that feeling by presenting them with a lap blanket of their own when arrive at Bethany. If you or someone you know would be interested in donating lap blankets, it would be appreciated. Lap blankets need to be sewn or tied. Please do not send lap blankets that have been knit or crocheted. Though they are beautiful and made with love, they do not hold up well after numerous launderings. If you have any questions or are interested in the project, please contact BLH Activities Coordinator Kaily Stanley at BLH at 712-328-9500.

## Nonpareil Reader's Choice

Paper ballots can be found in the Nonpareil Paper or by contacting Bethany or you can vote on-line at [www.nonpareilonline.com](http://www.nonpareilonline.com). Your ballot must contain at least 50 entries, but there are many categories to select from. (You do not need to subscribe to the paper or live in the community of Council Bluffs). The deadline for submitting a ballot is approaching. For more information, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Thank you for your continued support.

## Bethany General Store

The BLH Residents enjoy shopping each month in the Bethany General Store. Residents are able to shop free using General Store Bucks they receive when participating in various activities. The store is very popular and is in need of additional supplies. We're asking for your help to restock the shelves. Many of our residents have limited resources so the store allows them to shop for items they may need or would enjoy. We are currently in need of the following **NEW** items: individual servings of snacks (soda, candy bars, chips, etc.), personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, perfume, body wash, etc.) and Word Find Books. Stuffed animals and costume jewelry are also popular items and can be contributed, if in **good condition**. If you are interested in donating to the store, please contact Kaily Stanley at 712-328-9500. Thank you.

## Bible Study/Bible Discussion Volunteer Needed

The Activities Department at Bethany Lutheran Home is looking for someone to lead a Bible Study or Bible Discussion in our Ivy Terrace Memory Care area. The time and date are flexible depending on schedule. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kaily at Bethany Lutheran Home.

## Garden Produce Wanted

Our Bethany Residents and Tenants always enjoy home-grown summer and fall garden produce. We know the weather has been difficult on many gardens, but if you have extra produce you would be willing to share, we would love it. Please feel free to bring it to either Bethany Lutheran Home or Bethany Heights. Thank you in advance for sharing your bountiful garden harvest and for remembering Bethany.



# Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS

July is over and in a few weeks school will start again. For this music director, school was intense during July. Choral reading sessions, a three day leadership and management class, a workshop on bands in worship in Minneapolis, and a week in Chicago at the ALCM regional conference (American Lutheran Church Musicians) were rejuvenating, inspiring, motivational, and extremely educational. Information overload? You bet it was!! But nothing will be lost. Copious notes for later reference and ideas to be put into practice immediately are always the outcome from those intense days. So I thank you for giving me those opportunities to learn, to expand my horizons, and to return invigorated for the upcoming seasons.



## Choir will be starting soon!

Watch the weekly bulletin for details on how you can get involved!



Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. We ask that you mow the lawn **sometime** during your scheduled week, preferably by Thursday. If you have a conflict, just trade dates with someone on the list. Mowing consists of the church lawn and the Pastor's lawn. **If you use all the gas in the container, please fill up the container and turn the bill into the church. Keys for the mower and the garage are in the secretary's office which is open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.**

- Aug 7 Jesse Hansen                      Aug 21 Chris Sorensen
- Aug 14 Mike Winter                        Aug 28 Alan Ellis

Date	Attendance	Offering
July 3	72	\$2,943.00
July 10	93	\$1,881.00
July 17	108	\$1,719.55
July 24	n/a	n/a
July 31	n/a	n/a

## Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

June Income: .....\$9,294.50  
 June Expense:.....\$10,913.61  
 June Balance .....\$-1,619.11

YTD Income: ..... \$73,518.07  
 YTD Expense:..... \$77,172.63  
 YTD Balance ..... \$-3,654.56  
 Plus Carryover..... \$13,968.78  
 General Budget Fund ..... \$10,314.22



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Game Day**

Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm  
*Fellowship Hall*

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)  
Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am  
*Village Inn East*

**Adult Fellowship**

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am  
*Pizza Ranch*

**Blessings & Brunch**

Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 6:15 pm

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Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis

Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed