



# Garden of Reading

Emanuel Newsletter

## Happenings at Emanuel!

- Friday, July 4**—Office Closed, Happy Independence Day!
- Tuesday, July 8**—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet
- Sunday, July 13**—Joyful Noise Offering for Lutheran Family Services
- Monday, July 14**—Ale & the Almighty
- Tuesday, July 15**—Book Club Meets
- Saturday, July 19**—Dinner Church
- Monday, July 21**—Newsletter Articles Due
- Sunday, July 27**—Blood Pressure Checks

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*



At the Western Iowa Synod Assembly, Rev. Scott Dalen from Underwood, Iowa was voted to be our next Synod Bishop. Bishop Lorna Halaas will remain the acting Bishop through August 31. Rev. Dalen spoke about working together and finding new ways to reach out to those in our communities.

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## Following Where the Holy Spirit Leads

It's a lovely, warm Thursday afternoon right before a big heat wave. In fact it's going to be so hot that I decided to shift gears for our plans for Dinner Church. Instead of connecting with God and each other through the outdoors in June, we will instead explore that theme in July. How often our carefully made plans become altered, changed, or sometimes simply obliterated from forces outside our control.

As many of you may have heard, at this year's synod assembly held June 13-14 we elected a new bishop, my colleague and friend Pr. Scott Dalen. His carefully filled out calendar has suddenly been filled up with new dates, travel to and from Chicago where the ELCA headquarters are located, say goodbye to the church he's been serving for the past twelve years in Underwood, staff to hire, as well as find a place for he and his wife to live as they're currently staying at the parsonage in Underwood. She's also an ordained pastor serving the ELCA church in Treynor.

The Dalen family is living through how disruptive the Holy Spirit can be. Pr. Scott listened to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, allowed his name to be put on the ballot, and stood back in shock as he won the bishop election. Bp. Elect Dalen models faithfulness and openness to change, and provides a radical example of following where the Holy Spirit leads. He's willing to have his life, his calling, and his identity deconstructed and re-made in the image of who God is calling him to and be at this time in his life.

People hate change, it stirs up the fear lurking within each of us. We hate the unknown, the unfamiliar, the strange, I think because we don't know what to expect, we aren't able to prepare, and strategize, and make sure we look good to the people who matter most to us. We don't want to be overly vulnerable, allow another to be in control, to direct the plans and direction we and our lives head in.

Our brand-new bishop risked it all for the sake of the gospel. He knew going in, if elected, he would be challenged, pushed, and prodded. He'd at times be called to enter into conflict, risk being uncomfortable, risk the anger, or disappointment, or judgement of others, exceeding the expectations of some, and not of others. Why would he want to do this difficult work, face so much criticism, and be in such public scrutiny? Why would he entertain the possibility of leadership in a synod struggling financially? Because the Holy Spirit called him to this work.

My question is how can we follow the example of our brand-new shepherd? How can we be open to the new, the unfamiliar, the untried and untested? Where is God calling us out from the comfortable and routine patterns and behaviors that no longer serve us? Are we brave enough to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit? She can be such a punk!

See you in church!

*Pastor Cara*



**Our Savior's Lutheran**  
Food & Pet Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of packages of pasta and cereal. If you would like to donate these items (or any others) please place on the designated cabinet in the community room, or deliver directly to Our Savior's. They also accept monetary donations to purchase items from Food Bank of the Heartland.



**Dinner Church**

Join us for a casual service in the community room while you enjoy dinner

**Saturday, July 19**  
**6 p.m.**  
Community Room  
Emanuel Lutheran Church  
2444 N Broadway  
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

# Synod Assembly

*Submitted by Michaela Lewis*

Western Iowa Synod is one of three ELCA Synods in Iowa and one of 65 ELCA Synods in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

We have 116 congregations in the western Iowa synod and each year representatives from each congregation as well as rostered leaders meet for our synod assembly. There is worship, song, mission projects, lots of information and getting to meet others and find out about different congregations and programs happening in western Iowa. If this is something you might be interested in going to sometime, touch base with Pastor Cara.

The mission project this year was "the pig project." This project was thanks to someone who raises pigs and noticed that any with deformities, like a hernia, would be rejected by processing plants. This would lead to the animal being disposed of and the meat wasted when there are many who would be happy to have the meat. The synod found a processor that will process these animals into ground pork, and they are then able to distribute the meat among food pantries across western Iowa. Each congregation was asked to be giving \$400 towards this project. Thanks to your generosity, Emanuel was able to take a check for \$675.

At the end of assembly they announced the total donated for this project was \$14,941. This total will likely increase, as congregations have until the end of the month to send in donations.

There was the approval of the synod budget, reports, as well as compensation and care guidelines.

Probably the biggest task of the weekend was to vote on someone to take Bishop Lorna's place. With nominations on Friday, we had close to 40 people nominated (many without their prior knowledge). This was followed by a small rush of clergy scrambling to withdraw their names before the next ballot. After three more rounds of voting narrowing down the nominees, we have a new Bishop Elect Rev. Scott Dalen. He has been serving at Underwood Lutheran Church in Underwood, IA for the past 12 years and also currently serves as the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard Chaplain.



**Pastor Cara Knutson, Stephen Lewis and Michaela Lewis at Synod Assembly.**

I thought I would end with a quote from our next Bishop. "We need to embrace the truth, 'We are here now.' We need to

be adaptable and move past the idea that "Church" happens for 2 hours on Sunday mornings. "That's how we've always done it" needs to die. Then we need to get to work and trust in the God that specializes in creating new life out of death. And we need to move past the fear of being uncomfortable and actually begin to engage in the topics and issues that matter to those that we hope to reach, meeting them where they are rather than wondering why they don't come to us."

A promotional graphic for 'Cokesbury Kids Road Trip'. On the left, a cartoon dog with black and white fur, wearing a red baseball cap and a yellow scarf, is sitting on a blue sign that reads 'ROAD TRIP' in large white letters. Below the sign, it says 'ON THE GO WITH GOD'. To the right of the sign is a red stamp that says 'SAVE THE DATE'. Further right is a QR code with the text 'View Our Wishlist:' above it. The background of the graphic shows a white van driving on a road, with a green landscape and mountains in the distance.



July 28 – August 2  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

### 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units.
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies.
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws.
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy.
- Worship together.
- Adopt a budget.

Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

## LiveStream Update

*Submitted by Michaela Lewis*

We have made some slight changes to how we livestream our services. If you have tuned in online, you might notice that the slides show in part of the screen. This helps cut down on set-up time and also allows viewers to see exactly what worshipers see sitting in the pews.

This also allows the person running the livestream the ability to focus on cameras and not keeping up with every few lines of text.

Facebook also updated their policy on livestreams and said they would only keep them on the site for 30 days. It used to be that they would be stored indefinitely.

Since we were paying for a service that helps with layout and streaming to multiple platforms at once, and the cost of that service has increased quite a bit, we are currently only livestreaming to YouTube and then sharing that link on Facebook.

YouTube also suggests our videos to others the more we have people watching live or engaging with content. So if you get a chance to login and "like" a video or share a link, that will help it be seen by others.

Our livestream does now have the Streamyard logo in the corner, however, it will save Emanuel the now \$432 annual fee.

If anyone would be willing to learn how to run the livestream, I would be happy to show you how everything works. These changes make it much easier to run on Sunday mornings.



If you have something you would like to submit for the newsletter, please email it to [office@emanuelcb.org](mailto:office@emanuelcb.org) by the third Monday of the month.

*Thank you!*

## SAVE THE DATE!

Morning Star Lutheran Church's  
Is honoring Pastor Glenn Schacht's 50 years of ordained ministry on

**Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>!**

We will begin at 11:30 AM with a catered, three course meal.  
At 1:00 PM, musicians from Morning Star, Table Grace and the community will offer a music presentation and reflection of Pastor Glenn's ministry.

Please RSVP for the optional meal (\$36) by  
Sunday, August 24 by contacting the Church Office!  
**(402) 393-5553 or [office@morningstaromaha.org](mailto:office@morningstaromaha.org)**

Catered by

**TABLE GRACE CAFE**  
Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls

# Worship Assistant Schedule

(If unable to serve as scheduled, please arrange a substitute and notify the church office.)

<b>Sunday, July 06</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Al Martens & Sid Dillon
Acolyte	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	Michelle Rowe
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	
LiveStream Tech	
Donut Director	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour Clean-Up	
<b>Sunday, July 13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Al Martens & Sid Dillon
Acolyte	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	Michelle Rowe
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	
LiveStream Tech	
Donut Director	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour Clean-Up	
<b>Sunday, July 20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Al Martens & Sid Dillon
Acolyte	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	Michelle Rowe
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	
LiveStream Tech	
Donut Director	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour Clean-Up	
<b>Sunday, July 27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Al Martens & Sid Dillon
Acolyte	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	Michelle Rowe
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	
LiveStream Tech	
Donut Director	Lori Lynn Ahrends
Coffee Hour Clean-Up	



We are in need of volunteers for worship assistants (lectors, altar guild, communion assistants, visual tech, livestreaming tech) as well as coffee hour hosts. You can sign-up at [emanuelc.org](http://emanuelc.org) under "ministries", or visit [tinyurl.com/ELCast](http://tinyurl.com/ELCast). You can also volunteer by contacting Michaela at (712) 323-9665 or [office@emanuelcb.org](mailto:office@emanuelcb.org).



July 6	Ken Kemmish
July 13	Al Marten
July 20	Mike Winter
July 27	Chris Sorensen
Aug 3	Alan Ellis
Aug 10	Sid Dillon
Aug 17	Ken Kemmish
Aug 24	Al Marten
Aug 31	Mike Winter

Thanks to our volunteers who take care of the church lawn! It takes a good amount of time and we are extremely grateful to those who take on this role.

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 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., M-F. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, please call Mark Ellis at 402-699-1472.**



July 02  
Shelby Clark  
Edward Haats

July 10  
Bruce Ellingsen

July 18  
Garrett Ashcraft

July 25  
Xander Richards  
Jake Ferguson  
Andrew Hubbard  
Autumn Tanner

July 03  
Greg Steensland

July 11  
Benjamin Hansen

July 19  
Oscar Over

July 04  
Jackie Ogg

July 12  
Tori Hansen

July 21  
Matthew Maxwell

July 26  
Mary Clark  
Jordyn Schaal  
Miranda Schwartz

July 07  
Jeffrey Fischer

July 15  
Mary Lou Johnson

July 22  
Grant Ashcraft

July 09  
Marjorie Powell-McIntosh  
Connor Snyder

July 17  
John Burns  
Michele Loos

July 23  
Emily Edson  
Keven Ferguson  
Cheryl Rowe

July 28  
Darryl Petersen

July 29  
Kristy Naumann



August 01  
William Schademann

August 09  
Alexis Gress

August 18  
Ben Clark  
Samantha Showalter

August 27  
Pamela Sherman  
Tyler Steensland  
Kali Salda

August 02  
Ryan McSorley

August 10  
Larry Britton

August 19  
Makenzie Shetterly

August 28  
Karen Smith

August 03  
Debra Ebsen

August 12  
Kajanie Schaal

August 20  
Ryan Loos  
Erin Miller

August 29  
Alaire Carrier  
Charleigh Rickard

August 04  
Kimberly Egner  
Baylee Snyder

August 13  
Dustin Loos

August 22  
Jordan Hansen

August 30  
Mark Ellis

August 06  
Crystal Nixt

August 15  
Kamryn Maxwell  
Jessica Winter

August 23  
Mahala Jankowski

August 31  
Jack Henderson

August 07  
Andrea Britton

August 16  
Mike Garrett

August 25  
Jeann Foster

August 08  
Peggy Jarrell

August 17  
Katelyn Longnecker

**If we have missed a birthday or anniversary, let us know!**  
**office@emanuelcb.org or (712) 323-9665**



Bob Bender  
Norma Mass  
Paul Schott

Danny Britton  
Jane Meyer  
Tommy Schott

Deloris Christensen  
Patty Maxwell  
Ruth Sullivan

Owen Hansen  
Julie Powell  
Stephany Sanborn

Sharon Hansen  
Ron Reiff Jr.

Norma Heath  
Melody Schott



July 03  
Chris & Amanda Hansen

July 15  
Mahala & James Jankowski

July 27  
Jakob & Molly Ferguson

July 10  
Todd & Jeanine Schademann  
Karen & James Smith

July 16  
Ridgeway & Danette Hein-Snider

July 29  
Brian & Renee Goss



August 06  
Rick & Janice Stone

August 10  
Barry & Tina Larson

August 12  
Cyndi & John Borwick

August 15  
John & Barbara Burns



## VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad  
& Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you 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.



# JULY

## At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 10 am Tai Chi 	4 Office Closed	5
6 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour	7 10 am Tai Chi	8 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	9 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	10 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	11	12
13 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Joyful Noise Offering 10:30 am Coffee Hour	14 10 am Tai Chi 11 am-4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room 6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days Bar & Grill 	15 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Book Club in Conference Room 	16 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	17 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	18	19 6 pm Dinner Church in Community Room
20 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11 am Church Council Meeting	21 Newsletter Articles Due 10 am Tai Chi 	22 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	23 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	24 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	25	26
27 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal	28 Office Closed 10 am Tai Chi 11 am-4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room	29 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	30 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am-3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	31 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi 7 pm Bell Practice		



# AUGUST

## At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour 5 pm VBS Dinner & Registration 6 pm VBS 	<b>4</b> 10 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm VBS Dinner 6 pm VBS	<b>5</b> 5:30 pm VBS Dinner 6 pm VBS	<b>6</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room 5:30 pm VBS Dinner 6 pm VBS	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm VBS Dinner 6 pm VBS	8	9
<b>10</b> 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Music from our VBS students 10:30 am Coffee Hour 	<b>11</b> 10 am Tai Chi 11 am–4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room	<b>12</b> 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>13</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	15	<b>16</b> 6 pm Dinner Church in Community Room
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<b>24 Rally Sunday</b> 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, Blessing of Backpacks & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 	<b>25</b> 10 am Tai Chi 11 am–4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room	26	27	28	29	30

# From Orphanage to Expansive Outreach: The Journey of Lutheran Services in Iowa

*Submitted by Deb Whitford*

As we celebrate 160 years of ministry through Lutheran Services in Iowa, we are filled with gratitude, for the lives changed, the communities strengthened, and the faithful support that has sustained this work for generations.

What began as a small orphanage has grown into a statewide mission of compassion and care. The story of **Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)** is one of transformation, deeply rooted in the Lutheran commitment to serve our neighbors in need.

## **1864: A Humble Beginning**

LSI's story starts with the opening of the Lutheran Children's Home in 1864. In 1900, the home relocated to Waverly and was renamed the Bremwood Children's Home, becoming a place of refuge for countless children over the years.

## **1939–1945: Expanding the Mission**

The mission widened in 1939 with the founding of the Lutheran Welfare Society of Iowa. By 1945, this ministry reached across the state, with offices in Council Bluffs, Des Moines, Iowa City, and Sioux City—bringing help and hope to more Iowans.

## **1963: A New Name, Broader Services**

In 1963, the organization became Lutheran Social Services (LSS). Its ministries grew to include child

welfare, foster care, and chaplaincy services—touching more lives and deepening its commitment to families.

## **2003: Uniting in Purpose**

A major milestone came in 2003, when LSS merged with the Bremwood Children's Home, creating the organization we know today: Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI). While Bremwood ceased functioning as a children's home, it became a residential treatment facility for youth serving faithfully until 2024.

## **2024: A Shift in Focus**

Due to rising operational costs, LSI discontinued residential services in Waverly in 2024. However, the spirit of care lives on, LSI continues to provide a variety of services in the Waverly area and throughout Iowa.

## **A Mission That Grows with Grace**

"We have evolved significantly from an orphanage that believed in being there for children who were in need to, now, a multi service Lutheran mission organization," says our President & CEO Renee Hardman.

Today, LSI serves Iowans through Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, Global Greens, Mental Health, Services for People with Disabilities, Immigrant & Refugee Services.



## The Journey Continues: Our Mission Today

We look forward to continuing this vital work for the next 160 years and beyond, responding to God's call to love and serve our neighbors in need. Whether it's walking alongside families in crisis, supporting children in foster care, or empowering individuals with disabilities, LSI's mission depends on the support of faithful partners like you.

We are proud to share the incredible impact we made **in 2024 alone:**

### **10,000 Early Childhood Home Visits**

Providing in-home support and care to thousands of families across our region.

### **726 New Arrivals Resettled**

Helping individuals and families build new lives with safety, dignity, and hope.

### **366,400 Hours of Disability Services**

Empowering people with disabilities through hundreds of thousands of hours of dedicated care and support.

### **19,000 Therapy Sessions**

Delivering essential mental health care to individuals and families when they needed it most.

### **620 Families Served in Foster & Adoptive Care**

Supporting loving homes and brighter futures for children through foster and adoptive care services.

### **Over 1 Million Pounds of Produce Grown**

Global Greens farmers grew more than a million pounds of fresh produce—consumed at home, sold at local markets, or donated to LSI's Elder Pantry and community fridges to nourish neighbors in need.

None of this would be possible without you. Your prayers, generosity, and unwavering belief in our mission fuel every visit, every session, every seed planted. Together, we are building stronger families, welcoming new neighbors, and creating communities where everyone has the chance to thrive.

*LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, Global Greens, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.*

Emanuel's Annual

# GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 & SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

PROCEEDS WILL BE SPLIT EVENLY TO LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES AND BETHANY'S VAN/BUS CAMPAIGN. ITEMS ARE CURRENTLY BEING COLLECTED & CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH AND PLACED IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM. THE SALE WILL AGAIN BE DONATION BASED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN OR FEEL IT IS WORTH. AS ALWAYS WE WILL NOT ACCEPT CLOTHING, TUBE TYPE TV'S, COMPUTERS/MONITORS, MATTRESSES, INFANT CAR SEATS OR BOOSTER SEATS. VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS THE SALE GETS CLOSER. ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO MIKE HIPNAR.



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 [emanuelcb.org/](http://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.



Attendance



OFFERINGS



Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
June 01	46	6	52	\$2,798.00
June 08	35	6	41	\$913.00
June 15	36	24	60	N/A
June 22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
June 29	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

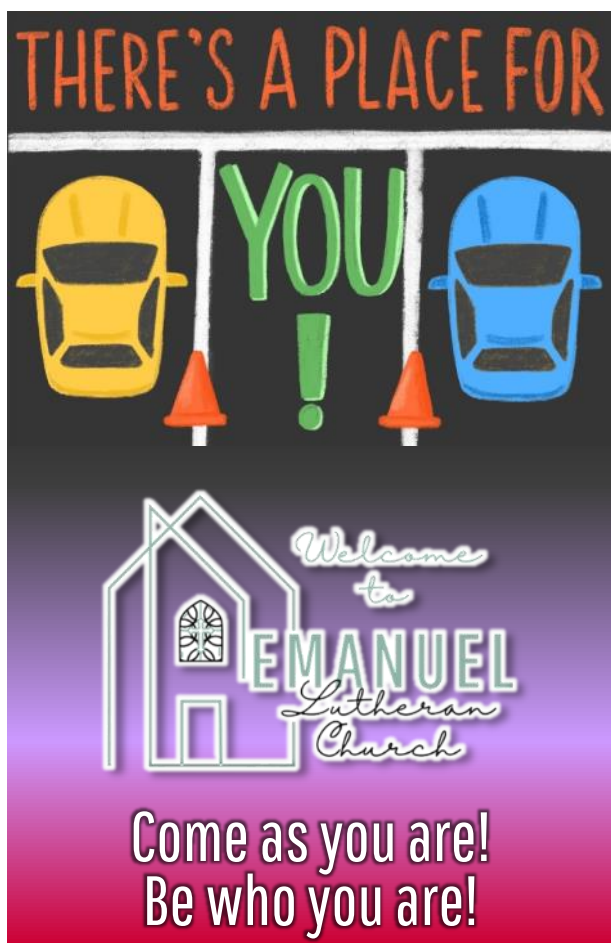
May Income: ..... \$9,038.20  
 May Expense:..... **(-\$13,133.63)**  
 May Balance..... **(\$4,095.43)**

YTD Income: ..... \$81,695.45  
 YTD Expense:..... **(-\$82,562.10)**  
 YTD Balance..... **(\$866.65)**  
 Plus Carryover ..... **\$9.12**  
 General Budget Fund..... **(\$857.53)**



2444 North Broadway  
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



*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

Children's Ministry:

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

Staff:

Pastor Cara Knutson ([pastor@emanuelcb.org](mailto:pastor@emanuelcb.org))  
Director of Music Ministries, Cindy Richards ([music@emanuelcb.org](mailto:music@emanuelcb.org))  
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Children & Youth Programming, Stephen Lewis ([youth@emanuelcb.org](mailto:youth@emanuelcb.org))  
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