

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

May 2017

Happenings!

Saturday, May 6—ServeFest

Sunday, May 7 —Senior Recognition Day, Altar Guild Meeting

Friday, May 12— Food Pantry Volunteers meet at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday, May 14—Mother's Day, Joyful Noise Offering for Centro Latino

Monday, May 15—Reservations due to office for Lutheran Night at Werner Park (June 5)

Friday, May 19—Family Movie Night: Shrek the Musical

Sunday, May 21—Healing Service, New Member Reception

Monday, May 29—Memorial Day, Office Closed

Mission Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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



Linda Steensland talks about some of the plants as some of the kids get to plant some in pots they decorated. The Garden Patio Party on April 23rd gave everyone had a chance to get plants for their own garden while supporting the youth.

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Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

On Thursday mornings, we are studying the New Testament book of Revelation. I invite you to participate in that study for a deeper understanding of one of the most powerful books in the Bible. In Revelation 18:4, you can read these words: *“Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, so that you do not take part in her sins, and so that you do not share in her plagues...’”* What can those words mean for us?

In Revelation, we are called to “come out” of the system of domination that treats people, commodities and the Creation as disposable commodities over which we are the masters. In the first century, that system was the Roman Empire. The Domination System always imposes “plagues” on the world. Those plagues are oppression of the poor and powerless, manipulation of markets for the oligarchs, and exploitation of Creation for short-term gain. At some point, the “plagues” come to fruition.

We are not—repeat NOT—called to “come out” of this world that God has created as “very good.” We are not—repeat NOT—called to escape from this creation into some disembodied heaven where we can be safe spectators as the world is left to its own devices.

What does “coming out” of the Domination System look like for us? It does not look like retreat from the world. For some people today, it means a defensive withdrawal of orthodox Christians into protective and isolated enclaves where family formation, education, business and church are strictly controlled and managed. The current highly-read and discussed book, *The Benedict Option*, advocates precisely this option for Christians. Many fearful and desperate Christians believe this is precisely the option that faces us.

Instead, “Coming out” of the Domination System looks like Jesus. It means being part of the “Servant System” we find in Mark 10:45. —*“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”* Coming out of the Domination System means Jesus first. That means the least, the lost and the lonely first. It means the poor, the oppressed and the forgotten first. That is what the Servant System looks like.

We are the church, God’s “coming out” people. In fact, the Greek word for “church” is *ekklesia*. It is a word that literally means “called out from.” We are called out from our fears and phobias, our hurts and hatred, our anxieties and angers. We are called out from our defensive enclaves and comfortable communities into a world that is desperately hungry for hope. That is the overall vision that drives my understanding of the role of the Church in the world.

As a congregation, we cannot do this for the whole planet. But we can do so much locally. We come out into our neighborhood as good neighbors and involved citizens. We will come out as we open our building and our ministry to young families as we launch into our childcare mission project. We come out as we take our Joyful Noise offerings, as we support dozens of ministries and service organizations. We come out through our care for the earth and all of Creation. We come out through the ministries of our Western Iowa Synod and our ELCA churchwide ministries. We come out in all these ways as servants of the Servant.

If you have the time, come and study Revelation. And know how grateful I am to the Holy Spirit that you are among the “called out” people here at Emanuel.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

THANK YOU: ELCA World Hunger sent a letter thanking those who have sent funds to help with their mission. These gifts create long-term, sustainable impact in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries around the world. They have helped with health huts that offer primary health care and HIV and AIDS support services, community– run microloan programs and more. The full letter is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.



ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Helping Our Community

Please be part of the North Broadway neighborhood cleanup that is part of the annual ServeFest Event here in Council Bluffs. Meet at Kimball Park on May 6 at 10 a.m. to help with one of the following tasks:

- Pick up trash and clean off tennis court of leaves and branches in Kimball Park.
- Pick up trash and yard waste on the far north end of North Broadway.
- Pick up trash and yard waste, trim small trees, etc., up to Coit Road.
- Weed the flower bed and plant new plants at 2431 North Broadway.
- Clean up the “island” that rests between North Broadway and the entrance to Gunn Avenue
- Edge sidewalk between 2300 and 2400 North Broadway-island sidewalk or follow the edger to pick up the waste.

There is work for an estimated 40 volunteers. So all the help we can get will be appreciated.

Bakers Needed

The Cookie Crumbs group, which meets at Emanuel once a month to pack and send boxes to those in the military are in need of some more bakers to keep up with the increasing number of boxes they are sending out.



They have seen a skyrocketing rise in the number of requests that they are receiving in the last 2-3 weeks. There is a lot in motion with the movement of ships, weaponry and soldiers. They had many requests that didn't make it on the April mailing list and unfortunately, they were short cookies so 13 of the soldiers on the list didn't get a box. This happens now and then but with the increased demand, they are unable to keep up with the new names that they are receiving almost daily.

They would like to recruit more bakers so they can guarantee that all our deployed military men and women are remembered with a box of home baked cookies and a message of love and support from home.

If you would like to help or have questions please contact Deann Over.

Celebrating
OUR GRADUATES

Join us
Sunday, May 7th
as we honor our high school seniors during worship. Afterward we will have a reception with cake during fellowship hour.

Re-
scheduled

The Spring Work day originally scheduled for May 20th has been rescheduled to June 3. We will start at approximately 8:00 a.m. or when you can make it.

The main projects will be outdoor work, inside sprucing up and maintenance.

Please bring the tools and supplies you anticipate working with.

We look forward to seeing you!

Church Work Day



Daphne Miller Glen Fahrenkrug Lucille Weatherill Dwight Rogers Andrea Britton
 Harvey Coble



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| May 01 | Shannon Miller
Carly Sorensen | May 12 | Jeffrey Smith
Chris Sorensen | May 20 | Kenna Hite |
| May 02 | Abaigeal Plummer | May 13 | Jim Fowler
Richard Reed | May 22 | Garrett Smith |
| May 05 | Bob Parker | May 14 | Christi Hauschild
Jerry Thielen | May 23 | Alisha Jacobsen |
| May 09 | Kyle Nordstrom
Matt Solon | May 17 | Amanda Hansen
Clifford Holding | May 25 | Jennifer Clark
Tiffany Pace |
| May 10 | Alexander Bradshaw
Riley Maxwell
Renee Piper | May 18 | Leslie Meyer | May 26 | Ryan Wilson |
| May 11 | Gary Stinson | May 19 | Mike Loos | May 27 | Jennifer Plummer
Rick Stone |
| | | | | May 30 | Brad Dahlke
Debbie Ferguson
Joshua Thielen |



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| May 3 | Mark & Cheryl Ellis
Gary & Judy Pleas | May 22 | Steve & Michaela Lewis |
| May 11 | John & Glinda Smith II | May 26 | Lowell & Brenda Hennigs |
| May 13 | Richard & Darlene Reed | May 29 | David & Linda Fietz
Bob & Kris Parker
Ed & Nina Reedy |
| May 16 | Bob & Linda Vergamini | May 30 | Ron & Norma Stairs |

*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)



Altar Flowers

May 7

May 14

May 21

Lowell & Brenda Hennigs

May 28

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



May 7

Children & Youth Committee

May 14

Joel & Christi Hauschild

May 21

Fresh Start Team

May 28

The coffee hour sign-up chart is in the kitchen. Duties include picking up donuts, starting coffee, pouring juice and clean-up.

Sunday, May 7	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Acolytes	A.J. Borwick & Austin Borwick
Lector	Rick Stone
Communion Assistants	Angel McGee, Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Set-Up	Al & Linda Martens
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
Sunday, May 14	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Acolytes	Alexxia Richards & Xander Richards
Lector	Jane Meyer
Communion Assistants	John Husmann, Jolene Hansen
Communion Set-Up	Linda Steensland & Amy Steensland
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs
Sunday, May 21	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Acolytes	Shae Nickels & Tyler Steensland
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistants	Rosie Spangenberg, Peggy Jarrell
Communion Set-Up	Carol Fahrenkrug & Barb Burns
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
Sunday, May 28	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	
Acolytes	Dakota Hopkinson & Amari Johnson
Lector	Alan Ellis
Communion Assistants	
Communion Set-Up	Phil & Jane Meyer
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso

If you are interested in helping with worship, please contact the church office, (712) 323-9665, emanuellutherancbia@msn.com or sign-up on our website at: www.emanuelcb.org

Friday, May 19
6 p.m. Potluck
6:30 p.m. Movie

Emanuel Lutheran Church
 Fellowship Hall
 Bring a dish to share &
 a friend or neighbor!



We will be watching:

Shrek the Musical

This is the Broadway adaptation of the Movie Shrek. This is a great movie for all ages. A child ogre is sent away by his parents when he turns 7. He grows up and is content living alone until fairytale creatures invade his swamp. His quest to get rid of them leads him to a unique princess and making friends, something he has never experienced before. He begins to think that he could have a happy ending after all.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45am-11:30am Adult Study	1 11 am Tai Chi 11 am Worship at Midlands	2 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	3 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall 7:15 pm Kidz Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Fellowship Hall	4 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 6:30 pm Choir Practice 	5 Office Closed	6 10 am ServeFest Volunteers meet at Kimball Park 
7 Senior Recognition 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 11 am Altar Guild Meeting 	8 9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi	9 9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	10 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall 7:15 pm Kidz Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Fellowship Hall	11 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm North Broadway Neighborhood Association Meeting 	12 Office Closed 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's	13
14 Joyful Noise 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:45 am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 	15 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm MS Support Group 7 pm Church Council Meeting 	16 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Children & Youth Ministry Meeting	17 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall 7:15 pm Kidz Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Fellowship Hall	18 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Practice	19 Office Closed 9:30 am Blessings & Brunch 6 pm Potluck 6:30 pm Shrek the Musical 	20 11 am Fellowship Hall in Use
21 Healing Service 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am New Member Reception with Fellowship & Coffee 10:45 pm Worship & Music Meeting 11 am Confirmation 	22 11 am Communion at Midlands 11 am Tai Chi	23 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Wider Ministries Meeting 7 pm Fresh Start Team	24 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall 7:15 pm Kidz Kamp in Youth Center, Adult Study in Fellowship Hall	25 11 am Tai Chi 9:30 am Adult Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice	26 Office Closed	27
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Children's Ministry

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

April was a very busy month!

On Maundy Thursday there were six children and one adult who received first communion. Those who participated in this were Tori Hansen, Mason Lewis, Alex VanSickle, Gabe VanSickle, Luella Fahrenkrug, Mason Gerreans and Amy Gerreans.

Thank you to those who donated candy and toys for the Easter Eggs. We are very grateful to the adults and youth at the lock-in who stuffed all the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg hunt! We didn't have an exact count, but estimate that there were over 1,500 eggs on the lawn Easter morning for the Easter Egg hunt! There were approximately 30 children who participated and it only took them about 10 minutes to get them all.

We continued our Easter Celebration the Wednesday after Easter with the Rise Up With Jesus Family Event. Everyone got to visit stations to learn about different aspects of the resurrection. There were 22

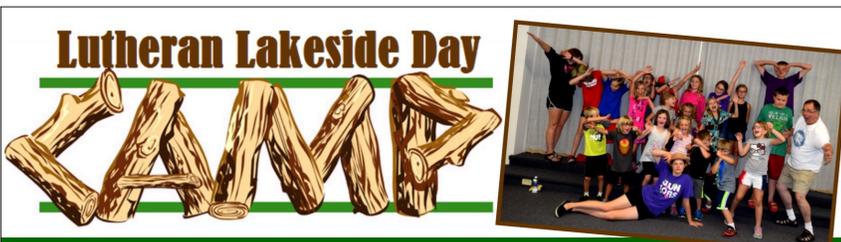


First Communion Students: Tori Hansen, Mason Lewis, Gabe VanSickle, Alex VanSickle, Luella Fahrenkrug. Not pictured: Mason and Amy Gerreans.

people (of all ages) who participated. Thank you to Jan Husmann for helping with supplies and setting up. Thank you to the station leaders: Elaine Sasso, Jeff and Sandy Smith, Bob and Linda Vergamini, Linda Steensland, Lowell and Brenda Hennings. The similar to a condensed vacation Bible school and was a lot of fun. We may need to see about a similar event for next year as well.

May 24th will be the last Wednesday night Kidz Kamp until fall. Keep an eye on the calendar for other kids activities throughout the summer though!

May will once again be a busy month with Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Graduations. So we will not have a monthly Sunday event planned in May. We will have the Movie night on Friday, May 19th. Come at 6 p.m. for a potluck and then we will start the movie at 6:30 p.m. We will be watching Shrek the Musical. It is the Broadway Musical of this fun (unusual) tale and is great for all ages.



June 12-15, 9 am—3 pm

Only \$40 per child!

For students entering 1st through 6th grade

Held at Emanuel Lutheran Church (2444 N. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa)



Lutheran Lakeside Camp is coming to YOU!
Come and experience all the fun of camp right in Council Bluffs! Playing, growing, singing, crafting, experiencing, dancing, acting, talking, running, shouting, skipping, snacking, laughing, learning, and worshiping each and every day!

For more information and registration form visit:

www.emanuelcb.org

Or call (712) 323-9665.



Register for Camp

This will be the third year that Emanuel has hosted Lutheran Lakeside for Day Camp. Last year it was held at Our Savior's, but it will be at Emanuel this year.

Camp will be June 12th -15th for Day Camp. Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with lunch provided.

Students are welcome to bring their own lunch if they prefer. The cost for the week is \$40 per camper.

Camp is open for campers entering 1st - 5th grade. Middle school and high school students are encouraged to register as volunteers for the week.

You can now register directly on the website (www.emanuelcb.org) for both campers and volunteers! We look forward to seeing everyone there! We would like to have as many register by May 31st as we can so that we can let the camp know how many staff to send.

Staff from Lutheran Lakeside Camp in Spirit Lake, Iowa will join us for the week. Lutheran Lakeside offers a variety of camps throughout the summer and have activities year-round. For more information about Lutheran Lakeside, visit <https://www.lutheranlakeside.com>

Pledges For Day Care Startup

Thank you for the several pledges towards the Day Care project. We would like to have a majority of the pledges turned in by May 1st so that we can continue with the planning process.

Members and friends of Emanuel Lutheran Church were invited to consider gifts and/or pledges of gifts to assist with the startup costs of the Emanuel Daycare. **These startup costs are not related to the construction and renovation necessary for the project.** Those construction and renovation costs are to be paid through a short-term construction loan and long-term mortgage. The costs of repaying the mortgage are built into the annual business plan for the Emanuel Daycare.

These startup funds will allow the Emanuel Daycare staff to come onboard gradually during the three months prior to opening of the Daycare. This will allow the Director to organize the business, hire and bring on appropriate staff and ensure that proper training takes place. Startup expenses will include about \$27,500 for staff costs, about \$14,000 for furnishings, equipment, supplies and advertising, and about \$19,000 for a contingency fund to assist with any cash flow issues during the operation of the daycare. The goal for our startup fund appeal is about \$60,000.

Our hope would be that we would have \$30,000 or more of gifts in hand on January 1, 2018. This would make possible our projected opening sometime in March of 2018. Our hope would be that we would receive support from the ELCA for 2018 of \$30,000 or more. This combination of \$60,000 or more would

provide the startup cash and contingency funds needed for the Emanuel Daycare.

Gifts and pledges paid in 2019 and 2020 would assist in sustaining any temporary shortfalls in operating revenue and building the contingency toward a two-month operating contingency fund. We would hope that support from the ELCA for 2019 would be \$20,000 and for 2020 would be \$10,000, to be used for the same purposes.

When the Daycare is self-sustaining (and we believe it will be even at a 90% enrollment rate), then these gifts and grants over and above the contingency amount could be used to provide scholarships for families in need of such support in accessing the services of the Daycare.

The request is for gifts and pledges from Emanuel members and friends totaling up to \$60,000 over three years, with the majority of those gifts and pledges begin applied in the first of the three years of the project.

Members and friends of Emanuel Lutheran Church will receive this information and a pledge card by mail in the coming days. We ask that you would prayerfully consider a gift and/or pledge to support this important project for the life and mission of Emanuel Lutheran Church and in service to the children and families of our community.

The members of the Daycare Capital Fund Appeal Team include John Burns, Rick Stone, Kim Egner and Pastor Lowell Hennigs.



Welcoming New Members



During the service on May 21st we will welcome new members. There will be a new member reception in the fellowship hall following the service. We hope you can join us as we welcome them to the Emanuel Family.

May 21st

Reception
for New Members



SERVICE OF
HEALING

May 21
9:30 a.m.

Meeting May 7th

If you are part of the Altar Guild or would like to learn more about helping to prepare the altar for Sunday worship, please plan to attend a meeting on May 7 in our sanctuary at 11 a.m. We will briefly review Altar Guild procedures and discuss any needs or concerns participants may have. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Lowell.

Altar Guild



June 4 Worship Features Special Guests & Potluck

Sunday, June 4, is Global Ministries Sunday across the ELCA. On that day Emanuel Lutheran Church will welcome **Pastor Filemon Diaz and his family as our guests**. Pastor Filemon is the pastor developer of our new mission effort in Denison called Senor De La Misericordia Mission. Pastor Filemon will bring greetings at our worship service and be available for questions and comments during our fellowship time.

June 4 is Pentecost Sunday—the birthday of the Christian Church. We will invite Pastor Filemon and others to read some of our worship texts in other languages that day. And you are invited to bring a dish for a **Global Ministries potluck after worship**. Does your family have a favorite dish from your ethnic and national heritage—lefse, aebelskiver, spaetzle—just to name a few possibilities? Let's share our heritages as we celebrate the multilingual, multicultural, multinational nature of the Church of Jesus Christ!

Wider Ministries

BY JUDI MALLOY

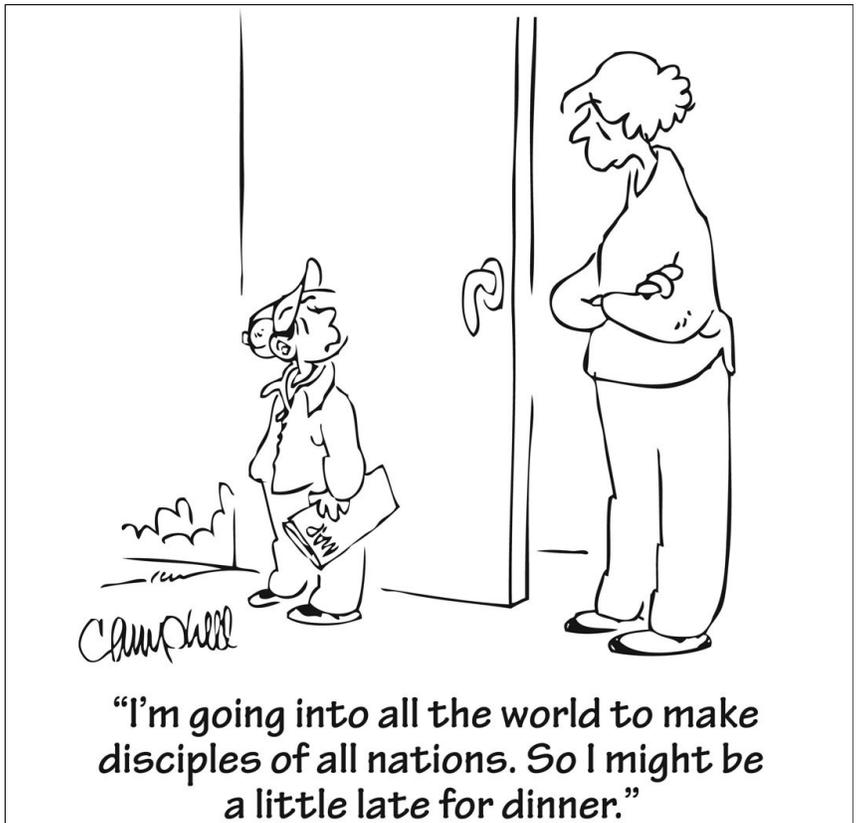
Our Joyful Noise Offering for May will be for Centro Latino of Council Bluffs. They have moved to a new location with more room. It will be great to hear about the plans they have for offering more services.

Thank you to all who have donated things for YES. We are continuing to collect donations. There is a box in the church entryway and there is a list on the side of the container. If you think of other things that aren't on the list, they will be welcome as well.

We continue to collect things that are needed at Phoenix House. That list is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. The coat donations are still welcome. Many people got through the winter much better because you have been so generous with coats, gloves, and hats.

Servefest is May 6. We will be cleaning up along North Broadway. If you are able to help, contact Pastor or me for details. There will also be announcements in the bulletin.

There will be some changes in our Wider Ministries team at the end of May. I will be leaving the group and Linda Steensland will be the new chairperson. Over the last 14 years this ministry has grown and flourished. The work of this committee has truly become a ministry of Emanuel's church family. Thank you for always being so generous and caring every time we've asked. Your sharing of time, money, and talents have touched many lives. I know that this ministry will continue to grow and bless those in need as well as the givers.



Boy Scouts

BY LINDA VERGAMINI

Would you believe...our Boy Scout Troop has been OUR troop for 55 years as of November 1, 2017!!!! Would you believe that you can have opportunities to help out with OUR troop?!?!?! Do you wish you had someone and some reason to bake goodies?!?!?!? Would you like to camp out again AND not have to plan or cook the meals?? Our troop has excellent leadership; everyone can use some help! Let's talk!



On April 23rd the Boy Scouts served a pancake breakfast as a thank you to the congregation for hosting them.

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.



We see moms turning to LSI's Mental Health or Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see young first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2016, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to 552 first-time parents. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider giving a gift in her name at www.LSIowa.org.

Thank you for standing alongside our Iowa families.

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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

It Takes A Village

When Fan's first child, Rain, was born, she was determined to raise him to be gentle, patient, and independent. But as he entered his crawling, walking, and climbing phases, things began to change.

Originally from China, Fan was not well connected in her community. When Rain became a very mobile and curious toddler, she had no other parents to talk with about how to handle his latest developmental stages.

Fan turned to LSI's People Place, a family and community resource center in Ames. The program provides parents with access to low-cost or free parent-

ing classes, support groups, and home visitations. For low-income families like Fan's, People Place is a life-changing resource.

Now Rain can play with other children his age at People Place, and Fan has a chance to meet more parents with similar life experiences.

"They've helped me a lot by answering my concerns when he's growing or developing a problem," Fan says. "Someone else there might be having the same problem, so you can connect with them. It's a lot more fun to learn in a group how to raise your kids instead of doing it alone."

Youth Ministry

BY DEANN OVER

As I was reviewing the events and activities organized and hosted by the Children's and Youth committee during the Lenten/Easter season, I am continually in awe of the support of Emanuel's members and volunteers! We are truly blessed!

The CM/YM committee hosted two Wednesday evening Lenten dinners, a simulated Seder meal for seven First Communion students with their families, a Youth Lock-In on Maundy Thursday and the Easter breakfast. Confirmation students also planned a youth-led worship service on April 30.



Stuffing Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Thanks to all the volunteers who donated food, time and their assistance in the above and our special thanks to:

- Linda Steensland, Sharon & Jamie Hansen and Michaela Lewis who regularly coordinated, prepped and staffed the kitchen for the Lenten dinners.
- Jan Husmann for the beautiful table settings for the Seder meal, Linda Steensland who prepared the meal, and Jan Stone, John Husmann, Greg Steensland, Sharon Hansen and Kylie Hansen for serving and clean up.
- Steve Lewis, Tyler & Jamie Hansen, Cyndi & Jessica Borwick, Natasha Anderson, Linda Steensland, Heather Lisenmeyer, Pastor Lowell & Brenda who joined 22 energized youth at the Lock-In! As always, nerf guns, the gaga pit and 4 square continue to be the most popular activities! We also guesstimate about 1,500 plastic eggs were filled for the Easter Egg Hunt!
- Bob and Linda Vergamini for installing the Easter banner!

Over \$700 in free will donations were received at the Lenten dinners and Easter breakfast! Your generosity will continue to assist us to provide opportunities for Emanuel's children and youth to attend Bible camps, mission trips and the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.

In May activities will include sending care packages to Emanuel's college students during finals week, honoring Emanuel's high school graduates and confirmation students filling bags for the homeless.



Our crew at the middle and high school lock-in on April 13th.



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 04/17/2017

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

Present: Rosie Spangenberg, Suzanne Winter, Mike Winter, Bob Vergamini, Elaine Sasso, Peggy Jarrell, Judi Malloy, Connie Solon, Stephen Lewis, Valerie Weelborg, Dwight Rogers, Pastor Hennigs

Absent: Patty Maxwell, Dwight Rogers.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Rosie Spangenberg

Devotions: Peggy Jarrell

Council Agenda:

- Darlene Jeppesen talked to the council about the functions of the Women's Group. She explained the many projects involving the Women's Group and read words from their constitution. Among the many projects involving the Women's Group include special music, reviewing the magazine called "Gather", mission action group, finishing 122 quilts, overlap with projects involving Wider Ministries, prayer chain, funerals, May baskets, Bethany bingo, donations to charities and Thanksgiving baskets. They meet the third Friday of each month at 9:30 for brunch.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Judi Malloy to approve the secretary minutes. Approved.
- Motion by Peggy Jarrell, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the Financial Secretary report. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Judi Malloy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Bob Vergamini, to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Pastor Hennigs gave his report which included 12 items. He made note that the Emanuel Fresh Start Team met on March 28, not February 28, as set out in the report. He asked that the council appoint a construction committee. Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to name Kevin Epperson as coordinator and Larry Hansen, Bob Vergamini, Gary Stinson and Brittany Smith as members of the construction committee. Approved.
- Pastor indicated that there may be two more members added to the construction committee which may include Kim Egner. It was reported that Pastor and Rick Stone have been working on a possible loan application with ELCA Mission Investment Fund and reported that we would qualify for a loan. The pastor wants to schedule a new member reception Sunday, May 21.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Connie Solon to schedule a new member reception for May 21, 2017, to receive new members Mark Van Sickle, Katty Van Sickle, Alex Van Sickle and Gabe Van Sickle. Approved.
- Pastor reported that the special needs fund has a balance of \$1,423.21 and that the fund received \$350 in gifts and that a one member household was assisted with \$300.
- Pastor reported that we have registered our voting members for the Western Iowa Synod Assembly to be held in Sioux City on June 9-11. Besides the Pastor, our voting members will be Rosie Spangenberg and Jeff Smith. Sandy Smith will attend as a member of the Synod Council. Cindy Richards is serving as a volunteer with the Worship Committee.
- Pastor also reported that a meeting regarding the 2017 edition of "ServeFest" took place on Thursday, March 16. The North Broadway Neighborhood Association is working in cooperation with ServeFest as well and has invited Emanuel Lutheran Church to participate in neighborhood clean up activities on ServeFest Day, May 6, 2017.
- Stephen Lewis gave a report on youth and children's ministries. He reported that there was no meeting last month, but that the Easter egg hunt included more than 20 children. There were 1,500 eggs filled for the Easter egg hunt.
- The Stewardship and Finance Committee met to examine financial reports. Rick Stone is the chair person.
- Al Martens is the chairperson and only member currently of the Fellowship and Support Committee.
- Bob Vergamini gave a report of the Property Committee and said their next meeting would be Sunday, April 23. They have scheduled May 20 as a work day.
- Judi Malloy gave a report for Wider Ministries. Joyful Noise for April will be for spina bifida and for May will be the Latino Center. They are continuing to collect coats. Linda Steensland will serve as chairperson for Wider Ministries as Judi's last meeting will be in May 2017.

- Rosie Spangenberg gave a report of the Worship and Music Committee and reported that the Sender Meal was for the families and friends of the 7 youths and 1 adult who would be receiving first communion.
 - It was reported that Rachel Kurtz will perform Saturday, August 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and at the Bayliss Park Service on Sunday, August 6 at 10 a.m.
 - The Altar Guild will meet May 7 at 11 a.m.
 - The gifts acceptance policy will be referred to the Stewardship and the Financial Committee for their recommendations.
 - It was discussed that there is a need for a future temple talk concerning starting a van fund, but that has been placed on the back burner as the child care center funding has current priority.
 - Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to place special offering envelopes in the pews for Synod Assembly offering. Approved.
 - Girl Scouts have requested permission to place a time capsule on church grounds between the tool shed and the gaga pit. It will be buried 18-20 inches deep. Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Connie Solon to approve this request as long as there is no obstruction above ground. Approved.
 - Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Peggy Jarrell to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Approved.
 - All reports presented to the council may be viewed by any church member at the church office.
- The next meeting will be Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7 p.m.



May 3
Tacos
Spanish Rice

May 10
Chicken
Potatoes

May 17
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Chips

May 24
Chicken & Rice
Green Beans

May 31
Lasagna
Salad

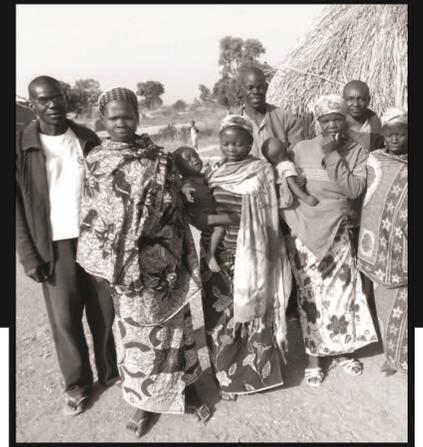
Menu is subject to change

Sowing seeds

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
ELCA.org/hunger

In the Bohong region in western Central African Republic, Georgette, a widow, toils in the field to provide for her grandchildren. When fighting between militia groups overwhelmed her town, her family and neighbors all fled for safety. When they returned home, they found the fields destroyed and their farm tools stolen. The fields were their main source of food and income.

Together, in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger helped distribute more than 20 tons of seeds and thousands of farm tools to more than 2,000 households in the Bohong region. And we continue to walk with



Georgette and her neighbors as they struggle to survive in a region torn apart by war.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help remind our sisters and brothers that they are not alone. In Georgette's words, "We gave thanks to God as we realized that we were not abandoned but that we have sisters and brothers who think about us despite the distance that separates us."

Thank you for supporting ELCA World Hunger and helping families, like Georgette's, start anew.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that fight hunger and poverty in nearly 60 countries around the world, including the United States.

Will you help with your gift today?

YES! I would like to support ELCA World Hunger (WHG0038)

- I have enclosed my gift of \$100
 I have enclosed my gift of \$250
 Other \$ _____

Mail Make your check payable to "ELCA World Hunger." Place your gift in your congregation's offering plate or mail it to:

ELCA
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Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Online ELCA.org/hunger/donate

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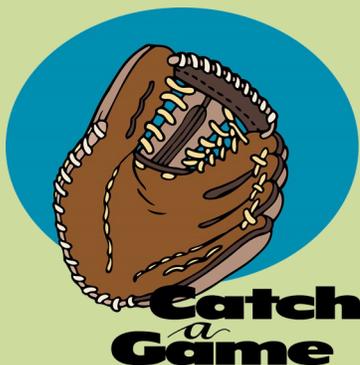


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Lutheran Night at Werner Park

Werner Park is once again hosting a Lutheran night with special prices on tickets. In-field seats are \$11 each



(normally \$15) and outfield seats are \$7 each (normally \$13). They also have add-ons for food and activities if you would like. Envelopes to order are in the fellowship hall. Please turn into the office by Monday, May 15th. Checks must be made out to "Omaha Storm Chasers" for the exact amount of your order.



A Message from Bethany

SUBMITTED BY DIANE CARLON



BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME / BETHANY HEIGHTS

Bethany Heights Now Offering Independent Living

Bethany Heights is now offering Independent Senior Living. Enjoy apartment living with great amenities! Apartments range in size from a Studio to Two Bedroom/Two bathroom. Small pets are welcome. For more information or to set up a visit, please contact Paula Fandry at Bethany Heights 712-328-8228.

Auxiliary Ice Cream Social

Summer is just around the corner. It will soon be time for the annual Bethany Auxiliary Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, June 4th from 2-4 p.m.** at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street. A large variety of pies and cake as well as ice cream will be available. Free will offering. Come enjoy great food, fellowship and support the Bethany Auxiliary. We look forward to seeing you there.

Employment Opportunities

Bethany currently has several positions available. For more information, please visit our website at www.bethanylutheranhome.org or contact our HR Coordinator, Cindy Schechinger at 712-328-9500.

Calling All Teens

What are **YOU** doing this summer? Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights are looking for some great volunteers between the ages of 14-18 to be a part of our Teen Volunteer program. Teen Volunteers interact with residents and tenants, participate in activities and outings and assist where needed. If you are looking for an opportunity for a rewarding experience and willing to commit 2-4 hours per week, **please contact Sarah Norton at Bethany Heights at 328-8228** to sign up. Teen Volunteer orientation will be held on **Tuesday, June 8th at 2:00 p.m.** in the Green Garden Lounge at Bethany Lutheran Home. Hope you join us this summer!!

Auxiliary Meeting and Bake Sale Update

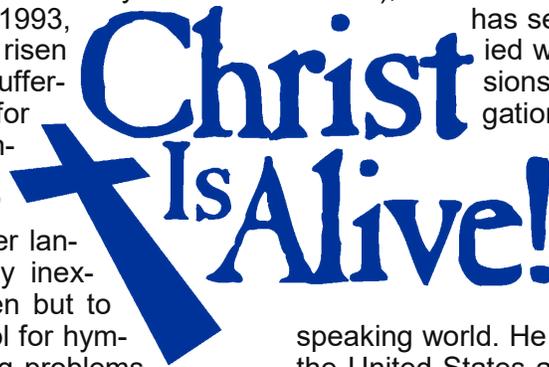
The Auxiliary would like to thank you for your support of the annual bake sale. We were blessed with a large variety of goodies and many customers to enjoy them. Thank you for your continued support of the Auxiliary and their projects.

Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



Our ELW hymnal contains many beloved Easter hymns. One of my favorites is #389, Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing. The ELW Hymnal Companion says this about this wonderful song: “Brian Wren wrote this hymn in April 1968 for Easter after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. He ‘tried to express an Easter Hope out of that terrible event,’ rather than Easter as ‘long ago, far away, and high above.’ Since then Wren has revised the hymn several times—in 1978, 1989, and 1993, keeping ‘the original theme (the risen Christ shares yet outlasts our suffering, making Easter good news for all), while searching for better language than the command-and-control language of the original.’ Wren’s continual search for better language to express what is finally inexpressible points not only to Wren but to Wren as a particularly apt symbol for hymnody in the face of the perplexing problems of our age and perhaps any age—which explains why hymns are continually undergoing changes and why there never is a ‘definitive’ version of any hymn. It is a good thing, of course, if groups of Christians together settle on common versions to help in their singing, but to expect one solution to stand forever is to deny our finitude and the mystery of God. The version *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* prints is found in Wren’s *Piece Together Praise* (1996) at #52. It differs from the earlier version found in *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978) at #363.”

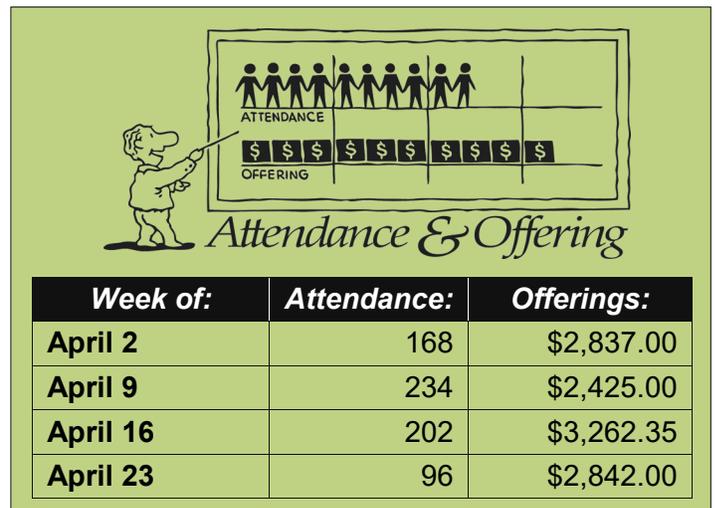


“Brian Wren (b. June 3, 1936), is one of the late twentieth century’s primary voices for inclusivity of and inclusive language. His hymns themselves seek to express that inclusivity and his books *Education for Justice* and *What Language Shall I Borrow?* argue for it. He was born in Romford, Essex, England, attended Royal Liberty Grammar School, and at the age of fourteen began attending Upminster Congregational Church in Essex, where at the age of nineteen he was baptized. He received a BA in modern languages from New College, Oxford, in 1960, graduat-

ed with honors in theology from Mansfield College, Oxford, in 1962, and completed a doctorate in theology at Oxford University in 1968 with a thesis on the language of prophetic eschatology in the Old Testament. Ordained in 1965 in the Congregational Church of England and Wales (now the United Reformed Church in Great Britain), he has been a Congregational pastor and has served the worldwide church in varied ways, which give a clue to his passions—the power of language, congregational song, the practice of public worship, justice, peace, and global equality.

In addition to his many hymns and books, Wren has conducted workshops around the English-speaking world. He is a fellow of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada and was the first person to hold the John and Miriam Conant Professorship in Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, where he is now professor emeritus.”

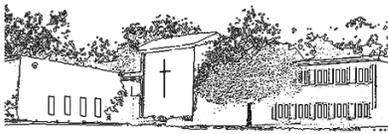
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal Companion



Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

March Income:\$11,502.65
March Expense:\$12,316.43
March Balance-\$813.78

YTD Income: \$47,439.38
 YTD Expense: \$42,537.50
 YTD Balance \$4,901.88
 Plus Carryover..... \$9,506.26
 General Budget Fund \$14,408.14



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Game Day

Thursday, May 4th, 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Tuesday, May 9th, 8:30 am
Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, May 10th
11:30 am
Pizza Ranch

Blessings & Brunch

Friday, May 19st, 9:30 am.
Fellowship Hall
All women are welcome!

Mission Action Committee
(Quilters)

Wednesdays, 9:30 am
Fellowship Hall

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