



Garden of Reading

Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

September 2023

Happenings at Emanuel!

Saturday, September 02—Craft Inn

Sunday, September 10—Joyful Noise Offering

Tuesday, September 12—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet

Sunday, September 17—Rally Sunday, Potluck & Confirmation

Monday, September 18—Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 20—Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, September 24—Blood Pressure Checks during coffee hour

*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**



Our annual garage sale was expanded to two days this year and raised nearly \$4,400! These funds help fund events and activities at Emanuel!

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A Post from the Pastor

BY PASTOR CARA KNUTSON



Good morning! I love to start every morning with some quiet and a cup of good coffee. In the morning stillness the my internal jangles and tangles get smoothed out somewhat and the caffeine helps get me going. When I have to jump right into activity, which happens from time to time, I notice the difference. Patterns, and order help me function at my best.

Our God is a God of beauty and order and I believe part of being made in God's image means we function at our best when we allow and arrange our lives around the beautiful and orderly. From what I've observed quilters experience this. Blocks come together at what seems precise angles creating patterns that delight the eye. There's something thrilling about looking at fabric in all sorts of colors and designs, seeing potential, and then beginning to create. Most Thursdays at Bible Study someone is bringing in a quilt to show to everyone like a little mini art show.

I've been making more of a place for order in my life and at the same time something in me resists. Paul says in Romans 7:19-25, "for I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing...for in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me...thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord"

We all have ways of being, thinking, acting, etc that get in the way of being the person we'd like to be and the person God calls us to be. Like I said in a recent sermon sometimes I fall into the trap of feeling the point of life is to continually work towards perfection. Perfection isn't attainable; I get discouraged; and then I get stuck. Your sticky situations that get you stuck aren't going to be the same as mine but I'm sure you can relate. The question is how do we get unstuck?

For me, whether it's a sewing project or a lesson plan, when I feel stuck I often find another person's perspective helpful. I had a mentor tell me once we're always surrounded by God's people. So when we're stuck, ask for help.

When you're stuck, ask for help.

See you in church!

Pastor Cara

Do We Have Your Current Address?

Just a reminder to keep us updated if your address, phone or email changes. Also, if we don't have your birthday or anniversary on file, please let us know!

You can contact the office at: (712) 323-9665 or office@emanuelcb.org.

Savoring Our Heritage
October 15

Please join us for coffee hour as we celebrate the different heritages by bringing a dish /food item from your own heritage to share. You might also bring a memento or item to display along with your food.
Hosted by Wider Ministries.



Emanuel Garage Sale

Thank you so much to everyone who donated items for the sale, bake sale or concessions, or volunteered their time to help set-up, haul away or help! With it expanding it to be a 2-day sale this year, the extra help was greatly appreciated. The last few years we have not priced anything and instead had people give what they could or what they thought items were worth. We have learned two things from this: many people are much more generous with their giving than if we had items priced; and it gives those in the community that might not have much to give, the opportunity to still get items they possibly couldn't have afforded otherwise. This has been true with concessions and baked goods as well. Thank you so much to Mike Hipnar for organizing this event each year, and our children and youth committee for manning the kitchen, and to all our volunteers!



Apparel Orders

Do you want to look like a ray of sunshine when you enter a room? We will be taking orders for new "God's Work, Our Hands" apparel. In addition to t-shirts, there is also an option for long sleeves, sweatshirts and hoodies. They will say "Emanuel Lutheran Church" on the back, in addition to the design in the photos. Order forms are available in the community room! We plan on placing an order at the end of September!



Muscles Needed!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers food assistance through their pantry and is in need of help unloading the truck from the food bank and stocking shelves on Wednesday mornings from about 9 a.m. to noon to help meet the needs of the community. If you have questions about this, feel free to ask Mason Lewis, who has been volunteering there this summer with this task. They have other opportunities as well, ranging from answering the pantry phone on Thursday to filling orders or even helping with their mobile pantry. If you would like to help with this important resource in the community, contact foodpantry@oursaviorscb.org. You can also always donate on their website or bring items to put in the shelf at Emanuel and they will be taken to



RALLY SUNDAY







SEPTEMBER 17

Join us as we present our three year olds with books to welcome them to Sunday School.

Our new confirmation students will also receive their confirmation Bibles and copies of Luther's Small Catechism.

This will also be the first day of Sunday School and the our new confirmation group will have their first class after coffee hour.

This Month's
ACTIVITIES
 At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30 am—10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal 	28 10 am Tai Chi	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 10 am Tai Chi	1	2 10 am Craft Inn 
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Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, September 03	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Gary & Sheri Stinson
Acolyte	Alex & Gabe VanSickle
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	
Visual Tech	Cheryl Rowe
Sound Tech	
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, September 10	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Gary & Sheri Stinson
Acolyte	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, September 17	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Gary & Sheri Stinson
Acolyte	Mason Lewis
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, September 24	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Gary & Sheri Stinson
Acolyte	Grace & Tayah Nixt
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	Grace & Tayah Nixt
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	



Sept 3 Alan Ellis
Sept 10 Mark Ellis
Sept 17 Gary Stinson
Sept 24 Sid Dillon

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With eight mowers, we have a nice rotation where we are not mowing all the time. We ask that you mow the lawn **sometime** during your scheduled week, preferably by Thursday. If you have a conflict, just trade dates with someone on the list. Mowing consists of the church lawn and the parsonage lawn. **If you use all the gas in the container, please fill up the container and turn the bill into the church. Keys for the mower and the garage are in the secretary's office. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Mark Ellis at 402-699-1472.**

We need YOUR help!

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

YOU CAN MAKE
 A DIFFERENCE!
Volunteer on Sundays



THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

Sept. 02
Darlene Jeppesen

Sept. 11
Terry Eyberg

Sept. 17
Sandy Kanger

Sept. 24
Deann Over

Sept. 03
Jonathan Scheffler

Sept. 12
Kevin Epperson
Judi Malloy

Sept. 19
Maxima Spangenberg

Sept. 27
Dan Heithoff
Janet Kendall

Sept. 06
Marlina Davidson

Sept. 13
Cheryl Coble

Sept. 20
Marcus McGee
Seth Schwartz

Sept. 28
Alan Ellis
Alexandra Heithoff

Sept. 08
Carol Fahrenkrug

Sept. 15
Ryan Epperson

Sept. 21
Reegan Haats

Sept. 29
Leah Clark

Sept. 10
Ian Carrier

Sept. 16
Ridgeway Hein-Snider

Sept. 22
Norma Mass
Alyson Sorensen



THIS MONTH'S
anniversaries

Sept. 08
Robert & Bette Juhl

Sept. 17
Elizabeth & Drew Melani
Brittney & Garrett Smith

Sept. 23
Michael & Anita Garrett

Sept. 11
James & LaWayne Andersen

Sept. 19
Ryan & Jenny Smith

Sept. 30
Alan & Kimberly Egner

Sept. 14
Greg & Linda Steensland

If we've missed a birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please let the church office know!
 Contact Michaela at (712) 323-9665 or office@emanuelcb.org



Deloris Christensen	Rita Epperson	Owen Hansen	Larry Hansen	Sharon Hansen
Norma Heath	Robert Hesseltine	Sawyer Lorenz	Norma Mass	Jane Meyer
Julie Powell	Tommy Schott	Doug Shapland	Ruth Sullivan	Bob Vergamini

Leave a Legacy Gift



LSI has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for over 150 years. During this time, we've created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of donors like you.

You can celebrate your lifetime through a legacy gift, to ensure LSI can continue to provide lifesaving services for those in need. Many of our faithful donors want their gifts to continue after their lifetime, and have elected to leave a legacy through LSI's foundation or the ELCA foundation.

Planned gifts to LSI help to create a firm foundation for our ministry and contribute more than \$400,000 each year.

Thanks to the generous compassion of individual donors, congregations such as yours, and our ministry partners at the three synods of the ELCA, we can be confident LSI will be here to meet the changing needs of Iowans for years to come.

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

Come Celebrate the
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

ROBERT JUHL **BETTE BEERMANN**

50
YEARS

CONGRATULATIONS ON FIFTY YEARS OF UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS!

09 TIME
SEPT. **2-5PM**

Emanuel Lutheran Church, 2444 N. Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Upgrading Emanuel

Lots of improvements being made around the church. A family, gender neutral, ADA accessible restroom is being added near the offices.

The roof is currently receiving repairs and one of the furnaces and air conditioning is to be replaced soon.



Council Notes

For a copy of the council minutes, please contact the Church office at office@emanuelcb.org or (712) 323-9665.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS



Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
August 06	46	74	120	\$3,286.00
August 13	46	119	165	\$1,050.00
August 20	52	N/A	52	\$1,322.00
August 27	44	20	64	\$1,535.00

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

July Income: \$12,886.25
 July Expense: \$15,078.84
 July Balance -\$2,192.59

YTD Income: \$104,724.47
 YTD Expense: -\$105,496.04
 YTD Balance -\$771.57
 Plus Carryover \$3,245.82
 General Budget Fund \$2,474.25



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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

Worship Services:

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

Children's Ministry:

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

Staff:

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