

Garden of Reading

Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

November 2023

Happenings at Emanuel!

Saturday, November 04—Craft Inn

Sunday, November 05—All Saints Sunday, Confirmation

Sunday, November 12—Joyful Noise Offering

Tuesday, November 14—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet

Wednesday, November 15—Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, November 19—Stewardship Brunch, Confirmation Class

Monday, November 20—Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 22—Dinner & Service of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving Day, office closed

Friday, November 24—Office Closed

Wednesday, November 29—Dinner & Hanging of the Greens

*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*



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The annual golf outing was held Sunday, October 01 at Quail Run in Neola. Thank you to Mike Loos for organizing this event each year and all those who participated!



A Post from the Pastor

BY PASTOR CARA KNUTSON



Good morning Church!

First off, I want to say a big thank you to everyone for the well wishes, cards, and gifts you gave to me for Pastor Appreciation Day. It was very special to me and so thoughtful. I was completely surprised which made it all the better. I am delighted to be a part of this community serving as your pastor.

With confirmation right around the corner I thought I'd share a little of the background of confirmation. In the early days of the church baptism, confirmation and first communion all took place during the great Easter Vigil. Those taking part would walk into a small pool of water and would be baptized. When they came up they were dressed in a white robe, and the bishop laid hands on them and anointed them with oil—confirming their baptism. Then they would receive communion for the very first time.

Over time as Christianity began to grow and spread it became impossible for bishops to be present for every baptism. To solve this quandary, the bishops delegated baptism and first communion to the pastors keeping for themselves laying on of hands and anointing with oil which would be done when the bishop traveled somewhere nearby. Overtime, the local pastors would administer the Rite of Confirmation as well.

Some folks think of Confirmation as a graduation. They've undergone teaching and have finally finished. But if you go back to confirmation's origin story with its link to baptism, confirmation is more of a beginning than an ending. Growing in faith is a process that takes time—an entire lifetime in fact.

Nor is confirmation another punch on the punch card of faith. It's not get ten punches and the 11th one is free grace. Confirmation at its heart is meant to be an outward and physical sign of the work God has already begun inside each believer. It's a celebration of God's achievement in us, not our achievement in God.

Also, confirmation is a good reminder for all of us that this is God's work. There will be young people that after confirmation we'll see little of. That doesn't mean that confirmation didn't take or that we as a community did something wrong. I firmly believe that God plants seeds of faith within us, that again take a lifetime to grow. Maybe the fruit doesn't look like what we expect and surprises us. But, as my pastor father frequently liked to quote from Scripture, "As the tree is bent, so shall it grow."

Thank you for all of you, and most of all thank you God for all you do in our lives and in our world.

See you in church!

Pastor Cara

Ale
&
the
Almighty

Monday, November 13th
6 p.m.
Glory Days (106 W Broadway)

Join us for an evening of fellowship and studying scriptures and how they apply to today's world and current events. They have a full menu and drinks if you would like to plan to eat/drink there during this time.

Confirmation Celebration

Join us on November 5th as we celebrate confirmation of Mason Lewis, Grace Nixt, Alex VanSickle and Gabe Vansickle.

They will be confirmed during the worship service and each student will receive a personalized copy of Lutheran Book of Prayer to honor this step in their faith.

Collection for Thanksgiving Boxes

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS REED

It's that time of year again. The Wider Ministries Committee will be providing at least 15 families and Phoenix House with a Thanksgiving Meal. We need your help! In November, we will be collecting items and Joyful Noise offering on Sunday, November 12. With the Joyful Noise offering, we will be purchasing turkeys, bags, rolls and pies. If you'd like to donate items, we will be collecting the following:

- green beans
- dried onions
- turkey gravy mix
- box of dressing
- yams
- corn
- mash potatoes mix
- anything you think will be a good item for a Thanksgiving meal.



Emanuel members are always amazing in giving back to the community. Thank you for your generosity.

Green Bean Casseroles

SUBMITTED BY JUDY MALLOY

For 25 years Emanuel has provided green bean casseroles for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner in Council Bluffs.

We have been asked to provide 20 casseroles this year and will need volunteers to prepare and bake these. All supplies are provided, you just need an oven, transportation and a few muscles, as these are about four times the size of one you would make for a family gathering.



Linda Pfenning, who is the coordinator for St. Patricks Catholic Church said she would be able to deliver supplies to Emanuel, but if we have volunteers who would be willing to pick them up, or unload and sort it would be greatly appreciated!

If you volunteer to make a casserole, please supply up at Emanuel on Sunday November 19th after worship. Please deliver your baked casserole to Community of Christ Church on Thanksgiving morning, November 23rd.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (712) 323-9665.

We have a clipboard to sign-up to help in the community room, or you can sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/HappyThanksgiving> or scan the QR code to the right.



Dinner & Service of Thankfulness Wednesday, November 22

6 p.m. Dinner
7 p.m. Worship

If you plan on attending, please let us know so we can make sure we have enough food prepared. Contact Pastor Cara with any questions.
(712) 323-9665 during office hours or pastor@emanuelcb.org

This Month's ACTIVITIES

At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 9:30 am—10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Coffee Hour <small>REFORMATION -Sunday-</small></p> <p>2:30 pm Society for Creative Anachronism</p> 	<p>30 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days</p> 	<p>31 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room</p>	<p>1 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs</p> <p>9:30 am—3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room</p> <p>7 pm Bell Choir Practice in Worship Center</p>	<p>2 9:30 am Adult Bible Study @ Village Inn East</p> <p>10 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10 am Craft Inn</p>  <p>12 9 6 Fall Back <small>Set clocks back before bed!</small></p>
<p>5 Confirmation 9:30 am—10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, Confirmation</p> <p>10:30 am Coffee Hour</p> 	<p>6 10 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>7 Election Day 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room</p> <p>6 pm Society for Creative Anachronism</p>	<p>8 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs</p> <p>9:30 am—3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room</p> <p>7 pm Bell Choir Practice in Worship Center</p>	<p>9 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room</p> <p>10 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day</p> 
<p>12 Joyful Noise 9:30 am—10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Coffee Hour</p> <p>6 pm Society for Creative Anachronism</p>	<p>13 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days</p> 	<p>14 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn <u>East</u>)</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room</p>	<p>15 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs</p> <p>9:30 am—3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room</p> <p>7 pm Bell Choir Practice in Worship Center</p>	<p>16 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room</p> <p>10 am Tai Chi</p> <p>SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:30 am—10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Stewardship Brunch & Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal</p> <p>11 am Confirmation Class</p> 	<p>20 10 am Tai Chi 7 pm Church Council Meeting</p> 	<p>21 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room</p> <p>6 pm Society for Creative Anachronism</p>	<p>22 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs</p> <p>9:30 am—3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room</p> <p>6 pm Dinner</p> <p>7 pm Thanksgiving Worship</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving Office Closed</p> 	<p>24 Office Closed</p> 	<p>25</p>
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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, November 5		9:30 a.m. Service	
Ushers		Suzanne & Mike Winter	
Acolyte		Tayah Nixt	
Lector			
Altar Guild		Connie Edson	
Communion Assistants		Connie Edson	
Visual Tech		Darlene Jeppesen	
Sound Tech			
LiveStream Tech			
Coffee Hour			
Sunday, November 12		9:30 a.m. Service	
Ushers		Suzanne & Mike Winter	
Acolyte			
Lector			
Altar Guild			
Communion Assistants			
Visual Tech		Darlene Jeppesen	
Sound Tech			
LiveStream Tech			
Coffee Hour			
Sunday, November 19		9:30 a.m. Service	
Ushers		Suzanne & Mike Winter	
Acolyte		Garrett & Grant Ashcraft	
Lector			
Altar Guild			
Communion Assistants		Garrett & Grant Ashcraft	
Visual Tech		Darlene Jeppesen	
Sound Tech			
LiveStream Tech			
Coffee Hour			
Wednesday, November 22		7:00 p.m. Service	
Ushers			
Acolyte			
Lector			
Altar Guild			
Communion Assistants			
Visual Tech		Darlene Jeppesen	
Sound Tech			
Sunday, November 26		9:30 a.m. Service	
Ushers		Suzanne & Mike Winter	
Acolyte			
Lector			
Altar Guild			
Communion Assistants			
Visual Tech			
Sound Tech			
LiveStream Tech			
Coffee Hour			



Nov 5 Mark Ellis
 Nov 12 Gary Stinson

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

Nov. 01
Larry Hansen

Nov. 09
Beth Schultz

Nov. 18
Matt Clark
Alexxia Richards

Nov. 24
Lauren Hansen

Nov. 02
Maja Knutson

Nov. 11
Jan Stone

Nov. 19
David Fietz

Nov. 26
Aaralynn Conley
Char Les Kemmish

Nov. 04
Norma Heath

Nov. 14
Haley Holland
Michaela Lewis

Nov. 20
Valerie Weelborg

Nov. 27
Gary Pleas

Nov. 06
Kaden Krauth

Nov. 15
Connie Beckman
William Spangenberg

Nov. 21
Grace Hansen
Jessica Hipnar
Ruth Sullivan

Nov. 28
Nikki Rickard

Nov. 07
Garrett Haats
Hailey Holcombe
Sean Larson

Nov. 16
Todd Over

Nov. 22
Barry Larson

Nov. 29
Loren Carrier
Brayden Hansen
Steve Plummer

Nov. 08
Nichlos Matuszeski

Nov. 17
Penny Dahlke
Clare Plummer
Paul Schwartz

Nov. 23
Joel Parker

Nov. 30
Mike Hipnar



THIS MONTH'S
anniversaries

Nov. 02
Alyssa & Desirée Snell

Nov. 07
Jeffrey & Teresa Fischer

Nov. 03
Nick & Amy Steensland-Rickard

Nov. 09
Mike & Emily Burns

Nov. 05
Dick & Judy Borwick

Nov. 22
Oscar & Deann Over

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

COMMUNITY WIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER

THANKSGIVING DAY, 2023

Thursday, November 23, 2023

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

**Community of Christ Church
140 W. Kanessville Blvd., Council Bluffs**

ALL ARE WELCOME

Families, singles, elderly, children, all faiths, all incomes

No charge but freewill offerings are accepted

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!

DELIVERIES AVAILABLE!!

Reservations and delivery information may be made by calling:

4 0 2 – 9 7 3 – 0 2 1 3

Monday thru Friday Only, Nov. 6th – Nov. 20th

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and deliver the meal and create the environment.

If you wish to volunteer your services, call:

4 0 2 – 9 7 3 – 0 2 1 3

Monday thru Friday Only, Nov. 6th – Nov. 20th

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

All donated items (listed below) and/or monetary gifts may be brought the weekends of Oct. 21/22 - Nov. 11/12 as we need everything collected by Thursday, Nov. 16. Gift checks should be made to St. Patrick's Church with the notation "City-wide Thanksgiving Dinner."

ITEMS NEEDED:

Bullion

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Stove-Top Stuffing

Butter

French Fried Onions

Canned Green Beans

Cool Whip

Plastic Silverware

HINGED SANDWICH SIZE TAKE OUT CONTAINERS (for pie)

3 COMPARTMENT TAKE OUT CONTAINERS (for delivery and take-out meals)

Thank you for your generosity!



Council Minutes for October 16, 2023

RECORDED BY MICHAEL WINTER

Members Present: Greg Steensland, Mike Winter, Mike Hipnar, Richard Reed, Char Les Kemmish, Matt Perrone, Connie Edson, Pastor Cara Knutson

Members Absent: Mike Loos and Brittney Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Greg Steensland

Devotions: Char Les Kemmish

Council Agenda:

- Motion by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Richard Reed to approve the council minutes for September 18, 2023. Approved.
- Motion by Char Les Kemmish, seconded by Connie Edson to approve the Treasurer's report with the correction increasing the number of hours worked by Michaela Lewis. Approved.
- Motion by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Connie Edson to approve the Capitol and Building Fund report. Approved.
- Motion by Mike Winter, seconded by Mike Hipnar to approve the Memorial Fund report. Approved.
- Richard Reed reported that he contacted the family Kara Nickels and Gene Jeppesen to approve their funds totaling \$8,490.50 to be used toward the remodeling of the bathrooms.
- Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Char Les Kemmish to approve the Consolidated Fund report. Approved.
- We received a report from Michaela Lewis regarding the Children and Youth Committee. Included in that report is that four students will be confirmed in the fall of 2025. On Sunday, October 22, students who have completed confirmation will meet and they will design their stoles to wear at confirmation. They will be confirmed Sunday, November 5 during worship service and there will be cake and coffee hour that day instead of donuts. Those students being confirmed are Alex Van Sickle, Gabe Van Sickle, Mason Lewis and Grace Nixt. Trick-or-Treating will be on Saturday, October 28 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Mike Hipnar reported from the Worship and Music Committee that the bell choir is up and running and will be performing at the services on October 29 and December 10.
- Char Les Kemmish reported that the Property Committee has approved using Great Outdoors for snow removal and ice melt. She also reported that Roto Rooter was paid \$588.50 for services they provided at a cost of \$550 per hour.
- Connie Edson reported that Joyful Noise in November will be for Thanksgiving baskets.
- Motion by Mike Winter, seconded by Mike Hipnar to approve the pastor taking vacation days October 22, Wednesday November 1 and Thursday November 2. Approved.
- Pastor reported that the plumbing problems experienced in the parsonage have not yet been repaired or completed.
- Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Mike Hipnar to approve Ron Rief, Jr. and Jenna Morrison to become members of Emanuel. Approved.
- Motion by Mike Winter, seconded by Char Les Kemmish to deny the request of Mark Smith to bow hunt for deer on church property.
- Motion by Mike Winter, seconded by Char Les Kemmish to have the annual meeting on January 28, 2024. Approved.
- It was agreed by council that the protocol for use of the church facilities will start with filing an application with Michaela Lewis who will then check the calendar to see if those days are available and then forward it to the church council for approval.
- Motion by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Richard Reed to make no charge for members to use the church facilities, but that donations would be accepted. Member usage would include funerals, weddings, receptions, anniversaries, birthdays, showers and open houses such as graduations. These requests also must be approved by the church council and includes the requirement that the facility must be returned to the condition it was in prior to its use.

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- Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Char Les Kemmish to approve the request by Maria Lopez, a non-member, to use the church facility on the afternoon of May 18, 2024 for a graduation subject to the payment of a fee of \$150 plus a \$200 deposit and subject to Maria Lopez finding a church member to sponsor and chaperone this activity.
- Motion by Mike Winter, seconded by Char Les Kemmish to deny the request to use the church facility for holding the republican caucus. We previously denied democrats the use of the church for central committee meetings and the council wanted to be consistent.
- Motion by Char Les Kemmish, seconded by Mike Hipnar to pay Alan Enterprises \$2,943.45 to

come from the Noran Davis Estate for the installation of stair treads and landings. Approved.

- It was noted that Mike Winter, Char Les Kemmish and Mike Loos have served on the council for four years and are no longer eligible to continue on the council after the annual meeting.
- Mike Hipnar is scheduled to do devotions at the next meeting.
- Motion by Richard Reed, seconded by Char Les Kemmish to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Approved.

Note: Next meeting will be November 20, 2023 at 7 p.m.

National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children and teens. This month at LSI, we celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption and raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children needing a safe, healthy home.

Iowa foster families, like the Smiths*, raise the bar by opening their loving households to children and teens in need of a place to call home.

At LSI, we understand the importance of keeping youth in their communities to help maintain connections and stability during times of transition. So, when our staff received a referral for a teenage girl needing foster care placement, they looked inward toward the community.

At the time, homes in the area were either full or not open to accepting teenage placements. Coincidentally, the Smiths were present at a meeting the same night the referral came in. When they heard about Rebecca's* situation, they immediately knew who the child was and wanted to help in any way they could.

The Smiths were already over their licensing capacity, having been granted a variance to accept a sibling group. To be able to bring Rebecca into their home, they would need to be given another variance, which was almost unheard of.

"It was by chance, or the grace of God, that the Smiths were able to accept another child, and give



Rebecca a stable placement with a family in her community," said Dawn Luetje, LSI Director of Resource Family Licensing and Support, working in conjunction with Four Oaks Family Connections.

Thanks to the combined support of the Smiths, LSI staff, and the community, Rebecca was placed in the foster home, where she could maintain her daily activities with the teachers, coaches, and friends she was comfortable with. Rebecca continues to thrive in a stable, loving foster home environment and a caring community.



NATIONAL Adoption Month

Stories like these are possible through our many community partners and generous donors. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

***Names have been changed to protect client privacy.**

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](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.Iowa).

Bethany Lutheran Auxiliary

SUBMITTED BY JAN STONE



What's happening at Bethany Lutheran Home and Heights? The Auxiliary continues to help with birthday parties and bingo each month. There were lots of games played at the Home such as bingo, Yahtzee, cards, puzzles, and hangman.

Michael Thomas, activities director at the Heights, planned several outings: the small fruit farm, Spaghetti Works, Olive Garden, and the Farmhouse Café. There were two joint excursions shared by the Home and the Heights: one to the Glass Chapel and another to Ditmar's Orchard.

Thanks to those who donated candy used at their Halloween event on the 30th.

Seven of the eight supporting churches were represented at the final Auxiliary meeting of the year on the October 16th at the Heights. Stephanie Lainson was welcomed as a new Key Lady from Our Savior's Church as well as Derek Petit as Bethany Lutheran Health Services' new marketing director. Some of the various projects discussed were dignity bags for the Home, Halloween candy collection, microphone for use at Bingo games, and new patio furniture for the Home. 2024 officers were elected and will be installed at the next Auxiliary meeting to be held January 8, 2 pm. at the Heights.

Blankets of Blessings



Mission Action Quilters, Connie Solon, Darlene Jeppesen and Darlene Reed, sort and box up the 99 quilts they made throughout the year to go to local non-profits as well as Lutheran World Relief.

Online Giving

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



<https://www.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.

Sending of Communion

Now that we have the option of joining worship online several members have commented they can see and hear better than worshipping in person. However, those members are not able to receive communion. Pastor Cara is for volunteers to bring communion to members not able to easily come to church or are able to better see and hear worship online. If you would be interested in helping with this important ministry please contact Pr. Cara at pastor@emanuelcb.org or (712) 323-9667. Thank you!



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.



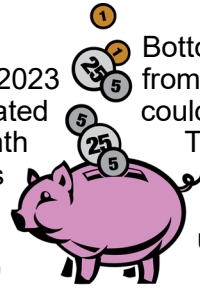
Jeanne Andrews Deloris Christensen Owen Hansen Sharon Hansen Norma Heath
 Al Martens Norma Mass Jane Meyer Cece Mickells Jim O'Neill
 Julie Powell Melody Schott Paul Schott Tommy Schott Ruth Sullivan

An Update on Emanuel's 2023 Financials

SUBMITTED BY RICK STONE

The Finance Committee regularly estimates Emanuel's finances as compared to the numbers we estimated at the beginning of the year to expected income and expected expenses.

This January the congregation approved a 2023 budget of \$171,185. This budget was an estimated \$35,000 deficit for the year. Using a nine-month trend comparing result in income and expenses for the year 2022 vs 2023, we are estimating the deficit for 2023 will be closer to \$27,000. This year, we are estimating about \$18,500 interest returns on investments made during the year, which will be used to help



Fall Budget Update

reduce that deficit. Back in January, we did not have these investments and so that original \$35,000 deficit figure did not include any interest on investments.

Bottom line after we subtract our interest (\$18,500) from the revised deficit (27,000) Emanuel's deficit could well end up for the year less than \$9,000.

This would be an excellent result compared to what we were thinking in January, 2023. A strong word of caution.....all the numbers used for the months of October, November, and December are estimates and the actual results for those months could greatly fluctuate.

Volunteer [vol-uhn-teer]

noun

a person who voluntarily offers to perform a service or other undertaking.

adjective

Agriculture. growing without being seeded, planted, or cultivated by a person; springing up spontaneously; *volunteer tomatoes.*



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS



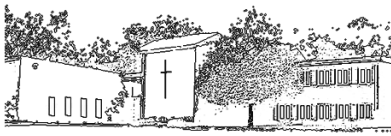
Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
October 01	46	27	73	\$2,259.00
October 08	43	39	82	n/a
October 15	49	57	106	n/a
October 22	62	33	95	n/a
October 29	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

September Income: \$18,387.69
 September Expense: \$14,459.28
 September Balance \$3,928.41

YTD Income: \$130,309.58
 YTD Expense: -\$134,705.25
 YTD Balance -\$4,395.67
 Plus Carryover \$3,245.82
 General Budget Fund -\$1,149.85



Emanuel Lutheran Church
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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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Follow us on Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/Lutheranla>

*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:

Pastor Cara Knutson (pastor@emanuelcb.org)
Director of Music Ministries, Cindy Richards (music@emanuelcb.org)
Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis (office@emanuelcb.org)
Children & Youth Programming, Stephen Lewis (youth@emanuelcb.org)
Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed