Welcome to Emanuel Lutheran Church

Garden of Readin'

Emanuel Newsletter

Happenings at Emanuel!

Sunday, November 08—Council Meeting

Monday, November 09—Ale & the Almighty

Tuesday, November 10—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet

Sunday, November 15—Blood Pressure Checks

Monday, November 16—Newsletter Articles Due

Tuesday, November 17—Book Club Meets in Conference Room

Wednesday, November 18—Dinner Church

Tuesday, November 24—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



Trunk or Treat fun. This year we teamed up with Midlands Living Center so trick-or-treaters could get more treats with one stop.

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Book Review

By Pastor Cara Knutson

Book Review: *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Mariann Edgar Budde

What does it mean to be brave? And where does courage come from when life asks more of us than we feel prepared to give?

In *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*, Mariann Edgar Budde explores these questions through Scripture, history, personal experience, and stories from her ministry. Her central argument is both simple and profound: **bravery is not something we either have or lack. Courage is something we learn and practice.**

Budde focuses on what she calls “decisive moments”—those times when we are faced with an important choice or a new direction. Sometimes courage means going somewhere new. Sometimes it means staying when everything in us wants to leave. Sometimes it means beginning again, accepting something we did not choose, or simply stepping forward when we don't know what will happen next.

This makes the book particularly meaningful for people of faith. Scripture is filled with people who had to act without knowing how the story would end. Abraham and Sarah left what was familiar. Moses confronted Pharaoh despite his fears. Mary said yes to an unexpected calling. The disciples left their nets and followed Jesus. None of them had a detailed roadmap for what came next.

Budde reminds us that **faithfulness does not require certainty**.

That is an especially important message for congregations and church leaders. Churches today are experiencing plenty of decisive moments: changes in membership, finances, leadership, mission, and the world around us. It is tempting to believe that courage means having a bold plan or knowing exactly what to do. Budde offers another possibility. Perhaps courage sometimes means simply taking the next faithful step.

One of the strengths of the book is Budde's honesty about failure. Courage does not guarantee that things will work out the way we hope. We can make a courageous decision and still experience disappointment, uncertainty, or even failure. Being brave is not the





Nov 1 Ken Kemmish
Nov 8 Mike Winter



Worship Volunteers Change

Submitted by Sherrill Stacy

With November being the 1 year anniversary of the monthly volunteer list, I have found people are willing to volunteer but may not be willing to commit to a certain Sunday. Therefore, I feel the process has run its course, and I will not continue with creating the list. For the ones who have responded to my November email, I have added your name to Sign Up Genius.

Thank you for your support over the last year.

Volunteers may still sign-up through sign-up genius on our website, emanuelcb.org (ministries page) , or scanning the QR code on page 5.

There is also a sign-up sheet in the community room.









INVITATION

COMMUNITY WIDE

Thanksgiving Dinner



All are welcome!
Families, singles, elderly, children, all faiths, all incomes
No charge but freewill offerings are accepted

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER
26

12 PM -1:30 PM

Community of Christ Church
140 W Kanesville Blvd.
Council Bluffs, IA

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! DELIVERY AVALIABLE!

Call (402) 671-5202)

Please RSVP Monday-Friday, November 9-20, 9am-5pm

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals, help prepare food and create the environment. If you wish to volunteer,please email cbthanksgivingdinner@gmail.com.

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, November 01	9:30 a.m. Service
Ushers	Mike & Suzanne Winter
Lector	Mike Winter
Altar Guild	Debbie Edson & Kevin Epperson
Communion Assistants	Maja Knutson & Derek Knutson
Visual Tech	Connie Edson
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LifeStream Tech	Sherrill Stacy
Donut Liaison	Sherrill Stacy
Coffee Hour	Jan Stone
Altar Flowers	Sherri Stinson
Sunday, November 08	**9:30 a.m. Service**
Ushers	Mike & Suzanne Winter
Lector	Sherri Stinson
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	Richard Reed
Visual Tech	Connie Edson
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Sherrill Stacy
Donut Liaison	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, November 15	**9:30 a.m. Service**
Ushers	Mike & Suzanne Winter
Acolyte	Katrina Nixt
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	
Visual Tech	
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Sherrill Stacy
Donut Liaison	Sherrill Stacy
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, November 22	**9:30 a.m. Service**
Ushers	Mike & Suzanne Winter
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
Sound Tech	Kevin Epperson
LiveStream Tech	Sherrill Stacy
Donut Liaison	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, November 29	**9:30 a.m. Service**
Ushers	Mike & Suzanne Winter
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistants	Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppsen
Sound Tech	Mike Hipnar
LiveStream Tech	Sherrill Stacy
Donut Liaison	
Coffee Hour	Richard Reed



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 under “ministries”. You can also volunteer by contacting Michaela at office@emanuelcb.org

VIEW OUR DIRECTORY!

DOWNLOAD “INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY” THROUGH THE APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY AND SIGN-IN WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SIGN-IN, LET MICHAELA KNOW SO SHE CAN CHECK YOUR EMAIL IN OUR SYSTEM.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRINTED COPY OF THE DIRECTORY, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE. THERE ARE UPDATES ALMOST WEEKLY, SO THE ONLINE ONE WILL BE THE MOST ACCURATE.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR HAVE TROUBLE ACCESSING IT, CONTACT MICHAELA AT OFFICE@EMANUELCB.ORG.



Christianbook
«GIVEBACK«

Emanuel giveback ID:
UDXHMD



November 01
Larry Hansen

November 02
Maja Knutson

November 04
Norma Heath
Margaret Tiffey

November 06
Kaden Krauth
Brandi Luther

November 07
Garrett Haats
Hailey Holcombe
Sean Larson

November 08
Nichlos Matuszeski

November 09
Beth Schultz

November 11
Jan Stone

November 14
Haley Holland
Michaela Lewis

November 15
Connie Beckman
William Spangenberg

November 16
Todd Over

November 17
Penny Dahlke
Clare Plummer
Paul Schwartz

November 18
Matt Clark
Alexxia Richards

November 19
David Fietz

November 21
Grace Hansen
Jessica Hipnar
Ruth Sullivan

November 22
Barry Larson

November 23
Joel Parker

November 24
Lauren Hansen

November 26
Aaralynn Conley
Carolyn Grieder
Char Les Kemmish

November 27
Gary Pleas

November 28
Nikki Rickard

November 29
Brayden Hansen
Steve Plummer

November 30
Mike Hipnar



December 01
Mason Garreans

December 02
Tayah Nixt

December 04
Zach Winter

December 05
Judy Dillon

December 06
Wesley Bradshaw
Shelby Rickard
Mike Winter

December 08
Andrew Borwick
Jamie Hansen

December 09
Bob Juhl

December 10
Tina Larson

December 12
Richard Borwick
Hadley Fager
Cael Hansen

December 13
Karen McPartland

December 16
Susan Wilson

December 17
Carrie Nygard

December 18
Emily True

December 19
Allen Martens

December 20
Kobie Ferguson
Jade Wohlers

December 21
Kaitlyn Egner

December 22
Sam Heithoff
Jan Husmann

December 23
Karen Dommer
Clarissa Haats

December 25
Elaine Sasso

December 26
Emily Longnecker

December 27
Sid Dillon
Tristan Steensland

December 28
Brett Egner
Luke Hansen
Jon McGreevy

December 29
Judy Wilson

December 30
Debra Buley
Shae Nickels

December 31
Danny Britson



Jane Anderson
Bob Bender
Connie Edson
Alan Ellis

Owen Hansen
Sharon Hansen
Norma Heath
Sandy Kanger

Norma Mass
Patty Maxwell
Oscar Over
Abaigh Plummer

Elaine Sasso
Ron Sasso
Ruth Sullivan



November 03
Nick & Amy Steensland-Rickard

November 05
Dick & Judy Borwick

November 07
Jeffrey & Teresa Fischer

November 09
Mike & Emily Burns

November 22
Oscar & Deann Over

November 23
Arlen & Kathy Ellis



December 02
Larry & Sharon Hansen

December 15
Cara & Maja Knutson

December 17
Ron & Elaine Sasso

December 19
Abbie & Gary Ashcraft

December 31
Dan & Judy Heithoff

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

Community Resources

If you or someone you know are in need of assistance, below are some of the resources in our community.

Inter-Faith Response Inc. - Offers prescriptions and eye care, bus tickets, food pantry, rent assistance to prevent eviction and utilities and heating assistance to prevent shut-offs of utility or energy services. Council Bluffs Iowa. (712) 322-0531

Salvation Army - The non-profit will refer clients to basic needs, such as shelter or a free meal for the low income. While it will vary, in some cases there may be grants for needs such as rent or heating bills, however any financial support is very limited. (712) 328-2088.

American Red Cross - Helps during an emergency and sometimes has financial assistance available. (712) 322-4017

Pottawattamie Country Homeless Link - Provides outreach, referrals and services to homeless and near-homeless individuals in the Council Bluffs area. One-time financial assistance, Short- Term Transitional Housing, and material donations are also available. (712) 309-0016

Pottawattamie County General Relief - The government agency will support residents of the county only. All applicants need to meet all qualifications in place. Among the programs provided are rental or utility bill assistance. (712) 328-5867

Our Savior's Lutheran Food and Pet Food Pantry Open every Thursday (except holidays) and the fourth Friday of the month. Call (712) 322-6655 for an appointment two hours before pantry starts. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 600 Bluff Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Friendship Pantry - Open the second Saturday of the month from 1 pm to 4 pm, First Church of the Nazarene, 2616 Avenue A, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Offers non-food pantry items such as laundry detergent, toilet paper, dish soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo and soap.

There are many other great organizations in our area that help with various needs, but newsletter space is limited. We do have these all listed on our website as well. Please contact us if there is an organization that you think should be added to the list!

NOVEMBER

At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 	**2** *Office Closed* 10 am Tai Chi 11 am Communion at Midlands	**3** 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 	**4** 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	**5** 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	**6** *Office Closed*	**7** 11 am Veterans Day Parade
8 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 10:45 am Church Council Meeting	**9** *Office Closed* 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days Bar & Grill 	**10** 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East) 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	**11** 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	**12** 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi Rev. Cara at Training	**13** *Office Closed*	**14**
15 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School& Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal 	**16** 10 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Music with Lori Lynn at Library  Rev. Cara at Training	**17** 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Book Club in Conference Room 	**18** 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	**19** 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi	**20** *Office Closed*	**21**
22 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	**23** Newsletter Articles Due 10 am Tai Chi	**24** 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 6 pm Pizza & Hanging of the Greens 	**25** 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. John Lutheran	**26** *Office Closed* 	**27** *Office Closed*	**28**
29 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	**30** 10 am Tai Chi					

DECEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	**2** 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room	**3** 9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room 10 am Tai Chi 10 am Grant Playing Golf for AL at Dodge Riverside	**4** *Office Closed*	**5** 1 pm Community Room In-Use
6 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	**7** 10 am Tai Chi 11 am Communion at Midlands	**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** *Office Closed*	**12**
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27 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	**28** 10 am Tai Chi Michaela out of office	**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		

Community CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATION AND GIVEAWAY!

TO SIGN UP,
EMAIL: GIVEAWAY@NEWVISIONSHS.ORG
WEBSITE: WWW.NEWVISIONSHS.ORG

Must be a resident of iowa and not signed up with another program. Recipients must have custody of their children and have children present at the event.

Saturday
DEC 12



EVENT LOCATION:
IOWA WEST SPORTS PLEX
3260 MID AMERICA DRIVE
COUNCIL BLUFFS

NEW VISIONS
HOMELESS SERVICES





Attendance & OFFERINGS

Services	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Total Attendance:	Weekly Offerings:
Sunday, September 06	43	23	66	$2,118.88
Sunday, September 13	32	11	43	$5,515.00
Wednesday, September 16	N/A	N/A		
Sunday, September 20	53	14	67	$1,468.00
Sunday, September 27	49	21	70	$713.00

Finance Team Update

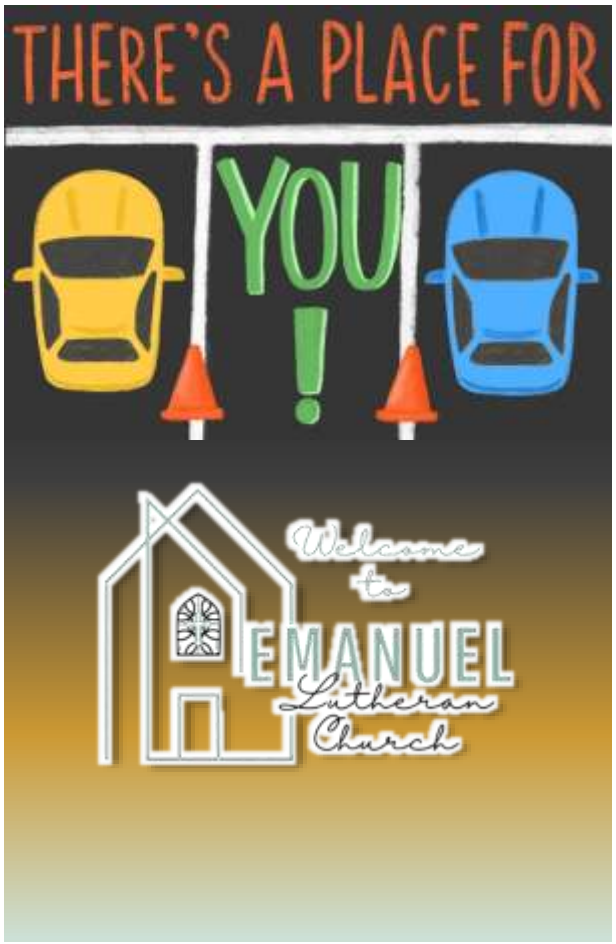
Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

September Income: $9,814.88
September Expense: $15,019.71
september Balance..... (-$5,204.83)

YTD Income: $124,948.37
YTD Expense:..... -$140,304.28
YTD Balance..... (-$15,355.91)
Plus Carryover ..... (-$5,564.00)
General Budget Fund..... (-$20,919.96)

2444 North Broadway
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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Like us on facebook: facebook.com/emanuellutherancbia
Visit us on the web at: www.emanuelcb.org

Office Hours: Monday –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.

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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