

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

September 2019

Happenings!

Thursday, September 5—Music Kick-Off & Potluck

Sunday, September 8—Confirmation

Thursday, August 8—North Broadway Neighborhood Association

Sunday, September 15—Kidz Kamp Begins, Kidz Kamp Carnival in evening

Friday, September 20—Help at Our Savior's Food & Pet Food Pantry, Family Campout at Emanuel

Saturday, September 28—Indoor Work Day

Mission Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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



Nolan Showers, Tori Hansen and Mason Lewis fly down the plastic water slide on the back hill during the "Sliding Into Summer" event on August 4th.

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Omaha's 15th Annual **OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK**

to Prevent Suicide

Sunday, September 8th, 2019

Lewis & Clark Landing, 515 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE 68102

Registration begins @ 11:00am

Opening Ceremony begins @ 1:30pm with Walk to Follow

For more information and to register, go to AFSP.org/Omaha



**American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention**

IN CRISIS?

**Call 1-800-273-8255 or
Text HELP to 741741**

Emanuel has a team again this year for those who would like to walk, volunteer or donate. For more information, contact Stephen or Michaela Lewis or visit our team page at afsp.donordrive.com/team/213150. Information is also available on our website.



New Time!

Starts Sunday, September 15th

10:45 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Designed for students up to 5th grade!



**Emanuel Carnival
Sunday, September 15th
4 p.m.—6 p.m.**

Free fun, food & games!

Volunteers needed!

Contact youth@emanuelcb.org



**LETTUCE -
DO -
LUNCH**

**ANNUAL BETHANY AUXILIARY
SALAD LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
600 Bluff Street
11am-1pm

\$7.00 at the Door
We do Take Out! Please call
712-322-6655 ext 3 to order!

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Please NOTE THE NEW LOCATION

This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Auxiliary and these funds are used to benefit resident projects and activities. If you would like to provide a salad, volunteer and/or purchase tickets, please contact Jan Stone or Darlene Reed.

**Emanuel's Pot Luck
"Music" Kickoff!**

**Thursday, September 5th
6:30 p.m.**

**Make Music a
Part of Your Life**



**Join
Us!**

**Bring a dish to share.
Meat and beverages
provided...and lots of fun!**



VOLUNTEERS: VERY VALUABLE!

Sunday Helpers

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

In the Sunday bulletin (and on page five of the newsletter) you may notice that there are several people who volunteer each week to help with various parts of the service. At a minimum, we have 12 people who help out during the service each week. We are grateful to those who volunteer each week to make the service go smoothly.

We can always use more people to help with these jobs. When we have a limited number of people for each one, we have links on our website to sign-up or you can also contact me in the office if you are interested in signing up or even finding out more about any of these positions entail.

- Assisting Minister (helping with prayers and other parts of the service)
- Lector (reading the daily lessons)
- Ushers (greeting people, collecting offering and attendance slips, dismissing people to go up for communion, recording the number of people in attendance)
- Communion Assistants (help serve either bread or wine at communion)
- Communion Set-Up (come early to set-up communion and then clean up communion chalice and trays after the service)
- Tech Set-Up (come early to start computer, projectors and slide show)
- Visual Tech (run slideshow using remote and following along with printout of service)

Acolyte duties are required for confirmation students, but we also have students from upper elementary grades that can volunteer to do this as well. If your child is interested in learning how to do this, please let me know! We can set-up a day when a few of them learn together.

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



David Appel
Paul Heath
Jim Fowler

Glen Fahrenkrug
Deloris Christensen
Phyllis Fowler

Daralene Smith
Esther Bender

Robert Hesseltine
Kaye Bird



Sept. 02	Darlene Jeppesen	Sept. 13	Cheryl Coble	Sept. 22	Norma Mass (90 th) Alyson Sorensen
Sept. 03	Jonathan Scheffler	Sept. 15	Glen Fahrenkrug Ryan Epperson	Sept. 23	Linda Over
Sept. 06	Marlina Davidson	Sept. 16	Ridgeway Hein-Snider	Sept. 24	Deann Over
Sept. 08	Carol Fahrenkrug	Sept. 17	Sandy Kanger	Sept. 27	Janet Kendall
Sept. 10	Ian Carrier	Sept. 19	Maxima Spangenberg	Sept. 27	Dan Heithoff
Sept. 11	Terry Eyberg	Sept. 20	Marcus McGee	Sept. 28	Alan Ellis Alexandra Heithoff
Sept. 12	Judi Malloy Kevin Epperson	Sept. 21	Reegan Haats	Sept. 29	Leah Clark

Sept. 08 Bob & Bette Juhl

Sept. 11 Jim & LaWayne Andersen

Sept. 14 Greg & Linda Steensland

Sept. 17 Garrett & Brittney Smith

Sept. 19 Ryan & Jenny Jarrell-Smith

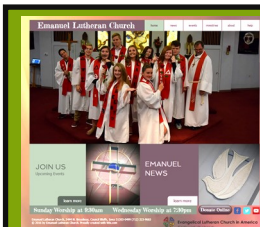
Sept. 23 Mike & Anita Garrett

Sept. 24 Greg & Molly Gurnicz

Sept. 30 Alan & Kim Egner



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



Have you visited our website?

You can view events, the newsletter, past newsletters,
announcements, sermon videos, make a gift online and more!

You can even sign up to help with worship!

www.emanuelcb.org

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, September 1	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Carly Sorensen
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Amari Johnson & Grace Hansen
Lector	Deann Over
Communion Assistants	Elaine Sasso, Megan Sorensen, Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Set-Up	Carol Fahrenkrug
Visual Tech	Cheryl Rowe
Sunday, September 8	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Mike Winter
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Kyle Sorensen & Mason Garreans
Lector	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistants	Rosie Spangenberg, Bob Vergamini, Megan Sorensen, Peggy Jarrell
Communion Set-Up	Deb Ebsen
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
Sunday, September 15	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Rosie Spangenberg
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Kade Holcombe & Cole Holcombe
Lector	Darlene Jeppesen
Children's Message	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistants	Rosie Spangenberg, Judy Heithoff
Communion Set-Up	Connie & Matt Solon
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
Sunday, September 22	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Grace Hansen & Hailey Holcombe
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Children's Message	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistants	Peggy Jarrell
Communion Set-Up	Jeanine Schademan
Visual Tech	Mason Lewis
Sunday, September 29	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Amy Garreans
Ushers	Greg & Linda Steensland
Acolytes	Emma Richards & Mia Richards
Lector	Alan Ellis
Communion Assistants	Nick Rickard
Communion Set-Up	Pat Hiller
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



September 1
Judy, Darlene & Katty

September 8
Faith Team

September 15

September 22
Church Council

September 29

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



September 1
Angel McGee

September 8





September 15

September 22

September 29

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

September 2019 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Property Committee Meeting 11:30 am Mental Health Awareness & Support	2 11 am Tai Chi	3 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	4 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)	5 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 6:30 pm Music Kickoff & Potluck 	6 Office Closed	7
8 Joyful Noise 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Wider Ministries 11 am Confirmation 11 am Out of the Darkness check-in (Lewis & Clark Landing) 1:30 am Out of the Darkness opening ceremony & walk 	9 11 am Tai Chi	10 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 6:30 pm Children & Youth Committee Meeting	11 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch	12 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm FAITH Team Meeting	13 Office Closed GSTroop 40406 Fundraiser 10 am—midnight Both days: \$65	14 Scrapbooking Crop 10 am—midnight Saturday only: \$50
15 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Worship & Music 10:45 am Kidz Kamp 11:30 am Mental Health Awareness & Support 4 pm Kidz Kamp Carnival 	16 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Church Council Meeting	17 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	18 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)	19 11 am Tai Chi	20 Office Closed 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's 5 pm Family Campout (come when you can) 	21 11 am—3 pm Neighborhood "Block Party" at Kimball park, bring a dish to share!
22 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Kidz Kamp	23 11 am Tai Chi	24 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	25 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)	26 11 am Tai Chi	27 Office Closed	28 8 am Indoor Work Day 12 pm Girl Scouts
29 9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 1 pm—5 pm Fellowship Hall in-Use	30 11 am Tai Chi	1 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	2 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters)	11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day	4 Office Closed	5

**Don't forget to wear your
"God's Work. Our Hands." shirt
if you have one on September 8th!**

Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this dedicated day of service, gathering to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. "God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.



Bethany Lutheran Health Services

Golf

**OUTING
FRIDAY SEPT.
6TH**

The Details:

**Dodge Riverside
2 Harrah's Blvd.**

**8:30am Registration
9:00am Shotgun Start
Scramble Format**

**\$75/ Person
\$300/ Team**

**Includes 18 holes of golf, cart,
hole prizes, food and more!
Proceeds to benefit Bethany
Completely redeveloped for
MAXIMUM FUN!**

**Contact Christine at
712-328-9500 to register!**

New Donut Vendor

BY MICHAELA LEWIS



Mid-August it was decided to try something different for coffee hour and try a different vendor for donuts. This had been discussed at numerous council meetings.

After having several complements on the donuts and cake at Pastor Lowell & Brenda's farewell reception, we looked into Mad Ox Bakery, who we ordered the items from that day. We are still ordering the same amount as before, but they fit into one box, reducing the amount of packaging that gets thrown away each week. We have received several positive comments about the donuts the past few weeks.

The change did come with a price increase of \$2 per dozen, but for the quality of the products it seems to be in line with other vendors that specialize in donuts. They do need to be picked up on Saturday and brought to the church. So far this has been covered each week by Rosie or myself.

One thing that is really needed are more hosts for coffee hour. There is a sign-up board in the community room for this or you can sign-up on our website under "ministries." There are currently 17 open Sundays from now until the end of the year. If you do sign-up and cannot or prefer not to pick the donuts up, please let Rosie or I know and we will make sure they are here Sunday morning for coffee hour.



*Thank you so much for your
generous gifts as we left Emanuel.
We are busy improving our home,
garden and yard. We pray that
God will bless and keep you always.*

Yours in Christ

Brenda and Lowell Hennip



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 08/19/2019

RECORDED BY STEPHEN LEWIS

Present: Rosie Spangenberg, Elaine Sasso, Stephen Lewis, Nick Rickard, Megan Sorensen, Peggy Jarrell, Judi Malloy, Amy Garreans, John Spilde, Pastor Stephany Sanborn

Absent: Alan Ellis, Joel Hauschild

- The meeting was called to order at by President Rosie Spangenberg at 7p.
- New business added.
 - Parish Assistant Duties.

Guests: Butch Reed and Russ Wagner.

- Butch and Russ gave us an update on Boy Scout Troop 550. As of right now there is no longer an active Troop 550. There is a possibility that a new troop will move in to the congregation and take over the charter of Troop 550. There will be an update at the next council meeting. Butch also turned in his key to the church.
- Motion was made by Megan Sorensen to allow the current Troop 550 leaders distribute the troop supplies at their discretion regardless of if a new troop moves in. 2nd by Judi Malloy. Motion Approved.

Devotions: Nick Rickard

Getting Acquainted Exercise: N/A

Council Agenda:

- Motion made by Megan Sorensen to approve the Secretary Minutes. 2nd by Peggy Jarrell. Motion Approved.
- Motion made by Amy Garreans to approve the Consolidated Report. 2nd by Nick Rickard. Motion Approved.
- Motion made by Judi Malloy to approve the Treasurers Report. 2nd by Peggy Jarrell. Motion Approved.
- Motion made by John Spilde to approve the Capital and Building Fund Report. 2nd by Nick Rickard. Motion Approved.
- Motion made by Elaine Sasso to approve the Memorial Fund Report. 2nd by Stephen Lewis. Motion Approved.
- Connie Solon gave an update from the Stewardship and Finance Group.

- Current goal is to close out the Child Care Center Grants.
- Amy Garreans gave an update on the Child Care Center as well.
- Stephen Lewis gave an update from the Children and Youth Committee.
- Alan Ellis gave a written report from the Property Committee. This was read by Rosie Spangenberg.
 - Prayer Path work day is now scheduled for August 31st.
- Rosie Spangenberg gave an update from the Worship and Music Committee.
 - Garage Sale and concessions raised \$1874.51.
 - Fire Pit night is October 13th.
 - Gods Work, Our Hands day is September 8th.
- Nick Rickard gave an update from the Call Committee.
 - Pastor Cara will be visiting us and giving the sermon on August 25th.
- Amy Garreans and Megan Sorensen gave an update on Parental Leave for Staff Members.
 - The following notes are from Elaine Sasso and Megan Sorensen as Stephen Lewis excused himself from the discussion.
- Motion made by Megan Sorensen to adopt the Family Leave Policy (full policy on page 9). 2nd by John Spilde. Motion Approved, 5-3.
- Council will host Coffee Hours on September 22nd and October 13th.
- Next Council meeting is September 16th.
- Alan Ellis will give Devotions,
- Note to all council members: Please review the Parish Assistant Duties that were handed out.
- Motion made by Nick Rickard to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Peggy Jarrell. Motion Approved.
- Rosie Spangenberg adjourned the council meeting at 9:18

Family Leave Policy

Passed 08/19/2019—5 for, 3 opposed.

Compassionate Leave

An employee who must be absent because of the death of a member of the employee's immediate family may be allowed a paid absence of up to five working days for full time employees and up to three days for part time employees. Immediate family members are the employee's spouse, partner, children, parents and parents-in-law, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, and minors for whom the employee is the legal guardian. The employee's children include not only the employee's biological, adopted, or foster children, but also, legal wards, and children and stepchildren for whom the employee provides care and financial support on a daily basis.

Maternity/Paternity and Adoptive Leave

Four consecutive weeks of paid maternity leave is available to a new mother and four consecutive weeks of paid paternity leave is available to a new father following the birth of her or his child.

Four consecutive weeks of paid adoptive leave is available to a new mother and four consecutive weeks of paid adoptive leave is available to a new father. The leave begins on the date of the child's adoptive placement.

Back to School

Elementary Event

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

We had a smaller group attend the back to school event for elementary students. It was cloudy out, but the kids were excited to play some games and get some energy out. They had a great time wagging a Nerf war on each other and making some bead art.

Special thanks to Steve Lewis for planning the event and to Katty VanSickle for helping! Thank you also to Deann Over who helped with planning and getting food for the event.

Middle/High School Event

BY DEANN OVER

The weather was perfect as twelve youth enjoyed Carpetball, Gaga ball, Can Jam, basketball, a new game Molkky and exploring the prayer path with a food break to roast hot dogs and make s'mores at the fire pit.

Thanks to Steve Lewis who returned following the elementary event earlier, Chris Sorensen and Mike Garreans who built a great campfire, Nick Rickard who helped clean up, and, perhaps the most unexpected attraction - Greg and Linda Steensland who brought their "fur kids" Samson & Rocky! Parents don't be surprised if your youth say they want a pet goat!



The highlight of the elementary back to school event seemed to be the Nerf war in the youth center.



Middle school and high school students (and goats) around the campfire at the back to school event on August 26th.

Lawn Mowing Team

Sept. 1	Ken Kemmish
Sept. 8	Phil Meyer
Sept. 15	Al Marten
Sept. 22	Larry Hansen
Sept. 29	Tyler Hansen



Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With ten 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 which is open from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, closed Friday. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.

Direct Support Professionals Week

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives.



One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities.

We thank you for your faithful support of LSI – you create so many new life-changing possibilities for children, adults, and families! If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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).

Building Bright Futures

For 13-year-old Eric, the weekends he spends with his respite caregivers, Carolyn and David, have been life-changing.

Through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, Carolyn and David provide temporary care for Iowa children, allowing their families and caregivers to take a well-deserved break. As respite care providers, they are helping kids like Eric become more active in their community and find hobbies they enjoy.

During every visit, Eric loves going to the movies, flying kites in the local park, discovering the newest video game, and playing with the family dogs. He's en-

joyed learning how to play pool – especially when he wins a match against David.

His mom, Erika, says it's amazing to see her child bloom. Carolyn and David have created a space where Eric can relax, receive one-on-one care away from his siblings, and just be a kid.

"Spending time with Carolyn and David is something I know my son loves and looks forward to. As a mom, that's huge for me," Erika says. "Respite is one of the best decisions I've made for Eric. I thank heaven for Carolyn and David and for LSI."

Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS

Last Saturday I attended the installation of Bishop Lorna Halaas at First Lutheran Church in Sioux City. What a wonderful service! We, here in the Western Iowa synod, are one of 23 out of the 65 ELCA synods that has elected a woman to that office. On the WIS website, they have included her thoughts for us:



New Beginnings BY BISHOP LORNA HALAAS

In these beginning days as Bishop – and in these new days for the congregations, rostered ministers, and people of the Western Iowa Synod – this is my prayer:

Come, Spirit, into the inner room of our lives today, offering us your transforming gifts. Open what is closed within us.

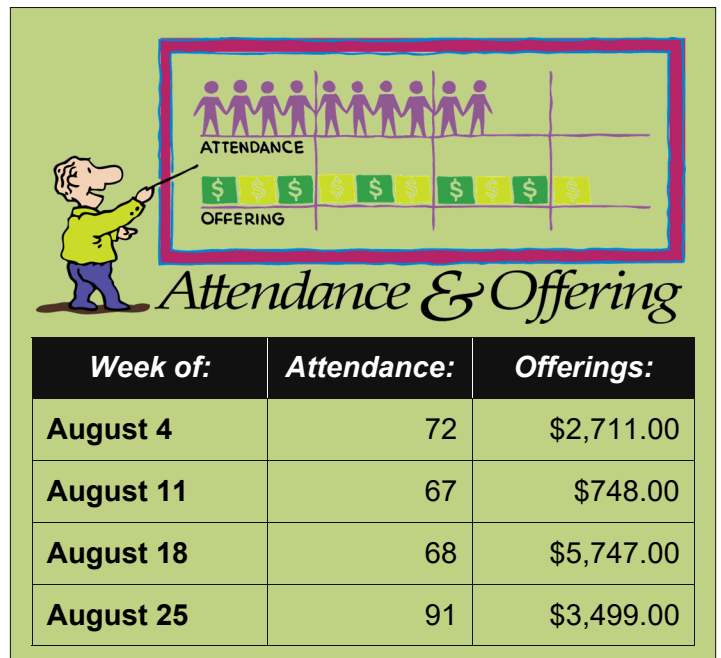
Breathe renewed confidence into our fatigued spirits. Send us forth with a passionate intention to be conveyors of your unconditional love.

Come, Spirit, open our hands and hearts to go beyond a fear of scarcity, to share generously from what we have to assist people in need.

Come, Spirit, soothe our soreness of mind and heart with touches of kindness that heal and restore.

Come, Spirit, assure us that the turbulent animosity and violence of this era can be lessened when we express your love in our attitudes and actions.

Thank you for your call and confidence. Thank you for your continued prayers. I, along with the Synod staff, look forward to the new days ahead.



Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

July Income:\$8,861.85
July Expense:\$17,732.60
July Balance-\$8,870.75

YTD Income:\$102,212.79
YTD Expense:\$104,394.80
YTD Balance-\$2,182.01
Plus Carryover\$9,272.00
General Budget Fund.....\$7,089.99



Emanuel Lutheran Church

2444 North Broadway
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Game Day

Thursday, September 5th
1 p.m.

Emanuel Community Room

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Tuesday, September 10th
8:30 am

Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, September 11th
11:30 am

Pizza Ranch

Mission Action Committee

(Quilters)

Wednesdays

9:30 am

Community Room

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

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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship and coffee hour in the community room

Staff:

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Director of Music Ministries, Cindy Richards (music@emanuelcb.org)

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Kidz Kamp/Activities, Stephen Lewis (youth@emanuelcb.org)

Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed