



The Garden of Readin'

July, 2015

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Happenings!

July 1st—6:30 pm: Next meeting of the Emanuel Reentry/Reintegration Team (aka The Emanuel Fresh Start Team) at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. All are invited to attend!

July 12th—Commissioning our young people headed off to Detroit for the ELCA National Youth Gathering! Don't forget to bring your Diaper Donations!

July 14th—7 a.m.: Youth and adults leave for Detroit!

July 15th to 19th—ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit. Keep up to date at <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>.

July 19th—We will attempt to stream a portion of the youth gathering worship service as part of our Sunday service.

July 26th—Our young people will report back at worship on their experience at the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

July 27th-31st, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Emanuel—open to the community. Only \$40 per child for a whole week. Tell your friends and neighbors. Discounts and assistance will be available—especially for households sending multiple children to Day Camp.

August 2nd, 10:45 a.m.—New Bible Class, Session One. This class is for students who will receive their new Bibles at worship on Rally Sunday, September 13th. The class is for parents, grandparents and anyone else who is involved in the spiritual upbringing of the students. Class will meet in the upstairs Conference Room. Bring your coffee and doughnuts along!

August 2nd, 2 to 4 p.m.: Anniversary Remembrance Tea—honoring our oldest and longest tenured members at Emanuel. This is the first event of our 125th Anniversary Celebration. All are invited to attend, regardless of your age or time at Emanuel. The afternoon will include music by Da Band, sweets and fellowship, and good stories from Emanuel's history.

August 8th—Annual ELC Garage Sale: bigger and better than ever! Get your donations ready. Mark the calendar and save time to help set up. Consider volunteering for the dunk tank (Pastor Lowell still has water up his nose from last year!). Tell your friends and neighbors to come. Remind everyone that the North Broadway Neighborhood Association has its sale just down the street. Make this the best sale ever!

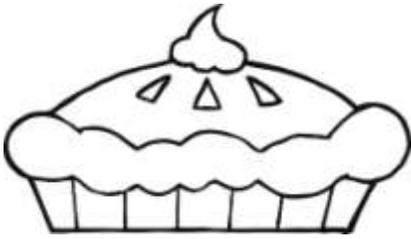
Emanuel Lutheran Church clearly does NOT take the summer off!

Periodic Pastoral Ponderings (from a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

Dear friends in Christ,

What do you do when you have more people than pie to go around? You have two options. You can slice the pie into ever smaller pieces. Or you can make the pie bigger. The “smaller pieces” strategy is based on a scarcity perspective. The scarcity perspective says that there is only so much pie to go around. The alternative is the abundance perspective. This perspective says that God will provide what we need---if only we look in the right places.



As I write this note, we are in the middle of Vacation Bible School. We have nearly thirty young people attending. And we have nearly twenty adults directly involved. That number doesn't count the other volunteers, the parents and grandparents and other interested folks who are making VBS happen.

Emanuel Lutheran church doesn't have thirty young people of VBS age. Neither does Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Emanuel Lutheran Church doesn't have twenty adults who can support a VBS week. Neither does Our Savior's Lutheran Church. When we are separate, each pie is too small. So we expanded the pie. Together, we have the resources and energy to offer and enjoy a marvelous VBS experience.

It was just a matter of looking in the right place for more pie.

I invite you to apply this lesson to other areas of our life as the church here in Council Bluffs and in Western Iowa. How much bigger is the pie when we worship together in the park—joining our worship, music and hospitality forces for a wonderful witness to the community? How much bigger is the pie when we join with other congregations to do a two-day Habitat build in September? How much bigger is the pie when we partner with other ELCA congregations to serve as the Church in Western Iowa?

It's just a matter of looking in the right place for more pie.

Emanuel Lutheran Church has a very specific mission and purpose in our neighborhood, in our community, in our synod and as part of the ELCA. We are called to be the community center for this neighborhood—a beacon of hope and a center for serving on North Broadway. Some parts of that mission will be focused and executed through our congregational resources. For example, thirteen Emanuel women had a fantastic day of retreat in June and built deeper connections.

But there's much more for us to do and to be. And we are so much more when we find partners in pie-making. Those partners will be other congregations. Those partners will be the neighborhood association and other community groups. Those partners will be our Rivers of Grace Conference and the Western Iowa Synod. The size of the pie is limited only by the size of our imagination. And if our imagination is not enough, God's holy imagining will take us beyond anything we can foresee (see Ephesians 3:20-21).

So embrace abundance. Look for bigger pies!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

Our Church Family

In Our Prayers...



Ray Kanger
Lucille Weatherill

Daphne Miller
Leona Carlson

Glen Fahrenkrug
Elizabeth Britton

Betty Ebsen
Deb Hipnar

Happy Birthday to...

July 1	Irvin Mass	July 12	Tori Hansen	July 25	Jake Ferguson
July 3	Greg Steensland	July 13	Joy Clark		Autumn (Piper) Tanner
July 4	Jackie Ogg	July 15	Mary Lou Johnson		Andrew Hubbard
July 5	Norma Payne		Ashley Johnson	July 26	Sydney HOLETON
	Suzanne (Meyer) Tucker		Ken Andersen	July 27	Forrest Foster
July 7	Jeff Fischer	July 17	John Burns	July 28	Darryl Petersen
	Michele Loos	July 19	Oscar Over II	July 29	Robert Fischer
	Chad Stinson		Coretta Andersen	July 30	Lauren Stinson
July 9	Conner Snyder	July 23	Benjamin Ahmann	July 31	Charlie Schrage
	Marge Powell McIntosh		Keven Ferguson		
July 10	Bruce Ellingsen		Emily Edson		
July 11	Ben Hansen		Jodi Vodicka		

Anniversaries...

July 5	Terry & Connie Eyberg
July 9	Tim & Kathy Schneckloth
July 10	Jeanine & Todd Schademann

*If we've missed a birthday or anniversary
please let the church office know!*



Happy 4th of July!

Property Team

Mowers for July
July 5 – Ken Kemmish
July 12 - Phil Meyer
July 19 - Al Marten
July 26 – Larry Hansen

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church and parsonage lawns. Please mow sometime during your scheduled week, preferably by Saturday. If you have a schedule conflict, just trade with someone in the rotation. After mowing, if mower needs gas, please fill the tank and submit the bill to the church secretary. Larry Hansen will take care of all general maintenance and any oil needs. Keys for the mower and the garage will be in the church secretary's office. Return them when you have finished. If you need some training before mowing, contact Larry Hansen at 323-7379.

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## Finance Team Update

*Update on Emanuel Lutheran's financial YTD through May from the Finance Committee*

### Income & Expenses Monthly & YTD

May Income: \$10,772.10 YTD Income: \$52,615.11  
May Expenses: \$10,765.41 YTD Expenses: 60,909.58  
Net +\$6.69 Net -\$8,294.47

In reviewing our position, two concerns:

\* This year we had a negative cash flow starting in April, the earliest time frame this has happened in recent years.

\* Very little of the \$9585 of faith giving (difference between anticipated income in 2015 and the actual budget passed in January) has been addressed. Through May, we should have received additional income over pledges of \$3995 in faith giving which we did not. We all need to consider what role we can play in making up this \$9585 for the year.

We continue to monitor expenses. Currently two accounts total over \$1000 of the \$1570 over budgeted estimates. We feel we can control expenses to the budgeted figures but it would be very difficult to lower them below that point.

We thank you for your cheerful giving in 2015 and are thankful that we have 100% of the anticipated pledges in through May. We ask for your continued support in 2015 to help Emanuel continue their many missions in 2015.

## Study Opportunities at ELC

**Thursday mornings:** We are studying the First Letter of John. The study is called "If We Walk in the Light." The study will include reflections on how this letter impacts life in a variety of cultural and personal settings.

**Sunday evenings:** We are now reading Jim Wallis' book entitled *On God's Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned about Serving the Common Good*. We in the church are not afraid of talking about politics and the gospel. If that's your thing, here's your chance! No right answers, but lots of good questions—and Wallis will challenge many of our assumptions about both politics and the Christian faith.

## **Don't Miss the Remembrance Tea on August 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Emanuel Lutheran Church officially begins on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 2 to 4 p.m. with a Remembrance Tea. We will recognize and honor our oldest members and those with the longest tenure here at Emanuel Lutheran Church. They will be our guests of honor that afternoon.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO THIS EVENT.** Our honored guests will receive personal, written invitations. But everyone is welcome. Da Band will provide music. We will enjoy delicious refreshments and fellowship. We will hear some of Emanuel's early history. And we hope people present will share some personal stories about what makes Emanuel the special congregation it is.

So put this special date on your calendar, and let the birthday party begin!

## **Pastor Hennigs Offers New Bible Classes in August**

Children entering third grade and those who have not yet received a new Bible from Emanuel Lutheran Church are invited to attend New Bible classes on August 2, 9 and 16, at 10:45 a.m. in the upstairs Conference Room. Parents and other caregivers are also strongly encouraged to attend the classes. The young people will learn how to use their new Bibles as resources for their life and faith. They will officially receive their new Bibles at worship on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Hennigs at the church office or at [emanpas1@gmail.com](mailto:emanpas1@gmail.com).

**Confirmation Students and Parents—orientation for this year's confirmation program will be held following worship on August 23<sup>rd</sup> in the upstairs Conference Room. There will be some big schedule changes in confirmation this year, so don't miss this meeting!**

## **Emanuel Holds Outdoor Worship August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Sunday worship at Emanuel will be held in the dugout area behind the church garage just to the south of the parsonage. But why?

It's all about history. In 1959 Emanuel Lutheran Church purchased what was then known as the Brightman property, twelve acres at our current location. Initially the worship and Sunday School were held in the house on the property. During the late summer of 1961, services were held in a natural chapel area—the place where worship will happen on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

“The first time we looked at the church grounds,” said Pastor Arthur Freeburg, “we felt this a natural spot for an outdoor chapel.” Freeburg was Emanuel’s pastor from 1960 to 1966. “Trees nearly formed an archway at the opening of this area” (from an article in the Council Bluffs *Nonpareil*).

Of course, the site needed a great deal of preparation. Don Anderson, a member of the congregation, spent more than eight weeks digging out the area by hand. He cut down dead trees, removed thicket and weeds, and turned the twelve-foot high bank into a three-tiered terrace. He and others put up wood crosses and set rocks and stones to add to the beauty of the site. Anderson and his helpers placed a waterproof altar at the front of the worship area. The altar was built by Johnny Nolan, age 14, as a Boy Scout “God and Country” project.

A number of youth in the congregation helped Anderson saw logs into rough-hewn benches for the worshippers. Seats were made available for over a hundred. Anderson finished the project just prior to July 22<sup>nd</sup>, when he left for basic training with U. S. Army Intelligence. The site was used for worship and for Luther League devotionals.

In honor of our heritage, we will worship at that site on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bring your lawn chairs, your family and friends (and perhaps some bug spray and sunglasses) as we appreciate this site once more. If you would like to help clear some of the branches and bushes from the site, you can help on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Bring tools for cutting branches and removing weeds.

If the weather is disagreeable, we will worship in our indoor sanctuary.

## **EMANUEL OFFERS JULY DAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN**

Children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to a Christian day camp offered by Emanuel Lutheran Church, 2444 North Broadway, on July 27-31, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This day camp will be led by professionally trained staff from Lutheran Lakeside Camp of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

The cost of the camp will be \$40 per participant for the week. Participants are asked to bring their own lunches. Snacks will be provided at the camp. Day Camp is open to the public, and parents can register their children now by calling the church office at 712-323-9665 or by emailing the church office at [emanuellutheranbia@msn.com](mailto:emanuellutheranbia@msn.com).

Campers will enjoy recreation and games, craft projects, age-appropriate Bible studies, energetic worship and music and new friends. Each staff person is trained in children’s ministry and in first aid and CPR. The day camp will give participants a safe and fun place to experience God. The camp will encourage personal growth and deeper faith.

One professional staff is available for each ten campers registered. Our hope is to have at least thirty campers with us for the week. Adult and teen-aged volunteers from the congregation will assist the professional staff in the games, studies, worship, meals and crafts. Parents, grandparents and other caregivers are encouraged to attend all or some of the camp sessions at no cost. The Thursday evening worship that week will feature music, skits and projects from the Day Campers and staff.

Financial assistance is available for households that might experience the cost of the camp as a barrier to participation. Special consideration will be given to households who send more than one child to day camp. Please indicate such needs on your registration forms or be in touch with the church office.

Some volunteer help is needed during the camp. We will need some kitchen volunteers to assist with snacks and lunches for the staff. We will need people to provide food for snacks for the campers. We will need some youth and adults who can assist the camp staff in making this a great week for the campers. We will need some volunteers to do some daily clean up during the camp. We are grateful to the Sorensen family who will provide housing for the camp staff that week.

Camp participants do not need to be members of Emanuel or any other church to attend the camp. More information about the camp is available at [www.lutheranlakeside.com](http://www.lutheranlakeside.com).



## YOUTH MINISTRY LEADS EMANUEL TO RESPOND TO LUTHERAN LAKESIDE CAPITAL FUND APPEAL

While some things about camp - like the supportive environment to nurture faith and relationships - never change, other areas must be upgraded to meet needs and preferences of campers today. Increasingly, campers and other groups are seeking camps and retreat centers with greater comfort and privacy than Lakeside Camp facilities currently afford. In response, camp leadership recognizes the need to respond to this shifting climate.

In 2013, Lakeside Camp received two houses which have been moved onto the camp site to further the outreach and ministry of the camp. These houses, and renovation of a third house already part of camp life, will increase camper capacity by providing added space and comfort for families, groups, and individuals throughout the year, and a Welcome Center which will improve administrative space.

For these additions and improvements to be realized, Lakeside leadership has initiated "All Are Welcome," a \$550,000 campaign to renovate the three facilities and to strengthen on-going support for the ministry of Lakeside Camp.

Emanuel Lutheran Church has been challenged to raise \$500 per year for three years to respond to this wonderful opportunity. The Youth Ministry Committee will host the coffee fellowship on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and asks for your support in helping to raise this year's commitment of \$500 for our camp. Thank you for all your wonderful and generous support!

### Diapers for Detroit

"Imagine sending your baby or toddler to preschool or daycare wearing a plastic grocery bag instead of diapers. That is happening in Detroit. In fact, diapers are such a hot commodity, pharmacies and stores sometimes keep them behind glass because desperate people sometimes steal to get them.

On average, a newborn goes through eight to 10 diapers a day, a cost that can add up to \$100 a month for one baby. For people who are poor that cost is out of reach, and they too often have to choose between diapers and food. People who rely on federal assistance programs like WIC, Food Stamps or Medicare, can't get diapers, which are the first line of defense against infection and disease."

The above, posted on the ELCA Gathering website, was in kind donation suggestion for congregations to collect diapers and send them with the Gathering attendees. Thank you to all who donated!

A total of \$196 has been raised!

### **Emanuel's ELCA Youth Gathering Fund Raising Goals Met !!**

A huge thank you to all who have supported our youth and adult guides. Special thanks all who came to listen to a wonderful performance by Da Band on June 1st at Barleys – and to Barleys who donated a percentage of the profits - \$250!

Commissioning of Emanuel's ELCA Gathering Attendees Jessica Hipnar, Haley Holland, Mattie Nickels, Baylee Snyder, Alyson Sorensen, Brendan Ellis, Marcus McGee and Will Schademann, along with adult guides Alan Ellis, and Chris and Megan Sorensen will be at the July 12<sup>th</sup> worship service.

Emanuel's 11 attendees will be leaving on July 14<sup>th</sup>, sharing a chartered bus with 8 attendees from Our Savior and 13 from Trinity Lutheran in Menville. **YOU can still help! Bring bottled water, Gatorade, travel snacks and various colored sharpie markers to the church before they leave on July 14<sup>th</sup>!**

Please continue your prayerful support for all attendees in their travel and during the Gathering.



Our Saviors Food Pantry is in need of volunteer help on Thursdays during the day. If you have an interest in doing this please call Josh at 712-435-9118 or email him at [foodpantry@oursaviorscb.org](mailto:foodpantry@oursaviorscb.org).

The current needs of the food pantry are posted on the shelving marked as Food Pantry Donations in the Fellowship Hall. If you have donations to share with the food pantry please leave them on the shelves to the right of the kitchen door. Thank you for your support of this important community ministry!

## 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEWS

### **Remember when . . .**

#### **The 60's - What a decade!!**

**1962-** The church moved to its new North Broadway location, a dedication and open house on June 3 has 350 people in attendance.

The first wedding at the North Broadway location unites Janet Kay Smith and Donald F. Anderson. The first baptism is Randall Malick, son of Don & Kathy Malick.

**1963-**The Historical Report states we became part of New Lutheran Church of America. KSWI Radio broadcast our church services from 8-9am each Sunday morning. Speakers are mounted on the outside that will play chimes prior to Sunday morning church services. The church receives "crank calls" regarding the chimes.

**1964** -Sheep graze on the west side.

**1965-**The parsonage on Oakland Avenue is sold for \$10,000. The council accepts a bid from Tweedt to build a new three bedroom parsonage behind the church for \$18,325.

**1966-**Emanuel proposed budget is \$18,075.

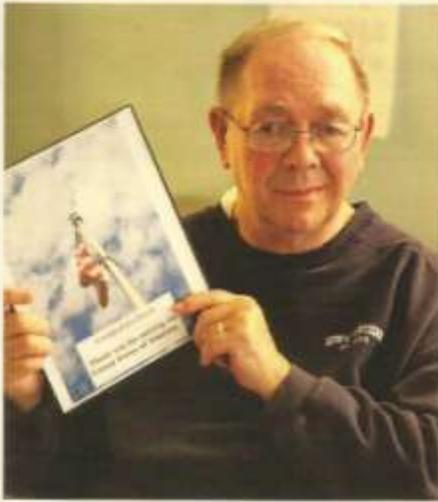
**1968-**Carrage Const. Co. plans to build an Extended Care Facility on the property to the north of the church. The problem is the boundary line, the center of the entrance road would normally be this line, however, it wanders back & forth across what should be the correct line. The construction company agrees to blacktop the entire road up to our parking lot and possibly enlarge the bridge to two lanes.

Central air conditioning is installed in the parsonage at a cost of \$725.00

**1969-**In November Pastor Bard arrives.

The decision was made to stop ushering people out after church.

*If you have remembrances you would like to share please contact a committee member or Connie Solon (siscss@aol.com) or Brenda in the office.*



**Glen Fahrenkrug was honored as Veteran of the Month in April**

On the first of each month a veteran at Salem is honored with a framed certificate given to them at the noon meal. A bulletin board is also prominently displayed which shows pictures of their time in the service as well as a current photo. This is a program that began from the Veterans Group which meets monthly with Nick Nicotero. Watch for more news from this active group that seeks to give back to those who have served our country.

### **Women's Ministry**

13 women left from Emanuel Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> for a day long retreat at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center in Waterloo, NE. This retreat, titled "Down a Garden Path" was a delightful way for the women to get to know each other better and to cultivate time with God as well as to dig deep into the areas that we most need the Lord. A wonderful time was had by all! We were given beautiful bags made by several of the women as well as trinkets to remind us to make time to pray and meditate. Many walked the labyrinth, strolled through the campus and enjoyed God's Great Garden! We were served a delicious lunch and dessert too! The consensus was that we will plan another retreat soon! Thanks to all who helped make this a wonderful day!

#### **Upcoming Dates for WELCA:**

- July 2017: 10<sup>th</sup> Triennial gathering of the ELCA in Minneapolis MN



## BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME / BETHANY HEIGHTS

**July Auxiliary Meeting**-The Quarterly meeting of the Bethany Auxiliary will be held on **Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** There will be a short business meeting followed by Bingo and a Pie Social with the Bethany Heights Tenants (11 Elliott Street). For more information, please contact your Church Key Lady or Diane Carlon at Bethany at 712-329-5451.

**Bethany Golf Outing-SAVE THE DATE!** The Annual Bethany Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 a.m. at Dodge Riverside Golf Course in Council Bluffs. Watch for more details next month. If you have questions, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Thank you.

**Greeting Cards**-Thank you for your generosity in the past. Our tenants and residents love to send cards. We are currently running low on greeting cards, especially Sympathy, Birthday and Anniversary Cards. If you would like to donate greeting cards, please feel free to drop them off at the Front Desk at either facility, your church or contact Diane Carlon. These cards are provided at no charge to our residents and tenants. Thank you.

**Ice Cream Social Thank you**-Thank you to all who supported the Bethany Auxiliary Ice Cream Social. Special thanks to our many volunteers who helped out. Your participation was greatly appreciated. Those in attendance really enjoyed the great food and fellowship. (Bethany Auxiliary)



### God's work. Our hands.

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your



partnership in ministry! This month we also want to give special thanks for the many congregations who have made LSI a focus of a "God's work. Our hands." project. Past "God's work. Our hands." projects have included donations of tools and handmade totes for dads enrolled in our early childhood programs, plus children's books, towel bundles, school supplies and backpacks. LSI has also been blessed to receive "noisy" offerings, special offerings and proceeds from yard work or luncheons. Some Sunday School classes and youth groups have also encouraged youth at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers through quilts and letters. We thank you for your witness of God's love and your service! If you are interested in ministering to those served by LSI and would like to know more about current needs, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org).

*LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### Helping Makayla See "Anything is Possible"

Things are looking up for 18-year-old Makayla. "Now is the happiest I've been," she said. "Things are getting better." Makayla was 15 years old when she had her son Levi. Makayla hasn't seen her mom in ten years, and more than a year ago her dad took his own life. Yet somehow Makayla always has a smile on her face.

"People always complain about things, but you're the only one who can change them," she said. And she has changed things – with some help from LSI's early childhood services.

"A lot of families – especially teen moms – they don't have parents they can talk to. That's where we can go in and be very helpful," said Julie, an LSI family support worker. "Levi was six months old, and I didn't know it was okay for babies to still be in diapers at that stage," Makayla said. "And I was pretty excited that I could give him table food." Julie shared child development and parenting information with Makayla, but most importantly, she boosted Makayla's confidence.

"I tend to see a lot of teen mothers, and this is one I'm super proud of," Julie said. "She's always had it in her. Now she's in an environment where she can grow."

Makayla is now a high school graduate, has a job and plans to study early childhood education. She is a woman of hope. "I like my mindset now," she said. "I feel like anything is possible."

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

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

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>July 2015</b>           | Ushers Steve & Michaela Lewis |  |
| <b>July 5</b>              | <b>9:30 a.m. Communion</b>    |  |
| <b>Acolyte</b>             | Taryn McSorley                |  |
| <b>Lector</b>              | Loren Carrier                 |  |
| <b>Children's Sermon</b>   | NONE                          |  |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> |                               |  |
| <b>Communion Set-Up</b>    |                               |  |
| <b>July 12</b>             | <b>9:30 a.m. Communion</b>    |  |
| <b>Acolyte</b>             | Alaire Carrier                |  |
| <b>Lector</b>              | Rick Stone                    |  |
| <b>Children's Sermon</b>   | Elaine Sasso                  |  |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> |                               |  |
| <b>Communion Set-Up</b>    |                               |  |
| <b>July 19</b>             | <b>9:30 a.m. Communion</b>    |  |
| <b>Acolyte</b>             | Aralynn Conley                |  |
| <b>Lector</b>              | J Husmann                     |  |
| <b>Children's Sermon</b>   | NONE                          |  |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> |                               |  |
| <b>Communion Set-Up</b>    |                               |  |
| <b>July 26</b>             | <b>9:30 a.m. Communion</b>    |  |
| <b>Acolyte</b>             | Ashley Hipnar                 |  |
| <b>Lector</b>              | Elaine Sasso                  |  |
| <b>Children's Sermon</b>   | NONE                          |  |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> |                               |  |
| <b>Communion Set-Up</b>    |                               |  |

### July Flowers

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|---------|-----------------|
| July 5  | Judy Dillon     |
| July 12 | Daralene Smith  |
| July 19 |                 |
| July 26 | CharLes Kemmish |

### July Coffee Hour

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|---------|---------------|
| July 5  | Ruth Sullivan |
| July 12 | Ruth Sullivan |
| July 19 | Ruth Sullivan |
| July 26 | Ruth Sullivan |

**\*The flower chart for 2015 is hanging on the bulletin board at the usher station.**

**\*The coffee hour chart is by the window in the kitchen.**

### JUNE ATTENDANCE & GIVING

|         |    |           |
|---------|----|-----------|
| May 31  | 86 | \$2450    |
| June 7  | 94 | \$4153    |
| June 14 | 84 | \$1169    |
| June 21 | 89 | \$1522    |
| June 28 |    | NOT AVAIL |

# July 2015 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                | MONDAY                                                                                                     | TUESDAY                                                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                                                        | THURSDAY                                                                                                           | FRIDAY                                                  | SAT.                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |                                                                             | <b>1</b><br>9:30 am Mission Action<br>6:30pm Fresh Start Teeam<br>7:00 pm DaBand                 | <b>2</b><br>9:30 am Adult Study<br>11:00 am Tai Chi<br>1:00 pm Game Day<br>7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship                | <b>3</b><br>Office Closed                               | <b>4</b><br>Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July! ! |
| <b>5</b><br>9:30am Worship & Holy Comm<br>10:30 Fellowship & Coffee Hr<br>6:30 pm Book study                          | <b>6</b><br>11:00am Tai Chi                                                                                | <b>7</b>                                                                    | <b>8</b><br>9:30 am Mission Action<br>11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch<br>7:00 pm DaBand | <b>9</b><br>9:30 am Adult Stdy<br>11:00am Tai Chi<br>6:30 pm N Broadway Nghbrhd Assctn<br>7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship | <b>10</b><br>Office Closed                              | <b>11</b>                                    |
| <b>12</b><br>9:30am Worship & Holy Comm<br>10:30 Fellowship & Coffee Hr<br>6:30 pm Book study                         | <b>13</b><br><i>Cookie Crumbs</i><br>11:00am Tai Chi<br>5:30 pm Anniv Team<br>6:30 pm Worship & Music Comm | <b>14</b><br><i>Cookie Crumbs</i><br>8:30 am ROMEOs<br>7 pm Council Meeting | <b>15</b><br>9:30 am Mission Action<br>7:00 pm DaBand                                            | <b>16</b><br>9:30 am Adult Stdy<br>11:00 am Tai Chi<br>7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship                                    | <b>17</b><br>Office Closed<br>9:30 am Blessing & Brunch | <b>18</b>                                    |
| <b>19</b><br>9:30am Worship & Holy Comm<br>10:30 Fellowship & Coffee Hr<br>6:30 pm Book Study                         | <b>20</b><br>11:00am Tai Chi<br>7:00 pm MS Support Group                                                   | <b>21</b><br>7 pm Children & Youth Min. Mtg                                 | <b>22</b><br>9:30 am Mission Action<br>7:00 pm DaBand                                            | <b>23</b><br>9:30 am Adult Stdy<br>11:00 am Tai Chi<br>7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship                                    | <b>24</b><br>Office Closed                              | <b>25</b>                                    |
| <b>26</b><br><b>Joyful Noise!</b><br>9:30am Worship & Holy Comm<br>10:30 Fellowship & Coffee Hr<br>6:30 pm Book Study | <b>27</b><br>11 am Communion at Midlands<br>11:00 am Tai Chi                                               | <b>28</b>                                                                   | <b>29</b><br>9:30 am Mission Action<br>7:00 pm DaBand                                            | <b>30</b><br>9:30 am Adult Stdy<br>11:00 am Tai Chi<br>7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship                                    | <b>31</b><br>Office Closed                              |                                              |
|                                                                                                                       | July 27-31 DAY CAMP with Lutheran Lakeside 9am to 3pm                                                      |                                                                             |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |                                                         |                                              |

# Children's Ministry

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By Michaela Lewis

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated or visited us in Hometown Nazareth! It was a wonderful event! It was great to work with Our Savior's Lutheran for Vacation Bible School!



At deadline we had 35 kids and counting who had attended with about 30 volunteers per night! A BIG thanks to Bethany Lutheran Home for their generous donation!



**Lutheran Lakeside** will be coming to hold a day camp **July 27-30**. Registration forms need to be completed as soon as possible! This is for children entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade,

however older children and adults are invited to volunteer to help with activities. We

need know how many campers so we know how many staff from Lakeside we will need. Cost will be \$40 per child. Registration forms available in the fellowship hall.



EMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Special Congregational meeting 06/7/2015

Minutes submitted by Suzanne Winter

As directed by the church council a special congregational meeting was held after the 9:30 AM service on June 7, 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to have the congregation vote on whether or not to continue with one 9:30 AM service on Sundays this fall, instead of going back to two services. In addition, starting in the fall there would be a 7 PM service on Wednesday nights. This would be a permanent change.

This matter was discussed by council at the December 2014 council meeting. At the March council meeting Worship & Music was asked to give input about making this change. At the April council meeting Worship & Music report recommended going to one 9:30 AM service on Sundays year around and adding a 7 PM service on Wednesdays starting this fall. Council voted to hold a special congregational vote on this matter after service on June 7, 2015.

At the December council meeting Pastor was asked to discuss the pros & cons of going to one service at the annual congregational meeting. His report regarding this matter was included in the annual report and was mailed in the December newsletter. The June 7, 2015 special congregational meeting was publicized in the bulletin for several weeks prior to June 7 and was mentioned in the April & May newsletters.

Kevin Epperson, council president, called the special congregational meeting to order at 10:50 AM. Pastor lead the congregation in prayer. 65 people had registered so a quorum was present.

Rick Stone asked if a simple majority was needed and this was affirmed by Kevin. Kevin also stated that because this was brought to the congregation by the church council there was no need for a motion or a second. There were no other questions or discussion.

The votes were counted. Results 64 in favor, 3 opposed. Recommendation approved.

No other business to discuss. Larry Britton made the motion to adjourn. Al Martens seconded. Congregation approved.

*(Note – Minutes for the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were not available at printing of the newsletter)*

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**Game Day**

Thursday, July 2 at 1:00pm  
in Fellowship Hall

**Romeo's (Retired Old Men Eating Out)**

Tuesday July 14 @ 8:30a.m. at  
Village Inn East

**Adult Fellowship**

Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.  
at Pizza Ranch

**Women of Emanuel Blessings & Brunch**

July 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. All women are  
welcome!

**Mission Action Committee (Quilters)**

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.  
in Fellowship Hall



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Don't Miss the Remembrance Tea on August 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Emanuel Lutheran  
Church officially begins on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
from 2 to 4 p.m. with a Remembrance Tea.

**WOMEN OF FAITH! Farewell Tour August 28-29!**

**Sign up NOW in the Fellowship Hall. Approximate  
Ticket cost is \$79, many of the women will be staying  
overnight the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested contact Brenda  
in the church office – 712-323-9665**