

# Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

August 2022

## Happenings!

- Saturday, August 6**—Craft Inn, Brennan Plummer Concert
- Thursday, August 4**—Volunteers for Food Pantry Meet at Our Saviors
- Monday, August 8**—**Friday, August 12**—Garage Sale Drop Off & Set-Up
- Tuesday, August 9**—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet
- Saturday, August 13**—Garage Sale
- Saturday, August 14**—Blood Pressure Checks During Coffee Hour
- Monday, August 15**—Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday, August 17**—Newsletter Articles Due
- Friday, August 19 & Saturday, August 20**—Vacation Bible School!

Tai Chi each **Monday** and **Thursday** morning at 10 a.m. in the upstairs Youth Center

Bible Study each **Thursday** at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs conference room

Mission Statement:  
Forgiven by Grace,  
Serving by Faith

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



*Our soul waits* for the LORD;  
he is our help and shield.

Psalm 33:20, NRSV

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## A Post from the Pastor

BY PASTOR CARA KNUTSON



As I write this it's the Thursday before our family leaves to visit my sister in Hawaii. I am especially grateful for this loving and supportive community that makes this trip possible. I'm also appreciate Pastor Stephany Sanborn and that I can leave the care of this congregation in her capable hands while I am away. I've also just had a rather lengthy conversation with one of you and I feel happy to have a place to be with people who I care for and who care about me. Being a part of a faith community fulfills a deep space within me.

August is what I would call a liminal time. Liminal is one of those fancy words that basically means a space in between. Summer is almost over, but not quite yet. School children have a few more weeks of freedom while parents look forward to school's return. And yet, August is also a time when the garden really starts producing and gives a preview of the falls harvest.

In our lives of faith we often find ourselves in these in-between spaces. One experience or phase of life has come to its completion, but the next hasn't quite presented itself yet. What comes next? I tend to be one of those people who, sometimes anxiously, is looking out toward what is next and becoming quite concerned when it doesn't seem to come quickly enough. The unknown can make us uncomfortable—we don't know what to prepare for, we don't know if it will be something great or something hard.

As Christians we live in the world of the in between. Theologians call this the already and the not yet. Jesus tells us in Scripture that the kingdom of God has come near; and at the same time we look around our world and don't see God's plan for creation fully realized. We as followers of Christ, have become made a part of God's own family and to carry on the family business of bringing about the kingdom of God here on Earth. And just what does that mean? For some it's fighting for equality and justice. For others it's opening people's eyes through education and bringing about God's kingdom by making sure people have the tools they need to live. Food, water, shelter, medical care and etc. Others write beautiful music that softens our hearts or create beautiful pieces of art that inspire us.

And all of these help bring about the kingdom of God by using the gifts, skills, abilities, interests, opportunities, and so forth that God has given each of us. The work is so large that God needs each and every one of us rolling up our sleeves so to speak, and joining in. I was so touched by one of the youngest ladies among us. She saw me making my way towards the exit with my hands and arms full. Looking up at me she says, "I want to help you" and ran ahead of me to open the door. And the little child shall lead them.

That's what bringing about the kingdom is all about—seeing a need someone has and using what you have available to you to help. We have so much upheaval in our world right now politically, socially, our climate—you name it. It can seem as if the world as we know it is crumbling all around us and can make us anxious for what's coming next. But in this in between time, this liminal space, in the land of the already and the not yet, we're called to continue on in loving God and loving neighbor. It's as simple and difficult as that in myriad ways.

The harvest is coming but the workers are few. And God needs all of us to bring the crops in. So go forth to love and serve the Lord, thanks be to God.

See you in church!

*Pastor Cara*



Did you know that the more interaction ("likes", comments and shares) we have on our social media posts, events or videos, the more people will see them? The more interactions we have, the more it gets boosted in Facebook newsfeeds or promoted as a suggested video on YouTube!



Esther Bender  
Larry Hansen  
Jane Meyer

Deloris Christensen  
Robert Hesseltine  
Tommy Schott

Rita Epperson  
Sawyer Lorenz  
Ruth Sullivan

Owen Hansen  
Norma Mass  
Bob Vergamini



We would like to welcome Crystal Nixt as the Emanuel Parish Nurse. Crystal has a bachelor of science in nursing and is a registered nurse. She has been a nurse for 20 years. She currently works as a Perioperative Nurse (Preop/PACU) at Mercy Hospital.

She will conduct blood pressure checks once a month during coffee hour for those who would like to keep an eye on that. The first date will be August 14<sup>th</sup>. Do to a hectic hospital schedule, it will change weeks from month to month, but it will be listed on the church calendar.

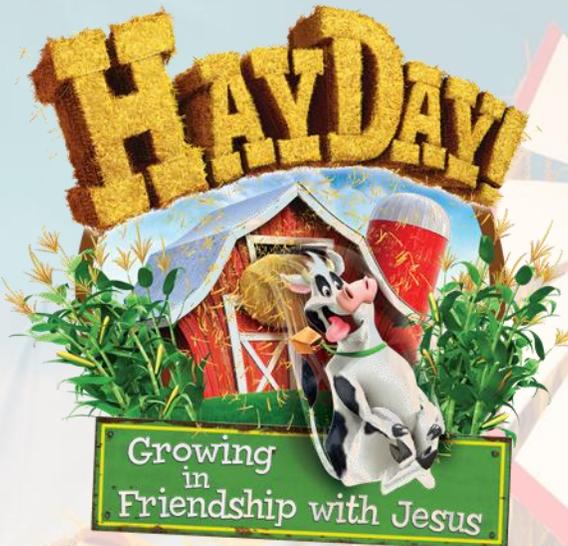
Crystal and her husband Chris have three daughters: Grace,ayah and Katrina.



**LAWN-MOWING TEAM**

<b>Aug 7</b>	Ken Kemmish
<b>Aug 14</b>	Al Marten
<b>Aug 21</b>	Mike Winter
<b>Aug 28</b>	Chris Sorensen

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.**



**Join us for Vacation Bible School**  
**August 19th & 20th!**

Register on our website, scan the QR code with your smart phone or tablet or visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/elc2022vbs>



Growing in Friendship with Jesus



**THIS MONTH'S**  
**birthdays**

Aug. 01  
**William Schademann**

Aug. 02  
**Ryan McSorley**

Aug. 03  
**Debra Ebsen**

Aug. 04  
**Kimberly Egner**  
**Baylee Snyder**

Aug. 06  
**Crystal Nixt**

Aug. 07  
**Andrea Britton**

Aug. 08  
**Peggy Jarrell**

Aug. 09  
**Alexis Gress**

Aug. 10  
**Larry Britton**

Aug. 12  
**Kajanie Schaal**

Aug. 13  
**Dustin Loos**

Aug. 15  
**Kamryn Maxwell**  
**Jessica Winter**

Aug. 16  
**Mike Garrett**

Aug. 17  
**Katelyn Longnecker**

Aug. 18  
**Ben Clark**  
**Samantha Showalter**

Aug. 19  
**Makenzie Shetterly**

Aug. 20  
**Ryan Loos**  
**Erin Miller**

Aug. 22  
**Jordan Hansen**

Aug. 23  
**Mahala Jankowski**

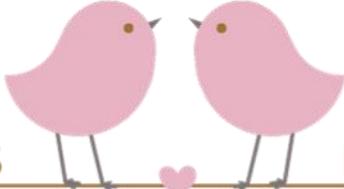
Aug. 25  
**Jeann Foster**

Aug. 27  
**Pamela Sherman**  
**Tyler Steensland**

Aug. 28  
**Wendi Hancock**  
**Karen Smith**

Aug. 29  
**Alaire Carrier**  
**Charleigh Rickard**

Aug. 30  
**Mark Ellis**



**THIS MONTH'S**  
**anniversaries**

August 06  
**Jan & Rick Stone**

August 10  
**Tina & Barry Larson**  
**Danielle & Jesse Schaal**

August 12  
**Cyndi & John Borwick**

August 15  
**Barb & John Burns**

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](mailto:office@emanuelcb.org)

# Worship Assistant Schedule

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

<b>Sunday, August 7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Connie Edson & Connie Beckman
<b>Acolyte</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Debra Ebsen
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	
<b>Visual Tech</b>	
<b>LiveStream Tech</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Connie Edson & Connie Beckman
<b>Acolyte</b>	Grace Nixt
<b>Lector</b>	
<b>Children's Message</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Martens
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	
<b>Visual Tech</b>	
<b>LiveStream Tech</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Connie Edson & Connie Beckman
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mason Lewis
<b>Lector</b>	
<b>Children's Message</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Martens
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	
<b>Visual Tech</b>	
<b>LiveStream Tech</b>	Michaela Lewis
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Connie Edson & Connie Beckman
<b>Acolyte</b>	Alex & Gabe VanSickle
<b>Lector</b>	
<b>Children's Message</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Martens
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	
<b>Visual Tech</b>	
<b>LiveStream Tech</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	

## VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for **Instant Church Directory**  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to **CREATE A LOGIN** the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, **OR** if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



## Ways you can SERVE

**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](mailto:office@emanuelcb.org) or sign-up on our website at: [www.emanuelcb.org](http://www.emanuelcb.org)**

# This Month's ACTIVITIES

At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour	<b>1</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Food Pantry Volunteers meet at OSL	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 am Craft Inn 7 pm Concert by Brennan Plummer 
<b>7</b> 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Garage Sale Prep 	<b>8</b> 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm—8 pm Garage Sale Prep and Drop-Off 	<b>9</b> 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East 6 pm—8 pm Garage Sale Prep and Drop-Off 	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 6 pm—8 pm Garage Sale Prep and Drop-Off 	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi 6 pm—8 pm Garage Sale Prep and Drop-Off 	<b>12</b> 6 pm—8 pm Garage Sale Prep and Drop-Off 	<b>13</b> 9 am—1 pm Emanuel Garage Sale 
<b>14</b> 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour Blood Pressure Checks with Crystal 	<b>15</b> 10 am Tai Chi 7 pm Church Council Meeting 	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group 	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 5:30 pm—6 pm VBS Dinner 6 pm—8 pm Vacation Bible School 9 am—noon Vacation Bible School 12 pm VBS Cook-out
<b>21</b> 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour	<b>22</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>24</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour	<b>29</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>31</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	<b>1</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Food Pantry Volunteers meet at OSL	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10 am Craft Inn 

# Council Minutes for July 18, 2022

RECORDED BY CHAR LES KEMMISH

Members present: Mike Winter, Greg Steensland, Connie Edson, Alan Ellis, Mike Hipnar, Char Les Kemmish, Mike Loos Nick Rickard.

Members absent: Pastor Cara Knutson, Chris Reed, Shelby Rickard.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Mike Winter. Greg Steensland gave Devotions.

Secretary's minutes from the June meeting: Motion to approve by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Nick Rickard. Correction to the minutes: Al and Linda Martens donated the Flood Buckets to CERT. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report and Capital Fund Report were combined: Motion to approve by Mike Loos, seconded by Mike Hipnar. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Alan Ellis. Motion carried.

Memorial Fund Report: Motion to approve by Greg Steensland, seconded by Connie Edson. Motion carried.

Pastor Cara was not present, but provided her monthly report. To answer her question; When Rev. Catherine leads worship would this be an extra Sunday above and beyond her contracted 4, Council said no. Sharing does not constitute an extra day. Motion made by Greg Steensland, seconded by Nick Rickard. Motion carried. Cheryl Rowe's Granddaughters, will be baptized at Emanuel Sun. July 31.

Mark Ellis' Granddaughter will be married at Emanuel Sat. Sept. 17. Pastor requested vacation Thurs. August 4. Motion to approve by Alan Ellis, seconded by Mike Hipnar. Pastor Cara and secretary, Michaela Lewis would like to move their offices. Both would like desks and shelving. And would like the main office be repainted. Motion make by Greg Steensland that this request be given and funds be used from Mildred Rogers' Memorial fund, as approved by Mildred's son, Eric Rogers, the amount being \$388.80. And also funds could be used from the Church's Garage Sale. Motion seconded by Mike Loos. Motion carried.

## Old Business

- Char Les Kemmish has contacted Scott Block to fix Facet out-side, last time being July 6, 2022.
- He said it would be done within the next 3 weeks. The charge being \$800.00. The next Property meeting is to be held July 24, after the 9:30

Church service. Fall work-day, tentative date is Sept. 24, 2022, 8 am to noon.

- Missing Keys: Motion by Char Les Kemmish to check with Able Locksmith, to find out the cost for all outside Church building locks to be replaced, and to report finding at August meeting. Motion seconded by Mike Winter.
- Alan Ellis reported the no progress is being done on the bathroom at this time. Alan also said the asphalt crew was to show up the first week in July, and has not done so. (Alan Ellis has had one knee replacement, and plans to have the other knee replaced within the next 2 weeks!! Let us all keep Alan in our Prayers for successful surgery and recovery!)

## New Business

- Use of the fellowship request from: The Story Street Mobile Pantry. Motion made by Greg Steensland, seconded by Al Ellis, that Mike Winter will talk to Chris Reed about the request. The Date needs to be approved by Pastor Cara, and a refundable deposit in the amount \$150 for use of church.
- Church answering machine. Alan Ellis made the motion that an emergency number needs to be readily accessible when calling the Church. Motion seconded by Connie Edson.
- After the Council meeting, the Council Members walked up to the Church Parsonage to look at the outside of the building. Mike Winter will contact a painter he knows, Jerry Quigley, and get a bid to have the Parsonage painted.

Next meeting is August 15, 2022

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Loos, seconded by Mike Hipnar. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by President Mike Winter at 8 pm.



# 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly meets under the theme "Embody the Word"

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will gather for the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Aug. 8-12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Meeting under the theme "Embody the Word," the assembly will participate in plenary discussions to make decisions about the work of this church. They will also spend time in worship and Bible study.

The triennial gathering — the highest legislative body of the denomination — will be composed of more than 900 voting members serving on behalf of the 3.3 million members of the ELCA. The ELCA's 65 synods elect voting members to serve at churchwide assemblies.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton will open the assembly on Tuesday, Aug. 9, with a land acknowledgment noting that the gathering is taking place on the original and ancestral homelands of the Shawnee, Miami and Kaskaskia peoples. Tribal leaders from the Miami Nation will bring welcome to the assembly.

The assembly will then commemorate the 35th anniversary of the ELCA, which was formed when the ELCA constitution was adopted during the opening session of the Constituting Convention in Columbus on April 30, 1987. The church was formed from a merger of the American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, and the Lutheran Church in America.

The day will include a nonlegislative session to offer a public apology to Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina and a public commitment to anti-racism. This is in response to recent events in this church that have caused harm to people, communities and the whole body of Christ.

In other key assembly action, voting members will:

- Elect a vice president. The position of vice president is the highest a layperson can hold in the ELCA. Carlos Peña is serving as interim vice president following the death of Bill Horne last August. Horne was elected vice president by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly.
- Approve budget proposals for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 fiscal years.
- Vote on amendments to the Constitutions, By-laws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA.

Voting members will also receive:

- A report from the presiding bishop and officers of the ELCA.
- The first public in-person announcement of "A Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to American Indian and Alaska Native People" and an update on the work of the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery Task Force. The declaration is a direct result of the social policy resolution adopted by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly.
- A presentation by Fawn Sharp, president of the National Congress of American Indians.
- Proposals (known as memorials) from the ELCA's 65 synods that address social justice issues and matters relating to the structure of the ELCA, including greenhouse gas reduction; gun violence; LGBTQIA+ welcome; pastoral counseling as a result of changes to Roe v. Wade; the land back movement; ELCA governance restructure; specialized ministries and on leave from call status; and review and revision of the ELCA social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, adopted by the 2009 Churchwide Assembly.
- Greetings from ecumenical and inter-religious guests, global partners and others.

*The ELCA has established the following COVID-19 health and safety protocols for all assembly participants:*

- Regardless of vaccination status, a self-administered rapid test is strongly encouraged no more than three days before departure for the assembly. Those who test positive for COVID-19 are asked to remain at home.
- Attendees must provide proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Unvaccinated individuals must provide upon arrival a negative test result taken one to three days prior to traveling to the assembly.
- N95, KN95, KF94 or medical procedure (surgical) masks must be worn while inside the convention center and attending worship. Exceptions will be made for those speaking at a microphone so that listeners with hearing impairments will be able to lip-read. Surgical masks will be provided to all attendees.

Live video of the assembly will be accessible at [elca.org/CWA-2022](https://elca.org/CWA-2022).

# Back To School Month

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly to empower Iowa children and teens.



We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

*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 LSI (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](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

# Bethany Lutheran Health Services

The quarterly meeting of Bethany Lutheran Health Services Auxiliary met July 11 at the Bethany Heights community room. Eight supporting churches were represented. Both the Home and the Heights have a number of events to help meet the spiritual needs of the residents/community members. At the Heights there is a Church bus available every Sunday to transport the community members to their desired place of worship and Cece Mickells, spiritual advisor, leads a Bible study every Wednesday. They are happy to have churches meeting again with them for Sunday afternoon services at the Home. Our Savior's is meeting with them in July. There are non-demonial services in the chapel, Catholic Mass, morning meditations, Bible study and communion services to meet their various spiritual needs.



A special BLHS Auxiliary event, Bingo and Pie Night, was held at the Heights following the Monday Auxiliary meeting. Key Ladies assisted with bingo and brought a variety of pies to share with the community members. The next Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2pm at the Heights when election of officers and revision of the Constitution will take place. A new president will be needed for 2023-25. If you or someone you know would serve this position well contact Norma Vorthmann, [njoyvorthmann@gmail.com](mailto:njoyvorthmann@gmail.com). Please continue to remember those that live and work at the Home and Heights in your thoughts and prayers.



# Block Party @ Bayliss Park

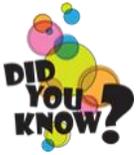
With a FREE concert by Latin Grammy Winner & three-time nominee for Best Children's Album **1 2 3 ANDRÉS**

**Saturday, August 27**  
**100 Pearl Street**

**1-5PM**  
Food trucks, face painting, balloon art, games, & more!

**3PM**  
FREE CONCERT by 123 ANDRÉS





# How to Tell the Difference Between Law & the Gospel

FROM THE LUTHERAN HANDBOOK)

Discerning law from gospel is a critical skills for Christians and the hallmark of Lutheranism. Law and gospel are always connected to God's word. God brings them to you in the Bible, in preaching, in the sacraments, and in all kinds of daily activity. If you listen closely, you'll hear God speaking in both law and gospel.

## The Law

Martin Luther suggested that the law has two uses: first, to point out and condemn sin. Second, to drive the sinner toward the grace and mercy revealed in Jesus Christ and his cross.

Listen for the should: God uses the law to tell us what we ought to do so we maintain an orderly, peaceful and secure world. It therefore always sounds like a demand. Words like should, ought to, must, have to, and shall are a dead giveaway that the law is around somewhere.

Listen for the First Commandment. "You shall have no other gods," is what all other law rise from. The law's goal is to force sinners to act as though God's will is more important than our own.

Discern who's in charge. Demands always require you to do something to fulfill them. If you're being urged to act a certain way to make something happen, it's the law talking.

Be alert to death lurking in the shadows. When you feel like the demands of life are just about killing you, you can be pretty sure it's God's law nipping at your heels.

## The Gospel

Listen for the promise. If what you're hearing tells you what Christ promises you—without any action on your part—then the gospel is present.

Expect a radical surprise from Jesus. We sinners never expect the good news; we only expect God's judgement. Instead the gospel brings sinners mercy and life from Jesus.

Listen for the "for you". The gospel is always spoken directly to sinners. If what you hear doesn't use the word you, it could be a good description about God or Jesus, but it's not quite the gospel. The gospel says it straight out: "You are forgiven." "Jesus died for you".

Remember the promise. When God's word has changed you, you'll see God's faithfulness in spite of the injustice in the world. When it has caused you to trust God, even though the world says you're a loser, then you can be sure you've heard the gospel.

## Be Aware:

Law and gospel can't be defined strictly. They are the ways we experience the following:

- 1) God is working continually to confront and put to death the "you" that turns away and puts your trust in other things. When the law does its work, that's what God is doing.
- 2) God is also working continually to create a new faithful person in you. When the gospel does its work, that's what God is doing.
- 3) God sometimes does only the first thing, but God never brings the gospel without the law being present first. It's only when the law stops us from thinking we can make life work out on our own that we become open to hearing God's promises.



**As students prepare for the new school year, we would like to invite them to bring their backpacks on Sunday, August 21 for a blessing of the backpacks. Each student will receive a special blessing tag to attach to their backpacks that day.**



# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

complete challenges - unlock badges - earn prizes

## How To Sign Up



<https://councilbluffslibrary.beanstack.org>

You can also use the Beanstack Mobile App, available through the iTunes Store or Google Play

Scan the QR code for more info!



### SUMMER READING PRIZES

Register online and receive an compass carabiner.



Complete a combination of 5 reading or activity badges for a backpack.

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
8 a.m.—1 p.m.

Huge In-Door multi-family sale with something for everyone! Toys, games, books, movies, furniture housewares, kitchen items, collectibles crafts, holiday items, baby items, electronics, sporting equipment, hardware & MORE! Food and baked goods available. If you have items you would like to donate, they can be brought the week prior to the sale, or stored earlier at church if needed. There are volunteer sign-up sheets in the community room at church.

IN PERSON

ONLINE

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Sunday School Attendance:	Online Sunday School Views:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
July 03	36	54	N/A	N/A	90	\$2,917.00
July 10	43	105	N/A	32	180	\$2,786.68
July 17	36	56	N/A	N/A	92	\$1,311.00
July 24	52	27	N/A	N/A	79	N/A
July 31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Finance Team Update

June Income: .....\$8,844.15.00  
June Expense: .....\$11,487.27  
 June Balance .....-\$2,643.12

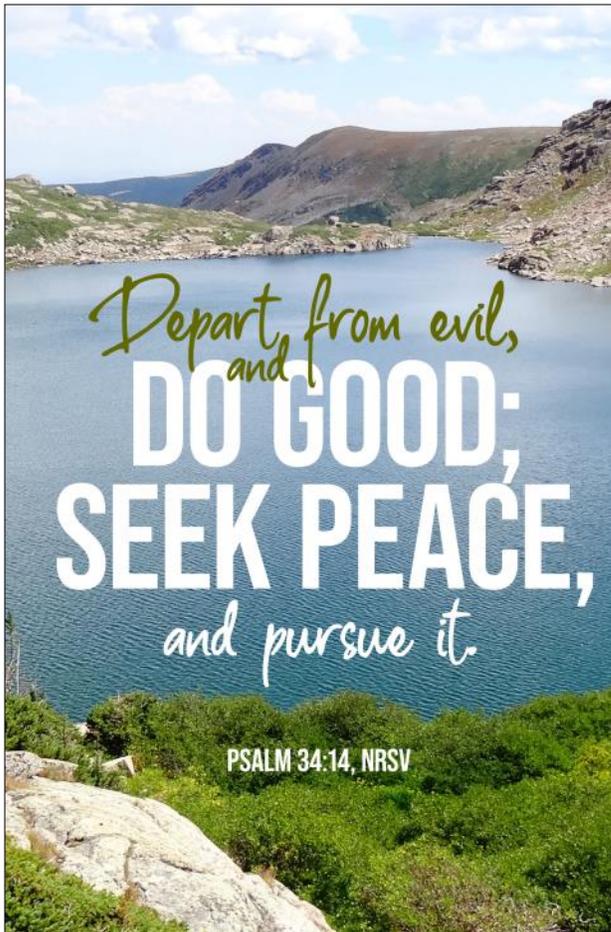
YTD Income: .....\$90,167.15  
YTD Expense: .....\$82,309.87  
 YTD Balance .....\$7,857.28  
Plus Carryover.....\$14,978.52  
 General Budget Fund .....\$22,835.80



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### 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:

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. in the classrooms (*September—May*)  
Our Sunday School Show is posted each Sunday on Facebook & YouTube

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