



# Garden of Reading

Emanuel Newsletter

## Happenings at Emanuel!

**Sunday, October 12**—Joyful Noise Offering

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

**Wednesday, October 15**—Dinner Church

**Tuesday, October 21**—Book Club Meets

**Sunday, October 19**—Blood Pressure Checks

**Monday, October 20**—Newsletter Articles Due

**Sunday, October 26** —Reformation Sunday (Wear Red!)

**Sunday, November 2**—All-Saints Sunday, Confirmation Sunday

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*



Rev. Scott Dalen was installed as Bishop of the Western Iowa Synod on Saturday, September 27 at St. John Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs. Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Emeritus Lorna Halas and clergy from across the synod participate in the service and show support for Bishop Scott, as well as many others in attendance.

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# Stewardship, Mission, Faith

Welcome to Stewardship Month. Our theme this year is Stewardship—a Mission of Faith. I thought for this month's newsletter article we could breakdown what each of those words mean: stewardship, mission, and faith.

We talk a lot about stewardship but it's good to remind ourselves frequently that stewardship includes money, but it isn't just about money. Everything that is, belongs to God, and as human beings, we're, to use a modern expression, in middle management. We can choose how we use the gifts God has given us in positive ways, negative ways, neutral ways. How do we choose to use our time? How do we choose to use our energy? How do we choose to take care of our bodies—do we feed them well, nourish them with good food, plenty of fresh clean water, proper rest, and a balance between stress and calm? And yes, how do we choose to use our money? God's gospel is for free, but when we gather we do have a responsibility to pay the light bill and the taxes, and overhead, and salaries...you get the picture. Since the stewardship committee will be covering our faith communities financial responsibilities, I'm going to highlight our worship together. Liturgy, means the work of the people. The more people we have involved in our worship together, the better we're able to worship God. Why? Because we're all children of God, and when we take care to represent that vast array of our beautiful, precious, talented people, it makes God happy and it's a good reminder to us. On a practical side it takes a whole team of people from making sure our space is clean and orderly, to making sure everyone can see and hear God's good news. To be better stewards of our resources, we're going to get a little more organized. Sherrill Stacy has stepped forward and offered to be our volunteer coordinator. So, we ask that if you already volunteer in some capacity during worship you fill out a form with your preferred contact information and how frequently you volunteer. If you don't regularly help but would like to, fill out a form. Sherrill will compile all of that information and from it coordinate a schedule for each and be a hub for communication.

Onto mission. We're familiar with mission statements in our modern world. But mission, in the kingdom of God, goes beyond a mere mission statement. Jesus called the disciples, equipped, trained, and empowered, then sent them out into the world, two by two, to do work in his name. Same with us. How has God gathered the community of Emanuel and what has God uniquely equipped and empowered us for? What heart beats at the center of our community? What have we been given a special passion for? Our recent vitality survey indicated that we value including all sorts of people and are willing to make sure they have what they need to feel included and valued. We do this with hearing assisted devices, and bathrooms that accommodate people with differing mobility needs, and in lots of other ways. We're generous, warm-hearted folks who gladly give when we learn of a need.

And we value the power of the gospel—in word and in action. Every Joyful Noise, every Mitten/Hat/Scarf Christmas tree, every time we pack up leftovers and drop them off to folks who could use the food, we put our live out our faith in concrete practical ways. Guess what, that's also stewardship.

Finally, faith. Faith, trust and belief are all interwoven together—don't believe me? Look it up in the Oxford English Dictionary and look at the word origins, fascinating stuff. As Lutherans we believe it is the power of the Holy Spirit that makes faith possible. In the 3rd article of the Apostle's Creed in the small catechism Luther writes: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Faith is the gas in the car, the stuff that makes it possible to believe, that makes it possible to gather, for the Holy Spirit to enlighten, equip and empower us for God to send us out in our mission.

Luther once wrote, we're called to be little Christ's in our world. Our giving of ourselves, our time, our resources, our gifts, and abilities are given freely for the sake of the gospel. We give because we can, because we've been blessed, because we see a need that we're uniquely equipped to help with. That giving, unselfishly, without any expectation, points beyond our rat race of a world, to God's world, and to God. Which is just what Jesus did—hence we're little Christs.

Stewardship, mission, faith—they're all interconnected, and much cooler than they may sound. Serving God is rad! It's the most fulfilling, demanding, challenging, and an experience that fills and completes like no other. It's worth giving our lives to!

Amen, so be it!

*Pastor Cara*

## Celebrating Ministry & Milestones

Join us for Confirmation on Sunday, November 2, as we celebrate Garrett Ashcraft, Grant Ashcraft, and Tayah Nixt taking this next step in their faith journey during the worship service. During coffee hour, we'll have cake to celebrate!

We also honor Mr. Steve, whose last day leading children and youth activities at Emanuel will be at the end of October. Since late 2018, after years of volunteering, Steve has faithfully served as our Children and Youth Director, guiding and encouraging our young people in faith.

As Steve enters candidacy and is recommended for the TEEM program through Wartburg Seminary, we celebrate his call and give thanks for his time with us. Please join us in wishing him well on Sunday, November 2.

This will be a day of thanksgiving, encouragement, and celebration for the Emanuel community.



### *A Note from Jan Husmann*

Thank you for your prayers, help, and best wishes! I am now settled in my new home in Gowrie, Iowa, about 20 miles south of Fort Dodge. My niece and her family live nearby, so I have a wonderful support system.

My address is in the directory, and my cell phone number is the same (landline disconnected). I'm still on Facebook and using the same email. I enjoy hearing from you—visitors are always welcome!

**Thank You!**

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month!



**PASTOR Appreciation**

We give thanks for **Pastor Cara** and her nearly six years of ministry with us at Emanuel. Her leadership, care, and faithfulness are a true blessing to our congregation and community.

Take a moment this month to share your gratitude and celebrate the gift of her ministry among us!

## Celebrate Your Heritage!

Wider Ministries invites you to join us during coffee hour on Sunday, October 12, to celebrate the rich diversity of our community. Bring a dish, treat, or snack that represents your heritage to share with everyone. Let's enjoy good food and great company together!



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Event Details

**Date:** October 18th

**Time:** 9AM - 12PM

**Location:** Bethany Lutheran Home

Join us for a special volunteer day to help make Bethany a warm and welcoming place for our residents and tenants. Your support would make a huge difference in enhancing the quality of life here at Bethany Lutheran Health Services!

**BLHS will provide lunch!**

Please bring proper PPE for yardwork (ex. gloves, hat, sunscreen)

7 Elliott Street Council Bluffs IA, 51503

# Synod Authorized Minister (SAM) Program

Do you feel called to ministry but not necessarily to full-time ordained ministry? The ELCA offers the Synod Authorized Minister (SAM) program.

SAMs are lay leaders trained and authorized by the synod to serve small congregations that may not be able to call a rostered pastor. They provide worship leadership, pastoral care, and sacraments under the synod's appointment.

Preparation includes study in Bible, Lutheran theology, worship, spirituality, leadership, and pastoral skills, through programs such as Select Learning, synod courses, or seminary classes.

If you'd like to learn more about discerning a call to serve as a SAM, contact Rev. Chip Borgstadt at [chip.borgstadt.rev@wisynod.org](mailto:chip.borgstadt.rev@wisynod.org)

## Advent Evenings Together

**Wednesday, December 03**

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Service at 6:30 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

(633 Willow Ave, Council Bluffs, IA 51501)

**Wednesday, December 10**

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Service at 6:30 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran

(600 Bluff St, Council Bluffs, IA 51503)

**Wednesday, December 17**

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Service at 6:30 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

(2444 N Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA 51503)

## Blue Christmas/Longest Night

**Sunday, December 21**

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Service at 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

(2444 N Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA 51503)



## LSI invites each of you to our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

OCTOBER

5:30 pm  
Reception

17

6:30 pm  
Dinner & Program

2025

Holiday Inn Airport

6111 Fleur Drive

Des Moines, Iowa

We would love to see tables filled by members from many of our churches! Tickets are \$100 each, with 10 seats per table. Whether your church fills one seat or an entire table, we hope you'll be represented at this historic event.



Scan QR code to RSVP or contact [Barbra.Jotzke-Torrier@LSIowa.org](mailto:Barbra.Jotzke-Torrier@LSIowa.org)

## Dinner Church

Join us for a casual service in the community room while you enjoy dinner

**Wednesday, October 15**  
**6 p.m.**

Community Room  
Emanuel Lutheran Church  
2444 N Broadway  
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503



# Worship Assistant Schedule

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

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, October 05</b> | <b>9:30 a.m. Service</b> |
| Ushers                    | Dan & Judy Heithoff      |
| Acolyte                   |                          |
| Lector                    | Al Martens               |
| Altar Guild               |                          |
| Communion Assistants      | Cheryl Eneboe            |
| Sound Tech                |                          |
| Donut Liaison             | Lori Lynn Ahrends        |
| Coffee Hour Clean-Up      |                          |
| <b>Sunday, October 12</b> | <b>9:30 a.m. Service</b> |
| Ushers                    | Dan & Judy Heithoff      |
| Acolyte                   |                          |
| Lector                    | Joann Blum               |
| Altar Guild               |                          |
| Communion Assistants      |                          |
| Visual Tech               |                          |
| Sound Tech                |                          |
| LiveStream Tech           |                          |
| Donut Liaison             | Lori Lynn Ahrends        |
| Coffee Hour Clean-Up      |                          |
| <b>Sunday, October 19</b> | <b>9:30 a.m. Service</b> |
| Ushers                    | Dan & Judy Heithoff      |
| Acolyte                   |                          |
| Lector                    | Joann Blum               |
| Altar Guild               |                          |
| Communion Assistants      |                          |
| Visual Tech               |                          |
| Sound Tech                |                          |
| LiveStream Tech           |                          |
| Donut Liaison             | Lori Lynn Ahrends        |
| Coffee Hour Clean-Up      |                          |
| <b>Sunday, October 26</b> | <b>9:30 a.m. Service</b> |
| Ushers                    | Dan & Judy Heithoff      |
| Acolyte                   |                          |
| Lector                    |                          |
| Altar Guild               |                          |
| Communion Assistants      |                          |
| Visual Tech               |                          |
| Sound Tech                |                          |
| LiveStream Tech           |                          |
| Donut Liaison             | Lori Lynn Ahrends        |
| Coffee Hour Clean-Up      |                          |



We are in need of volunteers for worship assistants (lectors, altar guild, communion assistants, visual tech, livestreaming tech) as well as coffee hour hosts. You can sign-up at [emanuelc.org](http://emanuelc.org) under "ministries," or visit [tinyurl.com/ELCast](http://tinyurl.com/ELCast). You can also volunteer by contacting Michaela at (712) 323-9665 or [office@emanuelcb.org](mailto:office@emanuelcb.org).



Oct. 5      Al Marten  
Oct 12      Mike Winter  
Oct 19      Chris Sorensen  
Oct 26      Alan Ellis

Nov 2      Sid Dillon  
Nov 9      Ken Kemmish  
Nov 16      Al Marten

Thanks to our volunteers who take care of the church lawn! It takes a good amount of time and we are extremely grateful to those who take on this role. 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 p.m., M-F. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, please call Mark Ellis at 402-699-1472.**



**OCTOBER**  
*birthdays*

October 01  
Jessica Gearhart  
Ron Smith

October 02  
Tyler Hansen

October 04  
Nick Rickard  
Jeanine Schademann  
Norma Stairs

October 06  
Kyle Sorensen

October 09  
Lacey Fischer  
Nicole Fischer

October 10  
Jesse Hansen

October 19  
Grace Nixt

October 20  
Abbie Ashcraft

October 22  
Cynthia Richards

October 25  
Hannah Goldapp  
John Spilde

October 28  
Darlene Reed

October 31  
Judith Loos  
Danielle Schaal



**NOVEMBER**  
*birthdays*

November 01  
Larry Hansen

November 02  
Judy Castillo  
Maja Knutson

November 04  
Norma Heath  
Margaret Tiffey

November 06  
Kaden Krauth

November 07  
Garrett Haats  
Hailey Holcombe

November 07  
Sean Larson

November 08  
Nichlos Matuszeski

November 09  
Beth Schultz

November 11  
Jan Stone

November 14  
Haley Holland  
Michaela Lewis

November 15  
Connie Beckman  
William Spangenberg

November 16  
Todd Over

November 17  
Penny Dahlke  
Clare Plummer  
Paul Schwartz

November 18  
Matt Clark  
Alexxia Richards

November 19  
David Fietz

November 21  
Grace Hansen  
Jessica Hipnar  
Ruth Sullivan

November 22  
Barry Larson

November 23  
Joel Parker

November 24  
Lauren Hansen

November 26  
Aaralynn Conley  
Char Les Kemmish

November 27  
Gary Pleas

November 28  
Nikki Rickard

November 29  
Brayden Hansen  
Steve Plummer

November 30  
Mike Hipnar

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



Bob Bender  
Kenneth Hessel  
Ron Reiff Jr.

Danny Britton  
Norma Mass  
Melody Schott

Deloris Christensen  
Jane Meyer  
Paul Schott

Owen Hansen  
Patty Maxwell  
Tommy Schott

Sharon Hansen  
Abaigh Plummer  
Ruth Sullivan

Norma Heath  
Richard Reed  
Stephany Sanborn



## OCTOBER anniversaries

October 06  
Larry & Andrea Britton

October 07  
Adam & Autumn Tanner

October 16  
Thomas & Beth Lewis

October 17  
Jerry & Debra Ebsen

October 20  
Jenna & Jamie Ricks-Ashley  
Ian & Rachel Spangenberg

October 27  
Keven & Deborah Ferguson



## NOVEMBER anniversaries

November 03  
Nick & Amy Steensland-Rickard

November 05  
Dick & Judy Borwick

November 07  
Jeffrey & Teresa Fischer

November 09  
Mike & Emily Burns

November 22  
Oscar & Deann Over

November 23  
Arlen & Kathy Ellis

**ALE and the ALMIGHTY**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**6 PM AT GLORY DAYS**  
106 W BROADWAY, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA

Join us for an evening of fellowship and studying scriptures and how they apply to today's world and current events. They have a full menu and drinks available to order.

## VIEW OUR DIRECTORY!

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

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



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR HAVE TROUBLE ACCESSING IT, CONTACT MICHAELA AT [OFFICE@EMANUELCH.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@EMANUELCH.ORG).



# OCTOBER

## At Emanuel Lutheran Church

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                        | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1</b><br>8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs<br>9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room                                                                                                               | <b>2</b><br>9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room<br>10 am Tai Chi<br>5:10 pm <b>Garrett</b> has a Cross Country Meet in Shenandoah                                                   | <b>3</b><br>7 pm <b>Mason</b> will be performing with the Band at the TJ Football Game                                                                                                | <b>4</b><br>TBD <b>Mason</b> will be performing with the TJ Band at Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree in Clarinda<br>10 am Music at the Library with <b>Lori Lynn</b><br>1 pm Fall Festival at Carol Joy Holling<br>2:20 pm <b>Grant &amp; Garrett</b> racing at Eagle Raceway |
| <b>5</b><br>9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School<br>10:30 am Coffee Hour<br>2:20 pm <b>Grant &amp; Garrett</b> racing at Eagle Raceway                                                                                   | <b>6</b><br>10 am Communion at Midlands<br>10 am Tai Chi                                                                                                                                                               | <b>7</b><br>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room                                                                                                                              | <b>8</b><br>8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs<br>9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room                                                                                                               | <b>9</b><br>9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room<br>10 am Tai Chi<br>3:45 pm <b>Grant</b> has a Football Game at Kirm<br>4:30 pm <b>Garrett</b> has a Cross Country Meet in Atlantic | <b>10</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>11</b><br>TBD <b>Mason</b> will be performing with the TJ Band at the Loess Hills Field Festival in Glenwood                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>12</b><br>9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, Joyful Noise & Sunday School<br>10:30 am Coffee Hour                                                                                                                                  | <b>13</b><br>10 am Tai Chi<br>11 am–4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room<br>6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days Bar & Grill<br> | <b>14</b><br>8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East<br>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room                                                                      | <b>15</b><br>8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs<br>9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room<br>6 pm Dinner Church<br> | <b>16</b><br>9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room<br>10 am Tai Chi<br>5:30 pm <b>Garrett</b> has a Cross Country Meet in Atlantic                                                    | <b>17</b><br>6:30 pm Spooktacular Bingo in Community Room<br>7 pm <b>Mason</b> will be performing with the Band at the TJ Football Game<br>Middle School Retreat at Carol Joy Holling | <b>18</b><br>TBD <b>Mason</b> will be performing with the TJ Band in Glenwood in the morning and in Ankeny in the evening<br>Middle School Retreat at Carol Joy Holling                                                                                                   |
| <b>19</b><br>9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School<br>10:30 am Coffee Hour & Blood Pressure Checks<br>11 am Church Council Meeting<br> | <b>20</b><br>Newsletter Articles Due<br>10 am Tai Chi<br>                                                                           | <b>21</b><br>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room<br>7 pm Book Club in Conference Room<br> | <b>22</b><br>8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs<br>9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room<br>4:45 pm <b>Garrett</b> has a Cross Country Meet in Council Bluffs                                         | <b>23</b><br>9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room<br>10 am Tai Chi                                                                                                                   | <b>24</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>26</b><br>9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School<br>10:30 am Coffee Hour                                                                                                                                                | <b>27</b><br>10 am Tai Chi<br>11 am–4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room                                                                                                                                             | <b>28</b><br>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room                                                                                                                             | <b>29</b><br>8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs<br>9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room                                                                                                              | <b>30</b><br>9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room<br>10 am Tai Chi                                                                                                                   | <b>31</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



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## At Emanuel Lutheran Church

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                        | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Thursday                                                                                                                        | Friday                                                  | Saturday                                                                           |
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| <b>2</b><br>9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, All-Saints Recognition & Confirmation<br>10:30 am Coffee Hour                                                                                                                          | <b>3</b><br>10 am Communion at Midlands<br>10 am Tai Chi                                                                                                                                                              | <b>4</b><br>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room                                                                                                                              | <b>5</b><br>8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs<br>9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room                                                                                                                                 | <b>6</b><br>9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room<br>10 am Tai Chi                                                       | <b>7</b><br>Family Campout at Carol Joy Holling         | <b>8</b><br>10 am Music at the Library with Lori Lynn<br>11 am Veterans Day Parade |
| <b>9</b><br>9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Joyful Noise Offering<br>10:30 am Coffee Hour                                                                                                                                         | <b>10</b><br>10 am Tai Chi<br>11 am–4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room<br>6 pm Ale & the Almighty at Glory Days Bar & Grill<br> | <b>11</b><br>8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East<br>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room                                                                      | <b>12</b><br>8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs<br>9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room                                                                                                                                | <b>13</b><br>9:30 am Adult Bible Study in Conference Room<br>10 am Tai Chi                                                      | <b>14</b><br>Middle School Retreat at Carol Joy Holling | <b>15</b><br>Middle School Retreat at Carol Joy Holling                            |
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| <b>23</b><br>9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School<br>10:30 am Coffee Hour                                                                                                                                                | <b>24</b><br>Office Closed<br>10 am Tai Chi<br>11 am–4:30 pm Bridge Group in Community Room<br>SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES<br>            | <b>25</b><br>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room                                                                                                                             | <b>26</b><br>8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs<br>9:30 am–3 pm Bobbin Chasers (Community Sewing Group) in community room                                                                                                                                | <b>27 Thanksgiving</b><br>Office Closed<br> | <b>28</b><br>Office Closed                              | <b>29</b>                                                                          |
| <b>30</b><br>9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School<br>10:30 am Coffee Hour                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                 |                                                         |                                                                                    |



**Did you know?** Research from the University of California, Irvine suggests that singing in a choir can boost your health! A study by Robert Beck and Thomas Cesario, published in *Music Perception*, found that levels of Immunoglobulin A—a key protein that helps the body fight illness—rose by 150% during rehearsals and 240% during performances.

University of California eScholarship repository:  
"Choral Singing ... Immune System Changes"

## Calling All Women Who Love to Sing!

We're putting together a one-time women's choir to sing "I Will Follow Him" from *Sister Act*! No long-term commitment and no experience necessary — just fun, fellowship, and joyful singing. If you've ever wanted to try choir (or if you just love that song), this is your chance. Come join the laughter and the music!



**FREE ENTRY**

# EMANUEL'S SPOOKTACULAR

## B I N G O

**Friday, October 17**

*Bring a white elephant gift & your sense of humor!*

**Doors open at: 06:30pm**  
**Game starts at: 07:00pm**

**Snacks or treats to share are appreciated!**

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# Trash TALK

We appreciate members and groups taking the trash out to the dumpster when needed.

We did learn this past month that the trash company does charge us an additional fee of \$20 each week if the lid on the dumpster does not close. If you notice that the dumpster lid is open or overfilled, please take a moment to close it. Thank you!

# Bethany Candy Donations

*Submitted by Micah Waskowiak*

Dear Friends and Families, We're excited to announce our annual Trick or Treat event on **October 30<sup>th</sup>** at Bethany Lutheran Health Services!

This has been a beloved tradition that brings joy to our Residents and Tenants and the local community, and we need your help to make it a sweet success. We are kindly asking for donations of **individually wrapped candy** to ensure we have plenty of treats for the residents and tenants to pass out to children kids and families who participate.

Your generosity will help make this event a memorable one for everyone involved. Donations can be dropped off at our front desk **any time before October 28<sup>th</sup>**. We truly appreciate your support in helping us celebrate this fun occasion!



# Join Us for a Fun and Friendly Community (indoor) Trunk-or-Treat Event!

Families are invited to come trick-or-treat with us on **Sunday, October 26, from 1:00–2:00 p.m.**

We're also looking for volunteers to help hand out candy—this year, tables will be set up indoors (and the more tables we have, the more fun for the kids!). Costumes are encouraged but not required.

If you'd like to support the event in another way, candy donations are also greatly appreciated.



*Attendance*



OFFERINGS



| Week of:     | In-Person Attendance: | Online Views: | Total Attendance: | Offerings: |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| September 07 | 59                    | 12            | 71                | \$3,635.58 |
| September 14 | 40                    | 23            | 63                | \$150.58   |
| September 21 | 38                    | 18            | 56                | \$968.00   |
| September 28 | N/A                   | N/A           | N/A               | N/A        |

## Finance Team Update

*Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD*

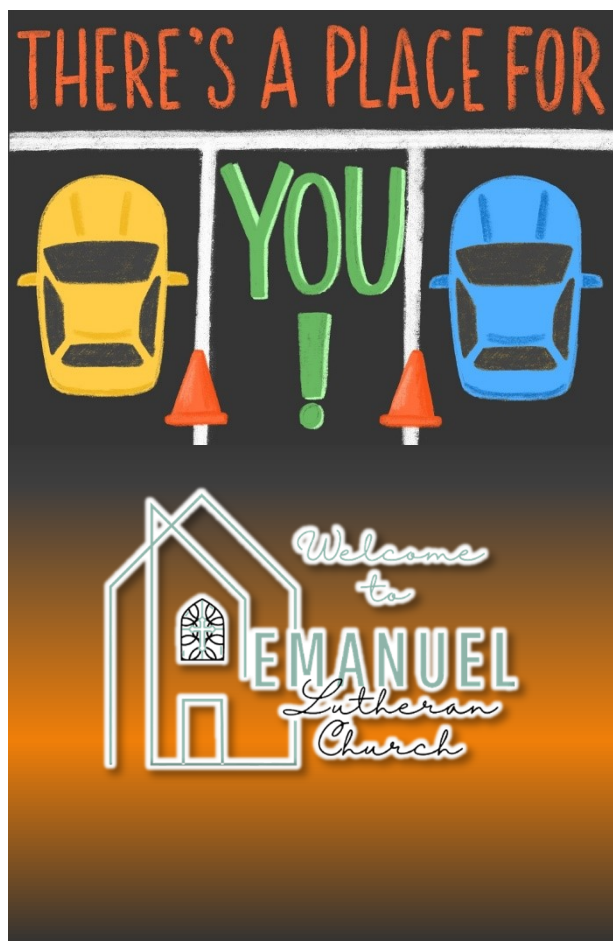
August Income: ..... \$20,699.22  
 August Expense: ..... **(-\$13,781.34)**  
 August Balance ..... \$6,917.88

YTD Income: ..... \$123,154.22  
 YTD Expense:..... **(-\$125,229.53)**  
 YTD Balance..... **(-\$2,075.31)**  
 Plus Carryover ..... \$9.12  
 General Budget Fund..... **(-\$2,066.19)**



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*Mission Statement: Forgiven by Grace, Serving by Faith*  
*Vision Statement: To Grow in Faith, Love, and Spirit*

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**Office Hours:** Monday 9 a.m.—1 p.m.,  
Tuesday –Friday 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the worship center followed by coffee hour in the community room. Services are streamed live on YouTube.

Children's Ministry:

Children will be dismissed to Sunday School after the Gospel reading during the Sunday worship service (September—May)

Staff:

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