

# Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

May 2022

## Happenings!

**Saturday, May 7**—Craft Inn

**Tuesday, May 10**—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet, North Broadway

Neighborhood Association Clean-Sweep

**Saturday, May 14**—Tea For Two

**Wednesday, May 18**—Newsletter Articles Due

**Sunday, May 22**—Last Day of Sunday 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**



Thank you to Simone and Matt Weber from Table Grace Café who helped lead worship on May 1. They also served food during coffee hour. Thank you to Darelene Jeppesen who helped arrange this in memory of her husband Gene.

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## A Post from the Pastor

BY PASTOR CARA KNUTSON



...Some assembly required. This was the theme for the synod assembly this year that recently took place at the Sioux Center convention center. The first call pastors, including me, were asked to carry in items to construct our worship space: saw horses and an old door for the altar, a quilt top for the parament, candlesticks, a plate and cup, and I got to carry a green plastic Menards bucket with plants in it. I always wanted to be a flower girl ☺ And it was on my birthday.

This theme of some assembly required seemed especially fitting as the church in Western Iowa Synod looks to the future at what the church looks like after a worldwide pandemic. Creativity, thinking outside the box, finding ways to be faithful to our heritage in this world of constant change. When I think of our community here at Emanuel I ask the same questions. What will our future look like as we move forward into our yet as unknown future? What will change, and how will we prepare for it? For us, too, some assembly is required.

Once of my favorite parts of synod assembly were the service projects. We could sign up for one of 15 groups and set out for lunch and a couple of hours of work. I went to a domestic abuse shelter and rolled up donations of Lula Roe pants and chatted with my young coworker—a 20 year old bank teller from Sioux City. She shared with me that she came back to church because she missed singing in the choir and getting to spend time with her church family. She thought that if someone called her letting her know that she was missed it would probably have encouraged her to come back to church sooner.

Last fall our finance committee led us in discussion groups for stewardship month and complied all of our input and presented it to the council. I also want to invite all of you to take part as well. If you see someone missing at church you can Reach Out to them and let them know you miss them and invite them back to church. And this, is, guess what? Outreach! Someone pointed out to me that inviting folks back to church is also a form of outreach.

I think the more we can share the good news outside of our four walls the better. We are a loving, kind and welcoming group of people and we need to get the word out that we're here and can be a church home for all kinds of people where God's love abounds.

And I wonder if there would be interest in one Sunday meeting at the church for gathering and prayer and then going out into the community to help out for an hour or two with different ministry groups in our community. If this peaks your interest and is something you'd like to make happen here let me know. I can also see how many people have read to this point. ☺

I've been in contact recently with St. Paul's Episcopal about meeting in order to plan doing some ministry together. We have interest in working together to see where we can come together to better serve our neighbors with Christ's love. This is exciting for me...stay tuned!

At synod assembly Isaiah 43:19 was another theme, "For behold I am doing a new thing, can you not see it?" God is already at work in our world and in our city, and in our community and in ourselves continually making something new. We are invited to stop and take the time to look and see what God is up to in the world and join in that work.

Ready to be surprised by God?

See you in church!

*Pastor Cara*



Esther Bender  
Robert Hesseltine  
Ruth Sullivan

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Bob Vergamini

Owen Hansen  
Norma Mass

Larry Hansen  
Tommy Schlott

## North Broadway Neighborhood Association

BY BRENDA WINSHIP,  
PRESIDENT OF NORTH BROADWAY  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



We will be having a North Broadway Neighborhood Association meeting on May 5th at 6:00 PM at the Emanuel Lutheran Church hall. We will discuss plans for upcoming events, as well as happenings in the neighborhood.

Please also mark your calendars for our yearly event "Clean Sweep" where we all work together as a community to clean up our streets and neighborhoods. This will take place on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM. CHI Mercy Hospital will be cleaning up from Mercy Hospital and work toward Kimball Park. Our duty as a group is to clean up around Kimball Park and extend north to Spencer/Christy Creme area. We also try to clean up some surrounding streets. If you are able to help, please do! Many hands make light work. Bring a trash bag and gloves and we will get our area looking nice again.

The 712 Initiative is adding an addition to the Clean Sweep event. There will be six public dumpster drop sites in Council Bluffs. One of these sites selected is at Emanuel Lutheran Church. At this site, you can bring items you wish to throw out as long as it is not a prohibited item. The dumpster will be placed for the May 14/15 weekend and will be picked up on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### DUMPSTER DAYS

Get a jump start on  
your Spring cleaning!

May 14th & 15th

THE 712  
INITIATIVE

#### PUBLIC DROP OFF SITES:

- Broadway Christian Church  
2658 Ave B
- City Light Church  
3200 Ave C
- Emanuel Lutheran Church  
2444 N. Broadway
- First Congregation Church  
611 1st Ave.
- The Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-Day Saints  
2303 Butler St.



May 1	Mike Winter
May 8	Chris Sorensen
May 15	Alan Ellis
May 22	Mark Ellis
May 29	Gary Stinson

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.**



Holy Humor Sunday on April 24 was filled with fun music, jokes and hijinks.



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

May 01

**Carly Sorensen**

May 02

**Abaigeal Plummer**

May 05

**Bob Parker**

May 06

**Anna Luther**

May 09

**Kyle Nordstrom  
Matt Solon**

May 10

**Alexander Bradshaw  
Riley Maxwell**

May 11

**Gary Stinson**

May 12

**Chris Sorensen**

May 13

**Richard Reed**

May 14

**Christi Hauschild**

May 19

**Mike Loos**

May 20

**Kenna Hite**

May 22

**Garrett Smith**

May 23

**Desirée Snell**

May 25

**Jennifer Clark  
Tiffany Pace**

May 26

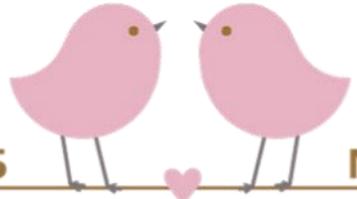
**Ryan Wilson**

May 27

**Jennifer Plummer  
Rick Stone**

May 30

**Brad Dahlke  
Debbie Ferguson**



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

May 03

**Gary & Judy Pleas**

May 8

**Gary & Cheryl Rowe**

May 11

**John & Glenda Smith II**

May 19

**Richard & Darlene Reed  
Sam & Wendi Hancock**

May 22

**Stephen & Michaela Lewis**

May 28

**Edward & Clarissa Haats**

May 29

**David & Linda Fietz  
Ed & Nina Reedy**

May 30

**Ron & Norma Stairs**

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, May 1</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Al Martens & Sid Dillon
Acolyte	Alex VanSickle
Lector	
Altar Guild	Pat Hiller
Communion Assistant	Angel McGee
Visual Tech	Pat Hiller
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
<b>Sunday, May 8</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Al Martens & Sid Dillon
Acolyte	Grace Nixt
Lector	Alan Ellis
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
<b>Sunday, May 15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Al Martens & Sid Dillon
Acolyte	Gabe VanSickle
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	
Visual Tech	
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
<b>Sunday, May 22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Al Martens & Sid Dillon
Acolyte	Mason Lewis
Lector	Alan Ellis
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
<b>Sunday, May 29</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Al Martens & Sid Dillon
Acolyte	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
LiveStream Tech	
Coffee Hour	

## 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>1</b> 9:30 am Service in Worship Center 9:30 am Sunday School in classrooms 10:30 am Coffee Hour	<b>2</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>4</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 6 pm NBNA Meeting 10 am Tai Chi	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am Craft Inn 
<b>8 Mother's Day</b> 9:30 am Service in Worship Center 9:30 am Sunday School in classrooms 10:30 am Coffee Hour 	<b>9</b> 9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 10 am Tai Chi	<b>10</b> 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet at Village Inn East 9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 4 pm—6 pm NBNA "Clean Sweep" 	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:30 am—1 pm Tea for Two 712 Initiative Clean Sweep Dumpster in Emanuel Parking Lot 
<b>15</b> 9:30 am Service in Worship Center 9:30 am Sunday School in classrooms 10:30 am Coffee Hour 712 Initiative Clean Sweep Dumpster in Emanuel Parking Lot 	<b>16</b> 10 am Tai Chi 7 pm Church Council Meeting 	<b>17</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>18</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group 	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Haats Family Using Community Room
<b>22</b> 9:30 am Service in Worship Center 9:30 am Sunday School in classrooms 10:30 am Coffee Hour	<b>23</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>24</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>25</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Girl Scouts in Community Room
<b>29</b> 9:30 am Service in Worship Center 10:30 am Coffee Hour	<b>30 Memorial Day</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>31</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>1</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Work Day 10 am Craft Inn 

# Happy Mother's Day



Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2021, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to nearly 500 families of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor a mother in your life this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://Facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## Bethany Lutheran

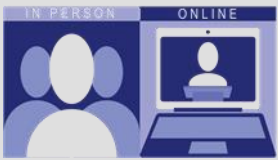




The quarterly meeting of Bethany Lutheran Health Services Auxiliary met April 11 at the Bethany Heights community room. Seven supporting churches were represented. Carol Jeppesen resigned as treasurer due to health issues. Jan Stone from Emanuel Lutheran, Council Bluffs volunteered to fill that position. Cece Mickells, spiritual advisor, installed Jan.

Christine Gouchenour, marketing director, said that their van will be in the "Celebrate Council Bluffs" parade on May 14. Amanda Richardson, activities director at the Home said on May 1 the supporting churches will resume playing bingo and monthly birthday parties with the residents. This will start slowly with only two persons per church at a session.

The new administrator for the Home, Tracey Gabeht, was introduced to the Auxiliary. Cece reported gratefully and happily that they had a full chapel on Palm Sunday! Angie Wagner, representing the Heights, shared that the community members there are back to eating out three meals a month.

Michael Thomas, activities director at the Heights said they are looking forward to gardening. He also noted that the Sunday church bus goes out each Sunday to bring residents to their chosen place of worship.

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Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Sunday School Attendance:	Online Sunday School Views:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
April 3	66	48	6	6	126	\$3,307.00
April 10	116	55	6	5	182	\$3,304.00
April 17	124	45	N/A	18	187	\$3,008.00
April 24	62	N/A	N/A	6	68	\$1,726.00

## Finance Team Update

March Income: .....\$6,938.00  
 March Expense: .....\$13,914.34  
 March Balance .....-\$6,976.34

YTD Income: .....\$62,162.00  
 YTD Expense: .....\$42,264.98  
 YTD Balance .....\$19,897.02  
 Plus Carryover.....\$14,978.52  
 General Budget Fund .....\$34,875.54



## Emanuel Lutheran Church

2444 North Broadway  
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Tea for Two*

**Saturday, May 14**  
**11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

**We will have a lite  
luncheon, entertainment  
and conversation.**

**RSVP to Chris Reed  
by May 8**  
**creed1907@aol.com or**  
**(712)435-9461**

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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)

### Staff:

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