



The Garden of Readin'

August, 2015

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Happenings!

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 13th. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Hennigs at the church office or at emanpas1@gmail.com.

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!

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

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.

God's Work, Our Hands

Another T-shirt order will be placed August 5th. Price will be \$8-\$10. To order, call Rosie Spangenberg at 402-672-6071

Emanuel Lutheran Church clearly does NOT take the summer off!

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

Dear friends in Christ,

I have a bit of news to share from our last church council meeting.

Bishop Rodger Prois and Rev. Jeff Unga, Director for Evangelical Mission in the Western Iowa Synod, have approached Kevin Epperson and me to propose that Emanuel Lutheran Church will consider a process of congregational renewal and redevelopment. According to the Division for Evangelical Mission's description, "Congregations receiving support in this program need a new missional identity in order to focus on ministry in a new way. These congregations have been declining and may (but not necessarily) have had some ministry crisis or significant losses. These congregations form a covenant and receive transformational training as a mandatory component of being in this program."

The ELCA's Division for Evangelical Mission assists synods of this church in launching new ministries and renewing existing ministries for witness and service. "Congregational renewal is a Biblical journey by which [existing] congregations deepen their understanding of the word of God, expand their practice of the word into the world, and share with others the beauty of the word and its relevance for the Christian walk into the world. The journey will result in a more active engagement in God's mission and an increase in their capacity for multiplying ministry in the world." (from the Program Description of this service from the Division for Evangelical Mission).

Our Bishop and our Director for Evangelical Mission invite Emanuel Lutheran Church to enter a process of Congregational Renewal and Redevelopment with me as the pastoral leader at Emanuel Lutheran Church for this process. That proposal was shared with our church council for further consideration. The council will engage in reflection and in conversation with the congregation regarding this invitation.

If the congregation would agree to this invitation, the congregation would agree to call me for a "term call" of up to five years. A term call is a call from a congregation for a specified period of time with a specific purpose for that call. The purpose of this term call would be congregational redevelopment and renewal for Emanuel Lutheran Church. Then the congregation would budget some funds (up to \$500) to send me to the ELCA's Mission Redeveloper Training event in Chicago in February of 2016. Then the church council, in consultation with me, would appoint a seven member Renewal Team to oversee this process and report monthly to the church council and quarterly to the congregation on the progress of this process. The Renewal Team would begin its work at the point where the Transition Team has completed its work. If plans for renewal were to involve substantial investments of funds for current staff, for facility renovation, for ministry program materials, or other items related to growing the ministry here, the Renewal Team could develop a plan and submit a funding request to the Division for Evangelical Mission.

The process of congregational renewal is open-ended. Even though there are limits to this process in the term call model and the funding availability, the intention is that a congregation will learn how to be a continually renewing community of faith. Nothing would please Brenda and me more than to spend this time serving with you. Please be sure to share your thoughts, questions and concerns with a member of our Church Council. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our discernment with you.

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...

August 1	Will Schademann	August 10	Larry Britton	Aug 25	Jeann Foster
August 2	Ryan McSorley		Landyn Stinson	Aug 26	Jack Og
August 3	Debra Ebsen	August 13	Dustin Loos		Leslie Wilson
August 4	Kim Egnor	August 15	Jessica Winter	Aug 27	Tyler Steensland
	Baylee Snyder	August 17	Katelyn	Aug 28	Anna Ellingsen
	Gene Jeppesen	Longnecker			Wendi Hite
August 6	Crystal Juhl	August 18	Samantha Smith	Aug 30	Mark Ellis
August 7	Andrea Britton	August 20	Ryan Loos		Tammy Nordstrom
August 9	Alexis Gress	August 23	Mahala McGee		Rose Matuszeski
			Mildred Rogers		

Anniversaries...

August 6	Rick & Jan Stone	August 10	Barry & Tina Larson
August 7	Jeff & Sandy Smith	August 15	John & Barb Burns

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



Property Team

Mowers for August

August 2 - Tyler Hansen

August 9 – Jesse Hansen

August 16 – Mike Winter

August 23 – Chris Sorensen

August 30 – Alan Ellis

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.

WORK DAY PAINT-A-THON

Wear your painting clothes, bring whatever painting tools you have, if any, and help in painting the Fellowship Hall on

Saturday, August 29th, starting about 8:00 A.M.

There will also be outside sprucing up to do.

Look forward to seeing you!

Emanuel's Property Committee

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

June Income: \$7,949.14 YTD Income: \$60,564.24

June Expense: \$13,814.78 YTD Expense: \$74,725.96

(June expense includes \$3800.00 for Sanctuary lights; this expense will be drawn from the Property & Grounds Capitol Fund)

Actual June Expense: \$10,014.78

Actual YTD Expense: \$70,925.96

June Balance: -\$2065.65 YTD Balance: -10,361.72

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.

Synod Assembly Report!

Jeff and I went to Synod Assembly on May 29th and 30th, 2015 at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, Iowa.

This year the meeting was more condensed than other years but it was full. After devotions on Friday, one of the highlights of the assembly was having the camp counselors from Lutheran Lakeside lead worship. Here's to Allyson Sorensen for being a part of that!

On Saturday, Emanuel was acknowledged for celebrating its 125th anniversary and for giving 10% more to mission.

I think the best resolution was "We Are The Church----Facing Hunger", This was to as a synod collectively gather and donate 100,000 pounds of food or monetary equivalent to area food banks in our synod. A list of local food banks was given to us (there are about 30) which are located in northwest Iowa.

This resolution was resoundingly adopted by the assembly and I thought it was the most thoughtful and prayerful resolution.

On Saturday, we ended with worship at about 7:30 p.m. Worship was wonderful again as it was on Friday evening.

These are just a few notes about the assembly. If anyone has question let Jeff and I know.

One more thing, I was elected to Synod Council representing Rivers of Grace. I have been to one meeting on June 25, 2015. It was mostly orientation, but I will also try to keep you updated on that as more meetings occur.

Thanks for everyone's support and prayers.

Submitted by Sandy Smith



Diapers for Detroit!

Thanks to all who donated money and diapers for our gathering attendees to take to

Detroit. Free will donations from the coffee hour along with the donated diapers gave us a grand total of 2,205 diapers along with 51 youth disposable underpants!

Special thanks to Angel McGee who purchased cases of diapers through her employer at a reduced cost and also to an individual who donated 960 baby wipes!

Emanuel Holds Outdoor Worship August 23rd

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 23rd.

"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 22nd, 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 23rd. 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 15th at 10 a.m. Bring tools for cutting branches and removing weeds.

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

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 23rd 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!





Bethany Golf Outing **Update-The Annual** **Bethany Best Ball Golf**

Outing is just around the corner. Watch for more information and registration information in the coming weeks. The event will be held this year at **Dodge Riverside Golf Course in Council Bluffs on Saturday, September 19th**. The outing is open to everyone. Individuals, Couples and Foursomes are welcome!!

Bethany Auxiliary Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale- Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy great food and fellowship at the annual Bethany Auxiliary Salad Luncheon, **September 16th** from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The luncheon and bake sale will be held at Saint John Lutheran Church 633 Willow Avenue in Council Bluffs. Tickets are \$7. We promise you won't go away hungry!! Join us for lunch and grab some goodies from the bake sale for later.

Nonpareil Reader's Choice- Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights, *YOUR Nursing Home Rehabilitation and Assisted Living Facilities*, have been selected by the community through the Nonpareil's Reader's Choice contest for the past several years (at least 5). This award comes by way of the community's recognition of the care and compassion provided by all of our staff each day. We would encourage you to take a few moments and cast a ballot for this year's categories. Paper ballots can be found in the Nonpareil Paper or you can vote on-line at www.nonpareilonline.com. Your ballot must contain at least 50 entries, but there are many categories to select from. (You do not need to subscribe to the paper or live in the community of Council Bluffs). Bethany is the **BEST** because of you. Help us continue to spread the word. The deadline for submitting a ballot is approaching. For more information, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Thank you for your continued support.

Garden Produce Wanted-Our Bethany Residents and Tenants always enjoy home-grown summer and fall garden produce. We know the weather has been difficult on many gardens, but if you have extra produce you would be willing to share, we would love it. Please feel free to bring it to either Bethany Lutheran Home or Bethany Heights. Thank you in advance for sharing your bountiful garden harvest and for remembering Bethany.



School is right around the corner! As children and teens adjust to a new classroom routine, the transition can

often bring to light behavioral issues that may stem from a mental health diagnosis, such as ADHD, anxiety, depression or oppositional defiant disorder. Did you know Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) partners with schools across the state to provide mental health services right in their schools? This makes it easier to collaborate with educators and reduce the transportation barrier that sometimes makes it hard for families to attend appointments. We are grateful for opportunities to provide therapy for uninsured and underinsured children who otherwise might not get the help they need.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Making a "Day and Night" Difference for Ethan

Kim was at her wit's end. Her son Ethan, who had been bullied, was fighting with other youth at his middle school. Her daughter Dejah was also struggling with her parents' divorce. "I didn't know what to do," Kim said. "I'd tried everything." Ethan's school eventually referred Kim to LSI's Brief Intensive Services. And that's when everything changed. "It was day and night with the kids," she said. "At first they weren't doing so great, but after awhile it was a complete turnaround." LSI's Brief Intensive Services does just what its name describes – an LSI caseworker partners with a family for short time, meeting as often as needed, to help children and teens who are struggling with school, a crisis or behaviors. The unique community program, available in the Muscatine and Davenport areas, is made free to families by local funders and supports those who may not qualify for traditional services.

Ethan warmed up quickly to his LSI caseworker Ryan during weekly meetings. He started building skills like learning how to calmly handle frustration and how to make and keep friendships. "I was nervous about people coming to our home and how Ethan would react," Kim said. "But I thought if someone came where he's comfortable, he might open up." LSI helped the family learn to communicate again. Today Ethan is getting all A's and B's in school. His school suspensions are a thing of the past, and he's made some new friends.

"Things are more stable," Kim said. "We can talk and cope rather than yelling and screaming. LSI helped us understand each other better."

Women's Ministry

Emanuel women will soon have a display to sell Fair Trade coffee!

Started in 1996, the LWR Coffee Project is a collaboration between Equal Exchange and Lutheran World Relief to involve Lutheran communities and individuals in supporting small farmers around the world.



For each pound of fairly traded coffee, tea, and foods Lutherans purchase through the LWR Coffee Project, 20 cents per pound goes

to LWR's Small Farmer Fund. That Fund amounted to \$34,435.48 in 2014 alone!

The Small Farmers Fund has supported a number of LWR projects across multiple regions. Below, are a few projects that the SFF supported in recent years:

- "Strengthening Small Coffee Farmers in Flores through Capacity Building;" Program Dates 10/14–9/15; This project aims to improve the livelihood and strengthen the ability of 100 small-scale farmers in Flores, Indonesia through teaching sustainable agriculture efforts.
- "Strengthening Food Autonomy and Self Government in Arhuaca Communities of Ye; In partnership with Programa de Desarrollo y Paz del Cesar, LWR worked to reduce food insecurity by improving the marketing, production and institutional organization for coffee produced by three indigenous communities. This project directly worked with 4,629 individuals, specifically 1,929 men and 2,700 women, while promoting sustainable agriculture and strengthening self-government among the Arhuaca communities to improve indigenous economies and food autonomy.
- APOKO: Coffee producers working together in Rachuonyo South to sustain their livelihoods; LWR worked to improve the livelihood of more than 5,500 coffee producers in the Rachounyao South district in Kenya by significantly increasing both coffee production and farmers' income.

A Note about Equal Exchange: Equal Exchange is a Fair Trade organization that buys directly from small-scale farmer cooperatives, owned and run by the farmers themselves. Because our farmer partners are paid above market prices for their crops, they are able to make investments in community projects, educational programs, and technical trainings. These cooperative organizations also help keep rural communities healthy and strong, and keep local cultures vibrant. Equal Exchange is also committed to supporting sustainable farming methods that help green the earth through reforestation, natural resource conservation and organic practices.



It's hard to believe our long awaited trip to Detroit is over. It would take pages to describe the life changing experiences all of us had over our 6-day trip. Together we learned how our individual stories are God's story, explored the social justice issues facing this world and how we as the church respond, and we were deeply immersed in a Detroit neighborhood where we work along neighbors to clean up debris and trash. We laughed and cried and together explored what it means to Bear Burdens, Break Chains, Build Bridges, and Bring Hope. We were able to see how we, as young adults committed to social justice, can engage in the larger church. We will never be the same and you will see our commitment to Rising Up displayed in our actions and our activities. We want to thank the congregation for their support as we planned and prepared for this trip. Thanks to your generous support, not only were we able to fully fund the trip, we also donated over 2200 diapers and left \$500 in offering and mission support. As we get back to our daily lives we remember the words of Speaker Marian Wright-Edleman "Jesus didn't win any popularity contest. He got out there and spoke the mandate of the gospel."

WIDER MINISTRIES NEWS

School will be starting soon and we are collecting school supplies. Last year we donated them to Heartland Family Services. There are many groups putting school supplies together and we will donate where we feel the most need. There are boxes in the entry way at church and there is a list of requirements from the schools posted. School supplies are always needed and greatly appreciated.

In June, Mary Oneill from Heartland Family Services told us about the services they offer in the area of mental health. She told us about a new crisis hot line called HOPE4IOWA. Calling this hot line will connect you with a helping hand and the resources to address and improve mental wellness. It is available 24/7. There is a poster and cards available in the Fellowship Hall. The number to call is 844-673-4469. If you have questions feel free to contact me. Our Joyful Noise Offering for August will be for Habitat for Humanity. A work day is being planned for Habitat in September. Habitat for Humanity's goal of providing housing for those in need is an ongoing ministry. Richard Reed is coordinating the work day so watch for the information and take advantage of the opportunity to take part. There is a list of items needed at Phoenix House on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you can help with any of those things it will be greatly appreciated. There is a blue plastic container for donations.

As always thank you for your generosity and caring and for spreading God's love to others.



Thanks to everyone for the cards, calls, and condolences when my brother passed.
Penny Dahlke

I would like to thank Pastor Hennigs and the women of Emanuel and others who sent well wishes for my recovery, before and after surgery.
Jim Andersen

125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEWS

Remember when . . .

1911 - Paving of Mill Street

August - "Meeting of the Board of Trustees met informally and discussed what procedure we should follow in the paying of the paving of Mill Street. The majority favored the subscription plan and it was decided to call a general meeting to decide the course to follow." In the October 1911 minutes it is noted "Our pastor, Rev. Glad, reported to the Board that the entire subscription for the paying of the pavement on Mill St. had been secured."

In the original journal of Council Meetings 1890-1926 on Pages 131 and 134-135 there is a "**Redovisning of subscription for the gatabilaggning 1911**" (translated as: "Accounting of subscription for the settlement of the street"). On these pages it appears that 50 people subscribed between \$2-\$20 for the paving. \$314 was subscribed and \$443.19 was paid out. I believe the street paving cost to be \$341 and the sidewalk paving an additional \$100. According to the Council Bluffs City Clerk's records, E.A. Wichman paved Mill St. from 8th to Scott, among other streets, beginning in 1910 and finishing in 1911.

The City Clerk posted a notice in the Co. Bluffs Daily Nonpareil on the 15th & 16th of August 1911; and on August 12, 1911 hand bills were posted along the streets, avenues and alleys where said paving occurred. If not paid, said assessment would be levied and assessed against each lot, part of lot and parcel of ground.

If you would like to read the Assessment Resolution by the City Council in full, a copy is in the Anniversary display case in the fellowship hall.

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.

The 125th Committee is inviting you to bring your memorabilia for display in the Anniversary Hutch in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure you attach a note explaining what it is and who it belongs to so it can be displayed and returned. Thanks for sharing!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

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

August 2015	
August 2	9:30 a.m. Communion
Acolyte	Kylie Hansen
Lector	Jan Husmann
Children's Sermon	John Husmann
Communion Assistant	Karen McPartland
Communion Set-Up	Jane & Phil Meyer
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
August 9	9:30 a.m. Communion
Acolyte	Clare Plummer
Lector	Abaigh Plummer
Children's Sermon	Brenda Hennigs
Communion Assistant	Peggy Jarrell
Communion Set-Up	Connie Eyberg & Carol Fahrenkrug
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs
August 16	9:30 a.m. Communion
Acolyte	Tyler Steensland
Lector	Angel McGee
Children's Sermon	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistant	Penny Dahlke
Communion Set-Up	Schademann Family
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
August 23	9:30 a.m. Communion
Acolyte	Owen Hansen
Lector	Deann Over
Children's Sermon	NONE
Communion Assistant	Elaine Sasso
Communion Set-Up	Jim & LaWayne Andersen
Visual Tech	Jane Anderson
August 30	9:30 a.m. Communion
Acolyte	Shae Nickels
Lector	Alan Ellis
Children's Sermon	NONE
Communion Assistant	Judy Heithoff
Communion Set-Up	Brenda Hennigs
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso

August Flowers

August 2
August 9
August 16 Rick & Jan Stone
August 23 Angel McGee
August 30

August Coffee Hour

August 2 Lowell & Brenda H- Fresh Start Team
August 9 Youth Committee for LLC
August 16 Emanuel Fresh Start Team
August 23 Judi Malloy – Fresh Start Team
August 30 Darlene Jeppesen - Fresh Start Team

*The flower chart is hanging on the bulletin board at the usher station. The coffee hour chart is in the Fellowship Hall.

JULY ATTENDANCE & GIVING

June 28	167 (Bayliss Prk)	\$630
July 5	67	\$3707
July 12	102	\$3405
July 19	73	\$3978
July 26	78	\$1423

AUGUST 2015 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
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2 9:30am Worship & Holy Comm 10:30 Fellowship & Coffee Hr 10:45am New Bible Class 6:30 pm Book study	3 11:00am Tai Chi	4	5 9:30 am Mission Action 5:00 Garage Sale Prep	6 9:30 am Adult Stdy 11:00am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Game Day 5:00 Garage Sale Prep 7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship	7 Office Closed 5:00 Garage Sale Prep	8 8am to 2pm Garage Sale
9 9:30am Worship & Holy Comm 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hr 10:45 am New Bible Class 2pm to 4pm Remembrance Tea 6:30 pm Book study	10 <i>Cookie Crumbs</i> 11:00am Tai Chi	11 <i>Cookie Crumbs</i> 8:30 am ROMEOs 7 pm Council Meeting	12 9:30 am Mission Action 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 7:00 pm DaBand	13 9:30 am Adult Stdy 11:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm N Broadway Nghbrhd Assn 7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship	14 Office Closed	15
16 9:30am Worship & Holy Comm 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hr 10:45am New Bible Class 10:45am Photo Identifying 6:30 pm Book Study	17 11:00am Tai Chi 5:30pm Anniv Team 6:30 pm Worship & Music Comm 7:00 pm MS Support Group	18 7 pm Children & Youth Min. Mtg	19 9:30 am Mission Action 7:00 pm DaBand	20 9:30 am Adult Stdy 11:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship	21 Office Closed 9:30 am Blessing & Brunch	22
23 9:30am OUTDOOR Worship & Holy Comm 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hr 10:45 am Confirmation Orientation 6:30 pm Book Study	24 11 am Communion at Midlands 11:00 am Tai Chi	25	26 9:30 am Mission Action 7:00 pm DaBand	27 11:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship	28 Office Closed	29 FALL WORK DAY 8am to ??
August 30 Joyful Noise! 9:30am Worship & Holy Comm 10:30 Fellowship & Coffee Hr 6:30 pm Book study	August 31 11:00am Tai Chi					

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry

By Michaela Lewis

Mark your calendars!

September 12th, 9 am - 1 pm – God's Work, Our Hands

While parents volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, we will be having a service project for kids in the fellowship hall!

**God's work.
Our hands.**

Rally Sunday!



September 13th – Rally Sunday

Kids three years old to 5th grade are welcome to join us for fun and games to kick-off the Sunday school year!

Thank you to the fantastic staff from Lutheran Lakeside for an exciting week of day camp. I'm grateful to all who served as volunteers for the week! Special thanks to Deann, Brenda, Linda and all who helped plan and organize day camp! We had 9 campers for the week as well as some great 8th graders who helped with camp!



God's Unending Love



EMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council minutes for 07/14/2015-submitted by Suzanne Winter

Present: Penny Dahlke, Kevin Epperson, CharLes Kemmish, Karen McPartland, Oscar Over, Chris Reed, Matt Solon, Ruth Sullivan, Suzanne Winter, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Carrie Hansen, Dani Schaal, Mike Winter

7 p.m. meeting called to order by President Kevin Epperson.

Devotions: Ruth Sullivan-*Prayer for Peace*

Council Agenda:

- Oscar motioned, Chris 2nd that Ruth Sullivan be approved to replace Debbie Ferguson on the church council. Motioned approved
- Secretary's June minutes-Motion to approve by Oscar, 2nd by Chris. Approved
(written reports available to congregation from specific committees or from Brenda)
- Financial Secretary's (Consolidated) report-Discussion by Oscar explained that approximately \$3800 from the Building & Ground Fund came out of the wrong account but this will soon be corrected. Motion to approve report made by Oscar, 2nd by Penny. Approved
- Treasurer's report-Oscar moved to accept, 2nd by Ruth. Approved
- Capital Fund report-Motion by Oscar, 2nd by CharLes. Approved
- Memorial Fund report-Motion by Oscar, 2nd by Karen. Approved
- Oscar mentioned Special Needs Fund still has funds available. This fund was established to assist members of Emanuel should the need arise. Pastor is in charge of disbursement with approval from council president, vice president or treasurer.
- Pastor's written report was submitted-he called our attention to the following items:
 1. The Anniversary Team met June 15. He mentioned the upcoming Remembrance Tea on August 2. He had just visited David Appel who was in the hospital for pneumonia. David was scheduled to be released and visited with pastor about all his stories he would be sharing at the tea.
 2. Pastor requested vacation from August 24-30. Suzanne motioned that council approve this vacation, Penny 2nd. Approved
- Stewardship Committee-lengthy discussion between Oscar and council about budget being in the negative. In January the congregation voted to approve the current budget which was higher than the anticipated receipts. There were many issues causing the higher budget such as increased premiums for health insurance, trying to give a little more to synod, etc. Not wanting to cut services the congregation voted to approve the 2015 budget hoping that faith giving would cover the difference. It was suggested a temple talk in September might be needed to encourage members to help make up the difference. The committee will continue to monitor the situation to keep the council informed.
- Youth & Children's Ministries-written report provided. Pastor mentioned that the youth plus over 3,000 diapers had departed that morning for their gathering in Detroit 4 hours late due to communication error by bus company. But by the end of the council meeting we learned the bus was 150 miles from Detroit so youth would arrive ahead of schedule.
- Fellowship & Support-Pastor mentioned coffee hour was covered.
- Property Committee presented a written report. Oscar stated that the fall work day would be August 29. The fellowship hall & kitchen would be painted at that time. Members had suggested the walls be painted Khaki Sand. Penny motioned that all walls be painted that color, Ruth 2nd. Approved. Oscar mentioned the A/C for the office had to be fixed by Moore's Heating & Air. He also informed us that the flat roof over the older part of the building had to be repaired by Bates Roofing.

- Wider Ministries-no report but Suzanne mentioned that Judy was to decide what organization should receive the Joyful Noise offering in July. Judy was planning on speaking with Pastor about the Special Needs Fund. If that did not need additional funds she would speak with Kanesville Therapy. The 3rd possibility was MICAH House.
- Worship & Music-written report submitted. Kevin discussed the following items:
 1. Emanuel's annual garage sale on August 8 would disperse profits as follows: 50% to the 125th Anniversary Committee, 15% (maximum of \$500) to Fresh Start Team, 35% to Worship & Music
 2. Fire Pit Night with Community Open House Saturday October 10
 3. a larger amplifier and a monitor were purchased by the committee
 4. hanging the projectors in the sanctuary will be done when the lighting work is completed.
 5. new Paraments still being discussed by the committee
 6. Rosie to check about ordering more "God's Work Our Hands" t-shirts
 7. Debbie Ferguson to check with Woodman about getting different flags that would fit our flag poles.
- Evangelism-did not meet but CharLes reported to council her research regarding digital signage. She has spoken with at least 4 congregations who have made the switch to exterior digital signs for the front of their buildings. Prices ranged from \$2700 up to \$10,000 depending on volunteers vs. professional installation, size, ordered locally vs. on line, etc. She spoke with the city about permits. Council mentioned that the church will probably need an electrical permit. She was advised to continue her investigation, seek bids, etc. so the Evangelism committee could make an informed request to the Council about signage. Pastor recommended that the request be presented to the congregation at the annual congregational meeting.
- Mutual Ministries-no report

Old Business

- 125th Anniversary Committee-Congregation encouraged to attend the upcoming Remembrance Tea. In honor of the 125th celebration the committee proposed a mission project through the synod, which would be a donation of text books to a girl's school in Tanzania.
- Transition Team-final task is to complete the ministry sight profile. Profile would then be presented to council, then the congregation, before going to synod for approval. Profile should be completed soon.
- Copier-Oscar reported that the copy machine can be purchased for \$1 when our lease runs out on November 1. Solutions, the company that services it, said they could continue to service the copier after Nov. 1 for approx. \$132/month. This is about a \$90 savings per month because the machine would be paid for at the end of current lease agreement. Suzanne motioned that Oscar be authorized to make these arrangements. CharLes 2nd. Pastor stated that the copier has worked well over the last few years, much better than most of the copy machines he has worked with in the paste. Motion approved

New Business

- Ruth & a few other members have been sorting through storage areas. They have found
 1. one broken table
 2. two broken ping pong tables
 3. 17 unused desk chairs
 4. theater lights
 Ruth has checked with the appropriate members of church to make sure these items are unwanted. She asked council for permission to dispose of them by finding new homes, putting in the garage sale, etc. Oscar so moved that council grant her this authority, Suzanne 2nd. Motion approved
- Little Free Library-they are being painted. Penny suggested that the one being installed on the east side of church should be set so cars would not stop on the roadway. This would block travel for emergency vehicles & other cars. It was suggested that the library doors be turned so they open towards the church and not towards the road.
- Handicap spaces-members have asked for more handicap spaces now that Emanuel has permanently gone to one service. Suzanne motioned that the Property Committee be authorized to add 3 more handicap spaces to the lower parking lot placed where the committee felt they needed to be. Plus, as pastor suggested, to install a sign in the lower parking lot directing over flow traffic to the upper parking lot. Chris 2nd motion. Approved

- It was suggested we send Larry & Tyler Hansen a thank you for restoring the corner stone. Also a thank you to Brad Dahlke for his work on the lights in the sanctuary & the gutter over the front entrance. Chris will contact Debbie to bring the cards that were made by members to the office so they can be used for this. Once the cards are at church Kevin will send out the thank you notes.
- It was brought to our attention that Kevin & pastor had recently met with Bishop Prois and Rev. Jeff Unga. The purpose of the meeting was to explore a possible call for Pastor Hennigs to remain at Emanuel as a “term pastor” transitioning from an “interim pastor”. Term pastors are called by the congregation itself rather than from the synod. This call could last up to five years. Pastor’s roll would be to help Emanuel with its redevelopment and renewal to grow in faith. Pastor said he was agreeable to this and has served in this capacity before. Pastor mentioned that Emanuel’s highest attendance of 162 people a week was back in 1989. Attendance has been declining since then. There are grants available for congregations who need financial help with this process. The congregation would need to budget around \$500 to send Pastor Hennigs to the Mission Redeveloper Training event in Chicago next February. Once the Transition Team has completed its work then a Renewal Team of 7 members would be appointed to oversee this process and to report monthly to council & quarterly to congregation. This could take up to 3 years. Pastor left the room so council could discuss this further. Remarks by council were very positive towards this possibility. Kevin directed council to speak with other members about this matter to see how members felt about it. Council will discuss this possibility at our next meeting.

Motion to adjourn approved. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting: 8/11/2015 7 PM

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Game Day

Thursday, August 6th at 1:00pm
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Romeo's (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Tuesday August 11th @ 8:30a.m. at
Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, August 12th at 11:30
a.m. at Pizza Ranch

Women of Emanuel Blessings & Brunch

August 21st at 9:30am. All women
are welcome!

Mission Action Committee (Quilters)

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



SAVE THE DATE!

FALL WORK DAY!!! Saturday August 29th from 8:00
am to ?? Bring tools and stay as long as you can. Painting
the Fellowship Hall is on the agenda too! Help sprucing up
inside and outside is needed! Many hands make light the
work!