

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

March 2020

Happenings!

Wednesday, March 4—Lenten Dinner & Services begin weekly on Wednesday nights

Sunday, March 8—Confirmation

Friday, March 20—Help at Our Savior's Food & Pet Food Pantry

Thursday, April 9—Maundy Thursday services at noon and 7 pm, Middle & High School Youth Lock-In

Friday, April 10—Good Friday services at noon and 7 pm

Sunday, April 12—Easter Services at 7 am & 9:30 am, breakfast and egg hunt between services

Mission Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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



Ron and Alice Smith were our Mardi Gras royalty this year.

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A Post from the Pastor

BY PASTOR CARA KNUTSON

Dear good people of Emanuel-

O Happy Day! It continues to be an honor to serve you as your pastor. What a beautiful installation we celebrated together. I want to send out a big thank you to all those who helped with food and decorations, flowers, set up, and everything else for my installation. Thank you Jan for compiling pictures.

Now we find ourselves in Lent and some of you may have taken up a discipline for our next forty days. I decided to go with a classic and am giving up candy mainly for health benefits. It takes 21 days to make a habit and actually change your brain chemistry rewiring your brain into new patterns. Lent can also be a time to take up a new habit, like joining choir.

Taking on a new practice can set up good habits that can continue well after Easter. The whole point is that when we decline that piece of candy or pick up that piece of fruit we do something different and that doing something different reminds us of the season. And the season of Lent is about preparing ourselves for the remembrance of Jesus' death. The message of the cross is so large that it takes a lifetime to live into its meaning.

How have we nailed Jesus to the cross by what we have done and what we have left undone? How do we continue to do so? Lent is a solemn and stark reminder that, from Isaiah, "all we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

In the sweet swap of salvation Jesus says to us, "let's trade. I'll take on all of your sin and I'll give you all of my righteousness". So Jesus pays the cost of the promise made long ago between God and God's people. God will be our God and we will be God's people. When we break that promise God pays the consequence and dies so that we may continue to live and go on loving God.

Thank goodness Easter is around the corner to bring us into new life, new joy, and new ways of being the faithful in God's good world.

May you have the Lent you need to experience the Easter joy God intends for you!



THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who helped cover various duties while I was out on maternity leave. Spencer Lewis made his debut on January 13, about a week earlier than planned. So although I tried to have things ready to go, not everything was prepared for the volunteers as much as I planned. I am very grateful for all the help while I was away on maternity leave.



CARD SHOWER: Ruth Nelson is turning a young 80 years-old in March and her kids are throwing her a birthday card shower! If you would like, please send her a birthday card at the following address:
822 So. Main (Prime Square) #316
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503.



JIM HAMILTON FUNERAL: the family of Jim Hamiton would like to invite you to his funeral on Saturday, April 25 at 10:30 am. A reception will follow the service in the community room.



7th Mardi Gras Celebration!

BY DEANN OVER

Over 125 attended and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon filled with music, food, fun and fellowship at our 7th annual celebration on Sunday, February 23!

Over \$1,700 raised!

We wish to especially thank Thrivent. As an approved Thrivent Action Team Project, we received \$250 as seed money to apply toward food for the event.

Emanuel's Mardi Gras celebration could not be accomplished without the help of so many volunteers! Our special thanks to:

- Da Band – regulars and guest musicians - for sharing their musical talents (Cindy Richards, Rosie Spangenberg, Kevin Epperson, Mike Hipnar, Alex Skovgaard, Kylie Hansen, Mason Gaerrens)
- And new this year – the harmonica crew: Ron Reiff, Matt Solon, Kevin Epperson and Mike Loos accompanied by Cindy Richards.
- Queen Alice and King Ron Smith, Emanuel's 2020 royalty
- Grey Steensland for chaffering the royal couple to and from the celebration
- Pastor Cara for welcoming our guests
- Linda Steensland and Amy Rickard who prepared the delicious "Taste of Cajun" specialties

- CharLes Kemmish who organized the silent auction and all who donated such a variety of wonderful items!
- Michaela Lewis – our photographer who captured the memories and posted on facebook.
- Those who decorated the Community Room: Kevin Epperson, Linda Steensland, Connie Solon, Angel McGee, CharLes & Ken Kemmish, Kyle & Chris Sorensen and Jan Husmann
- Angel McGee for the loan of her tower vases for our centerpieces and mascot "Mardi"
- Jan Husmann and Rosie Spangenberg for trimming the purple tablecloths
- The kitchen team who prepped and served: Adults: Jamie & Tyler Hansen, Angel McGee, Pat Hiller, Amy & Nick Rickard and Linda Steensland. Youth: Lauren, Kylie and Tori Hansen and Nikki Rickard
- And finally, the clean-up crew: Team Hansen, Kevin Epperson, Angel McGee, Connie & Matt Solon, Carla & Mike Hipnar, John Spilde and Carol Farenkrug. Decorations were put away and the community room and kitchen cleaned – no one would know we had a party!

We've saved all the decorations – if you run across any throughout the year and are willing to donate – we can store them! Thanks again to everyone!

National Quilting Day Celebration

BY NORMA MORFORD

Our Savior's Lutheran Church wishes to extend an invitation to Emanuel young adults, men and women to attend our celebration of National Quilting Day. It will be held at OSL on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9AM to 3PM in the Fellowship Hall. This celebrates 75 years of Lutheran World Relief of quilting and donating 27 million quilts to be used around the world. We will have "hands on" demonstrations of cutting blocks, ironing, sewing quilt tops, tying quilts, etc., everything we do on a regular basis and send to LWR. There will also be coffee and refreshments. We hope to see you.





Glen Fahrenkrug
Paul Heath
Phyllis Fowler

Daralene Smith
Deloris Christensen
Bob Vergamini

Robert Hesseltine
Esther Bender

Kaye Bird
Jim Fowler

MARCH Birthdays

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| Mar. 01 Deloris Christensen | Mar. 10 Derek Knutson | Mar. 25 Mike Burns
Rosie Spangenberg |
| Mar. 02 Nick Haats | Mar. 13 Kinsley Cahalan
Caeli McDowell
Killion McDowell | Mar. 26 Stephen Lewis |
| Mar. 03 Judy Pleas
Alexander VanSickle | Mar. 16 Michael Garreans
Jill Gress | Mar. 27 John Husmann |
| Mar. 05 Gayle Grap | Mar. 17 Judith Borwick
Ron Stairs | Mar. 29 Ciara Hite
Chuck Madsen
Phil Meyer
Jim Nelson
John Smith |
| Mar. 06 Cheryl Ellis
Joel Hauschild
Croix Smith | Mar. 20 Jacquie Moats | Mar. 31 Emma Richards
Mia Richards |
| Mar. 08 Vern Buley
Dee Swanger | Mar. 21 Angelina Maxwell | |
| Mar. 09 Owen Hansen
Macy Kephart
Ruth Nelson | Mar. 22 Dean Loos
Anina Madsen | |

MARCH Anniversaries

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| Mar. 07 Chuck and Peg Madsen | Mar. 24 Tyler & Jamie Hansen |
| Mar. 08 Joel & Christi Hauschild | Mar. 31 Todd & April Eyberg |
| Mar. 13 Jerome & Wanda Thielen | Mar. 31 Philip & Jane Meyer |

*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*

Worship Assistant Schedule

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



Sunday, March 1	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Deann & Oscar Over
Acolyte	Mason Garreans
Lector	Amy Garreans
Children's Messages	Linda Steensland
Communion Assistants	Mason Garreans
Communion Set-Up	Carol Fahrenkrug
Visual Tech	Cheryl Rowe
Sunday, March 8	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Deann & Oscar Over
Acolyte	Nikki Rickard & Hanna Ferguson
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistants	Peggy Jarrell
Communion Set-Up	Connie & Matt Solon
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
Sunday, March 15	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Deann & Oscar Over
Acolyte	Haily Holcombe
Lector	
Children's Message	Elaine Sasso
Communion Assistants	Hailey Homcombe
Communion Set-Up	Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
Sunday, March 22	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Rosie Spangenberg
Ushers	Deann & Oscar Over
Acolyte	Angelina Maxwell & Reegan Maxwell
Lector	Elaine Sasso
Children's Message	John Husmann
Communion Assistants	Rosie Spangenberg, Elaine Sasso
Communion Set-Up	Char Les Kemmish & Deb Ebsen
Visual Tech	Karen Smith
Sunday, March 29	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Kyle Sorensen
Ushers	Grace Hansen & Kade Holcombe (Deann & Oscar Over)
Acolyte	Amari Johnson & Nikki Rickard
Lector	Kyle Sorensen
Children's Message	Judy Heithoff
Sermon	Mason Garreans
Communion Assistants	Kyle Sorensen, Nikki Rickard, Mason Garreans, Reegan Haats
Communion Set-Up	Amy Rickard
Visual Tech	Reegan Haats (Elaine Sasso)

March 1
Judy Heithoff for
Bethany Lutheran

March 8
Girl Scouts

March 16

March 22
Connie & Taylor
Edson

March 29
Children & Youth

The coffee hour sign-up chart is in the kitchen. Duties include starting coffee, pouring juice and clean-up.



March 1

March 8

March 16

March 22

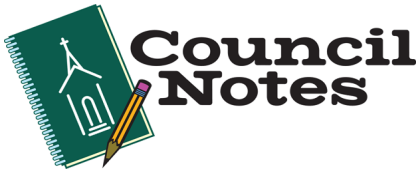
March 29

The flower sign-up is on the bulletin board above the usher stand.

If you are interested in helping with worship, please contact the church office, (712) 323-9665, emanuellutherancbia@msn.com or sign-up on our website at: www.emanuelcb.org

March 2020 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Kidz Kamp 11 am Choir Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi 6:30 am Children & Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 am Lenten Dinner 7 pm Lenten Service</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Bible Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 7 pm Band Practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Joyful Noise 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 11 am Choir Practice 10:45 am Kidz Kamp 10:45 am Wider Ministries 11 am Confirmation</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 9:30 am The Gathering (Women's Study Group) 11 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 am ROMEOS meet at Village Inn East 9 am Coobie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6 am Lenten Dinner 7 pm Lenten Service</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Bible Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Band Practice</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Kidz Kamp 11 am Choir Practice 10:45 am Worship & Music</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 6:30 pm Children & Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 am Lenten Dinner 7 pm Lenten Service</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Bible Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Band Practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Kidz Kamp</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 am Lenten Dinner 7 pm Lenten Service</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Bible Study 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Band Practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
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Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 02/24/2020

RECORDED BY ROSIE SPANGENBERG

Present: Pastor Cara Knutson, Mike Winter, Rosie Spangenberg, Stephen Lewis, John Spilde, Joel Hauschild, Alan Ellis, Nick Rickard, Matt Solon, Char Les Kemmish, Mike Loos, Alex Skovgaard

Absent: Jane Anderson

- A supper was served before the meeting. Thanks to Jan Husmann and Connie Solon for help in preparing and serving.
- The meeting was called to order at 6:57 p.m. by President Mike Winter. Council members shared information on how each came to be a member at Emanuel.
- Binders with necessary information were handed out to new council members and updates given to returning members. Thanks to Michaela for organizing these. Michaela also sent out the link to the drop box where council business is stored electronically.
- Secretary minutes from the January meeting: Motion to approve by Joel Hauschild, seconded by Alex Skovgaard. Motion carried.
- Financial secretary's report: Motion to approve by Nick Rickard, seconded by Alan Ellis. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's report: After some explanation by Matt Solon, motion to approve by John Spilde, seconded by Joel Hauschild. Motion carried.
- Capital Fund report: Motion to approve by Matt Solon, seconded by Nick Rickard. Motion carried
- Memorial Fund report: Motion to approve by Alan Ellis, seconded by Mike Loos. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Personnel policies/constitution update
 - * Nick reported that he and Amy Garreans are beginning work on this.
 - * Rosie reminded members that any changes would need to be approved by the council and then at a congregational meeting.
- Safety team
 - * Stephen is heading this up.
 - * Alex offered to assist.
- Tai Chi Group offer
 - * Rosie informed the council of the offer from this group to donate something to the church as a thank you for the use of space in the church.
 - * A possible idea would be something for the Prayer Path. Alan will bring that information to the FAITH Team.

New Business:

- Letter addressed to the council
 - * Mike Winter shared a letter from an Emanuel member dated January 29, 2020, expressing concern about the lack of raises being given to church employees in the new church budget.
 - * It was explained that the budget approved by the congregation at the annual meeting in January included a 3% raise for all employees, and that this raise took effect January 1, 2020.
- Pastor report
 - * Pastor Cara reminded council members that the early registration for the Western Iowa Synod Assembly to be held in May is March 31. Alex will attend along with the pastor. Funds are budgeted for one more registration from Emanuel. The council will revisit this at the March meeting.
- Current "Ministries at Emanuel Lutheran Church" document
 - * Rosie shared this and asked council members to take it back to the various ministries to be updated. Descriptions of the Fresh Start and FAITH teams need to be added. "Visitation" as part of "Evangelism" will become part of the newly combined FAITH and Evangelism Team.
- Council members responsible for giving ministry reports
- Stewardship/Finance (Matt), Youth and Children's Ministries (Stephen), Fellowship and Support (Mike Loos), Property (Joel), Wider Ministries (John), Worship and Music (Rosie), Fresh Start (John), FAITH and Evangelism (Alan and Mike Winter), Mutual Ministries (Nick)
- John brought up the possibility of adding back the "Prayer Chain." He will take this on.
- Mike Loos reported that he attended the installation of Pastor James Rut.
- Char Les gave a Mardi Gras (held February 23rd) update.
 - * Thrivent provided \$250 in start up funds.
 - * About 125 people attended.
 - * Dollars brought in: food (\$735) and silent auction (\$1048.51) for a total of \$1,783.51).
 - * Ron and Alice Smith were king and queen.
- John made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joel. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Pastor Cara then led the council through a "get to know you" activity.



Lenten Dinner Hosts

March 04
Women of the ELCA

March 11
Children/Youth

March 18
Wider Ministries

March 25
Children/Youth

April 1
FAITH Team



Jan and John Husmann and Linda Steensland, present a check from the January Joyful Noise offering to Brandy Wallar at New Visions Homeless Services.

March is National Professional Social Workers Month



March is National Professional Social Workers Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we're grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

Maybe you've never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you've had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

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 and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

January Income:	\$24,882.61	YTD Income:	\$24,882.61
January Expense:	\$15,352.15	YTD Expense:	\$15,352.15
January Balance	\$9,530.46	YTD Balance	\$9,530.46
		Plus Carryover	\$16,983.29
		General Budget Fund	\$26,513.75

Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



The scriptures read on Sunday morning follow a three-year cycle. We are now in the “A” year. One of the Lenten songs written specifically for the A year is “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” by Marty Haugen. Following the Lutheran tradition, the congregation often sings back what they have heard in the sermon (which is often based on the gospel reading for the day). This singing of the scriptures ingrains the texts into our being using a whole brain approach.



The first four verses “lead from the tree of life to wearing Christ’s body to following Christ as river follows sea to light and faith.” The last verses are written for each of the five Sundays in Lent. We will be using this song each Sunday with the specific verse written for that Sunday to “move from creation to blessing to the living water of salvation to shining gospel to beyond fear and sorrow.”

The tune used for this piece, Thomas (the middle name of Haugen’s son), is a typical AAB form making it very easy to learn. I hope you enjoy learning and singing this wonderful piece.

*Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
In your death we are reborn,
Though you die in all of history,
Still you rise with every morn,
Still you rise with every morn.*

*Light of life beyond conceiving,
Mighty Spirit of our Lord;
Give new strength to our believing,
Give us faith to live your word.
Give us faith to live your word.*

*Living Water of salvation,
Be the fountain of each soul;
Springing up in new creation,
Flow in us and make us whole.
Flow in us and make us whole.*

*We remember truth once spoken,
Love passed on through act and word,
Every person lost and broken
Wears the body of our Lord,
Wears the body of our Lord.*

*From the dawning of creation,
You have loved us as your own;
Stay with us through all temptation,
Make us turn to you alone.
Make us turn to you alone.*

*Give us eyes to see you clearly,
Make us children of your light;
Give us hearts to live more nearly
As your gospel shining bright.
As your gospel shining bright.*

*Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
Stumbling though our steps may be,
One with you in joy and sorrow,
We the river, you the sea,
We the river, you the sea.*

*In our call to be a blessing,
May we be a blessing true;
May we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do.
Christ as Lord of all we do.*

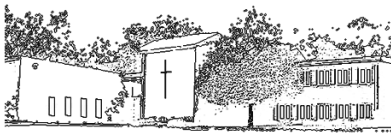
*God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death;
Hold us close through each tomorrow,
Love as near as every breath.
Love as near as every breath.*

- Marty Haugen



Attendance & Offering

Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
February 2	62	\$10,909.00
February 9	72	\$3,342.00
February 16	83	\$1,659.00
February 23	120	\$2,274.00



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Game Day

Thursday, March 5th
1 p.m.

Emanuel Community Room

R.O.M.E.O.'S

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Tuesday, March 10th
8:30 am

Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, March 11th
11:30 am

Pizza Ranch

Mission Action Committee

(Quilters)

Wednesdays
9:30 am

Community Room

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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship and coffee in the community room

Kidz Kamp Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Staff:

Pastor Kara Knutson (pastor@emanuelcb.org)

Director of Music Ministries, Cindy Richards (music@emanuelcb.org)

Parish Assistant, Michaela Lewis (office@emanuelcb.org)

Kidz Kamp/Activities, Stephen Lewis (youth@emanuelcb.org)

Financial Secretary, Darlene Reed