

Garden of Reading'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

October 2021

Happenings!

Friday, October 1—Cookout, Bonfire, Games & Campout

Saturday, October 2—Craft Inn

Sunday, October 3—Emanuel Golf Outing

Wednesday, October 6—First Wednesday Night Recharge

Friday, October 15—Food Pantry Volunteers meet at Our Savior's

Saturday, October 16—Bowling & Pizza Party at Thunderbowl

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

Dinner and Intergenerational Bible Study each **Wednesday** at 5:30 p.m.

Mission Statement:
**Forgiven by Grace,
Serving by Faith**

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



Stephen Lewis reads a story to the children in Sunday school. Lori Lynn Ahrends has also been leading music during part of the Sunday school class. Students then rejoin the regular worship service before communion.

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A Post from the Pastor

BY PASTOR CARA KNUTSON



Fall is already off and running. Sunday School has kicked off and a big thank you to Steve Lewis and Lori Lynn Ahrends for engaging with our young people here at Emanuel. We had a good turnout and hope to see all of our young friends often!

We have lots of fun activities you are all invited to take part in:

October 1 and 2nd Welcome Back! Fall Festival Family Campout: come and join us for a congregational picnic Friday Oct. 1st for a cookout and bonfire, games, tent camping and Sat. Oct. 2nd for breakfast. Come for part or all of the activities.

Sat. Oct. 2nd join us for our first Craft Inn—bring your crafting projects, your crockpots, and snacks and join us in the Fellowship Hall for a day of fellowship and fun! We will meet the first Sat. of each month.

Sun. Oct. 3rd church golf tournament—for more details contact Mike Loos.

Starting Wed. Oct. 6 you are invited to come and join in weekly Wed. night fellowship starting at 5:30 for dinner, intergenerational activities and Bible study. Join us as we focus on “Being Good Stewards Together”.

Sun. Oct. 16 starting at 4 pm we will be having a joint bowling and pizza party with St. Paul’s Episcopal church at Thunderbowl. More details to come.

Sun. Oct. 31 starting at 1 pm we’ll have a Trunk-or-Treat for the neighborhood. Come and decorate your cars and yourselves in some spooky fun! We are asking for donations of candy to pass out.

We will continue to come together for worship, ministry, fellowship and lots of fun. If you have any good ideas of events, we could enjoy together please feel free to let me know.

I want to thank all of you for my vacation time in September. I enjoyed lots of sewing, Civil War events, camping, and even another quilting lesson with Linda Martens. I feel refreshed and recharged ready to come back and hit the ground running. A big thank you to Pastor Stephany Sanborn for leading worship and being available for pastoral care emergencies in my absence. She continues to be a big blessing to all she serves. Thank you also to Cindy Richards, Michaela Lewis and all of you who come together and make worship and daily life at Emanuel possible!

God Bless

Pastor Cara

WITH SYMPATHY: We lift up in prayer and offer sympathy to the family of Daralene Smith, who passed away September 20. Daralene has been a member of Emanuel for over 80 years and involved with many different activities and projects during that time.



Thank you from Habitat for Humanity

BY LINDA STEENSLAND

Thanks for continuing to bring your Family Fare receipts (and No Frills from Glenwood) to church! It takes \$150,000 in receipts to receive \$1,000 for Habitat, so every receipt counts!





Esther Bender
Robert Hesseltine
Bob Vergamini

Deloris Christensen
Norma Mass

Owen Hansen
David Perault

Thanksgiving Baskets & Joyful Noise

BY LINDA STEENSLAND



On October 10 the Joyful Noise offering will be for Thanksgiving Baskets.

This year we will again have the families come to Emanuel on Sunday, November 21 to receive their basket. Baskets will include a turkey and all the fixings for a dinner, a devotion, napkins, and an invitation to attend our church.

The money will go toward turkeys, potatoes, pumpkin pie, whipped cream, rolls, and butter.

Also, donations can be brought to the church the first two Sundays in November, and can be green beans, cream of mushroom soup, fruit, jello, pudding, juice, onion rings, sweet potatoes, turkey bags, relishes, and any items you would use for your own dinner.

Questions? Contact Linda Steensland

Leaving A Legacy

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for more than 150 years. We have created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our supporters.



Through LSI, Iowans also have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own. When you include LSI in your will or estate planning, you are making a lasting impact for years to come. By including LSI in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministry well into the future.

If you would like more information on how you can include LSI in your estate planning, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

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).

Bethany Updates

BY CHRISTINA GOCHENOUR,
MARKETING DIRECTOR AT BLHS

Fall is coming!! We are so excited and are ready to welcome the cooler temps ASAP!

Bethany Home:

The home unfortunately has had Covid creep back through their doors. We have very few cases and those that have Covid are without symptoms at this time, which is good news. We are not having visitors inside, but are doing visits via FaceTime or Skype and of course window visits. We hope to get back to normal again soon. Please say a prayer for us as we go through this journey. Spirits are high and everyone is hanging in there.

Bethany Heights:

The Heights has been enjoying our internal activities for Assisted Living Week! We recently were out giving back to the community and took some much appreciated baskets of love over to our Fire Department. We are going to be having a dunk tank and pie in the face contest this week as well. We have been celebrating with pizza, ice crème and limited outdoor entertainment. The Heights has different policies and state regulations when it comes to Covid and we are able to have visitors at this time, so if you would like to come and visit please call the front desk to arrange the time.

We are so appreciative of all of you and can't believe how lucky we are to have your support especially items for the General Store and greeting cards. Thank you as always!

The next Auxiliary meeting will be held Monday, October 11 at the Height's community room. All ladies are welcome from our supporting churches.

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, October 3	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Dan & Judy Heithoff
Lector	Greg Steensland
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, October 10	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Dan & Judy Heithoff
Lector	
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, October 17	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Dan & Judy Heithoff
Lector	
Visual Tech	
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, October 24	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Dan & Judy Heithoff
Lector	
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, October 31	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	
Ushers	Dan & Judy Heithoff
Lector	
Visual 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.




Thank You to Our Mowing Crew!

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With nine 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 which is open Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 am—3 pm. You can also contact Michaela to make arrangements to pick them up at another time. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.



Oct 3 -----Alan Ellis
Oct 10 -----Mark Ellis
Oct 17 -----Ken Kemmish
Oct 24-----Phil Meyer
Oct 31-----Al Marten

This Month's
ACTIVITIES
 At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 am Service in Worship Center 9:30 am Sunday School in classrooms 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11 am Confirmation	27 10 am Tai Chi	28 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Youth Center	29	30 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	1 5 pm Welcome back fall bonfire & cookout	2 10 am Craft Inn 
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THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

Oct. 01
Jessica Gearhart
Ron Smith

Oct. 02
Tyler Hansen

Oct. 04
Nick Rickard
Jeanine Schademann
Norma Stairs

Oct. 06
Kyle Sorensen

Oct. 09
Lacey Fischer
Nicole Fischer

Oct. 10
Jesse Hansen

Oct. 15
Alyssa Snell

Oct. 22
Cynthia Richards

Oct. 23
Emma Wilson

Oct. 25
Hannah Goldapp
John Spilde

Oct. 28
Darlene Reed

Oct. 31
Judith Loos
Danielle Schaal



THIS MONTH'S
anniversaries

Oct. 6
Andrea & Larry Britton

Oct. 7
Autumn & Adam Tanner

Oct. 14
Shirley & Duane Schuchard

Oct. 16
Beth & Tom Lewis

Oct. 17
Deb & Jerry Ebsen

Oct. 20
Rachel & Ian Spangenberg

Oct. 27
Debbie & Keven Ferguson

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

Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for September 20, 2021

RECORDED BY CHAR LES KEMMISH



Council Members Present: Mike Winter, Matt Solon, Char Les Kemmish, Greg Steensland, Mike Hipnar, Connie Edson, Al Martens.

Absent: Alan Ellis, Nick Rickard, Mike Loos, Shelby Rickard, Pastor Cara Knutson, and Chris Reed.

Devotions: Mike Winter

Secretary minutes: approved by Mike Hipnar, 2nd. by Matt Solon

Financial Secretary (Consolidated Fund) report: Approved by Matt S. 2nd. by Al Martens

Treasurer's report: Approved by Matt S. 2nd. by Connie Edson.

Capital Fund Report: Approved by Al Martens, 2nd. by Connie Edson.

Pastor's Report: Pastor was not present, but provided a written report.

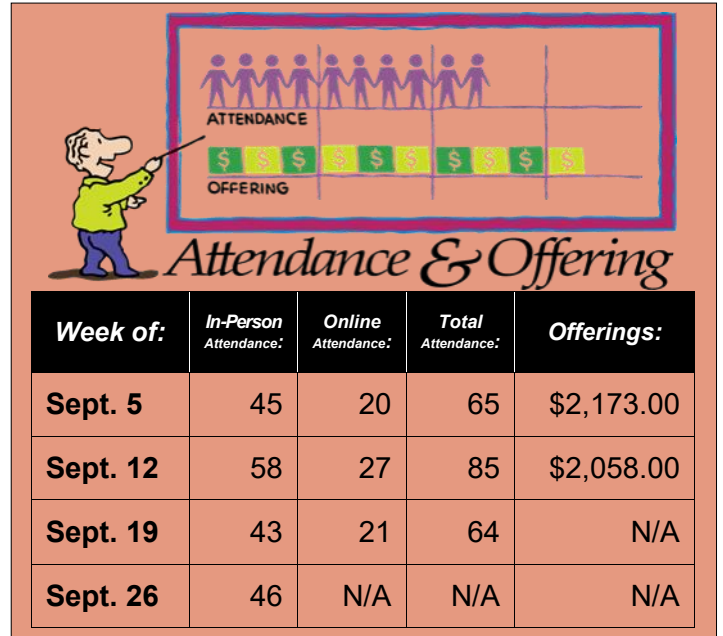
Old Business: Mike Loos' request for the Church hall on July 9, 2022 was discussed. Mike has been given the 'Facilities and Grounds Use Policy'. A motion was made to grant his request by Matt Solon and 2nd by Connie Edson.

New Business: Mike Hipnar (speaking for Cindy Rich-

ards') concerns about the surge of the COVID virus.

- Mike Hipnar made the motion that we go back to requiring mask for Worship services and was 2nd. By Connie Edson.
- Other business : Matt Solon sees a big decline in money coming in.
- Mike Hipnar spoke about the monitors for the streaming and audio equipment, that there will be a delay of approximately 2 seconds, but that it would be very costly if we wanted it live. He did not believe that it would be an issue. He also is working on trying to find the right size of T. V. that will work for us.
- Mike Winter said he had a flyer to pass out to anyone interested in attending a Retreat happening October 5, 2021.
- Mike Hipnar announced that a check has been presented to the Hansen family in the amount of \$10,000.

Greg Steensland made a motion to adjourn and was 2nd. by Mike Hipnar.



Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

August Income:\$8,067.00
August Expense:.....\$12,244.92
 August Balance.....-\$4,177.92

YTD Income: \$114,285.99
YTD Expense:.....\$104,420.88
 YTD Balance \$9,865.11
Plus Carryover.....\$20,408.34
 General Budget Fund \$30,273.45



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0499

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Welcome Back Fall Event

Friday, October 1

5:00 p.m.

Cookout/Bonfire, games,
tent camping & breakfast
Saturday morning. Come for
part or all of the activities!



Craft Inn

Saturday, October 2

10:00 a.m.

Bring your crafting projects, your crockpots,
and snacks and join us in the Fellowship Hall
for a day of fellowship and
fun! We will meet the first Sat-
urday of each month.



Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, October 31st

1 p.m.—3 p.m.

Come in costume to trick or
treat in our parking lot or come
early to set-up and hand out
treats!



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Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the worship center followed by coffee
hour. Facemasks are required.

Services are streamed live on YouTube, Facebook & Twitter

Children's Ministry:

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. in the classrooms.

Staff:

Pastor Cara 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