

Garden of Readin'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

February 2018

Happenings!

Sunday, February 4—Boy Scout Sunday, scouts will be serving pancakes during fellowship hour

Sunday, February 11—Mardi Gras Celebration

Tuesday, February 13—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed at St. Paul's Episcopal

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday Services

Friday, February 16—Help at Our Savior's Food Pantry

Sunday, February 18—Angel Tree Mini Camp

Wednesday, February 21—Weekly Lenten Dinner, Worship & Activities begin

Friday, February 23—Potluck & Movie Night

Saturday, March 3-Sunday, March 3—Table Tennis Tournament

Mission Statement:
Forgiven
by Grace,
Serving by
Faith

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



The weather wasn't great for our New Year's celebration this year, but we had a wonderful time watching The Amazing Lindy perform tricks and share jokes!

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Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear partners in mission and service,

Do you long for a change in your life? Do you crave a deeper experience of faith? Do you wish for a fuller sense of meaning and purpose as you follow Jesus in your daily life? Do you long to be open to Jesus and to others in your experience of faith, hope and love? Lent is the time when we focus our faith on growing deeper and stronger in our walk with Jesus and our love for our neighbor.

The season of Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 14th and ends with Maundy Thursday on March 29th. The term “Lent” comes from the Old English word “lencten” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. Since the earliest days of the Christian movement, Lent has been a time of final preparation for adults who desired to be baptized and a time of intense reflection for those already baptized.

The season is forty days long (excluding the Sundays, which are regarded as “little Easter’s”). “Forty” is an important biblical number. The ancient Hebrews spent forty years in the wilderness preparing for new life in the Holy Land after their rescue from slavery in Egypt. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness re-living this preparation and being tempted by Satan. Christians remember Jesus’ testing and spend this time reflecting on our brokenness and mortality and preparing once again to hear the Good News of Easter.

We begin the journey on Ash Wednesday as we are marked with a cross of ashes. You can come for worship that day at either 12 or 7 p.m. in our worship center. In the weeks following, our Wednesday services will have a special focus to lead us through our Lenten spiritual journey. Our midweek worship experiences will center around the theme, “Open My Life, Lord.” We will pray for the Holy Spirit to open our eyes, our hands, our ears, our hearts, and our lives to Jesus and to our neighbor. Each week at midweek worship a member of our Emanuel community will share what it means to live a life open to Jesus and neighbor. You won’t want to miss this powerful and personal sharing.

Wednesday evenings during Lent will begin with a supper served by one of our congregational groups or committees. A freewill offering will be accepted at the meals. At 6:45 p.m. children can go upstairs for Kidz Kamp activities, games, Bible study, music and prayer. Our worship begins at 7 p.m. in the worship center and will conclude about 7:45 p.m., at the same time that Kidz Kamp will conclude. We can use volunteers to assist with Kidz Kamp. If that interests you, please talk to me or to Brenda Hennigs.

Our Sunday services will focus on Jesus’ journey to the cross and through that death into Resurrection. I hope you will take advantage of BOTH worship opportunities in order to get the maximum growth benefit out of this important season of the Church year. I look forward to seeing a lot of you in the next few months!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell Hennigs

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, March 29

8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

(After Maundy Thursday Worship)

For all middle and high school students and friends.



Bring a snack to share and a drink and get ready for some fun!

Table Tennis Tournament

Saturday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m.

(Men’s Singles)

&

Sunday, March 5th at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch followed by Men’s Doubles,
Women & Youth



All ages welcome!

Celebrate Mardi Gras With Us!

BY DEANN OVER

On Sunday, February 11th from 4:00-6:00p.m. Emanuel's fellowship hall will again be transformed with the sights, sounds and tastes of New Orleans.

Be sure to invite your friends, relatives and neighbors for this family friendly event for all ages.

We'll again enjoy jazz and Dixieland music by Emanuel's talented Da Band, Cajun selections (along with a non-spicy cuisine), King's Cake, cupcakes, photo booth, children's activities and a silent auction!

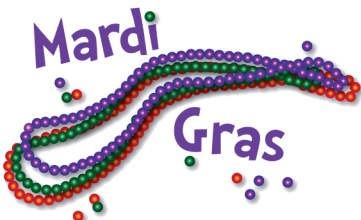


Brenda Hennigs will coordinate the silent auction items which can be dropped off in the church office during regular business hours or on Sundays before the 11th. It's always amazing to see the variety of items created by our talented members. Plan to browse the tables lined with silent auction items and enjoy the bidding fun.

So grab your Mardi Gras attire - Don't have beads or masks? – no problem! We'll have beads and masks available!

This will be the 5th year Emanuel will celebrate Mardi Gras and, as in the past, we would love to have assistance in donations for the silent auction, children's activities, set up, clean up, food prep and serving. If you can lend a hand please contact Deann Over.

We plan to decorate the fellowship hall on Saturday, February 10th beginning at 9:00 a.m – come join the fun – like this serious group did last year!



Last Year's crew that helped set-up, decorate, cook, clean and a variety of other behind the scene things to help this event run smoothly.

Join Our Family of Faith



New Member Sunday

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENIGGS

Our next New Member Sunday will be February 25th. If you are interested in becoming a member at Emanuel Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Hennigs soon for more information.

Boy Scouts Host Pancake Breakfast

BY LINDA VERGAMINI

Tidbit of info: Scout Sunday, 2/4/2018, is the Sunday closest to and before the 8th of February. Why the 8th??? That is the date that Scouting was started in the US!!!! And Scout Sunday is the Sunday that we will again have pancakes with our Troop!!

(You remember that we had a pancake day on 10/29/2017 ... that was a celebration of the humongous number of years that Emanuel has had the Troop charter ... SS years!!!)



♣ Boy Scout Sunday ♣

This brunch we will have pancakes and sausage -some low sodium sausage too AND also gluten-free French toast casserole!!! Maybe a "not gluten-free" one too ... and Sugar-free syrups!

See you on February 4th! BRING AN APPETITE!



Daphne Miller
Harvey Coble
Melvin Bird

Glen Fahrenkrug
Mildred Rogers
Kaye Bird

Lucille Weatherill
Dana Blessum
Paul Heath

Dwight Rogers
Clair Ossian
Andrea Britton



Feb. 02 Christina Matuszeski

Feb. 11 Logan Wilson

Feb. 22 Leo Gurnicz
Ashley Hipnar

Feb. 03 Melvin Bird

Feb. 13 Carla Hipnar
Ernie Techau

Feb. 24 Jason Carrier
Shawn Gallagher
Megan Sorensen

Feb. 06 Rita Epperson
Todd Eyberg

Feb. 14 Amy Garreans

Feb. 07 Phyllis Fowler
Mike Todd

Feb. 17 Dennis Beckman
Joshua Hubbard
Sandra Smith

Feb. 27 Jane Anderson
Rick Croson
Brett Epperson

Feb. 08 Angel McGee

Feb. 19 Taylor Edson

Feb. 28 Jessica Borwick

Feb. 09 Marci Boruff
Jane Meyer

Feb. 20 Esther Bender
Matt Jones

Feb. 29 Bob Otto

Feb. 10 Kelsey Carrier
Julie Holland

Feb. 21 LaWayne Andersen
Amy Steensland



February 5 Sid & Judy Dillon

February 15 Richard & Arlene Betts

February 19 Brad & Penny Dahlke

February 28 Matt & Connie Solon

*If we've missed a birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please let the church office know!
Contact Michaela at (712) 323-9665 or emanuellutherancbia@msn.com*

Worship Assistant Schedule

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

Sunday, February 4	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Carly Sorensen
Ushers	Ruth Sullivan & Pat Hiller
Acolytes	Amari Johnson & Tyler Steensland
Lector	Elaine Sasso
Children's Message	Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Assistants	Robert Vergamini, Deann Over, Elaine Sasso
Communion Set-Up	Deb Ebsen, Connie Eyeberg
Visual Tech	Brenda Hennigs
Sunday, February 11	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Amy Garreans
Ushers	Ruth Sullivan & Pat Hiller
Acolytes	Xander Richards & Alexxia Richards
Lector	Danette Hein-Snider
Children's Message	John Husmann
Communion Assistants	Elaine Sasso, Rosie Spangenberg
Communion Set-Up	Pat Hiller
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppesen
Wednesday, February 14	7 p.m. Service
Ushers	Rick and Jan Stone
Acolytes	Amari Johnson & Austin Borwick
Lector	Megan Sorensen
Communion Set-Up	Linda Steensland
Communion Assistants	Brenda Hennigs, Elaine Sasso, Karen McPartland
Sunday, February 18	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Rosie Spangenberg
Ushers	Ruth Sullivan & Pat Hiller
Acolytes	Andrew Borwick & Lauren Hansen
Lector	Danette Hein-Snider
Communion Assistants	Robert Vergamini, Kylie Hansen, Angel McGee
Communion Set-Up	Jeanine & Todd Schademann
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
Sunday, February 25	9:30 a.m. Service
Assisting Minister	Robert Vergamini
Ushers	Ruth Sullivan & Pat Hiller
Acolytes	Kylie Hansen & Shae Nickels
Lector	Rosie Spangenberg
Children's Message	Brenda Hennigs
Communion Assistants	Rosie Spangenberg, Lauren Hansen
Communion Set-Up	CharLes Kemmish
Visual Tech	Elaine Sasso



Altar Flowers

February 4

February 11

February 18

February 25

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



February 4

Boy Scout Troop 550

February 11
Youth Gathering Group

February 18
Fresh Start Team

February 25

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

If you are interested in helping with worship, please contact the church office, (712) 323-9665, emanuellutheranobia@msn.com or sign-up on our website at: <http://emanuellutheranobi.wix.com/emanuel>

February 2018 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:45 pm Annual Meeting 12 pm Lunch hosted by Gathering Group	29 11 am Communion at Midlands Living Center 11 am Tai Chi	30 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	31 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Adult Study & Kidz Kamp 7 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall	1 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal 	2 Office Closed	3
4 Boy Scout Sunday 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Pancake Breakfast by Boy Scout Troop 550 	5 11 am Tai Chi	6 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	7 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Adult Study & Kidz Kamp 7 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall	8 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal	9 Office Closed	10 9 am Mardi Gras Set-Up
11 *Boy Scout Sunday* 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Wider Ministries Meeting 4 pm—6 pm Mardi Gras Celebration 	12 9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi 6 pm Kanesville Symphony in Youth Center	13 Shrove Tuesday 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship hall 6 pm Pancake Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	14 Ash Wednesday 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 11 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 11:15 am Service at Midlands 12 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service 	15 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal 	16 Office Closed 9:30 am Blessings & Brunch 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's 	17
18 Joyful Noise 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 pm Worship & Music Meeting 11 am—2:30 pm Confirmation 12 pm—3:30 pm Angel Tree Mini Camp	19 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Church Council Meeting 7 pm MS Support Group	20 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center 7 pm Children & Youth Meeting	21 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kidz Kamp 7:00 pm Worship in Sanctuary	22 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal	23 Office Closed 6 pm Potluck 6:30 pm Movie: Wonder 	24
25 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 pm Visitation team meets in the worship center	26 11 am Communion at Midlands Living Center 11 am Tai Chi 6 pm Kanesville Symphony in Youth Center 6:30 pm Faith Team	27 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	28 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Kidz Kamp 7:00 pm Worship in Sanctuary	1 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal	2 Office Closed	3 6:30 pm Table Tennis Tournament



Most of our group that attended the swim outing at the YMCA Pool at Kirm.

Children/Family Events

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

Movie Night

Each month we try to do a movie night with a potluck and a family friendly movie. If you have a suggestion for a movie, please let me know! Our next one is planned for Friday, February 23rd! We will be watching the movie "Wonder."

Swimming Outing

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the swim outing at Kirm before our ice storm. We had 12 kids and six adults who went swimming, as well as two adults who watched, but preferred to stay dry.

Donations Needed

We will be having an Easter Egg hunt between services on Easter. We have plenty of plastic eggs, but would appreciate any donations of candy or small toys to stuff the eggs with. These may be brought to the church office. Thank you!

Monthly Events

Each month we try to plan an event for children and families. If you have an idea for something or would like to plan a month, please let me know! In the past we have done kite making, carnival games, etc. Suggestions are always welcome! With February being such a busy month with Mardi Gras and the Angel Tree Camp, we will not be planning an additional activity in February, but please join us for Mardi Gras. This is a fun event that is family oriented.

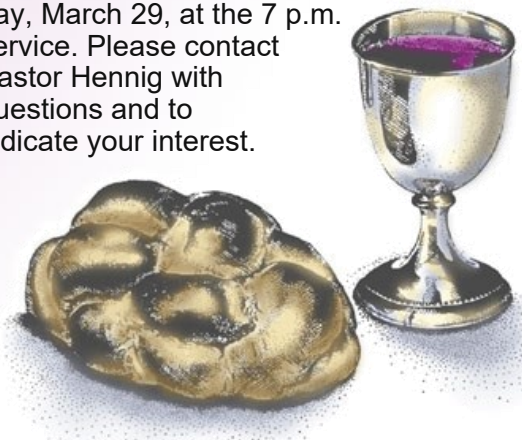
Vacation Bible School

I know it is early, but about January is when planning begins for our Vacation Bible School. We will need a few directors of various parts of VBS, so if you are interested, please let me know. We do not have the kit yet, but usually this would be someone in charge of games, one in charge of crafts, one person in charge of dramas, someone for groups and someone for food. VBS is too big of an undertaking for just one person, so this helps split it up into more manageable tasks. If you are interested in helping plan, email me at seewhatmichaela@gmail.com or at the church email, emanuellutheranbria@msn.com. Thank you!

First Communion Classes

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Pastor Hennigs will offer a First Communion class on Sundays, March 18 and 25, at 10:45 a.m. in the upstairs conference room. If you and/or your children would like to prepare to receive Holy Communion regularly, then please plan to attend both of these classes. The First Communion class concludes with a Seder meal for class members, family and congregation members on March 25 at 5 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. First Communions will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, March 29, at the 7 p.m. service. Please contact Pastor Hennig with questions and to indicate your interest.



**Friday,
February 23rd**

**6 p.m. Potluck
6:30 p.m. Movie:
"Wonder"**

Auggie Pullman suffers from a severe facial deformity that has prevented him from attending a regular school. However, he is set to start a traditional school for the start of his fifth grade year. As his teachers and peers struggle to accept him, Auggie teaches them that he was born to make a difference. He doesn't let his deformity define who he is and who will become. His attitude and zest for life teaches others about acceptance and the uniqueness of every individual.

**Free event for all ages!
Bring friends, family
and a dish to share!**



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Minutes for 01/15/2017

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

Present: Rosie Spangenberg, Suzanne Winter, Mike Winter, Bob Vergamini, Elaine Sasso, Connie Solon, Judi Malloy, Stephen Lewis, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Peggy Jarrell, Patty Maxwell, Valarie Weelborg, Dwight Rogers

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Rosie Spangenberg

Devotions: Judi Malloy

Council Agenda:

- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Connie Solon to approve the secretary minutes for December 18, 2017 after changing page 2 to say "There have been 59 pledges so far which is 7% ahead of last year's total instead of 70%." Approved.
- Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Elaine Sasso to approve the Financial Secretary (Consolidated Fund) report. This included approval of transfers highlighted in a separate 2017 transfer report provided by Connie Solon. Approved.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Stephen Lewis to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Bob Vergamini to make the 2017 transfers as per the recommendation of the finance committee. Approved.
- Motion by Connie Solon, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by Judi Malloy, seconded by Connie Solon to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- Rick Stone appeared on behalf of the Finance Committee indicating the 2017 budget was \$159,075, but only \$156,193 was spent. One hundred sixty-six thousand seven hundred ninety-one dollars (\$166,791) has been pledged for 2018 which includes \$11,223 carryover from 2017. The proposed budget for 2018 is \$169,088 which is an increase of 8%.
- Motion by Bob Vergamini, seconded by Judi Malloy to approve the budget proposed by the Finance Committee. Approved.
- Church Council wishes to show its appreciation to the Finance Committee for its' many hours of work in preparing the budget.
- Pastor Hennigs presented a 14 point report. Rick Stone and John Burns have had a conversation with Availa Bank. Emanuel has been approved for a \$300,000 loan amortized over 20 years. Emanuel is given the choice of a five year fixed interest rate at 5.50% or a three year fixed interest rate at 5.20%. At the end of the term for the fixed rate, the loan and interest rate would be renegotiated. During construction of the daycare, Emanuel would pay interest only for six months, then automatically converting to a permanent loan with monthly principal and interest payments of \$2,065 (five year option) or \$2,025 (three year option). The loan origination fee would be \$800. An information sharing session with the congregation will be held on January 21 during Fellowship Time. Pastor also encouraged us to attend the upcoming Synod Leadership Event on February 10 in Carroll, Iowa, leaving Emanuel at 7 a.m. and returning at approximately 5:30 p.m. The Western Iowa Synod Assembly will be held from June 8-10 at the convention center in Sioux City. We can register two lay voting members for the assembly. Pastor also indicated that he wanted to attend the Comprehensive Bereavement Skills Training through the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado from April 9 to April 12, 2018. The cost would come from the conference and seminars budget line and the funds are already budgeted in that line. He also asked to take a vacation from April 13 to April 16.
- Motion by Suzanne Winter, seconded by Bob Vergamini to approve the Pastor attending the bereavement training in Fort Collins, Colorado from April 9 to April 12 and approving a vacation to be taken April 13 to April 16, 2018. Approved.
- Pastor reminded us that in 2012 the average weekly attendance was 70. In 2017, the average weekly attendance was 124, which is an increase of 77%. In 2011, our Synod Benevolence

was \$5,030 and in 2018 it is projected to be \$8,700, an increase of 73%.

- Stephen Lewis gave the Youth & Children's Ministry report and reported that the Christmas program and New Year's event were a great success and that Santa Claus was well received at the Angel Tree Christmas party.
- Bob Vergamini gave a report from the Property Committee regarding the hanging of pictures and artwork. Bob and Alan Ellis are preparing some criteria to be followed regarding what pictures or art will be displayed.
- Suzanne Winter gave a report from Wider Ministries. Their last meeting was January 14, 2018 where they reviewed the fall activities and passed around thank you notes for the Thanksgiving baskets, Lutheran Service gift bags and Angel Tree Christmas Party. The next project will be getting the backpacks ready for the kids going to Lakeview Camp, the Angel Tree Camp. For the Joyful Noise offering for February they are hoping that Lakeview Camp will send a representative. For March, they are expecting YES (Youth Emergency Services). They also discussed promoting recycling in the church and encouraging members to recycle. They talked about the youth selling compact reusable bags and also discussed using glassware instead of disposable containers for coffee during the fellowship hour. Earth Day is April 22 and the committee is hoping to promote that day at church. They also discussed how they could encourage participants at the food pantry to bring their own bags.
- Rosie Spangenberg gave the Worship and Music report. The committee discussed the purchase of more wireless mics for our current system and taking an inventory of our current banners. We are reminded that the Jonathan Rundman concert will be held September 22-23, 2018 sponsored by the Worship and Music Committee. They hope that they can obtain a Thrivent grant for up to \$250. Tickets will sell for \$15 a person. Elaine Sasso is attempting to start up a bell choir and she will distribute flyers to kids Wednesday night with hopes of getting organized in the next week.
- Elaine Sasso has been working with Alan Ellis concerning the outside sign. The current sign measures 12' x 5'6" and they have contacted Omaha Neon and Sandau Brothers for more information. The price for a new sign would be \$10,000-\$12,000, but the cost would be much

less if we use the current sign.

- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Bob Vergamini to make February 25, 2018 New Member Sunday. Approved.
- The board wants to draft a new cancellation policy for when and who would be responsible for canceling a regularly scheduled service because of weather or other reasons. The council directed the council secretary to draft a proposed policy.
- Warren Johnson has contacted Judi Malloy about checking church records regarding Swedish ancestry. Motion by Suzanne Winter, seconded by Connie Solon to allow Warren Johnson to photograph existing church records while being supervised by a church council member or church staff as long as this is at no cost to Emanuel. Approved.
- Motion by Suzanne Winter, seconded by Connie Solon to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Approved.
- All reports presented to the council may be viewed by any church member at the church office.

The next meeting will be after the Annual Meeting on January 28, with the next regular meeting, February 19, 2018 at 7 p.m.



Bethany News

SUBMITTED BY DIANE CARLON



Bethany Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Bethany Lutheran Home will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Skyrise Dining Room (Upper Dining Room) at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street. All Sponsoring Congregation Delegates are encouraged to attend. Visitors are also welcome. The meeting will include various reports and election of Board Members for 2018. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy Karstens at Bethany Lutheran Home 712-328-9500. ***In the event of inclement weather or our need to postpone the meeting due to flu, please contact Bethany at 712-328-9500 and/or tune to your local television station if appropriate, before heading to Bethany.***

Bake Sale For Team Bethany/ Alzheimer's Walk

Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights are hosting a Bake Sale to raise funds for the Team Bethany/Alzheimer's Walk. The Bake Sale is Monday, February 19th from 1-3 p.m. This is the first of several fundraisers scheduled in the coming months prior to the walk in September. Our total fundraising goal by September is \$2,000. If you are interested in helping out by baking items for the bake sale, items can be brought the morning of February 19th to either building. Individually packaged items are especially appreciated. If you have any questions about the bake sale or you would like to participate with Team Bethany in the Alzheimer's Walk on September 22nd at Tom Hanafan Park, please contact Bethany's Alzheimer's Walk Coordinator Sarah McCormack at 712-256-7769. Bethany is proud to support the Alzheimer's Association and the Walk. Each month Bethany hosts an Alzheimer's Support Group for families in the community as well as providing long-term Memory Care for individuals with Dementia, including Alzheimer's.

Bethany Heights Apartments Available

Bethany Heights Senior Living Community has several apartments available for seniors. Do you know someone or perhaps even you, who would enjoy the benefits of living in a senior community? Maybe someone interested in living independently or having the benefits of an assisted living community? Bethany Heights offers both independent and assisted living services in apartments ranging in sizes from a Studio to Two Bedroom/Two bathroom. As an individual's needs increase, services are delivered directly to your apartment. Something unique to the area. Small pets are welcome. Some Long Term Care Insurance Policies are eligible for use at Bethany Heights. For more information or to set up a visit please contact Paula Fandry at Bethany Heights 712-328-8228.

New Greeting Cards Needed

Bethany Heights is running low and in need of new greeting cards. The greeting cards are displayed in a rack and available to the tenants free of charge. A number of tenants take advantage of this opportunity to stay connected with family and friends. Types of cards that are especially popular include Birthday, Thank-You (not blank cards), Get Well Soon, Thinking of You/Friendship, Sympathy and Anniversary. We will also take Christmas Cards year round. The cards can be dropped off at Bethany Heights or brought to church. (We'll be happy to pick them up. Just let them know they are for Bethany).

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed at Bethany Lutheran Home to assist residents in various activities. The activities may include, but are not limited to helping with arts and crafts projects, helping out with Bingo or other games, visiting with residents one to one or reading the newspaper, etc. Activities take place throughout the week and on weekends. Any amount of time would be appreciated and provide a meaningful experience for our residents. For more information please contact Kaily Stanley, Activities Director at 712-328-9500.

Help Needed for Sunday Afternoon Vespers

Vespers are held each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. by one of our sponsoring congregations in the Worship Center at Bethany Lutheran Home. The service is broadcast in-room on our local TV channel at Bethany for those residents unable to attend the service. Volunteers have been utilized in the past by helping to bring residents down to worship or to help with videoing the service live for those in-room. Gary Schultz and Van Vanhouten have faithfully served in this capacity for several years. We would like to expand our volunteer worship core so that these wonderful volunteers could have a break or additional help from time to time. We would ask you to prayerfully consider helping with this ministry opportunity. If you would like additional information or would be willing to volunteer, please contact Kaily Stanley at 712-328-9500.

Mark your Calendar for these Dates:

Bethany Auxiliary Annual Bake Sale & Quarterly Meeting

Monday, April 9th—2 p.m.
Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliot Street

Bethany Volunteer Appreciation Tea

Sunday, April 15th—2 p.m.
Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliot Street.

Happy Valentines Day from LSI

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19



Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, families, and adults!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who learn to trade self-harm for self-worth, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Lutheran Family Services Christmas Bags

BY JAN HUSMANN

Wider Ministries delivered 56 bags for children ages 0-5 on December 4th.

Thank you to everyone who helped by donating money and items. Many hands helped with the shopping, sorting and packing.

The children and families were very appreciative. "God's work, our hands" was in evidence again.

Care Packages

One of the activities at Hanging of the Greens was packing "final's week care packages" for Emanuel's college students full of goodies. We received several "thank you's" and several were included in last month's newsletter. Below is one more.

Thank you for my lovely snack box! I've enjoyed all of the goodies that same in it. It's lovely to know that my Emanuel family is thinking about me during the holidays! Now that I'm taking a break from school I'll hopefully have some time to come and say hi at church! Happy New Year!

Love,
Elizabeth Britton



Dinner at 6 p.m.
Kidz Kamp at 6:45 pm
Worship at 7 p.m.

February 21
Pulled Pork
Women of Emanuel

February 28
Baked Potato Bar
Youth Gathering Group

March 7
Variety of Soups
Wider Ministries

March 14
Tacos
Youth Gathering Group

March 21
TBD



Rosie Spangenberg and Elaine Sasso leading the first bell choir practice on January 25th. The bell choir practices on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Join the Bell Choir

BY ELAINE SASSO

So...the bell choir is open to all ages, from 5 to 105. We will be working on at least two songs and plan to play at a couple of the Lenten Services, also on already scheduled for Wednesday nights. We will also be doing some additional songs during the Easter season...but don't know for sure about dates or what we will play at this time.

Practice will be on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

For additional information or questions, contact Elaine Sasso or Rosie Spangenberg.



Visiting Members



Please remember the Visitation Information meeting on February 25th in the Worship Center after service. You can help Emanuel members know how much we care for those who can't be with us. Please contact Pastor Hennigs if or mark on the back of your "Welcome" form at worship if you plan to attend.



"We were on the way out the door before I remembered I needed something for the Valentine party at Sunday school."

Table Tennis!

SUBMITTED BY AL MARTENS

It's table tennis time again join in the fun on March 3rd for the men's singles starting at 6:30 PM. Then join us for lunch on March 4 at 11:30 followed by the activities at 12 o'clock. Youth, women's singles and men's doubles to follow. Sign up



sheets are in the fellowship hall. Questions contact Al Martens (712-366-9742) or John Husmann (712-328-8378)

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14
Services at noon & 7 p.m.

There will not be an evening meal on Ash Wednesday.

Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



Today I'm thankful to be sitting in my living room. The air outside is -3 and the windchill is -23. But, as we often do when it's very cold outside, I look forward to summer. This year at the end of summer, September 22, Emanuel will be blessed by a concert by Jonathan Rundman, a Minnesota Lutheran musician and composer. I first learned of him while listening to his podcast, "The Creativity Drill". In 2015 I had the privilege of meeting him in Atlanta at the ALCM biennial convention and enjoyed watching him lead worship. His folk/pop style makes his music easy to absorb. The following song, "Ashes" first appeared on his 2000 album "Sound Theology".

Ashes

By Jonathan Rundman

I got ashes on my forehead
 And I'm trying hard to learn
 This dust that I have started from
 Is where I shall return,
 And I will follow out of love
 'cause there is nothing I can earn.
 I got ashes on my forehead
 And I'm trying hard to learn.

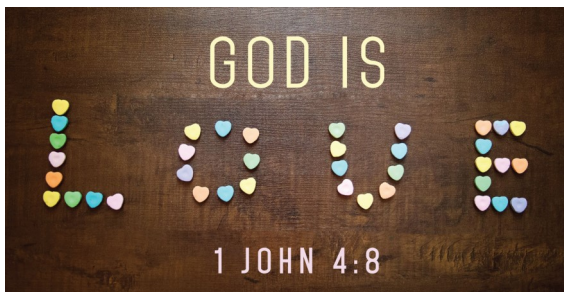
Sometime in the dead of winter
 This Wednesday rolls around.
 We got purple on the altar.
 We got snow upon the ground
 And this world starts spinning slower
 And we sing some quiet songs
 Facing our mortality
 And all that we done wrong.



Forty days in the wilderness.
 Forty days on the ark.
 Driving home this evening
 I can still trace the mark.
 Everybody sees the big sun setting.
 Everybody rides the hearse.
 Yeah, but you can't build up nothin'
 'till you knock down somethin' first.

I got ashes on my forehead
 And I'm trying hard to learn
 This dust that I have started from
 Is where I shall return
 And I will follow out of love
 'cause there is nothing I can earn.
 I got ashes on my forehead
 And I'm trying hard to learn.

This year Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. No love is greater than what Jesus did for us, for you, and for me. As much as we try, we are only human. We can't fully understand that kind of love. So we keep on "trying hard to learn" but in the meantime, we "will follow out of love" and be open to where that leads.



Attendance & Offering

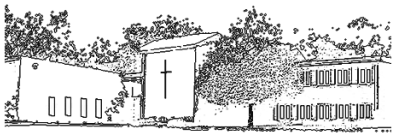
Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
January 7	111	\$10,638.00
January 14	104	\$3,468.00
January 21	125	\$5,457.00
January 28	89+	\$4,235.00

Finance Team Update

Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

December Income: \$20,260.00
December Expense: \$12,740.07
December Balance \$7,519.93

YTD Income: \$157,909.90
 YTD Expense: \$156,192.89
 YTD Balance \$1,717.01
 Plus Carryover \$9,506.26
 General Budget Fund \$11,223.27



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Game Day

Thursday, February 1st, 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Tuesday, February 13th, 8:30 am
Village Inn East

Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, February 14th
11:30 am
Pizza Ranch

Blessings & Brunch

Friday, February 16th, 9:30 am.
Fellowship Hall
All women are welcome!

**Mission Action Committee
(Quilters)**

Wednesdays, 9:30 am
Fellowship Hall

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

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Wednesday meal at 6:00 pm, Kidz Kamp & Bible Discussion at
6:45 pm and worship at 7:30 pm

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