

# Garden of Reading'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

October 2022

## Happenings!

- Saturday, October 1—Craft Inn
- Sunday, October 2—Youth Singing In Church, Golf Outing
- Monday, October 3 & Tuesday October 4—Cookie Crumbs Packing & Sorting
- Thursday, October 6—Volunteers for Food Pantry Meet at Our Saviors
- Sunday, October 9—Fire Pit Night
- Tuesday, October 11—ROMEO's (and Friends) Meet
- Sunday, October 16—Blood Pressure Checks During Coffee Hour
- Monday, October 17—Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday, October 29—Newsletter Articles Due
- Saturday, October 22—Craft Fair
- Sunday, October 23—Blessing of Quilts
- Sunday, October 30—Reformation Sunday & Trunk-or-Treat
- Tai Chi each Monday and Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in the upstairs Youth Center*
- Bible Study each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs conference room*

Mission Statement:  
 Forgiven by Grace,  
 Serving by Faith

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



An entertaining sword balloon-sword fight broke out during coffee hour on Rally Sunday. Mason Lewis made balloon animals and swords for all the students in Sunday School.

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# A Post from the Pastor

BY PASTOR CARA KNUTSON



Fall is my absolutely favorite time of year. I love when the leaves change—those beautiful colors there are always there, but it's not until trees undergo the stress of a cold snap that we see their true beauty. Our life of faith can sometimes be similar. I'm sure you can think back on times when your life was under supreme stress—maybe an illness in the family, or a time of financial uncertainty, a catastrophe or calamity—and in times like these your faith became something more solid and of substance that you could lean into and cling to.

And I love the smells—the smell of lingering smoke from someone's burning brush pile, and the crisp cold air, each breath visible in misty puffs. It's a wonderful time to take the family to apple orchards and pumpkin patches dressed warmly in layers of flannel and to eat hot soups with crusty bread.

Perhaps I love fall so much because of its brevity. All too soon the world becomes white slumbering peacefully under a blanket of crystal. Fall makes its appearance and brings all of its fun and then goes away quickly like a maiden aunt from Florida.

If you want to get something done during the fall, you better move quickly. That snow waits for no one. There's an urgency to tick off the items of your to do list so you hustle and get busy.

Maybe the kingdom of God is much like fall. Our best comes out under pressure. When we feel our most vulnerable God surrounds and supports us with all the best beauty can offer. And our entire lives here on earth are but a blink of an eye in the scope of time. If we want to go about doing the work we've been given we need to get to it. Time slips by so quickly and all of your well intentions and meaning to's can pile up.

Our gospels lately have been encouraging us to act without delay—to do now while there is time. To do now, and bring in the harvest before the end of the season. To do now, even amidst the various stresses and triggers of life.

It's like the Master Yoda says, "Do or do not do. There is no try". Luckily for us, the Force is strong with all of us through the power of the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to do, well beyond anything we thought possible.

See you in church!

*Pastor Cara*



**WITH SYMPATHY:** We extend our sympathy to the family of Esther Bender, who passed away on September 25. Esther and her husband Bob have been members at Emanuel for nearly 40 years.

**WELCOME:** We welcome Janet & Matt Perrone to Emanuel. They previously were members at Rejoice! Lutheran in Omaha.



Congratulations to Megan Klabunde and Mason Hiers who were united in marriage at Emanuel on September 17<sup>th</sup>!

Wanted:

# Bethany Lutheran Health Services Auxiliary President

DUTIES: AS OUTLINED IN BLHS BY-LAWS

*Article I. Duties of officers: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings and to perform all other duties pertaining to the office. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. (Currently we have none.) The President shall appoint all standing and special committees (currently we have none), with the approval of an Administrator of Bethany Lutheran Health Services and the Executive Board of the Auxiliary. (The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and will promote the activities of the auxiliary and call the meeting of the nominations committee.)*

The **term** is for **two years** beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Officers are to be elected** at our **October 10, 2pm** Auxiliary regularly scheduled meeting held at Bethany Lutheran Heights.

There are **only 4 meetings per year** held in January, April, July, and October.

Traditional expectations: be a liaison—to encourage cooperation and exchange of information-- between the supporting churches and Bethany Lutheran Health Services.

The **purpose of this organization (BLHS)** shall be: to promote love in action, to assist with leisure time activities and projects, and to promote volunteer services at the Home and the Heights by serving in areas that otherwise would require paid staff.

The supporting churches have Key Ladies that are very supportive of the president.

Contact Norma Vorthmann at [njoyvorthmann@gmail.com](mailto:njoyvorthmann@gmail.com) with any questions.

# WELCA Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 15, 2022

GOD'S PRESENCE.....FINDING IT  
AND SHARING IT

*Luke 18:27 "Jesus replied: What is impossible with men is possible with God."*

*John 20:29 "Jesus told him: Because you have seen me, you have believed; Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

Bishop Lorna Halaas will provide the Bible Study and lead the conversation.

God touches us in mysterious ways, we rejoice in this miracle.

A day of fellowship, conversation, and strengthening our faith.

Tour of the Western Iowa Synod Office in their new location

- 9:00 A.M. Coffee
- 10:00 Opening
- 12:00 Lunch
- 3:00 P.M. Sending

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
1614 W. 5th Street  
Storm Lake, IA

Please register below and provide a \$15 registration fee. Every woman in the Western Iowa Synod of the ELCA is invited to attend.

## WELCA FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this registration and \$15 to:  
Nancy Peters  
1020 9th St., Sheldon, IA 51201  
or  
email this information to:  
[nancyp@nethtc.net](mailto:nancyp@nethtc.net)  
(Pay \$15 at the event)

- Oct 2 Ken Kemmish
- Oct 9 Al Marten
- Oct 16 Mike Winter
- Oct 23 Chris Sorensen
- Oct 30 Alan Ellis



Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With eight mowers, we have a nice rotation where we are not mowing all the time. We ask that you mow the lawn **sometime** during your scheduled week, preferably by Thursday. If you have a conflict, just trade dates with someone on the list. Mowing consists of the church lawn and the parsonage lawn.



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

Oct. 01  
**Jessica Gearhart**  
**Ron Smith**

Oct. 09  
**Lacey Fischer**  
**Nicole Fischer**

Oct. 23  
**Emma Wilson**

Oct. 02  
**Tyler Hansen**

Oct. 10  
**Jesse Hansen**

Oct. 25  
**Hannah Goldapp**  
**John Spilde**

Oct. 04  
**Nick Rickard**  
**Jeanine Schademann**  
**Norma Stairs**

Oct. 15  
**Alyssa Snell**

Oct. 28  
**Darlene Reed**

Oct. 06  
**Kyle Sorensen**

Oct. 19  
**Grace Nixt**

Oct. 31  
**Judith Loos**

Oct. 22  
**Cynthia Richards**

Oct. 31  
**Danielle Schaal**



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

October 6  
**Larry & Andrea Britton**

October 17  
**Jerry & Debra Ebsen**

October 7  
**Autumn Tanner**

October 20  
**Ian Spangenberg**

October 14  
**Duane & Shirley Schuchard**

October 27  
**Keven & Deborah Ferguson**

October 16  
**Thomas & Beth Lewis**

If we've missed a birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please let the church office know!  
 Contact Michaela at (712) 323-9665 or [office@emanuelcb.org](mailto:office@emanuelcb.org)

# Worship Assistant Schedule

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

<b>Sunday, October 2</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Sherri & Gary Stinson
Acolyte	Grace Nixt
Lector	Deann Over
Altar Guild	Debra Ebsen
Communion Assistant	Mike Winter
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
<b>Sunday, October 9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Sherri & Gary Stinson
Acolyte	Mason Lewis
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	Mike Winter
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
<b>Sunday, October 16</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Sherri & Gary Stinson
Acolyte	Tayah & Grace Nixt
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	Mike Winter
Visual Tech	Peggy Jarrell
LiveStream Tech	Michaela Lewis
Coffee Hour	
<b>Sunday, October 23</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Sherri & Gary Stinson
Acolyte	Mason Lewis
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	Mike Winter
Visual Tech	Darlene Jeppsen
LiveStream Tech	
Coffee Hour	
<b>Sunday, October 30</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Service</b>
Ushers	Sherri & Gary Stinson
Acolyte	
Lector	
Altar Guild	
Communion Assistant	Mike Winter
Visual Tech	
LiveStream Tech	
Coffee Hour	

## VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



## Ways you can SERVE

*We need YOUR help!*

*We would love to have you help with worship! Please contact the church office at (712) 323-9665, [office@emanuelcb.org](mailto:office@emanuelcb.org) or sign-up on our website at: [www.emanuelcb.org](http://www.emanuelcb.org)*



*MISSION: Rooted in Christ, Lakeside is a place of belonging where all people can find joy and purpose in God's creation.*

*VISION: Guided by the Spirit, Lakeside strives to be a welcoming and sustainable community serving with integrity and compassion to impact the world.*

## Lakeside Service Day

October 1st, 2022

Everyone is invited to join us for a 9 a.m. -12 p.m. work day followed by lunch. We will work on closing camp for winter. Come by yourself, with your family, or a group! These days are not only lots of fun, but make a huge difference for camp. Thanks in advance for coming!



Projects available for all ages and abilities.

## Stay With Us

At Lakeside we offer a wide variety of lodging for large groups. We have very modern with all the comforts of home to tent camping. All our spaces are set up so groups can be self sufficient. If you want, we can provide meals and activities.

We are booking Weddings and Events for 2023 and 2024.

Have the perfect family reunion with the space you need, amenities you want, and activities for everyone! Reserve for this fall or next summer.

While onsite guests have access to the 110 acres, waterfront, trails, sand volleyball, gaga ball, 9 square, rec barn, disc golf, basketball, and more!

<https://www.lutheranlakeside.com/lodging/>

## Fall Explore! Day Retreat

Saturday, October 15, 2022

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Grades 1-6

the SPRINGS at Carol Joy Holling Camp

CJH's Explore! Day Retreats for elementary students are a chance for young campers to get out and enjoy camp in one compact and fun day. If your child is missing camp or has never been to camp, Explore! gives them the perfect opportunity to experience a day of adventure and faith-building out at CJH Camp. In addition to Bible study and worship, we will be experiencing many favorite camp activities together as we share in fun and fellowship.



Our Youth Retreat crew in 2018.

Every Explore! Day Retreat is different, so first-time and long-time participants can both join in the fun as we focus on environmental education, fellowship, and faith!

Register online at <https://www.cjhcenter.org/explore> and let Michaela or Stephen Lewis know you plan on attending so we can plan transportation!



November 11-13, 2022

Grades 6-8



## Early Bird Savings

Get your campers back to Carol Joy Holling Camp next summer by registering at [CarolJoyHolling.org](http://CarolJoyHolling.org) today! Early Bird Registration means you'll save \$50 on any full-week session, and the first 500 campers registered will receive a CJH Camp Beanie. Early Bird savings ends on January 31.

Carol Joy Holling Camp 2023

**EARLY BIRD SAVINGS**

**\$50 OFF**  
AND CJH Camp BEANIE

Register by January 31!

CarolJoyHolling.org

# Youth are the Future of Emanuel

BY MICHAELA LEWIS, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHAIR

Stephen Lewis and I attended a "Grow Your Young People's Ministry Event in Kansas City September 19-20. The training was phenomenal and we are excited to apply things we learned there. Topics covered were:

- Keys to successful ministry
- Observational studies in leadership and action
- Foundational teaching methods for young people
- Recruiting and nurturing your volunteers
- Forming vocational ministry best practices
- Event planning and budgeting for success

We want to build a thriving program that children, youth and families are excited about. To do that, we need some help! There is a two-year training program through the Ministry Leadership Initiative that provides monthly training and support for churches wanting to improve their children, youth and family ministry programs. If you have a knack for grant writing, we could certainly use to help to try to raise funds for this to help elevate our programming.



Steve and Michaela Lewis at the Youth Ministry Retreat in Kansas City.

We also want to dedicate more space in the newsletter to keeping families informed of what is coming up. This will include what is going to be in the Sunday School lessons and may also include information from the camps we partner with, synod events, puzzles and community events.

We also need volunteers to help with the many events we have. If you have an artistic flare, we could use help with decorating, props, crafts or skits. If you are more detail oriented, we can always use help planning events and tracking down supplies. Of course, we have food at almost all our events, so helping in the kitchen is also a need we have.

Please let Steve know if you are able to help!



**Students who would like to attend Sunday school will leave the Sunday worship service after the Gospel reading to go to the classroom for lessons, projects and songs with Stephen Lewis & Lori Lynn Ahrends.**

## October 2

### **Promises to Keep**

God Save's Noah's Family;  
*Genesis 6:9-917; Isaiah 40:8*  
God Keeps his promises,  
and we should too.

## October 9

### **God Guides**

Abraham Travels to a New Land  
*Genesis 12:1-17; 13:5-18, Isaiah 55:9*  
God will guide us.

## October 16

### **When Tempers Sizzle**

Abraham and Lot Separate  
*Genesis 13:1-18; Ephesians 4:2-3*  
God wants us to be peacemakers.

## October 23

### **Can You Believe It?**

The birth of Isaac  
*Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-3; Luke 18:27*  
Sometimes God surprises us.

## October 30

### **God Talk, Good Talk**

Ishmael Taunts Isaac  
*Genesis 21:1-14; Ephesians 4:29*  
God wants us to be encouragers.



## Upcoming Events




Dates & times are tentative

October 2 – Kids singing at worship  
October 9 – Fire Pit Night  
October 30 – Trunk or Treat  
November 20 – Kids singing during

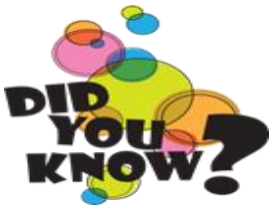
worship

November 27 – Confirmation Students pick live tree after church  
November 30 - Hanging of the greens with pizza and crafts  
December 10 – Cookies with Santa  
December 18 – Christmas Program  
December 19-January 2 Christmas break, no Sunday School

*This Month's*  
**ACTIVITIES**  
 At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 9:30 am—10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour	<b>26</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>28</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	<b>29</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 10 am Craft Inn 
<b>2</b> 9:30 am—10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 1 pm Golf Outing	<b>3</b> 9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 10 am Tai Chi	<b>4</b> 9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>5</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	<b>6</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30 am—10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour 4 pm—6 pm Fire Pit Night 	<b>10</b> 10 am Tai Chi	<b>11</b> 8:30 am ROMEO's (& Friends) meet @ Village Inn East 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>12</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group	<b>13</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30 am—10:30 am Worship with Holy Commu- nion, blessing of quilts and Sun- day School 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Blood Pressure Checks Crystal 	<b>17</b> 10 am Tai Chi 7 pm Church Council Meeting 	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room	<b>19</b> 8:30 am Mission Action Quilters Upstairs 9:30 am—3 pm Community Sewing Group 	<b>20</b> 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Tai Chi	<b>21</b> Craft Fair Set-Up	<b>22</b> 9 am—1 pm OSL Craft Fair at Emanuel
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# Did You Know

FROM ON THE FREEDOM OF A CHRISTIAN BY REV. TRAVIS LOESLIE

Martin Luther had much to say on the topic of Christian freedom in his tract from 1520. *On the Freedom of the Christian* was published in Wittenberg as the third of three writings that characterized the evangelical theology of the Reformation. The Roman Curia had issued the bull *Exsurge Domine* on June 15, 1520 in which Luther was threatened to be charged as a heretic and ordered to halt his preaching. This opened him up to the possibility of arrest and punishment. Luther responded with a fury of activity. *To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation* was published on August 18, 1520. *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church* was published on October 6, and *On the Freedom of the Christian* was put out early in November of 1520. This third tract was written to attempt to persuade Pope Leo X and Roman Catholics that the theology of the Reformation was not a novelty in the faith, but a pure confession of the Word of God and consistent with the truth of the Holy Scriptures. Out of this affliction and the Lord's refining fire, Luther was given to write one of the most enduring treatments on Christian freedom ever in Christendom.

The tract begins with two seemingly contradictory propositions:

- **A Christian is an utterly free man, lord of all, subject to none.**
- **A Christian is an utterly dutiful man, servant of all, subject to all.**

Luther's tract on freedom has rightly been called: "the most perfect expression of Luther's Reformation understanding of the mystery of Christ." As it goes with Christ, so it goes with the freedom of the Christian. *The Freedom of the Christian* is a confession of Christ in a nutshell. Christian freedom is a gift from Christ Himself, "For freedom Christ has set us free..." (Galatians 5:1). What Christ did to win salvation in His divine and human natures, He now gives to those who by baptism bear His name: Christian. God justifies the sinner by faith alone. The sinner is changed in inner and outer man after the likeness of Christ. The Christian is at once utterly free in faith and a servant to all in works of love. Christian life is lived between these twin poles of faith and love. This is the paradoxical Christian freedom as Luther taught the Church.

## Bethany General Store

BY ANGEL TIPPERY, BLHS ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

We are accepting donations for the Bethany Lutheran Home's General Store! The Home is having more Activities and more residents who will participate in using the General Store.

See list below of requested items:

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Body wash
- Body Lotion
- Tissues
- Women's Deodorant
- Eye Glass Cases
- Snack Items – (Cookies, Candy, Snack Cakes, Chips and Soda)
- Q-Tips
- Notebooks/Note pads
- Slipper socks
- Gloves
- Blankets/Lap Blankets
- Tooth Floss Sticks
- Bristle Brushes
- Hair Rollers
- Water Bottles with flip drinking hole



We ask that all donations are new and unused. Thank you for your time and everything you do for Bethany!!

**Craft & Vendor Show Fundraiser**  
 Hosted by: Story Street Mobile Pantry and Our Savior's Lutheran Food & Pet Food Pantry  
**October 22, 2022 9am - 1pm**  
 Emanuel Lutheran Church  
 2444 N. Broadway, Council Bluffs  
 Canned good item(s) for entry. \*Goodwill donations also accepted

## Mother & Tween Retreat

A fresh perspective + unplugged time together. Join us Nov. 19-20 for an unforgettable faith experience at the Mother & Tween Daughter Retreat. [CJHCenter.org/mother-daughter](http://CJHCenter.org/mother-daughter)

Mother & Tween Daughter  
**RETREAT**

November 19-20, 2022  
10-13 years old

Carol Joy Holling Camp

# Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Minutes for 08/15/2022

RECORDED BY CHRIS REED, COUNCIL SECRETARY

Members present: Mike Winter, Char Les Kemmish, Mike Loos, Mike Hipnar, Chris Reed, Nick Rickard, Pastor Cara Knutson, Greg Steensland

Member absent: Connie Edson, Shelby Rickard, Alan Ellis

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Mike Winter. Mike Winter gave a prayer.

Secretary's minutes from the July meeting: Motion to approve by Mike Loos, seconded by Mike Hipnar. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary report: Motion to approve by Char Les Kemmish, seconded by Nick Rickard. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve by Chris Reed, seconded by Mike Hipnar. Motion carried.

Capital Fund report: Motion to approve by Chris Reed, seconded by Greg Steensland. Motion carried.

Memorial Fund report: Motion to approve by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Char Les Kemmish. Motion carried.

Rick Stone and Richard Reed from the Finance Committee attended the meeting.

As of last week, the current budget shows a deficit of only \$6k+ now (instead of \$30k+).

Transfer the following accounts to general budget: Library Funds, Church Council Funds, Mission Support Fund, Wednesday Night Dinner Fund and Fresh Start Team Program Account Fund. Motion to approve by Greg Steensland, seconded by Nick Rickard. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee is recommending to transfer monies from Memorial Funds, Day Care Start Up and Miller Estate to a variety of CDs with Veridian Credit Union to earn interest up to a rate of 3.10%. Motion to approve by Chris Reed, seconded by Greg Steensland. Motion carried. UPDATE after council meeting: A total of \$278,140 in 5 different CD's at Veridian, 12-30 months CD, Rate from 2.50% to 3.10%.

Pastor Cara presented her monthly report.

- Matt and Janet Perrone wish to transfer their membership from Rejoice Lutheran to us. Motion to approve by Mike Loos, seconded by Chris Reed. Motion carried.
- The thermostat upstairs doesn't seem to be working properly. The temperature has been over 80 this week. Property committee will look into.

- Immanuel Vision Foundation Grant Application has a grant for up to \$10,000, the cutoff for application is September 30. The following items were discussed: Hoover Elementary School, North Broadway Neighborhood Association, and shelter at church for us and community use.
- Pastor Cara has a new ministry idea...at the rummage sale a member of the community offered up to \$1,000 for outreach ministry. What Pastor is proposing is starting a writing group called Healing Through Writing to help promote increased mental health. There is also \$2,240.15 in the Mental Health Fund. Motion to approve Healing Through Writing ministry by Nick Rickard, seconded by Mike Winter. Motion carried.
- Fall Convention is September 25-27 at Lutheran Lakeside Camp. Rostered leaders are expected to attend. Cost is \$165 for registration and meals, plus \$30 a night for lodging. Motion to approve \$225 from the Seminar & Training budget by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Chris Reed. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

- Property: Char Les Kemmish reported that the Facet was fixed for \$600. She also got a quote from Able Locksmith to replace 2 double doors and 1 single door (12 keys included) for an estimate of \$562.50. Motion to "take no action" by Nick Rickard, seconded by Mike Loos. Motion carried. Michaela Lewis brought to the council attention that the church answering machine was not changed when Pastor Cara was on vacation, Pastor does not want her personal cell phone on the church voice message for emergencies. The council agreed with this decision.
- Worship & Music: Mike Hipnar reported that this year's garage sale made \$3,267.19 and concession stand made \$275. No decision was made where the funds would go.

### Old Business:

- Parking lot repairs – the main surface was completed before the garage sale.
- Next meeting is September 19.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Hipnar, seconded by Char Les Kemmish. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by President Mike Winter at 8:14pm.



Deloris Christensen  
Robert Hesseltine  
Tommy Schott

Rita Epperson  
Sawyer Lorenz  
Ruth Sullivan

Owen Hansen  
Norma Mass  
Bob Vergamini

Larry Hansen  
Jane Meyer

## 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.

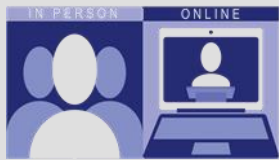
LSI is now offering seminars to those interested in learning more about legacy gifts, wills and final wishes.

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](mailto: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](http://LSIowa.org/church-relations) or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.


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### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS





Week of:	In-Person Attendance:	Online Views:	Sunday School Attendance:	Total Attendance:	Offerings:
<b>Sept. 4</b>	42	26	N/A	68	\$2,892.00
<b>Sept. 11</b>	60	20	14	94	\$1,337.00
<b>Sept. 18</b>	47	N/A	9	56	\$1,752.00
<b>Sept. 25</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Finance Team Update

### Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

August Income: .....\$6,990.00  
 August Expense:.....\$9,642.25  
 August Balance.....-\$2,652.25

YTD Income: ..... \$106,465.83  
 YTD Expense:..... \$106,176.94  
 YTD Balance ..... \$288.89  
 Plus Carryover..... \$14,978.52  
 General Budget Fund ..... \$15,267.41



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

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### Worship Services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the worship center followed by coffee hour in the community room. Services are streamed live on YouTube, Facebook & Twitter

### Children's Ministry:

Children will be dismissed to Sunday School after the Gospel reading during the Sunday worship service (*September—May*)

### Staff:

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