

# Garden of Reading'



Emanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

June 2018

## Happenings!

**Saturday, June 2**—Work on Prayer Path in upper lot

**Sunday, June 3**—Gathering “Getting Ready” Session, Ice Cream Social at Bethany Lutheran Home

**Monday, June 11—Thursday, June 14**—Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp

**Friday, June 15**—Potluck & Movie “I Can Only Imagine”

**Saturday, June 16**—Gathering “Getting Ready” Session

**Sunday, June 17**—Father’s Day, Commissioning Gathering Group

**Sunday, June 24**—tABLE begins (part of Youth Gathering)

**Wednesday, June 27—Sunday, July 1**—ELCA Youth Gathering

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

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



Roxie, the fennek fox, makes an appearance at Wildlife Encounters. We had approximately 115 people attend this fun educational program. Wildlife Encounters is located in Gretna and is dedicated to educating the public about our natural world while offering a home for animals in need.

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# Periodic Pastoral Ponderings

(From a guy who likes alliteration a lot)

BY PASTOR LOWELL HENNIGS

Dear friends in Christ,

Do you want to know your Bible better? I hope so. We can't manage that all at once. Studying the Bible is like eating an elephant. It's only possible one bite at a time.

The bite we will take this summer is Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Sections of that letter appear in the appointed lectionary readings for several Sundays in June and July. Rather than read a few snippets from this great letter, I want to read and celebrate it paragraph by paragraph and in that way come to a deeper appreciation of this important New Testament document.

I hope you will take the time to read through the whole letter at least once and perhaps several times. In our worship we used the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible as our translation. However, you might want to read it in another translation for better understanding. I would encourage you to look at a translation called *The Message*. This translation was produced by Eugene Petersen and is very readable. You can find that translation online at <https://www.biblestudytools.com/msg/ephesians/>. Another very readable translation is N. T. Wright's Kingdom New Testament. You can find that for purchase in bookstores or online.

I will publish a daily reading guide if you want to read Ephesians a few verses at a time through the summer. That's another way to dive deeper into this great piece of faithful theology. I hope that when you have questions about this text you will post them on our Facebook page, email me, call me or find some time for us to visit face to face.

The Bible is not an encyclopedia or a recipe book or a roadmap. It is the amazing story of God's love for you and for the whole cosmos--a love so deep and so daring that God would rather die than let you go. The Letter to the Ephesians celebrates that love in Jesus and our life empowered by the Holy Spirit. I hope you will give yourself to this letter and allow the Spirit to fill you with the fullness of God.

Ephesians contains one of the great benedictions in the New Testament. That benediction is my prayer for us all. *"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen."* May your reading and prayers be blessed with such abundance.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Lowell

## Readings for June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>June 4</b> Eph 1:1-2	<b>June 5</b> Eph 1:3-6	<b>June 6</b> Eph 1:7-10	<b>June 7</b> Eph 1:11-12	<b>June 8</b> Eph 1:13-14
<b>June 11</b> Eph 1:15-16	<b>June 12</b> Eph 1:17-19	<b>June 13</b> Eph 1:20-21	<b>June 14</b> Eph 1:22-23	<b>June 15</b> Eph 1:1-23
<b>June 18</b> Eph 2:1-2	<b>June 19</b> Eph 2:3	<b>June 20</b> Eph 2:4-7	<b>June 21</b> Eph 2:8-9	<b>June 22</b> Eph 2:10
<b>June 25</b> Eph 2:11-12	<b>June 26</b> Eph 2:13-14	<b>June 27</b> Eph 2:15-16	<b>June 28</b> Eph 2:17-18	<b>June 29</b> Eph 2:19-22

# Prayer Path

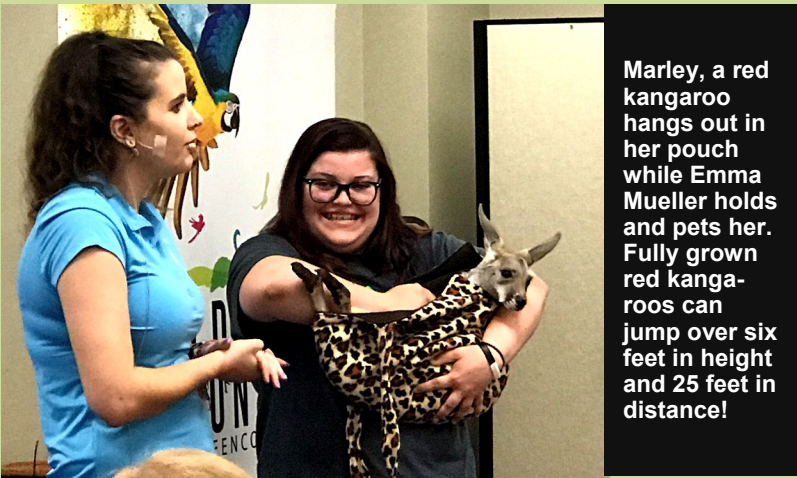
Work will officially begin work on the envisioned prayer path nature trail on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8:30am. We are very excited to get this project underway and hope to get as many as possible involved. There will be a wood chipper rented for the day to clean up branches, a trailer to haul away the old shed and other trash, and various tools for trimming and raking. We could use additional tools including gas trimmers, rakes, saws (chain & hand) and shovels if available to ring. There are many things needing done so grab your gloves and join us on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30am in the upper parking lot as we turn Gods vision into reality.

## Wildlife Encounters

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

Thank you to everyone who came on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and helped spread the word about our Wildlife encounters event. We had approximately 115 people who attended the event, most of whom were visitors. We hope that they found Emanuel an inviting place to be.

Special thanks to those who helped cook, clean, greet and organize things for the event; Stephen Lewis, Mike Loos, Amanda Dalton, Linda Steensland, Connie Solon, Brenda Hennigs, Pastor Lowell Hennigs and Deann Over.



Marley, a red kangaroo hangs out in her pouch while Emma Mueller holds and pets her. Fully grown red kangaroos can jump over six feet in height and 25 feet in distance!

**MAY BASKETS:** Jim Hamilton and Deloris Christensen both called to thank the women's group for the May Day baskets that were delivered to them. Connie Solon, Marge Powell-McIntosh, Darlene Jeppesen, Ruth Pearson and Darlene Reed made and delivered 30 baskets.



**CONGRATULATIONS!:** Brenda and Lowell Hennigs welcomed a new granddaughter in May! Annika Elizabeth is the daughter of Steve and Brooke Hennigs.



NEIGHBORHOOD  
Association

## Kimball Park Fundraiser at Lansky's

June 4-7

Place your Lansky's receipts in the marked box at the restaurant. A portion of the sales will go towards the memorial pavilion at Kimball Park

This project is in memory of Gerald Dixon which will include a shelter and picnic area. Dixon was killed in a boiler explosion at Gunn Elementary in 1967. Former students at Gunn came together to help with this memorial to Dixon.

This pavilion is in addition to the planned renovations to the park. The cost is estimated to be about \$33,000. Several donations from endowment funds as well as other donations have raised over \$9,000 so far.

In addition to fundraisers, any donations towards this project are greatly appreciated. The Pottawattamie County Community Foundation is providing a 10 percent match on donations.

**GRADUATION PARTIES:** Members of Emanuel are invited to celebrate Kaitlyn Egner's graduation from Abraham Lincoln High School on June 10, 2018 from 1-5 at the Home of Oscar and Deann Over, 318 Del Mar Ridge Lane.



Members are also invited to Brennan Plummer's open house on June 2 in the Emanuel Lutheran Church Community Room from noon to 4 p.m.



Daphne Miller  
Harvey Coble  
Kaye Bird  
Jeff Smith

Glen Fahrenkrug  
Mildred Rogers  
Paul Heath  
Jim Fowler

Lucille Weatherill  
Dana Blessum  
Andrea Britton  
Phyllis Fowler

Dwight Rogers  
Clair Ossian  
Esther Bender



**June 01** Marlene Combs

**June 03** Jeselyn Maxwell  
Karlie Petersen

**June 04** Bette Juhl

**June 05** Sarah Britson  
Trish Conley

**June 07** H. Kathryn Bird  
Breanne Preston  
Connie Solon  
Sherri Stinson

**June 10** Heather Linsenmeyer  
Nolan Winter

**June 12** Michelle Jacobsen  
Arnee Shannon

**June 13** Linda Vergamini

**June 14** Katie Comley

**June 16** Judy Heithoff  
Bill Over

**June 17** Ben Heithoff  
Jason Siebels

**June 18** Ken Kemmish  
Ryan Nordstrom

**June 20** Dave Appel

**June 21** Porter McSorley

**June 24** Ian Spangenberg

**June 26** June Gehrig

**June 28** Megan Hansen  
Brad Holding

**June 29** Jeff Wilson

**June 30** Connie Edson  
Mason Lewis  
Ayden Sullivan



**June 01** Mike & Carla Hipnar  
Ken & Char Les Kemmish

**June 04** Steve & Jennifer Plummer

**June 11** Ryan & Tara McSorley

**June 17** Jim & Phyllis Fowler  
Jim & Ruth Nelson  
Ken & Donna Nelson

**June 19** Kevin & Rita Epperson

**June 21** Bob & Esther Bender

**June 24** Eric & Carrie Hansen

**June 25** Brandon & Jennifer Clark  
John & Jan Husmann

**June 28** Dennis & Jane Eitmann  
Jesse & Jolene Hansen  
Gary & Sherri Stinson  
Mike & Suzanne Winter

**June 29** Chris & Megan Sorensen

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

## Worship Assistant Schedule

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



Sunday, June 3	9:30 a.m. Service
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jamie & Tyler Hansen
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kylie Hansen & Tyler Steensland
<b>Lector</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Children's Message</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Joel Hauschild, Valerie Weelborg
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Al & Linda Martens
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Cheryl Rowe
Sunday, June 10	9:30 a.m. Service
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Ushers</b>	Jamie & Tyler Hansen
<b>Acolytes</b>	Xander Richards & Alexxia Richards
<b>Lector</b>	Alan Ellis
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Elaine Sasso
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Linda Steensland & Amy Steensland
<b>Visual Tech</b>	
Sunday, June 17	9:30 a.m. Service
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jamie & Tyler Hansen
<b>Acolytes</b>	Andrew Borwick & Austin Borwick
<b>Lector</b>	Rosie Spangenberg
<b>Children's Message</b>	John Husmann
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Rosie Spangenberg, Lauren Hansen & Kylie Hansen
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Connie Eyeberg & Jeanine Schademan
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Darlene Jeppesen
Sunday, June 24	9:30 a.m. Service
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jamie & Tyler Hansen
<b>Acolytes</b>	Cael Hansen & Owen Hansen
<b>Lector</b>	Dannette Hein-Snyder
<b>Children's Message</b>	Brenda Hennigs
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Joel Hauschild
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Pat Hiller
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Elaine Sasso

**June 3**

**June 10**

**June 17**  
Fresh Start

**June 24**

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



**June 3**

**June 10**

**June 17**

**June 24**

*If you are interested in helping with worship, please contact the church office at (712) 323-9665 or emanuellutheranbia@msn.com or you can also sign-up on our website at: [www.emanuelcb.org](http://www.emanuelcb.org)*



Have you visited our website?


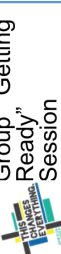





You can view events, the newsletter, past newsletters, announcements, sermon videos, make a gift online and more!

You can even sign up to help with worship!

www.emanuelcb.org

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

# June 2018 – Emanuel Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour	28 Memorial Day Office Closed 	29 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	30 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship	31 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm DaBand Rehearsal	1 Office Closed	2 8:30 am Prayer Path Work in upper lot 12 pm—4 pm Brennan Plummer Graduation Open House
3 9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 am Gathering Group "Getting Ready" Session 	4 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 am FAITH Team Meeting	5 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	6 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in Community Room	7 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 1 pm Game Day 	8 Office Closed	9 12 pm Girl Scouts
10 Joyful Noise 9:30am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship & Coffee Hour with Ministries Meeting	11 9 am—3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp 11 am Tai Chi 	12 8:30 am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Village Inn East 9 am—3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 6:30 pm Children & Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	13 9 am—3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp 11:30 am Adult Fellowship at Pizza Ranch 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in Community Room	14 9 am—3 pm Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm North Broadway Neighborhood Association Meeting	15 Office Closed 4:30 pm Volunteers for Food Pantry meet at Our Savior's 6 pm Potluck 6:30 pm Movie: I Can Only Imagine 	16 6 pm Gathering Group "Getting Ready" Session 
17 Father's Day 9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion, honoring Father's and commissioning Gathering attendees 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour 10:45 pm Worship & Music Meeting 	18 9 am Cookie Crumbs Sorting 11 am Tai Chi 7 pm Church Council Meeting 7 pm MS Support Group	19 9 am Cookie Crumbs Packing 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	20 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in Community Room	21 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi	22 Office Closed	23 12 pm Girl Scouts
24 9:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour	25 Office Closed 11 am Tai Chi 11 am Communion at Midlands Living Center	26 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Community Room 7 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Center	27 9:30 am Mission Action (Quilters) 6 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Worship in Community Room	28 9:30 am Adult Study 11 am Tai Chi	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed



# Your Help Is Needed

BY MICHAELA LEWIS

We need several supplies for VBS and also have a lot of props and decorations that we would like to have people help with yet. We may schedule a VBS work day in early July to work on some of the larger projects. Please let me know if you would like to help with this so we can try to schedule a time when most people can make it.

Many of the supplies we need can be bought locally, but some do need to be purchased online. Certificates for Menards, Dollar Tree, Oriental Trading, Walmart or any of the grocery stores would be greatly appreciated. These would be used for the set design, games, crafts, dinner and snack.

Here are some of the items we will need for VBS. This is not a complete list, but would give us a good start on supplies:

- 1 gallon plastic milk/water jugs (18, please wash prior to bringing in)
- Empty 16 oz. water bottles (24)
- Quart size resalable bags (approximately 150)
- Gallon size resalable bags (approximate 40)
- Wet wipes
- Paper plates
- Paper Towels
- Pool Noodles (10)
- Extra long sturdy rope (think tug of war)
- Small traffic cones (4)
- Clear or light colored marbles
- Fake Flower leis (12)
- Plastic play food (fruit and veggies)
- Regular size beach balls (6)
- Extra large size beach ball
- Spray bottles (4)
- Ping pong balls (24)
- Paper grocery bags
- Large disposable plastic cups
- 3 oz plastic cups
- Medium buckets
- 5 gallon bucket
- 10 lb bag of birdseed



**Our great group of kids and volunteers at last year's VBS! Our theme last year was Rome: Paul & the Underground Church and was held with Our Savior's Lutheran there.**

We still need lots of volunteers as well. No togas this year, you can wear your favorite summer attire! Below are some of the ways you can help!

- Help build/paint sets and/or decorations and props
- Small group leader or assistant
- Games leader or assistant
- Craft leader or assistant
- Act in one of the small skits
- Help prepare and serve dinner
- Help prepare and serve snack

Also, many of the supplies I need to order are limited and having an accurate count of how many we will have attending will help ensure we have enough for everyone. If you have not already done so,

please register your child if they plan on attending. Forms are available at church, or you can register on our website. Volunteers can also sign-up at [www.emanuelcb.org](http://www.emanuelcb.org).



# Council Notes

## Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes for 05/21/2018

RECORDED BY MIKE WINTERS

Present: Rosie Spangenberg, Mike Winter, Amy Garreans, Elaine Sasso, John Spilde, Joel Hauschild, Connie Solon, Valarie Weelborg, Pastor Lowell Hennigs

Absent: Peggy Jarrell, Patty Maxwell, Judi Malloy, Stephen Lewis

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by President Rosie Spangenberg

Devotions: Elaine Sasso

### Council Agenda:

- Alan Ellis gave the council a report concerning his investigation into changing the church sign on the east lawn of the church property. He is investigating changing it to an electronic sign. He has bids ranging from just over \$20,000 to more than \$40,000. The council appreciated his presentation, asked him to do further research and took no formal action.
- Motion by Connie Solon, seconded by Joel Hauschild to approve the secretary minutes for the previous meeting with the correction that Elaine Sasso made the motion to approve the Memorial Fund, not Peggy Jarrell, as Peggy Jarrell did not attend the meeting. Approved.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by John Spilde to approve the Financial Secretary (Consolidated Fund) report. Approved.
- Motion by Joel Hauschild, seconded by Valarie Weelborg to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- Motion by Connie Solon, seconded by Joel Hauschild to approve the Capital Fund Report. Approved.
- Motion by John Spilde, seconded by Joel Hauschild to approve the Memorial Fund Report. Approved.
- There was discussion concerning the Wednesday Night Dinner Balance Fund shown on the Consolidated Fund Report, but no action taken.
- Pastor Hennigs gave a 15 point report. The Thursday Adult Study on spiritual gifts will continue through May. It has been very successful. He will continue to offer a communion service on the fourth Monday of each month at Midlands Living Center. Twenty-four attended the service on April 30. Pastor also gives at least one Wednesday afternoon a month at Bethany for Vespers Service and in April, he served on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Construction Committee is now meeting with the architect and beginning the bid process for the day-care. The Western Iowa Synod Assembly will be held from June 8 through June 10 and so far only Pastor Hennigs is planning to go. If there are persons who can only attend for a day or two, that would be fine and it should be noted that registration and lodging costs are paid for by Emanuel Lutheran Church. Others are encouraged to notify Pastor if they can attend. Mental Health Ministry Sunday was held on May 20. It was very successful and 65 people participated in kickball. The congregation learned a great deal about Mosaic.
- Stephen Lewis prepared a written report for the Children's/Youth Ministry. He reported that the Eagle Scout project that was to be completed by Quinton Birkhoffer, which included striping of the upper parking lot, will now be completed by Matthew Honig since Quinton has aged out of scouts. The report included calendar planning for the months of April through December. Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp at Emanuel will begin June 11 through June 14.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by John Spilde authorizing Matthew Honig to take over the Eagle Scout project and that the cost for supplies, that the church pays, be paid out of the building and grounds portion of the Capital and Building Account and that Oscar Over is authorized to sign any required scout papers for the project. Approved.
- Pastor Hennigs reports that he made a grant application to the Iowa Childcare Resource and Referral and Emanuel will receive \$19,957.70 as a grant toward the daycare project.
- Motion by Elaine Sasso, seconded by Amy Garreans to appoint John Spilde as Scout Liaison. Approved.
- Joel Hauschild gave a report from the Property Committee. The City Engineer's Office refuses to approve the re-sloping of the northeast corner of the church property next to and west of Indian Creek to make it easier to mow. The City Engineer claims that the project would result in additional pressure against the Indian Creek wall. The church council asked the Property Committee to seek clarification from the City Engineer



concerning his position on this matter. There seems to be some confusion over a 1928 easement given to the City of Council Bluffs to straighten Indian Creek, but which allows the grantor to use the land for “any use or purpose not inconsistent with its use by the grantee.”

- Joyful Noise for June will be to raise funds for Kimball Park.
- Beginning on June 2 at 8:30 a.m., church members are encouraged to assist in working on the pathway behind the parsonage.
- Rosie Spangenberg gave a report on the Worship and Music Committee. Hymnals have been purchased and Pastor is to schedule a dedication during a future service. The Faith Team is recommending additional video screens and displays in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. The initial estimate is \$1,200 for two projectors, splitter, mounts and cable. August 11 will be the Emanuel Garage Sale. Garage sale funds are to be kept separate from Youth Funds and used for Worship needs such as projectors, additional outlets, covers, etc. Sunday, September 9, 2018 will be “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Rosie has received orders for 21 shirts so far. September 22 and 23, 2018 will be the Jonathan Rundman Concert. On

November 11, 2018 at 11 a.m., a patriotic program will be held at Emanuel in commemoration of 100 years since the end of World War I.

- Amy Garreans reported that she is recruiting members for the Evangelism and Visitation Committee.
- Pastor passed around the meeting notes from the Faith Team that met May 7, 2018. Included in the minutes is a note that a parking lot sign has been purchased and will soon be placed. The Church Council had approved name changes and sign placement.
- Under old business, the Church Council will be signing up for future coffee hour dates. The church has now received the previously authorized credit cards. The facility’s usage request form will need to be amended.
- Motion to by Connie Solon, seconded by Joel Hauschild to adjourn at 8:41 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 Monday, June 18, 2018 at 7 p.m.*

Thanks for volunteering to mow the church lawn. With ten 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 from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. –3 pm Tues.—Thurs. Any questions, problems, or suggestions, call Larry at 323-7379.**

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| June 3  | Alan Ellis   |
| June 10 | Mark Ellis   |
| June 17 | Terry Eyberg |
| June 24 | Ken Kemmish  |

## Current Needs List

### Items Needed for Parsonage

We are still setting up the parsonage to be used for guests. In just a few short weeks we will be hosting staff from Lutheran Lakeside. There are a few items we can still use:

- Bed frame and mattress
- Sheets and blankets (currently we have a twin and double bed we can use bedding for)
- Small table lamps
- Kitchen and bath towels

### Items Needed for Day Camp

We do provide lunch for campers during day camp. If you would like to help with this, please consider donating:

- Bottled water
- Fresh fruit
- Gift cards for groceries
- Volunteers!

### Items Needed for Garage Sale

The date has been set for our annual garage sale! It will be August 11<sup>th</sup>. Items should be clean and if possible marked with a price before bringing them in. No clothing. Several items have been collected already and are being gathered in the downstairs room at the parsonage. Official drop off dates will be August 8, 9 and 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please contact Rosie Spangenberg or the church office at 712-323-9665 if you have items that need to be picked up.

# Schedule Change

Blessings and Brunch will no longer meet for study and fellowship. Please watch for a new Gathering event coming on Monday, August 13, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. More details in the July newsletter!!!



Our mental health Sunday on May 20<sup>th</sup> included a game of kickball on our parking lot with close to 50 participants!

# Meals on Wheels

BY DEANN OVER

Have a couple of hours to help with Emanuel's Meals on Wheels Team?

Since August, 2002, Emanuel's members have delivered an average of 14-20 meals each Wednesday for this worthwhile program. Emanuel's route takes less than two hours to complete.

Meals are available for pick up by volunteers at the Lakin Red Cross parking lot by 10:15 a.m. Our regular team members have been Bob & Linda Vergamini, Darlene & Richard Reed, Jane & Phil Meyer, Connie & Terry Eyberg, Loren Carrier and Deann & Oscar Over.

If Meals on Wheels is something you might like to try, either on a regular once a month or an occasional Wednesday, please contact Deann Over (712-322-5075). We'd love to add more members to the Emanuel's Team!

# Bethany News

SUBMITTED BY DIANE CARLON



## Auxiliary Ice Cream Social

It will soon be time for the annual Bethany Auxiliary Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, June 3rd from 2-4 p.m.** at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street. A large variety of pies and cake as well as ice cream will be available. Free will offering. Come enjoy great food, fellowship and support the Bethany Auxiliary. Tell your friends!! Proceeds will be used for resident and tenant projects at Bethany. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Summer Teen Volunteer Program

Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights are looking for some great volunteers between the ages of 14-18 to be a part of our Summer Teen Volunteer program. Teen Volunteers interact with residents and tenants, participate in activities, games and outings (ex. Zoo, Museums, Music in the Park, fishing at Lake Manawa, etc.) and assist where needed. If you are looking for an opportunity for a rewarding experience and willing to commit 2-4 hours per week, **please contact Kaily Stanley at 712-328-9500, ext. 230 to sign up.** Teen Volunteer orientation will be held on **Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in the Green Garden Lounge at Bethany Lutheran Home. Hope you join us this summer!!

## Employment Opportunities

Bethany currently has several positions available. For more information, please visit [www.careerlink.com](http://www.careerlink.com), [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com), Iowa Workforce Development or contact our Human Resources Director, Debbie Butcher at 712-328-9500.

## Bethany Auxiliary Meeting

The Bethany Auxiliary will be meeting Monday evening, **July 9<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Heights.** A short business meeting will be held at **6:00 p.m.** followed by Bingo and a pie social with the tenants. Please note the time change from the regular meeting time. Contact your church key lady for more information.

## Garden Produce Always Appreciated

We all enjoy the taste of homegrown vegetables and fruits over the summer. Many of the residents and tenants were avid gardeners in their day and miss the taste of homegrown foods. If you are gardening this summer and have extra produce you would like to share, please feel free to drop it off at Bethany Heights or Bethany Lutheran Home during the week. We would greatly appreciate it and the smile you'll see on the faces of our residents and tenants is priceless!

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Kaitlyn Egner

*Abraham Lincoln High School*

Kaitlyn has been on the honor roll all four years at AL. She participated in basketball and soccer and was a cheerleader. She was a member of DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) throughout High School and was the Recipient of the DECA MOM (Most Outstanding Member) award. Their team won 1st Place at State DECA competition where they then qualified and competed in the national DECA competition in Atlanta in April.

Kaitlyn plans to continue working part time at the 712 restaurant and making memories with her friends this summer before she leaves for the University of South Dakota in the fall to study Nursing with a Minor in Addiction Studies.



Brennan Plummer

*Abraham Lincoln High School*

Brennan has been a member of the National Honor Society all four years. He participated in Baseball. Brennan is an Eagle Scout and, in earning his Eagle Award, Emanuel was the beneficiary of one of his projects, building and installing the Gaga Pit in our outdoor area where many youth as well as energetic adults have enjoyed! Instrumentally and vocally, Brennan was in Show choir, Concert choir, Orchestra, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Guitar Club and the "In Progress" Band. He has been awarded several scholarships including: The University of Iowa, Iowa Scholars Award. Brennan works part time at the West Broadway HyVee.

He will be attending the University of Iowa pursuing a Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis in Music Performance or Music Education this fall.

Nick Haats

*Abraham Lincoln High School*

Nick has been a fantastic addition to Da Band. Nick is a member of Our Saviors and we truly appreciate him sharing his time and talents with Emanuel.

Nick is also an honor roll student and, as you might guess, his love for music at AL was as a member of the: Jazz Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Jazz Choir and Concert Choir. Nick was also honored as Best Jazz Soloist in South West Iowa. He also received an All-State Speech award for Ensemble Acting.

Nick is looking forward to going to University of Northern Iowa to study jazz and participate in the band program there where he said he can't wait to follow his passion and experience great musicians!



# Happy Father's Day



At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day.

Many of the boys and young men that LSI serves in our Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers have never had a positive male role model in their lives. But our caring volunteers are there to help guide them.

In our Early Childhood fatherhood program, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families.

You are making all of this possible through your support of LSI. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

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The children & youth committee organized care packages for the young adults in our congregation attending college. We thank all those who donated items for these boxes. They are delivered or mailed towards the end of each semester to help them get through finals week. Below are the thank-you notes, messages and emails that we received. Handwritten notes that were sent in will be posted in the narthex.

It's really nice to get something from home before finals! I'll be really grateful for those snacks when I'm spending some late nights in the library over the next few weeks!

- Alyson Sorensen

Thank you so much for the care package, it's definitely much appreciated during this stressful week!

- Jessica Hipnar

Good evening! I had gotten the package the other day and just wanted to say thank you!

- John Scheffler

We got them awhile ago, but with finals coming up we have both been pretty busy! But Soga and I wanted to thank Emanuel for the care packages!

- Brett Egner

Thank you for the finals week and dead week snacks! Thgan kyou for thinking of me and I appreciate the thought. Tha snacks helped me through my finals! Thank you again for sending them!

- Alexis Gress

WOW! It's already the end of my junior year of college, where did time go? It felt like yesterday that I started my freshman year of high school, nonetheless college. My experience at Creighton has been great these last 3 years and I'm looking forward to seeing how my last year at Creighton goes. Just like

the past semesters we've received care packages, I would like to say thanks for the care package this semester while studying for finals. Finals week is an extremely stressful week, as some of you know, and it's nice to be thought of by our church community during this stressful week. I thank you for the continued support of not only me, but the other college attendees at Emanuel and God Bless!

- Will Schademann



Overflowing With Thanks

Thank you for the care pacakage for finals week. I always enjoy receiving them each semester. Its nice to know that you are thinking of me during finals week. It

always gives a nice boost of energy to enjoy what is included in the package.

- Abaigh Plummer

# Ramblings from the Back Corner

BY CINDY RICHARDS



Walls have many functions in our society. They divide space and give support to structures. They provide shelter and define boundaries. Of all the possible ways in which walls are used, both good and bad, John Ylvisaker, in the song *No Longer Strangers*, declares “he is our peace who made us all one and broke the dividing wall.” That barrier is now gone between God and us. That barrier that kept us away from Him and everlasting life is gone. And now, instead of being on one side or the other of a wall we are part of it a support wall, a foundation wall, “with Jesus the cornerstone.”

*No Longer Strangers* was written by Ylvisaker in 1976 to the old English tune “Give Me Some Time”. It is a simple 2 verse with chorus song. The text is based on Ephesians 2. This song will be used several times throughout the summer.

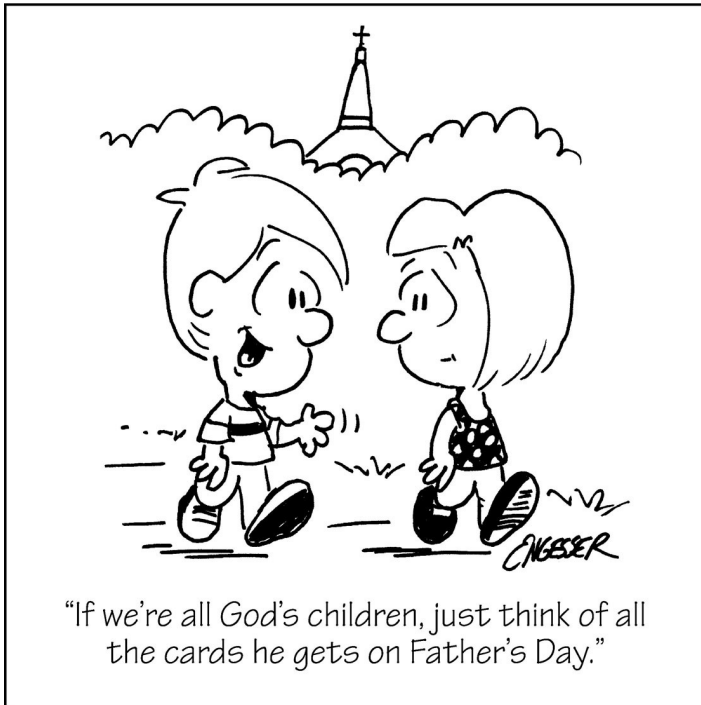
## No Longer Strangers

He came to bring peace to those who were far off  
And peace to those who were near.  
For through him we all come to God without any fear.

And He is our peace who made us all one  
And broke down the dividing wall.  
For he took upon him the constant demand of the law.

And we are no longer strangers  
who wander around this world all alone,  
For we’ve become part of the temple wall,  
With Jesus the cornerstone.

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Week of:	Attendance:	Offerings:
May 6	89	n/a
May 13	130	n/a
May 20	221	n/a
May 27	62	n/a

## Finance Team Update Income & Expenses Monthly and YTD

April Income: ..... \$12,772.22  
April Expense: ..... \$8,012.83  
April Balance ..... \$4,759.39

YTD Income: ..... \$67,437.78  
YTD Expense: ..... \$57,885.25  
YTD Balance ..... \$9,552.53  
Plus Carryover ..... \$10,886.00  
General Budget Fund ..... \$20,438.53



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Game Day**

Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm  
*Community Room*

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

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)  
Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am  
*Village Inn East*

**Adult Fellowship**

Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am  
*Pizza Ranch*

**Movie Night**

Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm Potluck  
6:30 pm Movie  
*Community Room*

**Mission Action Committee  
(Quilters)**

Wednesdays, 9:30 am  
*Community Room*

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

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*Worship Services:*

Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by fellowship

Wednesday meal at 6:00 pm, Kidz Kamp and Adult Study at  
6:45 pm and worship at 7:30 pm

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