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### **Mardi Gras Celebration Set**

Emanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting their annual Mardi Gras Celebration on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. This event is open to the public.

The event features live music by Da Band, New Orleans inspired food, a photo booth and activities for children. There will also be a silent auction, with a variety items available for bid. A Mardi Gras parade will take place at 5:30 p.m.

This is the fourth year for this event. There will be a free-will offering which goes towards youth attending camps, mission trips and the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

All are invited to come in masks and costumes or just as you are. With the exception of the Silent Auction, all activities are at no charge. Auction bidding will close at 5:45 p.m. and the lucky winners will be announced by 6 p.m. A free-will offering will be accepted for the meal, and proceeds will help to fund scholarships for young people attending church camps, mission trips and the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

Attendees can park in the lower (east) parking lot. Ground floor access is available through the east doors of the facility.

Please contact the church with questions or to make a reservation. Reservations are not required for attendance, but they will help with the food planning.

Emanuel Lutheran Church is located at 2444 N Broadway in Council Bluffs. For more information, contact Pastor Lowell Hennigs at (712) 323-9665 or email [emanuellutheranbia@msn.com](mailto:emanuellutheranbia@msn.com).

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This event is sponsored in part by Thrivent Action Team members. Thrivent Action Teams are just one of the ways Thrivent members participate in their membership. Members lead projects – fundraisers, one-time service activities or educational events – that can be completed within 90 days.

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