

Good News

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**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Emanuel's mission is to witness
to the good news of salvation through Christ to individuals, the community
and the world through discipleship and service.**

My Walk in Faith ...

My appreciation to all of you who have shared your personal Walks of Faith.

This is not an easy assignment. I have no inspirational story to tell but decided I would try to discuss a walk and the paths it can take. What is a walk? My Random House Webster has as its first definition that it means to advance or travel by foot on a path. Other meanings include that we can walk it off or get rid of something (maybe our prejudices?) We can walk away from something. (maybe our responsibilities?) We can walk out on or desert someone or something. We can walk through a rehearsal. It also says it means to conduct one's life in a particular manner.

What about the paths we walk? A path can be straight and narrow or winding and climbing. It can be surrounded by beauty or be in the midst of ugliness. Some can be marked with arrows or maps to show the way. On others we may find ourselves lost.

My early years were pretty much a walk in the park so to speak. I was raised in a Christian home with my parents and older brother. I was baptised and attended church and Sunday School and did all the youth activities. I have wonderful memories of all my school years and many

friends and family in Warren, Ohio.

College changed my path into a walk through or rehearsal for life. Being on my own, making new friends, learning to manage my time and studying for my B.S. in Education. I still attended church but it was frequently at a Mass on a Saturday as my Catholic friends weren't allowed to come to my church.

On that path in my Junior year I met the person most responsible for helping me walk a path of faith, Ron Schink. After he completed his Bachelor's in Music and Master's in Library Science and I had taught for 2 years. we were married. Our path changed when we had to leave jobs, family and friends and moved with our year-old son to an unknown place in a very flat area called Napoleon. We were city folk in a foreign environment where everyone seemed to be related. It was the right path.

Along the way we were blessed with another son and daughter. We taught Sunday School and were advisors and chaperones for the Luther League of over 40 teens. Ron had become Director of Music . He was so strong in his faith and effective in his ministry with the youth and the Bell Choirs. I was fortunate to share in that

with him and keep me on the path. I am so proud that Hugh and the others have kept his legacy alive and well.

One time I felt really lost was when we took an unknown path and spent over 3 months in Taiwan. The church sponsored us and through World Brotherhood Exchange we were sent to the Taiwan Lutheran Seminary to set up a Library. There are no ABC's in their language so Ron had to devise a different Dewey Decimal system. We lived in the missionary compound and biked to work each day. The Taiwan Seminary students worked with us. It was an unforgettable experience! It was very difficult for me as we left our 3 very young children at home in Warren, Ohio in the very capable hands of 2 sets of grandparents, but I agonized that some-

thing would prevent us from returning home to them.

Another time was when Ron died and my path became dark and scary. I was faced with making so many decisions on my own. How would I know if they were the right ones? A few lines that come to mind from hymns: "He WALKS with me and he talks with me"; "You'll never WALK alone"; Just a closer WALK with thee".

As to the definition of walk out or forsake we know Jesus never forsakes us! At this point my path walk is beautified with blessings of loving children, grandchildren, friends and the Emanuel family.

Nany Stirk

Chain Gang

We have several members who live alone. There has been some interest in having a call chain. Everyone in the chain would be responsible to call another person every morning just to make sure he/she is doing OK and feeling well. We could even include non-members in the chain (a next door neighbor, someone you know who does not get many visitors, etc.). Just to hear a friendly voice and touch base with another human being can be a welcomed start for one's day.

Please let Pastor know if you are interested in being a part of the "chain gang".

Back to School means Back to “Soul Food”!

With the start of another school year, it’s time to start our weekly Wednesday “Soul Food” suppers, too, the first of which will be on Wednesday, September 7, with serving from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. There is no sign-up required, and everyone is welcome. This serves as your open and ongoing invitation to come and enjoy!

We are STILL and ALWAYS in need of help with this weekly gathering! We will need salads and desserts each week to “fill out” the menus (and fill up hungry stomachs!), and we will need help weekly with shopping or cooking or clean-up. You don’t need to be a gourmet chef, and you aren’t expected to “do it all” and cook for 120, but “many hands make light work” (and usually many laughs, too!) when it comes to these meals each week.

Again, in case you’ve wondered, “Soul Food” is for everyone. You don’t need to have kids in After-School Club or confirmation or be in the choir; you don’t even need to be a member of Emanuel--you simply need an appetite on Wednesday evening. It is always our hope that we are feeding body and soul with the food and fellowship of these weekly meals. We are reaching out more and more to the community to welcome all who are in need. If you see someone you don’t know, please greet them and welcome them. Offer to help them through the line and with the “routine” of the meal.

Ending Hunger, One Step at a Time Step up! We need you!

The 7th Annual Henry County CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 2, at Oakwood Park in Napoleon again this year. What’s the point of walking? Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water, and fuel, and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence.

CROP Hunger Walks help fight hunger and poverty around the world, including the United States, and including here in Henry County. Up to 25% of what a CROP Hunger Walk raises can assist food banks, pantries, community gardens, and other local hunger-fighting initiatives. In the last 20 years, Walks have raised over \$264 million to assist those struggling to feed their families.

To become a Walker or to sponsor our Walkers, please contact Carol Castello (419) 592-0847.

THANK YOU!

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- Thank you to all who provided cookies for the Fair Parade Day. It was a big success! Thanks also to all helpers!
- Thank you for the use of the tables and chairs for the Survivor Reception. -Relay for Life
- MANY THANKS from Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives for all of your coupons! Not only do we use them to stretch our dollars in purchasing personal care items, but we also pass them on to the people who come to us and help them further stretch their own dollars, too. So, we are DOUBLY grateful for all of your Sunday supplements!

Seven reasons to join the growing number of persons who receive their newsletter by email:

1. You will not go bald....ever. (If you are bald now, your hair will grow back!)
2. Your IQ will go up by 50 points.
3. The tomatoes in your garden will be prize-winners.
4. Telemarketers will lose your phone number.
5. Your car will stay clean forever.
6. You will, occasionally, be able to control the weather.
7. Your children (or your parents) will consider you brilliant.

In order to receive all these benefits, just turn in your email address to the church office. You will need to have Adobe reader on your computer (available free for download at adobe.com).

 Be sure to check out our website www.emanuelnapoleon.org! You can find current and past newsletters, current Sunday bulletins, picture pages, and loads of information and pictures!

from the Congregational Life Board

Caring/Donation Corner for September

Together We Can Make a Difference. At this time we are collecting dish soap. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Pictorial directory

Thank you again to the many volunteers who worked the pictorial directory sessions. Your time and help is greatly appreciated.

Fellowship hour

Thank you to everyone who donated their time and goodies for our fellowship time after the church services. I know it was appreciated by many.

Thank you

Thanks to Carol Castello and her volunteers for their time spent on the fair float and also the food and water stand outside the church for the Tomato Parade. A lot of time and hard work for a job well done.

Next meeting

September 12 (since the first Monday is on Labor Day) at 7:00 at the church. All are welcome to attend, and bring along any ideas to share.

Rally Day

Sunday, August 28

Mark your calendars!!

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 4
after the children's sermon at the 9:00 worship hour.

An electrician is needed in preparation for the Christmas program. Please call Susan Landversicht at 419.592.0137 or 419.966.4644 if you are able and willing to help.

Membership News

Baptism On August 7 the following adults were baptized by Pastor Castello:

Eddie Baker

Judith Baker

Daniel Campbell

Please keep them in your prayers.

Weddings Congratulations and God's blessings to:

Daniel Campbell and Danielle Schwab who were married by Pastor Castello on August 21 in Columbus;

Dustin Placke and Elizabeth Bostelman who will be married by Pastor Castello on September 9 in Columbus.

Funeral Marge Gathman died July 23 and was buried on the 27th. Please keep her family in your prayers.

WE APPRECIATE HEARING ABOUT YOUR FAMILY NEWS (BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.).

We would like to include your family's birthdays in our

birthday prayers on Sundays, in which case we would need those names and dates.

We would also like to know the names of all those family members serving in the military.

Dartball

Another dartball season is about to begin.

There is always a need for more players, as on a couple of occasions the team consisted of 2 players and on another occasion, 3 players. The minimum for a match is 4 players.

The dartball team will need a new captain for this year as I am stepping aside after many years as captain. If there is anyone interested in filling this position, please contact me. The matches are on Tuesday evenings, usually on the third Tuesday of the month. On the months with 5 weeks, they will try to play two matches.

I have enjoyed my time as captain and intend to continue playing, but feel it is time for someone else to take a turn. The pay is great!

Thank you,
Bill Panning

Remember our members in nursing homes and assisted living facilities with prayers, cards, visits.

Lutheran Home (1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon)

Paul Panning **Alfred "Petey" Ruetz**

Ted Titgemeyer

Alpine Village Assisted Living (1032 S. Perry, Napoleon)

Ruth M. Eickhoff (#410) **Herman Campbell** (#313)

Country View Haven (R858 Co Rd 15, Napoleon)

Julia Arps (mailing address: 8271 Co Rd T Liberty Center, OH 43532)

Golden Center Living Center-Northcrest

Ruth Delaney (240 Northcrest Dr, Napoleon)

Heartland of Waterville (8885 Browning Drive, Waterville, OH 43566)

Paul Cousino

Church Office Hours

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday

8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Friday

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Sunday School Superintendent - Angela Sosebee

Altar Guild Chairman - Barbara Hoffman

Custodian - Jack Robbins

2011 Church Council

President - Gary Bostelman

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Board of Education - Jamie Glick & Julie Mt.Castle

Properties Board - Matt Mt.Castle & Jeff Sharpe

Finance Board - Martha Young & Loralee Jones

Worship participants in September

Acolytes

Sept. 4 - Ryan Kohout & Mitchell Walther

September 11, 18, 25

8:00 - Alexandria Biederstedt & Austin Damman

10:30 Stephen Yunker & Derek Belcher

Lay Assistant

September 4 9:00 Joan Collier

8:00 - **Still needed**

10:30 - Joan Collier

Altar Guild

Nancy Lange & Angela Sosebee

Ushers

September 4 9:00

Ken Lange, Norm Bostelman,

Ron Meyers, Mark Tonjes

September 11, 18, 25

8:00 Theo Heuer, Ron Wiechers,

Ed Peper, Steve Kloos

10:30 Ken Lange, Norm Bostelman,

Ron Meyers, Mark Tonjes

Altar Flowers

September 4 - Gary & Jamie Bostelman in honor of their 36th wedding anniversary on the 6th

- Tom & Barb Hoffman in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary

September 11 - Brian & Dea Plummer in honor of their 4th wedding anniversary on the 8th

September 18 - Terry & Ruth Hershberger in honor of their 14th wedding anniversary

September 25 - Sosebee family in loving memory of Jim Sosebee

** * Open date: October 30 * **

To reserve altar flowers...

Simply sign up on the flower chart in the narthex or call the church office.

Our flowers are done by Ivy League Floral & Design Studio on West Washington Street. The cost is \$20. If you have *special* orders for your flowers (certain colors, a larger arrangement, etc.), they will be happy to serve you. Please contact Cori Ratliff at Ivy League for these special orders. If your order is beyond the \$20, please pay the shop directly.

***** We are recycling the used plastic containers that the altar flowers come in. They can be put in Angela's office. *****

Statistics

Thursday, July 21 attendance 43 communed 40

Sunday, July 24

attendance 151

Offerings \$ 4,710.00

65.00 Building Fund

10.00 World Hunger

75.00 Good Samaritan Fund

50.00 to Bldg Fd in honor of Rupert & Rita

Schweinhagen's 50th wedding anniversary

Thursday, August 4 attendance 61

Sunday, August 7

attendance 183 communed 174

Offerings \$ 5,625.00

610.00 Building Fund

25.00 Good Samaritan Fund

10.00 World Hunger

50.00 mem to Endowment Fd - Joyce Baker

60.00 mem to Endowment Fd - Marge Gathman

Thursday, July 28 attendance 48

Sunday, July 31

attendance 165

Offerings \$4,174.55

20.00 Building Fund

20.00 World Hunger

25.00 Good Samaritan Fund

Thursday, August 11 attendance 48

Sunday, August 14

attendance 154 communed 142

Offerings \$ 5,596.00

150.00 Building Fund

25.00 Good Samaritan Fund

205.00 World Hunger

175.00

Needed:

Photos of former confirmation classes
for our display stand.

These need to be
4" x 6" in size.

Please bring to Pastor's office.

from Elizabeth Bostelman...

Many of you may be aware that my mom suffers from Polycystic Kidney Disease. She, along with numerous other family members, have been and are currently affected by PKD.

I have decided to run the NYC Marathon on the Run for PKD Team in honor of my mother. The race is on November 6th, the day after her 61st birthday, and I pray that she will have a new kidney as she celebrates this birthday and cheers me on in New York City.

I am asking that you consider making a donation to my \$3,000 fundraising effort that will aid in research and development and promoting awareness of a disease that affects so many. Please make a donation by visiting my FirstGiving page:

<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/elizabeth-bostelman/runforpkdingnycmarathonteam?fge=ask>

You can donate online with a credit card. All donations are secure and sent directly to PKD FOUNDATION by FirstGiving, who will email you a printable record of your donation.

Thank you!!

Monsters!!!!

What's up with that?????

(Stay tuned.....)

Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

Adult Choir

Summer has flown by and now it is time for choir rehearsals to begin. We will meet on Wednesday, September 7 in the sanctuary for a one hour practice from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. All the fall music will be introduced, and before long we will begin working on the Christmas cantata! Are YOU thinking about joining us this year? (We have a great time!) You can talk to Angela, or just show up – no audition necessary.

After School Club

Be watching for information about the start of After School Club. We will be meeting on Wednesdays beginning in October.

Worship reminder

We will be back to two service each Sunday beginning Sunday, September 11. Join us at 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. (for communion). If you have any comments or suggestions about our summer worship routine, please let us know. For anyone unable to make it on Sunday morning, Thursday evening worship is still offered at 7:30 p.m.

We videotape the service each week. Pick up a DVD copy from the cabinet at the north entrance. We always need volunteers to run the camera.

Sound Board and Ushers

There is always a need for sound board operators and ushers. Neither job is difficult, and it is a great way to lend a hand at worship. Let Pastor, Angela, or Doctrine and Worship board member (Holly Mohring or Terry Hershberger) know if you would like to help out.

Thank you

Thank you to Bonnie Palamara for hosting the “Back-to-Choir-End-of-Summer” party this year. We all had great food and great fellowship.

Just a reminder... *Kind words are the music of the world.* -F. W. Faber

Terror no more

“O LORD, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more” (Psalm 10:17-18, NRSV).

Ten years have passed since that tragic September morning in 2001, when terrorists took thousands of innocent lives and shattered America’s sense of security. As we reflect on this anniversary, Psalm 10 reminds us that God is on the side of the victim, the weak and the helpless. He won’t ignore the cries of people in need, and he always ensures that justice is ultimately done.

Lutheran World Relief Kits

We are getting ready for our annual Lutheran World Relief Kits and Quilts to aid poverty and disaster areas. These kits help in the education of children which leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. When natural disaster strikes, simple items as the softness of a towel and the warmth of a quilt is a comfort to them.

The items needed are listed below and on the following page. Some new guidelines have been made concerning the various kits. If anyone has assembled them before using past year's guidelines, they will still be accepted through the end of 2011. Be sure to label them as such as we need to box them separately and label them.

You may assemble a whole kit or you may donate items which go into a kit. A table will be in the narthex starting in September to place your items. October 9th is our deadline for the donated items as we need to have them assembled and boxed by October 15th for pick up in our area.

Should you have any questions, contact Janis Dachenhaus, Mission Action.

Personal Care Kits

One light or medium weight bath size towel (approximately 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

Two bath size bars (4 to 5 oz) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping

One adult size toothbrush in its original packaging *

One sturdy comb, remove packaging

One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Fabric Kits

Two pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no kits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:

2¼ yards of 60" wide fabric or

3 yards of 44" wide fabric or

4 yards of 36" wide fabric

Two spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread 250-300 yards each

Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yard, sturdy string, ribbon or strip of fabric. Do not enclose the Fabric Kit or any of its contents in a plastic bag.

School kits

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8 x 10½"; no loose leaf paper
One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
One pencil sharpener
One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
One box of 16 or 24 crayons
One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps
(no standard backpacks); recommended fabrics include heavy cotton, canvas, denim and twill

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Baby Care Kits

Two lightweight cotton t-shirts
Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel or crocheted or knitted with
lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap
Two pair of socks
One hand towel, dark cloth recommended
Two bath size bars (4 to 5 oz) or gentle soap, in original wrapping
Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Results of July 31 Congregational Meeting

The congregation voted to authorize church council to move forward with the elevator/restroom renovation project. By an 81% majority vote the more extensive renovation project was approved at a total cost of \$328,000. The Mel Lanzer Company will have architectural drawings completed and put this project into their work schedule. Church Council will keep the congregation informed as time line details become available.

The congregation also authorized church council to arrange for financing of the project by way of loans from members of the congregation rather than bank financing. Loans will be a minimum of \$10,000 and an interest rate of 3% will be paid. Any congregational member interested in loaning money to the church for this purpose should contact Council President Gary Bostelman by Sunday September 18, 2011.