

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...

I think it started before I was born. I think God chose me to be born in a family that loved him.

Do you know how children have an imaginary friend? Jesus was my imaginary friend; maybe because of the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". We sang this a lot when I was in Sunday School. I still talk to my invisible friend.

I went to parochial school for two years. The pastor died when I was in the second grade, and I got to sing at his funeral. The song we sang was "Jesus Still Lead On." This is my favorite hymn.

My family decided to join Emanuel Lutheran Church when I was nine years old. I would say the pastor here was a mentor for me in my walk in faith. He taught me in summer school, catechism and confirmation. I also had Sunday School teachers that helped me grow in faith.

When I met Burl and we decided to get married my pastor counseled us in marriage instructions. He married us and baptized our son, Jim. He was with us when we lost our second son.

Although Burl was not raised Lutheran, he joined my faith. He made sure we went to church, and the children went to Sunday School every week.

I guess I could have lost faith when Jeanne had open heart surgery and Burl had his illness. Our pastor at the time seemed to be too busy to be with us. The Episcopal pastor prayed with us and came to see Burl often.

After Burl died one of the women of the church asked me to come and sew with them on Wednesday. She said to me you have to get out. I told her I planned to get a job; I had two children to support. One was in college and one in high school. She told me they needed someone to work in the laundry at the Filling Home. I said I didn't know if I would like that. Then she said "Well, they need a cook also." That sort of appealed to because I like to cook. I applied for the job. Needless to say I have been there 35 years. Although I don't work directly with the residents I feel I am helping them in some way, and they help me, too.

It helps my faith to grow when I come to church early Sunday morning to hear the bell choir practice, and when I got to Bible Study on Thursday mornings.

When we lost our two pastors at one time I couldn't believe this could happen, but we were

so blessed to have Pastor Castello and his family come to our church. He has helped our congregation grow in faith and love.

As the hymn says, "Jesus Still Lead On." He will always lead me in my walk in faith.

Frances Aderman

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 5

7:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 6

7:30 p.m. "Tapestry of Darkness"

Music and the spoken word will paint an image of the last hours of Jesus' life and his sacrifice for us.

Easter, April 8

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion

8:00 a.m. Easter breakfast

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Confirmation

The following young people are ready to affirm publicly the baptismal covenant God made with them in Jesus Christ and to take on greater responsibility with us in the mission of the Church. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 15 at the 10:30 service. Holy Communion will also be offered. Please keep these young men and woman in your prayers that they will continue to grow in faith in the Spirit as witnesses of new life in the crucified and risen Christ.

Derek Jordan Belcher
Alexandria Victoria Biederstedt
Brock Matthew Brubaker
Austin Matthew Damman
Bryce Devon Reynolds
Stephen Dennis Yunker

Coming Alive!

It's that time of year again - the United Way exercise challenge called "Coming Alive"!

If you are interested in joining in this year, pick up a registration form from Judy Hoffman or the church office. They need to be turned in by April 4. Coming Alive will run from April 23 through May 20.

On the radio

Our 10:30 services will be broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday mornings during the month of APRIL on WNDH 103.1 FM.

Statistics

Wednesday, February 22

attendance 156 communed 141
Offerings \$1,187.00

Sunday, February 26

attendance 80 + 123 (203)
Offerings \$3,988.11
 \$ 85.00 Building Fund
 15.00 World Hunger
 148.00 Good Sam Fd
 435.50 Youth Convention

Wednesday, February 29

attendance 99
Offerings \$667.50

Sunday, March 4

attendance 107 + 81 (188) communed 100
Offerings \$5,275.55
 \$ 965.00 Building Fund
 35.00 World Hunger
 100.00 Good Samaritan Fund

Wednesday, March 7

attendance 111
Offerings \$1,381.00

Sunday, March 11

attendance 83 + 112 (195) communed 96
Offerings \$4,400.50
 \$ 145.00 Building Fund
 5.00 World Hunger
 110.00 Good Sam Fd

Wednesday, March 14

attendance 90
Offerings \$732.00

Sunday, March 18

attendance 89 + 115 (204)
Offerings \$4,966.67
 \$ 140.00 Building Fund
 40.00 World Hunger
 200.00 Good Sam Fd

Wednesday, March 21

attendance 97
Offerings \$677.00

Sunday, March 25

attendance 101 + 129 (230)
Offerings \$4,131.50
 \$ 225.00 Building Fund
 39.00 World Hunger
 100.00 Good Sam Fd

Easter flowers

Thank you to those who purchased the 37 Easter lilies and hydrangeas that beautified our sanctuary!

Karri Ashbaugh (2 hydrangeas) in loving memory of our grandparents; in honor of Madison & Morgan

Tiffany Biederstedt (lily) in honor of Blake & Alexandria

Sandi Borstelman (hydrangea) in honor of Halle, Sophia, Ava, Alivia, Addilyn

Norm & Kathy Bostelman (hydrangea) in loving memory of Harold Bostelman, Otto & Esther Hahn; in honor of Mrs. Lorna Bostelman

Julie & Casey Callaway (lily, 2 hydrangeas) in loving memory of Christine Richholt Rath; in honor of Sonny & Bonnie Babcock, Jonathan, Hannah, Ryan and Sarah

Leo & Juanita Clausen (lily, hydrangea) in loving memory of our parents, sisters and brother

Eloise Dierker (hydrangea) in loving memory of Belva Daum

Hazel & Maxine Eickhoff (lily) in loving memory of Alvin (Ike) Eickhoff

Ruth C. Eickhoff (hydrangea) in loving memory of my family

Shirlee Mires Fejes (3 lilies) in loving memory of Phil Mires & Lisa; Nelson, Michael & Trey Fejes; Ray & Melle Landversicht

Ryan & Andrea Hoffman (2 hydrangeas) in honor of Rob & Wil

Tom & Barb Hoffman (lily, 3 hydrangeas) in loving memory of Art & Estella Hoffman & Robert & Lulu Arps; in honor of Ryan, Andrea, Rob & Wil Hoffman and Lauren & Chris Helberg

Molly & Joe Knepley (lily) in loving memory of Jeffrey Eickhoff

Joe & Julie Kohout (lily, hydrangea) in honor of Erica, Anthony, Ryan & Carson

Sue Kruse (hydrangea) in honor of all Emanuel's "kids"

Paul & Betty Mowery (hydrangea) in loving memory of our parents and Paul's sister

Janice Rohrs (hydrangea) in loving memory of Vernon Rohrs

Nancy Schink (hydrangea)

Rupe & Rita Schweinhagen (hydrangea) in honor of our wonderful family

Angela Sosebee, "Sosebee Family" (2 lilies) in loving memory of Jim Sosebee & Shirley Casteel

Terri & Kelli (lily) in loving memory of family and friends; in honor of family and friends

Charlotte Wangrin (lily) in loving memory of Edwin Winzeler MD

Lila Wernecke (2 lilies) in loving memory of Hugo & Esther Sonnenberg

Cheryl Wiechman (hydrangea) in loving memory of parents Mike and Karen Wiechman; brother Mark Wiechman; grandparents Doug & Katie Kruse and Richard & Annebelle Wiechman

Sermons on YouTube!

-Douglas Hoffman

We can Subscribe to J Castello Sermon videos via clicking the Subscribe button at the top of the video. Clicking the 25(? number changes) videos button at the top of the video allows one to choose the videos that I have already uploaded. The quality of the video can be changed by clicking the ships wheel at the bottom right of the video. The rectangles (bottom right of video) allow one to change the size of the video on the screen. The TV screen icon on the very bottom right of the video allows one to go Full Screen on your computer/TV or where ever one is viewing the video. Sometimes I put additional notes below the video (always date etc.) such as the name of the original 1912 song that was composed by Kelli's Grandmother. There are many people involved in getting these to market and I thank you for all your assistance. YouTube has a fifteen minute limit on posted videos hence the splits on some. I teach and share and hope and trust and enjoy. It is really neat sharing these words of our Lord with the world. Thanks Much to you all for helping/sharing in this ministry.

One can also bookmark the current YouTube video (on your computer/device) and come back and check when you want to view additional Sermons. They can also be downloaded on your iThings (and other devices) and can then be viewed whenever desired without using the network. Sorta like **The Word in My Pocket** thing.

Another way to receive information about Pastor's Sermons on YouTube: Complete and receive email alerts for J Castello Sermon. Just enter your email address. Thanks much.

<http://www.google.com/alerts?t=9&q=J+Castello+Sermon&hl=en>

*Remember in your prayers our members in nursing homes
and assisted living facilities*

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

Alfred "Petey" Ruetz **Paul Panning** **Ted Titgemeyer**

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

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

Golden Living Center-Northcrest (240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon)

Ruth Delaney

Glen Park Assisted Living (2429 William Diehl Ct, Defiance, OH 43512)

Burnice Agler

Van Crest Nursing Home (600 E. Joe E Brown Ave, Holgate, OH 43524)

Albert Duquette

5th Sunday - Spring Celebration and Dip-Off!

April 29

Join the High School Youth Group and Congregational Life Board on Sunday, April 29th for a Spring Celebration and Dip-Off! The celebration will be held at Ritter Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to make their favorite dip for all to taste test and vote on. The dip-maker with the most votes will be crowned the 2012 Dip-Off Champion, a title that was earned by Marv Mt.Castle last year. Pettisville Meats will also be there with their famous Pork-Loin-on-a-Stick! Come dressed for outdoor games and prepared for fellowship, fun, and food! Hope to see you there!

All youth attending the National Youth Gathering and their parents are asked to attend a meeting on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please contact Angie Sosebee at 419-966-0473 or angelas@henrycountyhospital.org.

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- We wish to thank Pastor Castello and our Emanuel Church family for all their prayers on behalf of our grandson, Kaden Michaelis. We are happy to report that Kaden has completed his 18 month regiment of treatment for the stage 4 neuroblastoma cancer that was discovered in September, 2010. Kaden is now **cancer-free!!!** He and his family are returning to a more normal daily life. Although this type of cancer is very hard to beat, long term, we are confident that with close monitoring and continued prayer, he will remain a healthy and happy 5 year old. Thank you again, and God bless you.
-Ben & Judy Michaelis
- Thank you from the high school youth to those that supported them by baking and/or donating to our bake sale on the 18th. I'm truly overwhelmed by how generous our congregation is.
-Angela Sosebee
- Thank you to all who helped Lavern both times when he became ill during the church service. It is comforting to know we have such caring and capable people around us! We appreciate it very much!!
-Mel & Marg Lanzer

News from the community and the Synod...

- ✓ **Lutheran Men in Mission Spring Retreat** will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18974 St Rt 12 Arcadia, Ohio on May 12 at 9:30 a.m. (Registration 8:30-9:30 a.m.) A homily and communion will be offered by Rev. Bob Cochran. The fee is \$10. Please send your registration to Richard Noll, Sec. LMM/NWOS, 2474 Twp Rd 159, Cardington, OH 43315. Ph: 419-864-1471 or email to ranoll47@gmail.com.

- ✓ A Community **Palm Sunday Cantata** will be presented on Sunday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, St Rt 65, Deshler. The cantata performed will be David T. Clydesdale's "How Great Thou Art" and includes beautiful arrangements of well known hymns as well as original solos and selections tracing Christ's lenten journey. Directed by Ryan Mays and Mary Shaner, the ecumenical choir includes members from Deshler, Hamler, Holgate, Napoleon, and Pleasant Bend. The performance and reception following are sponsored by Hamler's Luminary Seven and all are welcome.

- ✓ Join the Henry County Arts Council for a Mother's Day project as they host a **Ceramics Class** for kids in grades K-8 on Saturday, April 14 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Glenwood. The cost is \$10 per child. Each child will glaze a plate for Mom for Mother's Day that can be picked up the following week. All children must be accompanied by an adult (parent, grandparents, aunt/uncle, etc.) Register by Monday, April 2 by calling the HCAC office 419-592-2787 or emailing henrycountyarts@embarqmail.com.

- ✓ The Center for Cultural Interchange is looking for **host families** for several 15-18 year olds boys and girls from countries such as Germany, Brazil, Russia, Vietnam, Hungary, Spain, Colombia, and China among many others. The stay would be for an academic semester or year. If you would be interested, please call Erica Rohrs, Area Coordinator, at 419-966-3796 for more information.

- ✓ **Mills Apartments** on Independence Drive are taking rental applications for one-bedroom apartments. The apartment community includes an on-site laundry and a community room for social activities. They pay for water and trash pickup service; residents pay for gas, electric, and optional cable television. A gas and electric utility allowance is deducted in the rent formula. Rent is based on income with possible rental assistance.

The apartments are for persons who are at least 62 years of age and for those who are handicapped or disabled regardless of age.

Call resident managers, Wendell and Jean Blackburn at 419-599-1896 for more information. Their regular office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment.

from the Congregational Life Board

Caring Corner for April — vegetable seed packets

Many thanks to all who contributed items for the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits during March.

With the warmth of spring turning everything green, in April we'll be counting on your "green thumbs" to help with collecting seed packets! These seeds will be distributed to the food pantries to give out to encourage home gardening. Please donate vegetable seeds, not flower seeds; we want to help people grow some of their own food when possible. Let's sow some seeds of hope in helping hungry people!

5th Sunday in April - April 29

"Switch Your Seat, then Come and Eat" for "Holy Humor Sunday"

Who sits in "your pew" at "the other" service? Perhaps you 8 o'clockers will meet some 10:30ers who you don't know! And maybe you 10:30ers will see who some of those "early bird" 8 o'clockers are! Let's join together for worship at 9 a.m. that day!

After worship, plan to venture over to Ritter Park to enjoy a "dip off" fundraiser sponsored by the "Gathering group" (our high school youth who will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in new Orleans in July). Do you have a delicious and favorite dip? Bring it along for a friendly "dip off" judging! We'll also be having Pettisville Meats "pork-chops-on-a-stick" (like at the fair!) for purchase. (See article on page 7.)

Membership News

Baptism On April 22 we will be privileged to witness the baptism of **Carson Rick**, son of Anthony and Erica Godsey. Carson was born in Toledo on February 1, 2012. His sponsors will be Dana Mack, Kenny Woods, Sara Shaw, and Mike Shaw.

On April 29 it will be our privilege to witness the baptism of **Landon Thomas**, son of Kyle and Kari Zachrich. Landon was born on January 27 in Maumee and has a sister, Julia. Landon's sponsors will be Kevin and Angela Sonnenberg and Konner Gerken.

Wedding Congratulations and God's blessings to **Michael Evans and Anna Rickenberg** who will be married at Emanuel on April 21!

New member We welcome to Emanuel **Cheryl Wiechman** who has transferred here from Zion Lutheran Church in Gibsonburg. She lives at N282 St Rt 65, McClure OH 43534.

♪ Notes from Angela ♪

Choir

April will be one of the busiest months of the year for the adult choir. We are singing two songs at the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday with the children of After School Club. During Holy Week, we will sing on Maundy Thursday and during the cantata on Good Friday. Easter Sunday will include a number of selections. I have something fun planned for Holy Humor Sunday on April 29!

Practice schedule for April:

Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. (this is tentative, in the sanctuary)

Thursday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. (basement)

Friday, April 6 at 6:45 p.m. (wear black, please be ready to warm-up in the basement)

Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

After School Club

Important notes for April:

NO After School Club on Wednesday, April 4

LAST DAY of After School Club is Wednesday, April 25

Sunday, April 1: children will sing with the choir at the 10:30 service

Sunday, April 8 (Easter): children will sing at the 10:30 service

Sunday, April 15: children will sing a special song for confirmation at 10:30

Living Spirit

Practices for Living Spirit in April will be as follows:

Wednesday, April 4 (tentative, 7:30 p.m. after choir in the sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Emanubells

We will play a prelude song for Good Friday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals will be held on April 11, 18 and 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday worship will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 5. There will be many special music selections, communion, the stripping of the altar, and the tolling of the bell.

Tapestry of Darkness

The choir will be presenting a cantata on Good Friday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Entitled "Tapestry of Darkness," the spoken word and music will paint an image of the last hours of Jesus' life and his sacrifice for us. During the service, our junior high youth will be involved in a unique visual presentation. Please join us for this thought provoking worship.

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Easter

On Easter Sunday, April 8 we will have worship at 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with communion at both services. We would like you to enter the church in silence at 7:00 and remain quiet until the start of worship.

Hallelujah Chorus

Would you like to sing the “Hallelujah Chorus” with the choir on Easter morning, at the close of the 7:00 a.m. service? Do you have a child home from college or a family member who would like to sing? We will be practicing this song on Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 and Thursday, April 5 at 7:00. We will also practice at 6:30 a.m. on Easter in the basement.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be held this year on Sunday, April 15 at the 10:30 service. There will be many special songs by the various musicians of Emanuel. Please pray for our confirmands, that they always walk the road of their lives with Jesus.

Holy Humor Sunday

Holy Humor Sunday will be April 29. There is JUST ONE SERVICE that day at 9:00 a.m. We have a few fun musical things planned that you will not want to miss!!

Where words fail, music speaks. -Hans Christian Anderson

Thursday night services will start up on
Thursday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Communion will be offered on the
third Thursday of the month.

These Thursday services will continue until Thanksgiving.

WELCA News

Martha Young, President

I'm sure you're aware our ELC Magazine "Lutheran Woman" is now called "Gather". The articles in it, as always, are interesting. Our Bible study of Mark's Gospel inspires us to serve and follow our Lord.

Our first General Meeting was on February 2. The speaker was Mary Joseph. She is a volunteer worker at our local Salvation Army branch and presented a very informative program.

WELCA Spring Assembly will be on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at Trinity, Wauseon (*see below*).

Region 6 is having a "Spiritual Gathering" July 20-21, 2012 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg. More information and registration forms are posted on the bulletin board.

Make plans now to attend a Circle meeting. You are welcome to attend any one of them. There are two daytime and two evening circles.

Our next General Meeting, with a picnic, is on Thursday, June 7, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Spring Assembly

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

"Don't Be Afraid"

Saturday, April 21, 2012
Trinity Lutheran Church
Wauseon, Ohio

Registration forms and information are posted on
the bulletin board next the church office.

Need a ride?
Call 491-592-2511.

Worship participants in April

Acolytes

8:00 - Alexandria Biederstedt &
Keegan Schroeder

10:30 - Ryan Kohout & Meghan Skeens

4/5 (Maundy Thursday)

Ryan Kohout & Bryce Reynolds

4/6 (Good Friday)

Austin Damman & Derek Belcher

Altar Guild

Laura Yaney & Gayla Yaney

Lay Assistant

8:00 -

10:30 - Joe Kohout

Sound Board

8:00 - Kevin Gerken

10:30 - Larry Ashbaugh

Ushers

8:00 - Terri Sedam, Kelli Burkhardt,

Len Sonnenberg, Ron Wiechers

10:30 - Karl Wiechers, Ken Lange,

Kurt Rohrs, Tom Schroeder



April 1 - Ed & Donna Peper in loving memory of Sarah Peper

April 8 - Mel & Marg Lanzer in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary

April 15 - Paul & Betty mowery in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary on the 16th

- in honor of the 14th birthday of Alexandria Biederstedt

April 22 - Ben & Judy Michaelis in loving memory of Barbara Michaelis

- Alan & Shelly Storch in honor of Neil's 16th birthday

April 29 - in honor of Macee Glick's 10th birthday

Open dates:

July 1

October 14

September 2

December 2

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. *****