



# 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.**

## Rally Day!

**Sunday, September 7**

**We will kick off the Sunday School year  
with some fun during the regular Sunday School  
hour at 9:15. Then, following the 10:30 worship service,  
everyone is welcome for a potluck lunch  
and some ice cream "sundaes on Sunday"!  
Please bring a dish to share and EVERYONE is welcome!**



## Membership News

*New members* Welcome to **Tyler & JoAnn Dennie** who have recently been accepted into membership at Emanuel!

*Births* Congratulations to:

**Micah Ray Helberg** was born to Chris & Lauren Helberg on May 22.

**Brayden Matthew Bruns** was born to Cierra Buehrer & Matthew Bruns on June 23.

On July 6 **Ashlyn Marie Reed** was born to Chris & Amber Reed.

*Baptisms*

August 10 - **Autumn Paige Jenny**, daughter of Chris & Jennifer Jenny

Sponsors: Jonathan & Ashley Ferner, Erin Jenny and Megan Jenny

August 17 - **Micah Ray Helberg**, son of Chris & Lauren Helberg

Sponsors: Ryan Hoffman & Mischell Helberg

August 24 - **Ashlyn Marie Reed**, daughter of Christopher & Amber Reed

Sponsors: Jessica Reed, Jacob Skeens, Meghan Skeens

October 12 - **Gordon Oliver Placke**, son of Dustin & Elizabeth (Bostelman) Placke

Sponsors: Greg & Christine Kerr and Grad & Dawn Puck

October 19 - **Lucy Elizabeth Zwiebel**, daughter of Tom & Malory Zwiebel

*Congratulations to:*

Matt & Katie (Busch) Ludewig on the birth of Sadie Jay in June 12 at Steubenville, Ohio.

Proud grandparents are Steve & Julie Busch; great grandmother is Margaret Busch.

Joel & Amanda Espinoza on the birth of Haddie Grace on July 26. Proud great grandmother is

Connie Long; great great grandmother is Mildred Miller.

Zachary & Maurine Palamara on the birth of Cambria Reese on August 13 in Alabama.  
Proud grandmother is Bonnie Palamara; great grandmother is Eleonora Koppenhöfer.

*“Pray without ceasing....”*

*If you would like to be a “link” on our Prayer Chain, or if you have any requests for prayer, please call or email Carol Castello (419-592-0847 or [cjcast@yahoo.com](mailto:cjcast@yahoo.com)) to be added on and “linked up” and prayed for!*

## WELCA News

*Emanuel Women of the Church*

**O**n September 4, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a general meeting of the Women of the church. Carol Dille, on behalf of the Women's Guild of The Filling Memorial Home of Mercy, and someone who is employed at the Filling Home will be the program for the evening. The Miriam Circle will serve refreshments. Our thanks to the nominating committee who will have a slate of officers to present at this meeting. They are Joleen Brubaker, Chr., Shirlee Mires-Fejes and Susan Landversicht. The revisions of the By-laws of the WELCA Constitution which were presented at the June meeting will be voted on.

Since there will not be another newsletter before the Lutheran World Relief items will need to be delivered to the pick-up location, be sure to note what Mission Action Chairperson, Julie Callaway, has to report about that.


Also a reminder that we do have much for which to be thankful, so don't neglect your Thankoffering

containers! Are they beginning to bulge? The ingathering of the Thankoffering will be in November.

The new lessons for the next nine months of Bible Study within our circles start in September. They will be based on the theme, "Transforming Life and Faith" with September's lesson on the Transformation and Conversion of Paul and that theme applied to our lives. Plan to participate in the study in one of our three circles. If you are not especially familiar with the Bible, this is for you; and if you know "almost everything there is to know" about the Bible, you can help the rest of us who are still learning!

I leave you with this thought: "God's Word is a life preserver that keeps the soul from sinking in a sea of trouble."

- Dora Titgemeyer, President Emanuel WELCA

 Our 10:30 worship service  
will be broadcast on WNDH 103.1 FM  
every Sunday morning  
in September.

# Conference Missionary Sponsorship



Envelopes for the Conference Women of the Church Missionary Sponsorship are included in this newsletter. The Maumee Valley Conference WELCA has been contributing to the support of Missionaries John and Barb Lemond in Hong Kong for as long as they have been missionaries. Emanuel is one of the largest congregations in the conference, so let's show our support and contribute generously to this project. Even if you haven't been active in other phases of Emanuel's WELCA, you can participate in this. Gentlemen, your contributions are also gratefully accepted!

Offerings may be placed in the enclosed envelope in the offering plate, given to Janice Rohrs, Joan Collier, your circle leader, or left at the church office. If paying by check, please make check payable to Emanuel Women of the Church.

If you receive your newsletter by email, you will not have received the envelope. There are envelopes available at both church entrances marked ELCA Missionary Fund. Offerings will be accepted through September.

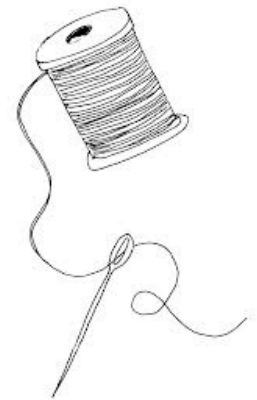
Thank you for your prayerful consideration for support of this project!

## Lutheran World Relief

*It's time for Lutheran World Relief Kits.*

From Lutheran World Relief: "Pens and pencils, a toothbrush, a quilt ... ordinary items we take for granted become treasures in the hands of their recipients. The items you send will be cherished and used by people who take nothing for granted, for whom even a simple bar of new soap is special. Your gifts of time and resources toward making LWR Quilts and Kits are beautiful expressions of God's love and grace to those in greatest need. Thank you for your partnership in putting them together."

There are several ways you can be a part of this great ministry. On the Caring Corner table there are instructions on the different kits (Personal Care, Baby, Fabric, School). There are empty School Kit Bags already made so all you have to do is fill it. If you don't sew or cannot be a part of a kit-making project, please consider donating to the Women of the Church to be donated to LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. For every \$1 you give, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential personal items. The kits must be turned in to the Caring Corner Table and monetary donations must be made by October 5. Questions? Please contact Julie Callaway at 419-966-3824. (Monetary donations can be turned in to the church office.)



Remember our members in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in your prayers and with cards, letters, and visits:

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

Paul Panning  
Alfred "Petey" Ruetz  
Ted Titgemeyer

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

Burnice Agler

**Van Crest Health Center** (600 E Joe E Brown Ave, Holgate, OH 43527)

Alfred & Rita Prigge - Rm 24  
Charlotte Wangrin



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Worship & Music Coordinator/Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning  
Living Spirit Director - Holly Mohring, Marv & Julie Mt.Castle  
Parish Secretary - Patricia Mohring  
Sunday School Superintendent - Emily Jordan  
Altar Guild Chairman - Barbara Hoffman  
Custodian - Jack Robbins

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### 2014 Church Council

*President* - Barbara Hoffman  
*President-Elect* - Ron Wiechers  
*Secretary* - Laura Yaney  
*Treasurer* - Julie Kohout  
*Doctrine & Worship Board* - Maxine Eickhoff & Shelly Storch  
*Congregational Life Board* - Lori Sharpe & Carol Castello  
*Board of Education* - Ami Allison & Melinda Dachenhaus  
*Properties Board* - Terry Walther & Ted Rohrs  
*Finance Board* - Betty Mowery & Kelli Burkhardt

# Worship participants in September and October

## Acolytes

Sept. 8:00 Carl Yaney & Bryant Dachenhaus  
Sept 10:30 Abby Allison & Tessa Rhodes

Oct 8:00 TBA  
Oct 10:30 TBA

## Lay Assistant

Sept 8:00 Richard Landversicht  
Sept 10:30 Joan Collier

Oct 8:00 \*\* Needed \*\*  
Oct 10:30 Andrea Rohrs

## Altar Guild

Sept Ruth Hershberger & Susan Mabee  
Oct Elaine Borstelman & Lori Sharpe

## Sound Board

Sept 8:00 \*\* Needed \*\*  
Sept 10:30 \*\* Needed \*\*

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Oct 10:30 \*\* Needed \*\*

## Ushers

Sept 8:00 \*\* Needed \*\*  
Sept 10:30 Larry Ashbaugh, Gary Bostelman,  
Jeff Mires, Bill Panning

Oct 8:00 \*\* Needed \*\*  
Oct 10:30 Chris Peper, Rupert Schweinhagen,  
Karl Wiechers, Mark Tonjes

## Altar Flowers

Sept 7 - Gary & Jamie Bostelman in honor of their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
14 - Bill & Sharon Panning in honor of their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on 11<sup>th</sup>  
21 - Terry & Ruth Hershberger in honor of their 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
28 - OPEN

Oct 5 - OPEN  
12 - Helen Lange in loving memory of Art  
- Dennis & Norma Ehlers in honor of their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
19 - Ron & Donna Lee Meyers in honor of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
- Shirlee Mires-Fejes in loving memory of Nelson  
26 - OPEN

Open dates

September 28  
October 5, 26

November 16  
December 21



To reserve altar flowers... 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.), please contact Cori Ratliff at Ivy League. If your order is beyond the \$20, please pay the shop directly.

Please put the used plastic containers in which the altar flowers come in Angela's office to be recycled.

# Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

## *Adult Choir*

Once again, summer has flown by and it is time for choir rehearsals to begin. We will meet in the sanctuary each Wednesday in September and October for a one hour practice from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. We have a few new songs for fall and will begin working on the Christmas cantata very soon.

A reminder, the choir will sing at the 8:00 a.m. service on September 7 and the 10:30 a.m. service on September 14. Next month, songs will be prepared for the 8:00 a.m. service on October 5 and the 10:30 a.m. service on October 12.

Are YOU thinking of joining us this year? We have a great time together, and there are no auditions. All you need is a love of music and singing and praising God. Come by on a Wednesday night and give it a try.

## *Living Spirit*

Living Spirit is practicing every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We sing at both services on September 21 and October 19. Join us for contemporary Christian music!

## *Emanubells*

Rehearsals start Wednesday, September 3 from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

## *After School Club*

After School Club will start up for the year on Wednesday, October 1. There will be snacks, music, Bible lessons and crafts as soon as school is dismissed for the day. Please let Pastor, Angela, or the church office know if your child will attend. We welcome children from kindergarten through fifth grade.

## *Worship*

We are returning to our regular schedule of worship on Sunday, September 7 with an 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. service. Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month at the 8:00 a.m. service, and the second Sunday of the month at the 10:30 a.m. service.

If you cannot join us on Sunday morning, Thursday evening worship will continue at 7:00 p.m. until Thanksgiving.

## *Reformation Sunday*

This year Reformation Sunday falls on October 26. We encourage you to wear red as a reminder of the fire of the Holy Spirit and God's Word within us.

## *Volunteers*

We are always in need of volunteers to run the soundboard, serve as lay assistants, videographers, and ushers all through the year. Think about signing up, your church needs YOU!

From Martin Luther ...

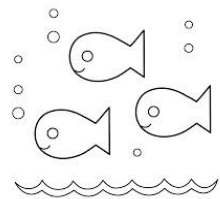
*Music is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us. (I couldn't agree more!)*

## Heart and Soul ... Food

**W**ith the return of fall and back-to-school routines, we also return to the weekly “Soul Food” meals on Wednesday evening. “Summer Soul” was hosted throughout the summer with usually 60 to 80 people gathering for the food and fellowship. We have been sharing prayer requests at the start of the evening, before blessing our meal with either “Johnny Appleseed” or “Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Blessed be God, who is our Bread; may all the world be clothed and fed.” More and more families have come, and many of these community folk have helped with set-up and with clean-up. The greatest difference in “Summer Soul” and “Soul Food” is that we flip the line to serve from the opposite end!

And now we resume our “Soul Food” meals. A “schedule” of “head cooks” has been lined up through mid-January, and help is *always* welcomed! We usually gather by 3 p.m., serving from 5 to 6:30 p.m. now with “Soul Food”, and “many hands make *clean-up* light work.” Salads and desserts are appreciated always and can be simply left in the kitchen at any time, preferably with a note that it’s for “Soul Food.” You may want to note now that on Wednesday, November 5, by popular request, we’ll be having *liver and onions*...honestly!

The Gospel lesson recently told of the loaves and fishes, and Jesus said to his disciples, “*You* give them something to eat.” At Emanuel Lutheran Church, we are!



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## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Hunger Walk — Sunday, October 5

**Y**es, on Sunday, October 5, we will be putting on our walking shoes and taking steps to “end hunger one step at a time” with the 10<sup>th</sup> annual CROP Hunger Walk here in Napoleon. Can we have a record number of people walk? Can we raise a record amount of money? The unique feature of the CROP Hunger Walk is that 25% of the monies raised is returned to us here in Napoleon to help feed people in our own community; these funds have helped support the various congregations that have been sponsoring free community meals each week – on Tuesdays at St. John’s Episcopal Church and on Wednesdays here at Emanuel. The Hunger Walk will start and end here at Emanuel with either a 1-mile or a 3-mile route, and you can begin NOW to ask your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to walk with you and/or support your walk. You can even do it on-line – just go to [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) and click the tabs for “CROP Hunger Walk” and it will “step” you through! Please see Carol Castello to join in this effort to “end hunger one step at a time.”

