



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.**

Graduation Brunch

Sunday, May 27 after 9 a.m. service

The beginning of our "summer schedule" with ONE service at 9 a.m. will also mark the end of high school for some of our church kids, so we will have a brunch honoring our graduates and their families following the worship service on May 27. Our summer coffee hours will resume on the first Sunday in June.

God bless you, graduates, as you complete your high school education and begin new chapters in your lives!

**Madison Ashbaugh
Anastasia Kestner
Grace Rowland
Meghan Skeens**



SPRING FLOWER SALE... Just in time for Mother's Day!!

Emanuel's Youth Group is holding a spring flower sale. The money raised will go toward the National Youth Gathering expenses.

Orders are due by Wednesday, May 2. Orders will be delivered to the church on Thursday, May 10, and should be available for pick up starting at 4:00 p.m.

Please fill out the enclosed forms.



What an amazing church family we have. Thank you for all the cards and well wishes they certainly brightened my day. - Joan Collier

Many thanks to everyone in the Emanuel church family for their thoughtful cards, visits, condolences, thoughts and prayers at the recent passing of mom and grandma. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. - Joe, Julie and Ryan Kohout

“Thank you so much to everyone who donated books and money for my school the last few months. My co-teachers were so excited to see just how many there were and can't wait to start using them in the classroom this upcoming school year! Reading for leisure is not a popular activity in Thailand, and many of my students have difficulty reading in Thai, let alone in English. But before I finished my work at school, my students were taking books off the shelf to see if they could read any of them on their own. It was so great to see them excited about reading! It's something I definitely had never seen before. And that is all thanks to you! I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon!” - Marcus

Thursday worship services

Thursday worship services will continue weekly at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion will be served on the third Thursday of each month.

Mark your calendars!

Caring Corner for May

PathStone Migrant Rest Center

Priority items:

pillows and pillow cases
blankets and bedding sets for twin beds
towels
toiletries (excluding toothpaste & toothbrushes)
pots and pans
dishes: plates, bowls, cups, spoons, forks
light bulbs
bleach
large sponges
disposable gloves
disinfectant spray cleaner
heavy-duty shower curtains
oven cleaner



Coming Alive

Thank you to all that signed up for Coming Alive program! There will be more information coming soon! Any questions give Judy a call at 419-261-8903

Membership News

Funerals

Please remember in prayer the families of these members of our Emanuel family who recently were called home by God:

Alyce Oberhaus who passed away on March 29. Her funeral was held at the church on April 4.

John Mohler who passed away on March 31. His funeral was held at the church on April 5.

Donna Peper who passed away on March 31. Her funeral was held at the church on April 7.

Jerry Busby who passed away on April 9. His funeral was private on April 14.

Wedding

Congratulations and God's blessings to Ben Flogaus and Jessica Lavoy who were married on April 14 by Pastor Castello.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Dylan Tonjes and Courtney Bishop who were married in Deshler by Pastor Castello on April 21!

WELCA

“Open Our Hearts to Friendships That Share Faith”

What have Emanuel’s ladies been doing lately? They have been busy and would like to invite you to participate in any way that you may be able.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

–The sewing group meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement. They create the many comforters that are sent to Lutheran World Relief. The number of participants is small... more hands are needed. Is this something you would like to do?

–Denise Etzler leads the Bible study in the Ruth Circle that meets in the morning each month. Recently, Denise participated in a Bible Study Fellowship held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Over 4000 study leaders met from Friday to Sunday. What an awesome experience! Check the calendar for the next meeting date for Ruth Circle. Would that date work for you?

–The first two Sundays in May, WELCA will be receiving donation for our missionary sponsorship of Hanna Jensen-Reinke. Hanna teaches conversational English at Luther Gakuin Lutheran School, a junior/senior high school of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. She attends Kumamoto Lutheran Church where she assists with music and a Children’s Hour at the English International Service. Envelopes will be available at both of our church entrances on May 6 and May 13. Please prayerfully consider your contribution for our missionary.

–Emanuel had four representatives at the Maumee Valley Conference Spring Assembly held April 14th at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Holgate. Beautiful music was presented by two high school seniors on the piano and violin as well as mandolin. Meditation and communion was held with Pastor Greg Olson followed by the program “Power of Prayer” presented by Penny Crisenbery from Living Hope Free Methodist Church in West Unity. The Conference Fall Retreat will be held at St. Martin’s Lutheran Church, Archbold. Watch for details coming later this summer!

–Our ladies were privileged to serve the funeral luncheons for four of our church families during the months of March and April. If you would be interested in helping serve at a luncheon or able to provide a dish (salad or dessert) when needed, please contact Kathy Bostelman, 419-599-3416, Denise Etzler, 814-389-2973, or Joan Collier, 419-592-2621. Also, volunteers to help with laundering the tablecloths after the luncheons would be greatly appreciated.

–Our circle ladies use the “gather” magazine for their Bible study. There are numerous articles of interest in each monthly magazine in addition to the Bible study. If you would be interested in subscribing to the magazine, subscription cards are available on the bulletin board by Maxine’s office. Please help yourself to one.

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–The June meeting of WELCA will be held on Tuesday, June 5th, 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. It's a picnic/potluck and all the ladies are invited! Bring a friend and enjoy th evening. Our program will be presented by Denise Etzler and her service dog, Axel. Mark your calendar now! Even if you are not able to attend one of our circle's Bible study meetings, you are more than welcome to join us at our WELCA General meetings. There are five general meetings scheduled during the course of the year and we would love to have you join us.

Joan Collier, President
Emanuel WELCA

Blood DRIVE

The annual blood drive at Emanuel is on June 4th from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now! To make an appointment you can call 1-800-733-2767.

Emanuel has always done such a great job when it comes to donating blood thanks to Rita's (Schweinhagen) leadership! I am humbled to take the reigns from Rita and hope we can show her as a team that we can do this!

Please know that if you have helped with the blood drive in the past, we'd love to have you continue to help again.

You can contact me or I will reach out to you in May.

If you have donated in the past, you will likely be contacted by the Red Cross to schedule an appointment to donate.

I know that this seems a bit early to mention the blood drive in June, but I don't want anyone to be surprised when you turn your calendar to June and then miss this opportunity to help save lives.

Thank you,
Phyllis Kloos

PASTOR'S RETIREMENT

After 35 years of ministry and 14 years here at Emanuel, Pastor is retiring on June 10th. We appreciate so much everything that he has done for our congregation and are thus collecting for an appreciation gift for him. If you would like to donate, please give your contribution to President Ron Wiechers or Vice President Ed Biederstedt or you may put it in a separate, labeled envelope and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 10th will be Pastor's last Sunday with one service at 9:00 a.m. and a Potluck Brunch immediately following.

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)

Norbert Brandt
Ed Peper
Kathlean Ward

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

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

Miles Joseph -Rm 104

Laurels of Defiance (1701 S. Jefferson Ave. Defiance, OH 43512)

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

Alice Langenhop

Orchards of Northcrest (240 Northcrest Drive Napoleon, OH 43545)



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Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

Choir

Thank you to the choir for all the beautiful music during Holy Week, Easter, and the month of April.

There will be two rehearsals in May, on the 2nd and the 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Songs for May include “Special Moments” and “Shout Amen!” We will continue to work on songs for the fall.

Nancy Schink will once again host the end-of-the-year choir party on Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. Choir members are asked to bring their spouse/friend/children and a potluck dish.

Living Spirit

Thank you for your uplifting songs in April! There will be Living Spirit practice on May 2 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. There are new things to work on for May, and we will lead the worship service on Sunday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Emanubells

Thank you for the wonderful music in April! Emanubells is scheduled to play at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 6, and the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 13.

After School Club

We wrapped up another fun year on April 25, with ice cream, swimming, and a pizza party. This is the last year for Broden Piercefield, but we hope he comes to see us next year!

We were blessed every Wednesday with such awesome kids, who made us smile and laugh each week. They were always so kind to one another, and enjoyed sharing their love of Jesus with words and music.

Thanks to all who helped with ASC in any way this past year, whether you got kids on the bus, donated supplies, brought a snack, or helped with music/crafts/games. We could not have done it without you!

Ascension

The Ascension service will be held Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. The ascension of Jesus is one of the five major events in his life which also include his baptism, transfiguration, crucifixion, and resurrection. It is a great day of celebration in the Christian church year.

Pentecost

We are celebration Pentecost on Sunday, May 20. This is the fiftieth day of Easter, and we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us. Pentecost is the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames to the disciples, which happened fifty days after Easter.

There are images of wind and fire in the Gospel lesson for this day. Some Christians consider Pentecost to be the birthday of the Christian church.

Everyone is encouraged to WEAR RED!

Thursday Evening Worship

Worship services continue in May on Thursdays at 7:00p.m. Communion is served on the third Thursday of the month.

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Summer Worship

Beginning on Sunday, May 27, there will be ONE worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. This will continue throughout the summer. Communion will be served on the first two Sundays of the month. Join us, and bring a friend!

Mother's Day

Mother's Day was established in 1908 by Anna Jarvis, in honor of her mother. In 1914, the second Sunday of May was designated as Mother's Day by presidential proclamation.

Mother's Day is May 13.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it is sometimes called, began as a patriotic holiday to honor the memory of those who died in the Civil War. Since then, it has become a day to pay tribute to all who have died in the wars.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 28.

Graduates

Congratulations to the graduating seniors from Emanuel. May you plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit. Commit to the Creator whatever you do.

Graduate recognition will be Sunday, May 27 at the 9:00 a.m. service, and there will be a special song. God bless you in your future.

Crosses

Thank you to everyone who placed bids on the crosses for the youth fundraiser. The money raised (over \$1000!) Will be used by the teenagers to attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston in June.

A huge thank you to Mike Mohring who spent many, many hours making all 20 crosses by hand. They are beautiful!

Thank You

Words cannot express how thankful I am for the musicians of Emanuel who provided music for Dylan and Courtney's wedding in April. You all made our day so very special, and the songs were fabulous. I really appreciate the extra time and effort you put in for rehearsals.

Thank you to our fellow church members for all your kind words and we went through this new and exciting adventure!

It's time for spring!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come, the old is gone: the new is here!" -
2 Corinthians 5:17

Worship participants in May

Acolytes

8:00 Alyssa Kruse & Laci Dachenhaus
10:30 Emma Rowland & Adara Hildebrandt
5/27 9:00 Alyssa Kruse & Laci Dachenhaus

Lay Assistant

5/6 8:00 Alexandra Reynolds
5/6 10:30 Larr Etzler
5/13 8:00 Larr Etzler 10:30 ***
5/20 8:00 *** 10:30 ***
5/27 9:00 ***

Altar Guild

Jennifer Jenny & Beth Jenny

Sound Board

5/6 8:00 Maxine Eickhoff 10:30 ***
5/13 8:00 Ed Biederstedt 10:30 ***
5/20 8:00 Ed Biederstedt 10:30 ***
5/27 9:00 Ed Biederstedt

VOLUNTEERS are needed!! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Betty Mowery or Ronnie Rohrs as soon as possible!

Altar Flowers

May 6 - Shirley Walker for Donna Kruse Birthday
Ruth Eickhoff in memory of Norbert, Joe and Jeff
May 13 - Shirlee Mires Fejes in memory of Melle Landversicht
May 20 - Mary Eickhoff - Tara, Molly, Kenzie
May 27 - Ben & Judy Michaelis in memory of Barbara Michaelis



Open dates:

July 22-29
September 16-30

November 4-11
December 2-16-23

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. Make checks payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church. 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.

(Flower vases.....please do not remove the white ceramic vases from the altar.)