



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.**

ENDOWMENT FUND

Emanuel's Endowment Fund was created in October 2009 for the purpose of providing for mission work beyond the operational budget of the church. It was initially funded with a bequest of \$55,000 from a member of Emanuel who passed away, and has since grown to about \$70,000 by way of additional donations.

Emanuel's constitution stipulates that distributions from the Endowment Fund are not permitted until the balance reaches \$100,000. Because Emanuel's building debt is now paid off, the Endowment Fund Committee and Church Council feel this is an excellent time to focus our efforts on increasing our Endowment Fund balance. We encourage members to consider donations or bequests to gradually reach our goal of \$100,000 so that we may use these funds to further the mission work of the church.

This effort will begin with a door offering on Sept. 9, 2018. The Endowment Fund Committee also recommends that any members of Emanuel who are also Thrivent Financial members consider directing their Thrivent Choice dollars to Emanuel which will be split between the Endowment Fund and the Building Fund.

If you have questions about the Endowment Fund please contact one of the Committee members: Gary Bostelman, Dennis Ehlers, Laura Ellis-Kruse, Julie Mt. Castle, or Ron Wiechers.

Blood Drive Report from 6/4/18

Our Red Cross Blood Drive was a success! Our goal was 44 units and we had 47 presenting donors which resulted in 45 total units! We couldn't have done it without our loyal donors.

Thank you all that helped in any way, starting with Rita Schweinhagen who had led our drive for the past 14 years and who was there with an answer for me for any question I had. I would also like to thank Kelli Burkhardt who gave me a radio spot to promote the Blood Drive on Monday morning; she gave up a spot for the Together We Can Make a Difference Initiative's Chicken and Rib fundraiser. It's so great to partner with the charity as it brings awareness to folks about the charity and about Emanuel's outreach programs.

Thank you also goes to Jack Robbins for setting up the basement, Maxine Eickhoff for adding promotional information to our newsletter and bulletins, to Pastor Castello for making announcements in church. A special thanks to Judy Hoffman for again heading up our canteen and for feeding the volunteers and the Red Cross workers and the donors. She also had help in the kitchen-Thank you to Esther Dennie, Rita Kryder, Nancy Schink, and Susan Mabee. Thank you goes out to Carol Dille for greeting and registering donors again this year. Thanks also to our Canteen Workers: Kathy Bostelman, Shirlee Mires Fejes, Donna Meyers, Dora Titgemeyer and Laura Yaney. And thank you to our Escorts: Betty Mowery, Sandi Borstelman, Laura Ellis Kruse.

I was honored to be the Blood Drive Coordinator and look forward to our next drive in June of 2019!

Phyllis Kloos

Needed: Sunday School Teacher!

Remember that passage in the Bible that "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few"? One of the most rewarding things you can do to serve God and your church is to teach Sunday School. Working with these kids and helping to shape their faith is so important and such fun. Presently, we need a teacher for the 1st and 2nd grade class to alternate months. Please give this your prayerful consideration.



◆ How can we ever begin to express what we feel? We are in a daze. We have feelings of loss, hurt and pain but also feelings of hope and joy. Most importantly, we are over so filled with love! Love for you and love from you!

Thank you for your gracious words and cards. Thank you for your gifts. Thank you for coming to our final service and to our farewell party afterwards. Thank you for sharing your love! The power of love continues to amaze me.

It has been a blessing for us to share ministry with you. Keep on keeping on! I mentioned the potential that is there at Emanuel and I mean that from the bottom of my heart! Your ministry is alive and well and will only grow. Hang in there with each other. Pray for one another. Help one another. Continue to reach out to the community. Share a part of the love that Jesus gives us all.

Thank you for being you. Much love and peace,
Pastor Jim & Carol Castello

◆ We would like to thank everyone who helped us through Herb's death and service. Pastor Castello, Angela, and the ladies who served the luncheon. Also, so many cards, thoughts and prayers.

Thank you so much, Ramona Koppenhofer and family

◆ Thank you for allowing us to eat at your community meal each week. Also, thank you for letting us use your kitchen to prepare our meals.

Teen Café

◆ A big "Thank-you" to members of our church family who provided food for our graduating Seniors breakfast. The breakfast was a success due to your help!

Thanks again, Congregational Life

◆ Thank you for your recent gift of \$147.87 in support of the ministries of the ELCA Good Gifts. These contributions from our Sunday School Animal Sunday offering helped purchase: Piglet - \$60.00, Chicks - \$10.00, Rooster - \$15.00, Share of a cow - \$62.87.

Prayer Chain Message

A prayer chain is a way for people to gain assistance in prayer for any serious and pressing problem. It is also a way for any person to act on God's command to love one another ([John 13:34-35](#)). Many people cannot engage directly in ministry but we can all pray for ourselves and each other.

As we, the members of Emanuel are in the beginning of a new era in our Ministry, let us work together to create a **new** Prayer List.

Do you know someone on the previous Prayer List that is still in need of prayers for a serious or pressing problem? We ask that you re-submit their name to be put on the **new** current list.

No Prayer List is "too long" or no person has been on the Prayer Chain "too long."

We don't need to know reasons why we pray for people. That is personal information. It may not be an obvious physical illness or need as sometimes we suffer issues in silence. God hears all our needs, spoken or unspoken.

We also would like to make sure that your email is current and if it is not, please text or email me your best email address to continue to receive prayer requests. Additionally, if you are not on the email Prayer Chain and would like to be added, please email me at phyllis_kloos@yahoo.com or text me at 419.260.6582. New members are welcome to be added at any time!

Maxine and Angela and I will be in communication so if you wish to email or call the church with a Prayer Request, please do so at emanuel@bright.net or call the church office at 419.592.2616.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Best, Phyllis Kloos, Prayer Chain Coordinator

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!

WELCA News

“Open Our Hearts to Friendships That Share Faith”

- **To Thursday Morning Bible Study Participants:**

Until the Thursday morning Bible study resumes, you are invited to attend one of our monthly circle meetings. Our Bible study this summer is entitled “Let Us Pray”. Our first session was held in June. Coming in July is Session 2: The Practices of Prayer, and concluding in August, Session 3: The Expression of Prayer. Naomi Circle will meet July 16 and August 13, 7:30 p.m., at the church and Ruth Circle will meet July 9 and August 13, 9:00 a.m., at the church. Miriam Circle meetings are not yet scheduled, but you are invited to call Nancy Schink at 419-592-1506. She will have dates/times scheduled soon. We’d love to have you join with one of our circles!

- **Missionary Fund**

A big big thank you to all who contributed to our missionary sponsorship of Hanna Jensen-Reinke. We were able to forward over \$500.00 for her support as a conversational English teacher at Luther Gakuin Lutheran School, a junior/senior high school of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. She also assists with music and a Children’s Hour at the English International Service at Kumamoto Lutheran Church.

- **Thank You!**

A special thank you to Marilyn Manahan who volunteered to launder the tablecloths after recent funeral luncheons. If you, too, would be interested in helping serve at a luncheon or able to provide a dish (salad or dessert) when the need arises, please contact Kathy Bostelman, 419-599-3416, Denise Etzler, 814-389-2973, or Joan Collier, 419-592-2621.

- **“Gather” Subscription**

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

- **Election of Officers**

Our nominating committee of Cheryl Daman, Alexandra Reynolds and Sandi Weirauch will convene in July to prepare a slate of officers for election at our September 4th meeting. If you are contacted, please consider participating with our women of the church as an officer or a member of the Altar Guild. Our ladies and our church need your help!

- **Coming in September**

Juanita Clausen and Sue Kruse will be present at our WELCA September General Meeting to share information about the classroom volunteering they participate in at Napoleon Elementary School. I’m sure they have many interesting tales to tell from their experiences! The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4th, 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now!



Caring Corner for July/August

In the midst of vacations and cook-outs and picnics and summer activities...It's time to think back-to-school! The sales will soon begin, so watch for those bargains on items needed for school locally and world-wide through Lutheran World Relief School Kits:

70-sheet wire-bound notebooks
30-centimeter rulers
pencil sharpeners
blunt scissors
blue or black pens

16 or 24-count crayons
2 1/2-in. erasers
highlighters
glue sticks
plastic pencil boxes or pouches

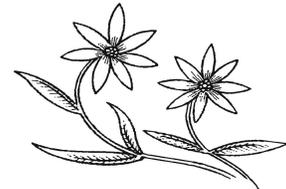
dry eraser markers
Clorox wipes
hand sanitizer
3 x 5 index cards

**** backpacks and/or the LWR bags ****

Altar Flowers

July 1 - Jeff & Lori Sharpe in honor of their wedding anniversary
July 8 - Tom & Beth Jenny in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary
July 15 - Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary
July 22 - Maxine Eickhoff in loving memory of Mom & Dad
July 29 - Open

August 5 - Maggie Mohler in memory of John
August 12 - Shirlee Mires-Fejes in loving memory of Phil
August 19 - Rupert Schweinhagen birthday from his family
August 26 - Alan & Shelly Storch in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary
Steve & Barb Kenning in honor of their 18th wedding anniversary
Shirlee Mires-Fejes in memory of Ray & Melle Landversicht



Open dates:

July 29
September 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.)

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

Kathleen 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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Women of the ELCA President - Joan Collier

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582 or phyllis_kloos@yahoo.com)

Worship & Music Coordinator/Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Living Spirit Director - Holly Mohring, Angela Tonjes

Parish Secretary - Maxine Eickhoff

Sunday School Superintendent -

Altar Guild Chairman - Barbara Hoffman

Custodian - Janitor Jack

2018 Church Council

President - Ron Wiechers

President-Elect - Ed Biederstedt

Secretary - Loralee Jones

Treasurer - Julie Kohout

Doctrine & Worship Board - Betty Mowery & Ronnie Rohrs

Congregational Life Board - Sue Schink & Julie Callaway

Board of Education - Julie Mt.Castle & Amanda Dilbone

Properties Board - Marv Mt.Castle & Carey Plummer

Finance Board - Maxine Eickhoff & Kelli Burkhardt

Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

Thanks

Thank you to all the musicians who provided the music for Pastor's retirement, the specially requested songs were appreciated!

Choir

Important dates to remember in August: altos and basses will bring treats for coffee hour on Sunday, August 19 for the 9:00 a.m. service. Sopranos and tenors will bring treats on Sunday, August 26 for the 9:00 a.m. service. I will need someone to make coffee and bring drinks up the elevator both Sundays.

Ron and Jeannie Wiechers have volunteered to host the back-to-choir party. This end of summer event will be held Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. Meat will be provided, choir members bring a potluck dish and your spouse/friend/children. You will receive the fall schedule and we will rehearse a few numbers. Ron and Jeannie live at 8245 State Route 6, Napoleon.

Weekly choir practices will begin on Wednesday, September 5.

Living Spirit

Living Spirit will bring treats for the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 12.

Summer Worship

Summer worship continues at 9:00 a.m. throughout July and August. Communion will be celebrated the first two Sundays of the month. If you cannot attend the Sunday morning service, please join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Patriotic Sunday

On Sunday, July 1, we will sing the national hymns found in our hymnal. We are thankful and joyful to live in a country that we cherish, and we recognize that God blesses other nations of the world as well. We hope to see your red, white and blue!

Volunteers

We are always in need of volunteers to usher, run sound, and serve as lay assistants. Sign up on the bulletin board in back of church.

Youth Gathering

The Emanuel youth and chaperones who are attending the National Youth Gathering will return home from Houston on Sunday, July 1. Be sure to ask them about their experiences!

"Next to the word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." -Martin Luther

Worship participants in July

9:00 a.m. ONE service

Acolytes

1 & 8 Emma Rowland & Adara Hildebrandt
15 & 22 Rudi Dachenhaus &
Laci Dachenhaus
29 & Aug 5 Alyssa Kruse & Derek Miller

Lay Assistant

1, 8, 15 & 22 Gary & Jamie Bostelman
29 Tom Jenny

Sound Board

Shelly Storch

Altar Guild

Jeannie Wiechers & Cheryl Hershberger

Worship participants in August

9:00 a.m. ONE service

Acolytes

5 Alyssa Kruse & Derek Miller
12 & 19 Preston Speaks &
Cameron Burken
26 & Sept 2 Emma Rowland &
Adara Hildebrandt

Lay Assistant

Karri Ashbaugh

Sound Board

Marv MtCastle
Sept 2 Marv MtCastle

Altar Guild

Elaine Borstelman & Lori Sharpe

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!

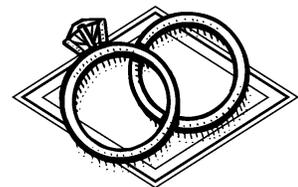
Membership News

Weddings Congratulations and God's blessings to:

-Terry & Lindsay (Walker) Martin who were married at Emanuel on June 16!

Coming up...

-Blake Ruffer and Sarah Yaney will be married at Emanuel on July 14!



Summer Coffee Hour Schedule - 2018 (clip and save)

July 1 - Congregational Life (Sue Schink)

July 8 - Finance Boards (Kelli Burkhardt, Maxine Eickhoff)

July 15 - Bell Choir (Bill Panning)

July 22 - Ruth and Naomi Circles (Joan Collier, Denise Etzler)

July 29 - Education Board and Doctrine & Worship (Julie Kohout, Betty Mowery)

August 5 - Miriam Circle (Nancy Schink)

August 12 - Living Spirit (Holly Mohring)

August 19 - Choir altos & basses (Angela Tonjes)

August 26 - Choir sopranos & tenors (Angela Tonjes)

September 2 - Soul Food Crew (Judy Hoffman)

Coffee hour “hosts” responsibilities:

- provide the “eats” for Coffee Hour ... donuts, bagels, cookies, coffee cake, fresh fruit, pastries (store-bought or home-made) and juice/milk
- make coffee (regular and decaf)
- set out plates & napkins, sugar/sweetener/creamer/stir sticks (in cupboard in parlor)
- if you need silverware, use it from the kitchen and place in dishwasher baskets afterward

A silver serving cart will be available in the kitchen with all of the coffee hour “stuff” on it; you can bring it up each week via the elevator and set it up in the “parlor”/“fellowship room.” Plates, cups, and napkins will be in the cabinet in the parlor upstairs. If you have any “leftovers”, we will gladly put them to use the following Wednesday at “Soul Food”, just leave them in the kitchen/fridge! Please do NOT refrigerate any leftover coffee IN the black/white thermal pitchers; you can, however, pour it into the old brown pitchers which can then be left in the fridge. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sue Schink (419-438-7471) or Julie Callaway (419-966-3824).

