



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.

Worship Schedule for September

September 2 - 9:00 a.m.



Please mark your calendars!!!!!!
We will return to TWO worship services
September 9 - RALLY DAY
Worship at 8:00 a.m. and
10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion



Thursday services continue at 7 p.m. until Thanksgiving.

DOOR OFFERING

We will have an Endowment Fund door offering on Sunday, September 9, to help reach our goal of \$100,000 so that we may use these funds to further the mission work of the church.

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.

CROP Hunger Walk - October 7, 2018



Mark your calendars now for the 14th annual Napoleon/Henry County CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 7, beginning and ending here at Emanuel. The Walk will begin at 2 p.m., and you may walk either a 1-mile or a 3-mile route. We walk to be a part of "ending hunger, one step at a time!"

You can even ask your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to walk WITH you OR to support your walk on-line! Just go to www.churchworldservice.org and click the tabs for "CROP Hunger Walk", and it will "step" you through.

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!

Soulful Stirrings from “Soul Food”

“Soul Food” is a ministry of this congregation. It’s not just a meal on Wednesday evenings; it’s a time of fellowship. It’s not just supper for strangers; it’s an outreach. It’s not just a “duty”; it’s a joy! “Soul Food” is NOT only a “community” meal; it’s a gathering together to nourish bodies and souls. Join us! Get acquainted with someone you might not know!



And help is needed with all that goes into these weekly meals. Helping hands are **always** welcomed, and you don’t have to commit to every week; simply come when you can and help as you are able! We usually get together at 3 p.m. to start “prepping”; the “head cook” for the week determines the menu and usually shops accordingly, but there are still ways you can help. Dishpan hands are ALWAYS in need. We serve from 5 to 6 p.m. if available, take-outs are allowed only after 6 p.m.

Concentrating on healthier foods, we’d like to have fewer desserts and MORE fresh fruit!! Salads and fresh vegetables are also welcomed every week.

With vacations, work schedules, health issues, family needs, etc., our “crew” is fairly “skeletal” lately, and we welcome YOUR involvement! There is plenty of food, fun, fellowship, and we share prayer concerns each week. Come feed your body **and** your soul!

Altar Flowers

September 2 - Janis Dachenhaus & family in memory of Ron

September 9 - Sonny Babcock & family in memory of Bonnie

Bill & Sharon Panning in honor of their
36th wedding anniversary

September 16 - Dora Titgemeyer in memory of Ted

September 23 - Terry Hershberger

in memory of Jim & Arlene Hershberger

September 30 - Steve & Phyllis Kloos



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.)

Lutheran World Relief Kits

We can't control when disasters strike, and we can't end poverty overnight. We *can* choose a meaningful way to make a difference by collecting simple items to help transform lives and help people around the world reach their full potential. With these collections, we *can* help people dealing with some of life's most difficult situations - the aftermath of earthquakes and floods, fleeing home to escape violence and living in extreme poverty.

We will be collecting items for building Personal Care, Baby Fabric and School kits. Full instructions for each kit, including guidelines to remember, kit items and packing instructions, will be available on the "Caring Corner" table in the sanctuary. Following is a listing of items for each kit:

Personal Care:

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand
- 1 adult-size toothbrush
- 1 sturdy comb, wide-tooth preferred
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Baby:

- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- 2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn between 36" and 52" square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended

- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

Fabric:

- 2 spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
- 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:
- 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

School:

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- 1 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- pencil sharpener
- pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 2 1/2" eraser

We will also need some of the drawstring backpacks made for the school kits. Those instructions will also be located on the Caring Corner table. Please return the finished kits to the Caring Corner table by October 1, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Betty Mowery 419-966-9027. The Sunday School children typically help fill these bags with the collected school supplies. The Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts that have been sown will be delivered for shipment mid-October.

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

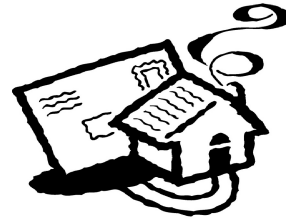
Lutheran Home (1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon)

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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Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

Choir

Thanks to all the choir members who provided treats for coffee hour in August, they were delicious! I appreciate the ladies and gents who made coffee, set up, and cleaned up.

Thanks also to Ron and Jeannie Wiechers for hosting the choir party in August. It's a lot of work having all of us for supper and for singing, and we really appreciate your hospitality.

Once again, summer has flown by and now it is time for choir rehearsals to begin. We will meet in the sanctuary every Wednesday in September for a one hour practice from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We have many songs to prepare this fall including a Veterans' Day musical and a Christmas cantata.

The choir will be singing at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, September 9.

Are YOU thinking of joining us this year? All you need is a love of music and singing and praising God! Come by on a Wednesday and give it a try. No audition necessary.

Living Spirit

Practices begin on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Living Spirit is scheduled to sing at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, September 16.

Have YOU thought about joining us? We sing mostly contemporary Christian song and leads worship at one service each month, and special occasions.

After School Club

After School Club will begin on the first Wednesday in October!

Volunteers

Lay assistants, sound board operators, and ushers are needed for every Sunday of the church year. Please SIGN UP in the narthex. Your church needs YOU!

Labor Day

In 1882, Labor Day was proposed as a holiday to honor all people who work. President Grover Cleveland designated the first Monday of September as a national holiday in 1894. This time of year was chosen because it falls between Independence Day and Thanksgiving. For many people, Labor Day is considered to be the last day of summer.

During worship on September 2, look for the words "labor" and "work" in the hymns that are sung.

Rally Day

Rally Day worship will be Sunday, September 9, as the children begin a new year of Christian education. Favorite Sunday School hymns will be sung.

Thank You

Thank you to all the soloists and instrumentalists who shared their musical gifts and made our worship awesome these last three months. Thanks for saying “yes” and/or volunteering, and for devoting precious time this summer for rehearsing.

Harvest Home

We'd like to decorate the altar area of the church for Harvest Home - bring the fruits of your harvest to your church home! Fall begins September 22, 2018. If you can bring in some “fall” things to decorate with, it would be greatly appreciated. Please just bring in your fall items to the chapel by Sunday, September 16. We are looking for pumpkins, gourds, apples, fresh garden produce, HOME canned goods in glass jars, mums, baskets, SMALL bales of straw ... anything that “says” fall to you!

From Martin Luther:

“Music is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.”



from the Congregational Life Board

Thank you, Thank you!

Many THANKS to all who “hosted the coffee hours following our summer Sunday worship services. These shared duties provided a wide variety of goodies each week, and the casual fellowship was a summer blessing!

Caring Corner for September

We at Emanuel will be collecting diapers and pull-ups to be distributed at “Together We Can Make a Difference Initiatives” in recognition of Diaper Need Awareness Week.

What is Diaper Need Awareness Week? September 24-30, 2018

Diaper Need Awareness Week is an initiative created by the National Diaper Bank Network to bring national attention and mobilize efforts to end diaper need, a hidden consequence of poverty. Diaper need is defined as the lack of a sufficient supply of diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy. Individuals, health professionals, community groups, and others can use this week to sponsor events and stimulate awareness of health issues related to diaper need. The goals include:

- Raise awareness and support efforts to educate people about diaper need, including risk factors and related repercussions
- Encourage people and interested groups and organizations to observe and support Diaper Need Awareness Week through appropriate programs and activities to promote public awareness of, and potential solutions for, diaper needs.

WELCA News

“Open Our Hearts to Friendships That Share Faith”

- **September???**

WOW! With summer coming to a quick end, our WELCA will be holding their September meeting on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. We welcome Juanita Clausen and Sue Kruse as they tell us about their work as classroom volunteers at Napoleon Elementary School.

Everyone is welcome to attend; come and bring a friend!

- **Election of Officers**

Our nominating committee of Cheryl Daman, Alexandra Reynolds, and Sandi Weirauch have been busy contacting individuals for our slate of officers for 2019. If you are contacted, please consider participating with our women of the church as an officer or a member of the Altar Guild. And, of course, volunteers are always welcome! ☺

Just give a committee member a call!

- **Fall Retreat**

The Maumee Valley Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Retreat will be held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Archbold, on Saturday morning, October 6, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. A Bible study, "The Parable of the Good Samaritan" from Luke 10:25-37, will be led by Pastor Paul Reichert...bring your Bibles!

Cost for the retreat is \$8.00 with a deadline for registration of September 25. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board by Maxine's office.

We can car pool from the church for anyone wishing to attend. Let's have a good representation from Emanuel!

- **Fall Bible Study Sessions**

"Repentance" is the theme of *Gather's* fall Bible Study. Repentance is one of the most powerful acts of a person or a church, making possible not only forgiveness but also reconciliation. This fall, we will explore what repentance means for Lutheran Christians in a three-part Bible study. Written by the Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, this Bible study focuses on the role of repentance in our faith, our relationships and the church.

Preview for September, "Time after time: Turning to God".

"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." With these words, the prophet Joel reminds us that repentance is nothing to be afraid of--for when we turn to God, we find grace. What does it mean to (re)turn to God with all our hearts, and how do we do it?

Join any of our circle meetings to learn more.

"Build faith and trust with 1) Prayer, 2) Worship, 3) Bible Study, 4) Service."

--Pastor Ron Atkins

Worship participants in September

Acolytes

Sept. 2 Emma Rowland &
Adara Hildebrandt

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30
8:00 Derek Miller & Cale Perdew
10:30 Preston Speaks & Cameron Burken

Sound Board

8:00 **NEEDED**
10:30 Jeff Sharpe

Lay Assistant

Sept. 2 Karri Ashbaugh

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30
8:00 Betty Mowery
10:30 Joan Collier

Altar Guild

Jennifer Jenny & Beth Jenny

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

Congratulations and God's blessing to:

Births:

- Jeff & Kari MtCastle welcomed Cameron Blake on July 12. Proud grandparents are Marv & Julie MtCastle.

- Dustin & Elizabeth (Bostelman) Placke welcomed Gwyneth James on August 8, she weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. 22 inches. She was welcomed home by big brother, Gordie and big sister, Gracie. Blessed grandparents are Gary & Jamie Bostelman.

Baptism:

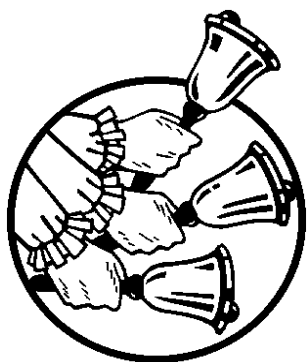
- On August 19 Rohan James, son of Andy & Abby Knepley, was baptized at Emanuel. Rohan's sponsors are Joe & Molly Knepley and Lucas & Samantha Bauer.

Wedding:

-Tyler Tatham and Kristen Panning who will be married at Emanuel on September 22!

Message from Transition Team

The Synod has requested our parish's transition team to obtain input from the congregation concerning the pastoral search. The transition's team feels it is important for **ALL** members to complete the survey. Please return the survey to the church office, offering plate or mail by September 16th. Thank you, Ron Wiechers, Lenny Sonnenberg, Dave Schwab, Shelly Storch and Barb Hoffman.



Emanubells Needs You!

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to ring bells, now is your chance. Emanubells is in need of at least 2 ringers. They practice on Wednesday nights at 5:30 and play at late service the first Sunday of the month and at early on the second Sunday of the month. If you are interested, Please contact Bill Panning at 419-966-6216. It's a lot of fun! It's mostly smoke and mirrors!