



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.**

Call Committee Update

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which was completed by the Call Committee and Transition Team was approved by Church Council at its November meeting and forwarded to the Synod office. The Synod office makes this MSP available to pastors who may be seeking a call. The Call Committee will now wait for the Synod office to identify candidates who may be interested in our vacancy at Emanuel, and then provide the Call Committee with information on the prospective candidate(s) to determine if there is mutual interest. In summary, we wait for the Synod to provide us with prospective candidates. As always, contact any Call Committee member if you have any questions.

Attention All boards!
Please have your Annual Reports
in the church office by
December 31!

**** De-Decorating the church ****

Saturday, January 12

9:00 a.m.

Your help would be appreciated!!!

Thank You

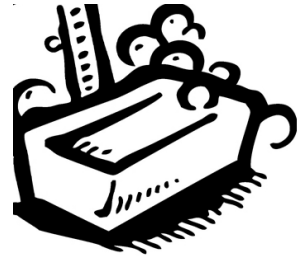


Many, many THANKS to all who helped with and supported our Project: We Care "Angel Tree." Because you cared, 41 kids and 14 different families had a little brighter Christmas this year. For those of you who shopped, wrapped, funded, sorted, and delivered, thank you so much on behalf of those whose lives you touched in this simple way of sharing CHRISTmas!

Caring Corner for January

SOAP

We hope for a bright, clean start to a brand-new, shiny, sparkling clean New Year, so this month, we'll collect soap - any brand, any size - for Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives. We can even use small travel, hotel/motel-size, which we re-package as "school kits" for kids who shower at school with sports and/or phys ed.



Thank You

◆ Many Thanks to all who brought in yummy goodies for our fellowship hour following the wonderful Veterans Day service. Also, thank you to all who brought in food, helped, and attended the brunch following Emanuel's 100th anniversary service. What a special time in Emanuel history!!

-Congregational Life

◆ Dear Emanuel Lutheran & Julie Callaway: Thank you so much for your support of Coats for Kids. Your help is a blessing to children and adults of this community. Special thanks to Julie Callaway for her help!

-Char Weber - Chair

◆ Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital.

-Marv MtCastle

HARVEST HOME DECORATIONS

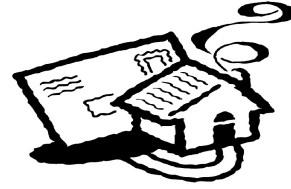
If you have not picked up your Harvest Home decorations, (pumpkins, apples, pears, baskets, popcorn, home canned goods) they are in the chapel.

-Thank you, Phyllis Kloos

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)
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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Custodian - Janitor Jack

2019 Church Council

President - Ed Biederstedt

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Finance Board - Maxine Eickhoff & Kelli Burkhardt

Worship participants in January

Acolytes

9:00 Cale Perdew & Jaycob Celani

Lay Assistant

9:00 Jeff Mires

Altar Guild

Cheryl Hershberger & Terri Sedam

Sound Board

9:00 ****NEEDED****

Please consider volunteering as lay assistant, sound board operator, or usher for our worship services. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office. **WE NEED YOU!!!**

Altar Flowers



January 6 - Douglas & Judy Hoffman in honor of their children and grandchildren

January 13 - Virginia Dillon in loving memory of Bud

January 20 - Ken & Nancy Lange in honor of their wedding anniversary

January 27 - Douglas & Judy Hoffman in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary

Open dates:

February 17

March 3-10

May 19-26

June 9-30

July 28

August 4-18

September 22-29

October 6

November 3-10-17-24

December 1-15-29

To reserve altar flowers... Sign up on the flower chart in the narthex or call the church office.

Be careful when you sign up for flowers so that it is clear which date you are reserving.

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.

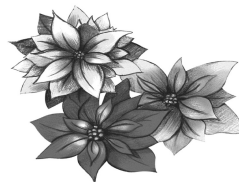
Please put the used plastic containers in which the altar flowers come in Angela's office to be recycled.

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

Just a reminder...

When you have flowers on the altar, please don't forget to take them home after the worship service. If you have not picked them up they will be removed on Wednesday.

Poinsettias



Thanks to all who purchased the 32 beautiful poinsettias this Christmas!

Karri Ashbaugh - in honor of Maddi & Morgan

Lawrence Babcock - in memory of Bonnie Babcock

Biederstedt family - in memory of Frank & Jeanne Gebers

Norm & Kathy Bostelman - in memory of our parents; in honor of children & grandchildren

Chad & Joleen Brubaker (2) - in memory of Keith Tonjes; in honor of Karlyn Tonjes

Leo & Juanita Clausen - in honor of our grandchildren & great grandchildren

Joan Collier - in memory of my Dad; in honor of my Mom

Nate & Kate Cordes

Mary Eickhoff - in memory of Jeff, Norb, & Joel

Shirlee Mires Fejes (2) - in memory of Melle & Ray Landversicht, Phil & Lisa Mires and Nelson Fejes

Tom & Barb Hoffman (4) - in memory of Art & Estella Hoffman and Robert & Lulu Arps; in honor of Ryan, Andrea, Rob, Wil, & Nora Hoffman, and Lauren, Chris, Lucas, & Micah Helberg

Steve & Barbara Kenning - in honor of children & grandchildren

Joe & Molly Knepley - in memory of Jeff Eickhoff; in honor of Tessa, Paige, & Sloane

Joe & Julie Kohout (2) - in honor of Ryan, Erica, Anthony, Carson, Kenzie, & Ben

Jeff & Julie Mires (2) - in memory of our grandparents & fathers; in honor of our mothers, Joshua, Jacob, Grady, Cecilia, Emma, Madelyn, & Zooey

Paul & Betty Mowery (2) - in memory of parent & grandparents; in honor of children & grandchildren

Alexandra Reynolds

Jack Robbins (2) - in memory of Lester & Wilma Robbins

Janice Rohrs - in memory of Vernon Rohrs

Ronnie & Kathy Rohrs - in memory of Arthur & Denelda Rohrs and Julius & Emma Kahrs

Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen - in honor of our wonderful family

Mark & Angela Tonjes - in honor of our awesome children Zachary, Dylan & Courtney, and Seth

Ron & Jeannie Wiechers - in memory of Eli Wiechers

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

We will be meeting Saturday, January 19th at 9:00 a.m. to clean and review duties.

Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

Choir

Thank you, choir members, for all the beautiful music in December and for the cantata. You really worked hard putting it all together. As always, our soloists added a special touch.

Thanks to Tom and Beth Jenny for hosting the choir Christmas party! We appreciate your hospitality.

The choir sings on Sunday, January 6th at the 9:00 a.m. service. Songs include "Fit for a King," and "One King." Plan to meet in the basement at 8:40 to brush up on this music.

NO rehearsal on January 2nd, practices will start back up on January 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will begin working on songs for the rest of the winter and Lent.

Living Spirit

Thank you, Living Spirit, for all the wonderful Christmas music in December! The Pentatonix number was fun and challenging, and it will definitely become a holiday tradition. Many thanks for leading the worship with our instrumentalists for the mellow service on the 9th.

Rehearsals in January will begin on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The songs for January will have an Epiphany focus on Jesus as the light of the world.

Bell Choir

Terrific job on all the special music for December, and thanks for being flexible with practice times! The Senior Center was grateful for the enjoyable evening of bell music we provided in December.

Practices continue in January on Sunday mornings after 9:00 a.m. worship. The bell choir will play several songs for the service on January 27.

Emanubells

The music you all prepared for the service in December was beautiful, and it enhanced the mellow worship that day!

Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Plan to ring bells on Sunday, January 13 at the 9:00 a.m. service.

After School Club

We had a great time bringing smiles to faces as we caroled in downtown Napoleon last month. The children spent extra time practicing their songs for the children's Christmas program. They were wonderful leaders and their bell ringing added a special touch. ALL of them have a can-do attitude and a helpful way about them, and it is much appreciated.

The children will continue learning the ten commandments in January. They have learned the first four, and will begin with the fifth commandment in January.

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB on January 2, as there is no school that day. See you all on Wednesday, January 9.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

The twelve days of Christmas begin on December 25 (the birth of Christ) and last until January 6 (Epiphany, the coming of the wise men). Some families spread out their gift-giving over these twelve days, with one present each day. It is the tradition of many (including us here at Emanuel) to leave Christmas decorations up until January 6. Christmas caroling is a wonderful idea during these twelve days, and can provide restless children with a meaningful Christmas vacation activity! Also, Lutheran public radio broadcasts Christmas music through January 6 (lutheranpublicradio.org).

Epiphany

In Christianity, Epiphany is the realization that Jesus is the Son of God. The official day of Epiphany is January 6, which falls on Sunday this year (and is also the 12th day of Christmas!). On this day, Christians around the world celebrate the arrival of the wise men (Magi). At Emanuel, all the music will be about the star of the east and the wise men.

Many Christians mark Epiphany by taking down their Christmas trees and burning them in bonfires. This act symbolized the coming of Jesus as the light of the world.

The Epiphany season is considered the season of light and lasts through the months of January and February. The Bible readings begin with the baptism of Jesus and end with the transfiguration of Jesus. All the lessons and music will have a focus on Jesus as the light of the world.

Lay Assistants/Sound Board Operators/Ushers

Did you make a New Year's resolution this year? Maybe you could resolve to help out in church on a few Sunday mornings! We are always in need of assistance with the 9:00 a.m. services. Please consider signing up for these important duties. YOUR church needs YOU!

Winter

There are more than two dozen Bible verses that reference snow. Winter is a season to be enjoyed just as any other in life. Though the world may seem bleak and gray outside, we always have the love of Jesus to warm our hearts and homes.

Thank You, Emanuel

I want to extend a great big thank you to the people of Emanuel for another wonderful year as your music coordinator. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with all of our fine musicians, young and old. Thank you for your dedication to our music programs.

During these last few months of transition, I have especially appreciated the kind words of support and encouragement. I thank everyone who has stepped up and gone the extra mile to keep things running smoothly.

I look forward to continuing our musical traditions and heart-felt worship in 2019!

A quote by Martin Luther King in honor of MLK Day on Monday, January 21:

“The question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or for love?”

WELCA News

"Open Our Hearts to Friendships That Share Faith"

● **November Thankoffering**

A BIG thank you to all who contributed to the Thankoffering at the November Sunday service. Because of you, over \$900 was able to be forwarded to WELCA and ELCA sponsored ministries.. Awesome!

● **January Bible Study**

We'll begin another four-session study--"The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus." Written by the Rev. Julie A. Kanarr, a frequent *Gather* contributor, this series invites us to meet Jesus through his interactions with various characters within the Gospel--beckoning us to explore and grow in faith.

Check the church newsletter or Sunday bulletin for times and places of the Circle meetings. Please feel free to join us!

● **Save the Date!**

The Northwest Ohio Synod Women's Convention will be held September 20-21, 2019 at the Heritage Inn, Sauder Village, Archbold. The Theme: Simple Treasures, Matthew 6:21. There will be a brief business meeting for election of officers, representatives to the triennial convention in July of 2020, and conference representatives. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to attend with the meeting right in our own backyard. Give It some thought!

● **A Special Thank You to Ellie Cichocki**

...for the wonderful presentation of her participation in "Bugles Across America" at our December WELCA meeting. She is amazing!

The December meeting also saw the ladies determine recipients of the funds accumulated throughout the year: Pillars of Success, \$300; Emanuel's Good Sam Fund, \$200; Filling Home of Mercy, \$150; Cru (BGSU Campus Youth Ministry Group), \$150; and Soul Food, \$100.

● **WELCA 2019 Program Booklet**

In your mailbox soon, will be the new program booklet. Please note, there are several changes this year. Included in the booklet are those members who have indicated they will be available to help with funeral luncheons in some way. Circle representatives will be making the calls when the occasion arises. We know that there are times when you receive a call that you will have to say "no" because of personal conflicts. If your name does not appear on the list and you would like to be included, contact Joan or Kathy. We will be happy to add you to the list. If your name is on the list, and you find you are no longer able to participate, let us know and we will notify circle chairs to remove your name. Thanks you all!

● **A Short Prayer of Christmas Thanks**

Thank you God for sending Your Son on one glorious night to be born to a virgin, to live a perfect life and to die on the cross for my sins. Thank you that he rose from the dead three days later and that this Christmas and every Christmas we can celebrate the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Amen.