

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 28, 2019
9:00 a.m.



The following young people are ready to affirm publicly the baptismal covenant God made with them in Jesus Christ and to take on greater responsibility with us in the mission of the church. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 28, at the 9:00 a.m. service. Holy Communion will also be offered at that service. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers that they will continue to grow in faith in the Spirit as witnesses of new life in the crucified and risen Christ.

Cameron Burken

Jaycob Celani

Rudi Dachenhaus

Adara Hildebrandt

Derek Miller

Preston Speaks



Membership News

Baptism:

- March 31 Mark Christopher, son of Chris & Lauren Helberg, was baptized at Emanuel.

Mark's sponsors are Andrea Hoffman and Cole Schlosser.

Caring Corner for April

This month's caring corner will be collecting baby supplies for the Community Pregnancy Center. These items, along with prayer, will greatly help a new mother and baby.

Baby wash
Burp clothes
New small toys
Diaper Bags
18 mo.- 2 T new baby clothes
Socks
Bibs
Baby bottles 8 oz.
Crib sheets
New mom hygiene items
Pacifier clips
Bath towels
Bath washcloths
Plain note cards

Thursday Worship Services

Thursday worship services will begin again on April 25 at 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion will be served on the third Thursday of each month.

Mark your calendars!

Lenten Offerings

Offerings received during Emanuel's Wednesday Lenten services will be divided equally among: World Hunger, Henry County Transportation, Together We Can Make A Difference, PiLLars of Success, and Genacross Lutheran Home.

Seder Meal

During Holy Week a Seder meal will be served at Wednesday night Soul Food. Seder meal is a ceremonial dinner, generally held on the first night of Passover, commemorating the Exodus from Egypt.

Thank you

Thank you to all who braved the cold to attend Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage supper. A free will donation was collected and donated to Good Sam.

Meeting for Parents of a Fall 2019 - 5th or 6th grader May 5th at 10:15 a.m.

We will be having a mandatory meeting for parents and children who will be in 5th and 6th grade next school year. We will be going over acolyte duties that will be starting in September. Any questions, please reach out to Amanda Dilbone at 419-377-0754 or Joleen Brubaker at 419-966-3529.

Chicken and Rib Barbecue



Mark your calendars now. Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives is sponsoring a Chicken and Rib BBQ on Monday, April 29th, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in the

parking lot at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 810 Scott Street in Napoleon (please use the Scott Street entrance).

For \$8, you may have either Chicken or Ribs with a bag of chips, applesauce, and a dinner roll or meat only for \$6. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time, but drive-thrus are welcome. To reserve your dinners, call Kelli Burkhardt at 419-579-0199 or email togethernwoh@gmail.com or stop by Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives, 722 North Perry Street, during our hours - Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 to noon, Tuesday 3 to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Chicken and Ribs prepared by Port-A-Pit BBQ from Edgerton, Ohio.

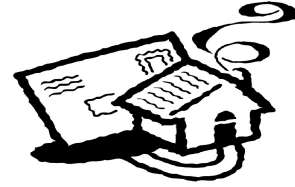
Subs needed for Sunday School

Please give your sincere and prayerful consideration to serving our Sunday School by volunteering to substitute teach as needed. Please contact Amanda Dilbone at 419-377-0754 or Joleen Brubaker at 419-966-3529 if you would be interested.

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)

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



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2019 Church Council

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Worship participants in April

Acolytes

9:00 - Derek Miller & Avary Miller
21 - 7:00 - Sophia Good &
Adara Hildebrandt
21 - 10:30 - Derek Miller & Avary Miller

Lay Assistant

7 - Melinda Dachenhaus
14 - ****NEEDED****
21 - 7:00 - ****NEEDED****
21 - 10:30 - Betty Mowery
28 - Betty Mowery & Confirmation Class

Altar Guild

Melinda Dachenhaus & Karri Ashbaugh

Sound Board

9:00 - ****NEEDED****
21- 7:00 - ****NEEDED****
21- 10:30 - ****NEEDED****
28 - **** 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

April 7 - In memory of John Wenner
April 14 - In honor of Alexandria Biederstedt's 21st birthday
- Paul & Betty Mowery in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary
April 21 - Ben & Judy Michaelis in memory of Barb Michaelis
- In memory of Alyce Oberhaus's 98th birthday
April 28 - Ed & Tiffany Biederstedt in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary
- Confirmation Class



Open dates:

July 28 October 6 November 3 - 17 December 15

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 Kori 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.

Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

Choir

Thank you for the beautiful music in March, including Ash Wednesday. Practices on Wednesdays in April are as follows: the 3rd and 10th at 6:15 p.m. in the basement, NO practice on the 17th (you may attend the Seder meal that evening), and the 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

For the worship service on Sunday, April 7 at 9:00 a.m., we will sing Psalm 126, *In This Very Room*, and *Come, Share God's Gift*.

For Maundy Thursday, April 18 at the 7:00 p.m. service, we will sing *Written in Red*, *Thy Will Be Done*, and *Christus Lux Mea*. *Christus Lux Mea* is a Latin phrase that means "Christ is my light."

On Good Friday, April 19 at the 7 p.m. service, we will sing *Shadow of the Cross*, *When I Think of the Nail Prints*, *Via Dolorosa*, and *And He Died*. *Via Dolorosa* is Latin for "Way of Grief," "Way of Sorrow," "Way of Suffering" or simply "Painful Way."

For Easter, April 21 at the 7:00 a.m. service we will sing *Festive Introit*, *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*, and *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Choir members please note: we will rehearse IN THE SANCTUARY on Maundy Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Living Spirit

Thank you for leading the worship service in March, your songs were so uplifting. Practices are as follows in April: the 3rd and 10th at 8:00 p.m. following Lent worship, NO rehearsal on the 17th (you may attend the Seder meal), and the 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be working on music for May.

Living Spirit will sing *I Will Rise* for the prelude on Easter at the 7:00 a.m. service.

Bell Choir

Thank you for the terrific numbers in March that were spiritual in style. Practices continue on Sunday mornings in April after church.

A reminder that you will play *Old Rugged Cross* on Wednesday, April 10 at the 7 p.m. service.

Bell Choir will play at both services on Easter Sunday, April 21. Songs include: *Lamb of God*, *How Beautiful*, *Shine*, *Jesus, Shine*, and *Shout to the Lord*.

For confirmation on Sunday, April 28, special music will be prepared for the service at 9:00 a.m.

Emanubells

Thank you for the wonderful songs you prepared for March! There will be two practices in April, the 3rd and the 10th at 5:30 p.m. Emanubells will play on Sunday, April 14 and songs will be *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*, and *Immortal, Invisible*.

A reminder: Emanubells will play *Ah, Holy Jesus* on Wednesday, April 3 at the 7:00 p.m. Lent worship.

After School Club

The children worked hard preparing their songs for the Lent worship in March. They always have excellent suggestions about how they would like to present their music.

After School Club will meet on Wednesday, April 3 and 10. April 10 will be the last day and we will take our annual trip to the ice cream store, the pool and have a pizza party. Parents can pick their children up at 5:30 that day at church.

Thanks to the children for being such a joy to all of us, for their eagerness to learn about Jesus, and for their musical talents.

Thanks from Lori and I to all our helpers including: Gary, Jamie, Joe, Mackenzie, Broden, and Kay (bus driver). We cannot do it without YOU!

Lent Worship

Lent worship continues on Wednesdays, April 3 and 10 at 7:00 p.m.

The theme this year is "Reflection and Healing."

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is celebrated this year on April 14. On this Sunday before Easter, we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palm fronds will be used for decoration and handed out to worshipers.

Palm trees are mentioned in the Bible 30 times and all parts of the tree can be used. The tree gives fruit (dates, coconuts, acai berries) and produces for up to 70 years. Coconut shells are used for jewelry, lampshades, and rope. Leaves are used for roofing, hats, and furniture. The trunks are used for flooring, siding, and sugar.

The tree has oil used in lotion, and wax that is used for candles to seal documents.

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday School children will be singing the prelude, *Little Grey Donkey*. They have made crafts to go with the song.

Thanks to the teachers for all your help with the music, and the cutting and gluing!

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday worship will be held on April 18 at 7:00 p.m. There will be special music, communion, stripping of the altar, and tolling of the bell (as long as the rope is ready!).

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, and is observed by Christians as a remembrance of the Last Supper. "Maundy" is a Latin word for "command." Jesus commanded his disciples at the Last Supper to love and serve one another.

Good Friday

Good Friday worship will be held on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Join us this evening as we remember the crucifixion, suffering, and death of Jesus.

Easter

This year Easter falls on Sunday, April 21. Services will be at 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. There will be special music and communion at both services.

How is the date of Easter determined each year? It is the first Sunday following the first full moon after March 22. April 19 is the first full moon after March 22 this year, so Easter is April 21.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be held Sunday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m. worship. The confirmands have planned every aspect of this day. Join us for communion and worship, and show your support of our young people and their Christian education. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this next step in their lives of faith.

Thursday Evening Worship

Evening worship services will begin on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. and continue through Thanksgiving. If you will be out of town, working on the weekend, or desire a different worship experience, Thursday nights will be perfect for you. Communion is celebrated on the third Thursday of the month. As the song lyrics say, "Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come."

When praised for his organ playing skills, Bach said, "There is nothing very wonderful about it; you have only to hit the right notes at the right moment and the instrument does the rest."

WELCA News

"Open Our Hearts to Friendships That Share Faith"

● **General Meeting**

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. Michelle Rychner from Henry County Hospital will share information about volunteerism. Maybe you have an hour free each week or month to "give back" to our community.

● **April Bible Study**

We are completing our four-part study on the Gospel of John. Come and encounter the risen Christ through His appearances to Mary Magdalene, Peter, and Thomas. We will see how He remains present among us as we see how to live in His name. Check the church calendar or Sunday bulletin for times and places of the Circle meetings. All are welcome to attend!

● **WELCA Fall Convention**

The Northwest Ohio Synod Women's Convention will be held September 20-21, 2019 at the Heritage Inn, Sauder Village, Archbold. The theme will be: Simple Treasures, Matthew 6:21. There will be a brief business meeting for election of officers, representatives to the triennial convention in July 2020, and conference representatives. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to attend with the meeting right in our own backyard. Denise Etzler is planning to attend. Call her (814-389-2973) if you would also like to go.

● **Reading Our Bibles**

Have you ever read through your Bible from Genesis through Revelation? Why not start today? By reading 2-3 chapters a day, you can completely read through your Bible in one year! See what God has to say to you personally! For a suggested reading list, see Maxine in the church office or Denise Etzler.



The Legend of the Donkey Cross

"Bring me the colt of a donkey," was the Master's request. A young donkey was brought to Jesus to carry him to Jerusalem. A week later Jesus was ordered crucified. The little donkey so loved the Lord, that he wanted to help carry the cross. But alas, he was pushed away. The sad little donkey waited to say good-bye until nearly all had left. As he turned to leave, the shadow of the cross fell upon his shoulders. And there it has remained, a tribute to the loyalty and love of the humblest of God's creatures.