

# 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.**

## *My Walk in Faith ...*

I am sharing a portion of my personal walk in faith as a testimony to God's unending love and faithfulness, and as a message of faith, hope and personal strength. From an early age, I learned to use God's Word to rise above circumstances and struggle to fulfill His best plan for my life. God never promised to give me everything I wanted. He promised to give me everything I needed, and He has certainly done that and more. I am very blessed to have a loving family, caring Christian Church and a job that I consider a personal ministry. Looking back now, I can see how early life events and my early walk in faith have helped me become the person I am today.

But first, I need to share my favorite scriptures with you as the Bible is and has always been the roadmap or GPS for my walk in faith. These verses have comforted me over the years when I have felt insecure, uncertain, not good enough or sad. They have also inspired and challenged me to believe in myself, step outside my comfort zone, and pursue seemingly impossible personal goals. Implanted in my heart and mind, they are the very foundation of my character and personality. In all that I do I strive to have a generous, kind heart and demonstrate the qualities of servant leadership.

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart." Jeremiah 1:5

"See I have engraved you on the palms of my hands. Your walls are ever before me." Isaiah 49:16

"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:1

"...from everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." Luke 12:48

My siblings and I were born to teenage parents who had fifth and ninth grade educations, and minimal support from somewhat dysfunctional families. After mental illness destroyed my parents' marriage, we grew up in a single parent home. Although our circumstances were not ideal, we had the basic necessities, felt loved and eventually became strong independent individuals.

My walk in faith began at age six when my family moved into a new home. Our next-door neighbors were Christians. As you might guess they took my siblings and I to church and became

our “surrogate” parents who role modeled Christian family dynamics. We remain close to this day. We also became a part of a much larger Pentecostal church family. The adults in our congregation were genuinely interested in young people. I particularly admired a nurse in our congregation and became friends with her daughter. I began reading books about nurses, but felt I would never be smart enough to become one. Years later, I was able to thank her for being such a great nursing role model and shared that she unknowingly planted a dream in my heart. She cried from joy. At age 16, with financial help from some church members, I was able to be part of a mission team to Trinidad. I spiritually grew up in an enriching church environment that taught me to read God’s Word and trust His promises. Bev and Ed Brown were the leaders of our teenage youth group. I would not be who I am today without their unconditional love and spiritual guidance. During this part of my walk in faith, I learned that God calls each of us to love Him and people. I felt a personal call to help others.

My walk in faith continued when I went to college, then college again, and again. My educational journey is truly a miracle as I came from a lower socioeconomic status, knew nothing about higher education, was a first generation college student and never had to take even one loan! During high school, I worked at the brand new, very first McDonalds in Defiance to earn money for college, received a competitive scholarship from my mother’s employer, plus state and federal grants. I also worked at a brand new, very first McDonalds close to my college campus. (I truly believe God built both of those McDonalds just for me!) I graduated magna cum laude with a BA in Biblical Studies and minor in Christian Education from Asbury University, a small conservative Christian liberal arts college in Kentucky. My faith matured and expanded during my years at Asbury as I learned more about servant leadership, improved my self-confidence and deepened my personal

relationship with Christ. I considered going to Seminary, applied and was accepted, but it did not feel right. My childhood desire to become a nurse resurfaced, so I decided to pray more about it and took a factory job instead. I was also lonely, and began praying for my future husband.

To make a long story short, God continued to work in my heart and open doors for me to become a nurse, wife and mother...my ultimate life’s dream. I do not believe my life events were accidents or coincidences. I believe the life choices I made after prayer positioned me to receive God’s blessings. The factory job was an answer to my prayers as one summer I met someone named Dawn (Rohrs) Sharpe who arranged a blind date for me and her brother...my future husband Kurt! My factory’s employee tuition reimbursement benefits also paid for my nursing education from Bowling Green State University. Later in life, I used hospital tuition reimbursement benefits to complete graduate and postgraduate work in nursing to become licensed as a Neonatal Clinical Nurse Specialist and a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner. Oh, and do you remember my father’s mental illness? My first nursing job was in a Psychiatric Unit. I had first hand personal experience as well as nursing knowledge to help care for my patients and families. The clinical experience I received in this unit, as well as my original religious and educational studies at Asbury University all helped prepare for my current long-term career in Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing. I care for babies and families during very intimate, emotional moments at the beginning, and sometimes the ending of life. Sometimes they both occur within minutes. I firmly believe this is the ministry my heart longed for as a teenager. I just did not know it due to my limited knowledge. However, God knew me. He had already set me apart, even at an early age.

**Karen Rohrs**

# THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

- Thank you once again for your generous contribution toward HCTN. With the price of fuel and the number of rides increasing each month, this is very helpful!! Thank you from all HCTN clients and staff.  
-Michael L. Saneholtz, Coordinator, Henry County Transportation Network
- A heartfelt THANK YOU to our Emanuel family for your generous gifts to the Kaden Michaelis Benefit fund. And to Thrivent for their matching fund contribution. Also a sincere THANK YOU for all your prayers for Kaden as he travels down this difficult road to recovery. Kaden, Brian, Julie, Maddie and Ellie have been traveling this uncertain road since last September. Kaden's treatment regiments will continue thru the remainder of this year. God willing, when treatment is completed, we will be able to report that Kaden is in remission and the neuroblastoma cancer has been defeated. If interested, you can follow Kaden's progress at [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org) visit Kaden Michaelis.  
God bless you all.  
-Ben & Judy Michaelis
- Many thanks to Pastor for all his visits to Mom and for the comfort he brought to us. To the ladies who served the luncheon and thank you for all the support, cards and prayers. God bless you.  
-the family of Esther Fouts
- Properties Board, Thank you so much for the use of your kitchen for preparing for our bazaar.  
-Lana Sonnenberg, Hospice of Henry County
- Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Homes Society, and especially for your support of our Campaign of Caring. Your generosity is a blessing, and will help us to continue to provide services of the highest quality for the 2700+ elders and at-risk youth we serve every day. God's continued blessing upon your ministry our call as God's people.  
-Peace & Hope, Steve Knappe
- Thank you very much for the beautiful stained glass cross. It is especially pretty when the light hits it. Thank you for the Lutheran medallion necklace also. I wear the necklace all the time. I am every blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church. Thank you again for everything!  
-Sincerely, Taryn Conklin
- We would like to thank our many friends at Emanuel for keeping us in your prayers and the many acts of kindness you have shown our family when our granddaughter, Jillian Norden, passed away. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.  
-Theo & Paula Heuer & family
- Thank you so much for remembering me on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination. I feel so blessed to be a part of Emanuel - for the friendships and support you have given me. Thank you again and praying for many more years together.  
-Peace, Denise Brown

**Soul Food Planning for "Fall"**  
August 24, 8:30 a.m.

Come and help us plan and/or brainstorm for our fall Soul Food meals. I'll have breakfast and coffee available. Any questions, call Judy Hoffman.

Cookies are needed for  
Henry County Fair Parade day.

We will have hotdogs, chips,  
cookies and drinks available for  
float participants.

Cookies will need to be  
"sturdy" so they don't melt.

Thanks for your donations!

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### **Chain Gang**

We have several members who live alone. There has been some interest in having a call chain. Everyone in the chain would be responsible to call another person every morning just to make sure he/she is doing OK and feeling well. We could even include non-members in the chain (a next door neighbor, someone you know who does not get many visitors, etc.). Just to hear a friendly voice and touch base with another human being can be a welcomed start for one's day.

Please let Pastor know if you are interested in being a part of the "chain gang".

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*from the Congregational Life Board*

### *Caring/Donation Corner*

School supplies are being collected during the months of July and August. These supplies would include: **markers, crayons, glue, baby wipes, tissues, brown paper bags, notebook paper/notebooks, pencils, and/or backpacks.**

A huge thank you goes out to all who dropped off donations the last couple of months that went towards the Ronald McDonald House, VBS, Country Chapel Christian Union Church Food Pantry, Together We Can Make Difference, and House of Ruth. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

### *Pictorial directory*

The pictorial directory is up and running. Appointments are being made for the week of July 26-30 and August 1 & 2. If you cannot make an appointment during this time, please contact Carol Castello at 419-592-0847 to make other arrangements. Thank you to everyone for your participation in updating our directory. Also thank you to those who graciously volunteered their time to help with the signing in for the appointments. Your help is very much appreciated!

### *Summer Services & Fellowship Hour*

We continue with our summer schedule of 9:00 a.m. for Sunday worship. There are dates yet to be filled for our fellowship time after the services. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of Pat's office. If there is a Sunday that is left open, fellowship will continue with juice and coffee. Thank you to those who provided the delicious treats for the past fellowship times.

### *Tomato Festival Parade*

The last few years Emanuel Lutheran has entered a float in the Tomato parade. This year's theme is "Youth of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow." Anyone with ideas or suggestions for the float, please contact Carol Castello. She, along with other volunteers, will be again serving hot dogs and water on the front lawn during the afternoon of the parade.

### *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

July 31 marks the Fifth Sunday and we will be recognizing this with a potluck following the special congregational meeting. We welcome everyone to come and enjoy the delicious food. We are asking that you bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided.

We would like to put out a plea for anyone with ideas or suggestions for our Life Board. We are always looking for new things to try and would really appreciate any suggestions that you may have. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings to plan these FUN events. We are currently looking for more members to join us and we welcome any and all suggestions. Meetings are held at the Church the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and are held under an hour. No advance notice is needed to join us at our meetings and we turn no one away. As Carol puts it, "We are the FUN committee that plans the FUN activities and the FOOD activities!".

Next meeting is August 1, 7:00. Hope to see you there!

## Membership News

- Birth* Congratulations to Todd & Krista Amstutz on the birth of a daughter, Emma Janelle, on May 28.
- Baptism* June 12 - Anthony Lee Jones. Anthony is the son of Daryl Jones.  
August 7 - Gabriel David Campbell, son of James & Gloria Campbell, born June 7 in Terre Haute, Indiana  
August 14 - Hannah Grace Kerr, daughter of Greg & Christine (Bostelman) Kerr, born March 23  
August 21 - Emma Janelle Amstutz, daughter of Todd & Krista (Rohrs) Amstutz, born May 28 in Lima. Emma's sponsors are Ron & Tammy Fisher.
- Funeral* Esther Fouts passed away on May 21; her funeral was held on the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Jeff Eickhoff passed away on May 21; his funeral was held on the 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Joyce Baker passed away on July 16; her funeral was held at the church on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for God's peace and comfort for their families.

- ✓Congratulations to Doug & Krista (Rohrs) Brown on the birth of a son, Carter Henry, on May 26. Proud grandparents are Ted & Joyce Rohrs.  
✓God's blessings to Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Ash (Laura Gerken) on their marriage on July 9 in Cincinnati. Laura is the granddaughter of Ken & Nancy Lange and Julian & Carolyn Gerken.

### **WE APPRECIATE HEARING ABOUT YOUR FAMILY NEWS (BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.).**

We would like to include your family's birthdays in our birthday prayers on Sundays, in which case we would need those names and dates.  
We would also like to know the names of all those family members serving in the military.

If you are interested in receiving your newsletter by email, please let us know in the church office. You will get your newsletter days earlier and we will save on office supplies and postage. You will need Adobe Reader on your computer to do this (available free for download at [adobe.com](http://adobe.com)).

Be sure to check out our website [www.emanuelnapoleon.org](http://www.emanuelnapoleon.org)! You can find current and past newsletters, current Sunday bulletins, picture pages, and loads of information and pictures!

Thanks to Ed Panning for all his hard work in the maintenance of our website. He has now turned over these duties to Kyle Miller. Thanks, Kyle, for your willingness to do this job.

### Catechism parents and students

There will be an important meeting of all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade **students and their parents** on Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m.

We will discuss our plans for this year. We will also need to make some decisions on our meeting days and times because of the new athletic league that the Napoleon School District has joined.

If you cannot attend this meeting, please talk to Pastor Castello before that date.

Remember our members in nursing homes and assisted living facilities with prayers, cards, visits.

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

**Marge Gathman Paul Panning**

**Alfred "Petey" Ruetz Ted Titgemeyer**

**Alpine Village Assisted Living** (1032 S. Perry, Napoleon)

**Ruth M. Eickhoff (#410) Herman Campbell (#313)**

**Country View Haven** (R858 Co Rd 15, Napoleon)

**Julia Arps** (mailing address: 8271 Co Rd T Liberty Center, OH 43532)

**Golden Center Living Center-Northcrest**

**Ruth Delaney** (240 Northcrest Dr, Napoleon)

**Heartland of Waterville** (8885 Browning Drive, Waterville, OH 43566)

**Paul Cousino**

**Church Office Hours**

**8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday**

**8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Friday**

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Sunday School Superintendent - Angela Sosebee

Altar Guild Chairman - Barbara Hoffman

Custodian - Jack Robbins

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**2011 Church Council**

*President* - Gary Bostelman

*President-Elect* - Ron Wiechers

*Secretary* - Jenny Perdew

*Treasurer* - Julie Kohout

*Doctrine & Worship Board* - Holly Mohring & Terry Hershberger

*Congregational Life Board* - Terri Haase & Carol Castello

*Board of Education* - Jamie Glick & Julie Mt.Castle

*Properties Board* - Matt Mt.Castle & Jeff Sharpe

*Finance Board* - Martha Young & Lorelee Jones



## *Worship participants in August*

### Acolytes

August 7

Alexandria Biederstedt & Alie Hernandez

August 14 & 21

Brock Brubaker & Tyler Allison

August 28

Ryan Kohout & Mitchell Walther

### Lay Assistant

Carol Castello

### Ushers

Kurt Rohrs, Chris Peper,

Terry Walther, Karl Wiechers

### Altar Guild

Julie Callaway & Laura Ellis Kruse

## *Altar Flowers*

August 7 - Shirlee Mires-Fejes in loving memory of Phil Mires

August 14 - Brian & Dea Plummer in honor of Hannah's birthday

- Bob & Betsy Mix in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

August 21 - Shirlee Mires-Fejes in loving memory of Ray & Melle Landversicht

August 28 - Alan & Shelly Storch in honor of their 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary

*\* \* Open date: October 30 \* \**

### To reserve altar flowers...

**Simply 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. If you have *special* orders for your flowers (certain colors, a larger arrangement, etc.), they will be happy to serve you. Please contact Cori Ratliff at Ivy League for these special orders. If your order is beyond the \$20, please pay the shop directly.**

**\*\*\* We are recycling the used plastic containers that the altar flowers come in. They can be put in Angela's office. \*\*\***

## **Left behind**

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city," he said, "but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

The boy asked, "What happened to the flea?"

## Statistics

Thursday, May 19 attendance 41 communed 41

Sunday, May 22

attendance 197

Offerings \$4,958.25

250.00 Bldg Fd  
35.00 Good Sam Fd  
5.00 World Hunger  
35.00 mem to Bldg Fd - Jillian Norden  
15.00 mem to Endow Fd - Elinor Brown  
25.00 Endow Fd honor-Ethan Plummer's bapt  
200.00 missionary fund

Thursday, May 26 attendance 40

Sunday, May 29

attendance 213

Offerings \$3,778.00

20.00 Bldg Fd  
25.00 Good Sam Fd  
25.00 World Hunger  
100.00 mem to Endow Fd-Jeff Eickhoff

Thursday, June 2 attendance 50

Sunday, June 5

attendance 156 communed 146

Offerings \$6,352.00

380.00 mem to Gen Fd - Elinor Brown  
110.00 mem to Bldg Fd - Elinor Brown  
440.00 Bldg Fd  
25.00 Good Sam Fd  
10.00 World Hunger  
20.00 mem to music - Elinor Brown  
145.00 mem to Endow fd - Jeff Eickhoff  
65.00 mem to Endow fd - Elinor Brown  
25.00 mem to Bell Choir - Elinor Brown

Thursday, June 9 attendance 45

Sunday, June 12

attendance 141 communed 113

Offerings \$5,048.00

125.00 Bldg Fd  
90.00 mem to Bldg Fd - Jeff Eickhoff  
250.00 mem to Good Sam Fd - Esther Fouts  
6.00 World Hunger  
20.00 mem to Endow Fd - Art Lange  
880.00 mem to Endow Fd - Jeff Eickhoff

Thursday, June 16 attendance 43 communed 38

Sunday, June 19

attendance 157

Offerings \$4,991.65

90.00 Bldg Fd  
35.00 World Hunger

Thursday, June 23 attendance 45

Sunday, June 26

attendance 138

Offerings 3,443.50

20.00 Bldg Fd  
10.00 World Hunger

Thursday, June 30 attendance 47

Sunday, July 3

attendance 150 (communion postponed)

Offerings \$6,848.34

220.00 Bldg Fd  
30.00 World Hunger

Thursday, July 7 attendance 61

Sunday, July 10

attendance 169 communed 154

Offerings \$5,466.00

250.00 Bldg Fd  
40.00 World Hunger

Thursday, July 14 attendance 48

Sunday, July 17

attendance 180

Offerings \$4,577.00

50.00 Bldg Fd  
10.00 World Hunger  
25.00 Good Sam Fd

## Rally Day

Sunday, August 28

Mark your calendars!!

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 4  
after the children's sermon at the 9:00 worship hour.

*from Elizabeth Bostelman...*

Many of you may be aware that my mom suffers from Polycystic Kidney Disease. She, along with numerous other family members, have been and are currently affected by PKD.

I have decided to run the NYC Marathon on the Run for PKD Team in honor of my mother. The race is on November 6<sup>th</sup>, the day after her 61<sup>st</sup> birthday, and I pray that she will have a new kidney as she celebrates this birthday and cheers me on in New York City.

I am asking that you consider making a donation to my \$3,000 fundraising effort that will aid in research and development and promoting awareness of a disease that affects so many. Please make a donation by visiting my FirstGiving page:

<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/elizabeth-bostelman/runforpkdingnycmarathonteam?fge=ask>

You can donate online with a credit card. All donations are secure and sent directly to PKD FOUNDATION by FirstGiving, who will email you a printable record of your donation.

Thank you!!

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### *Lutheran Men in Mission Bridge Walk — WALK THE MIGHTY MACK*

You are invited to join in the 54<sup>th</sup> annual walk across the Mackinac Bridge (the Mighty Mac) in Michigan on Labor Day, Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignace will be offered, and transportation from Zion to the bridge will be available.

If you can't walk, please consider sponsoring a walker. Last year the NWO Lutheran Men in Mission sponsored 18 men and women walkers and supporters, which raised over \$3,500.00 for the benefit of programs at the Luther Home of Mercy in Williston and the Filling Home in Napoleon. This year's goal is 30 walkers and supporters, raising \$5,000.00 for these two organizations.

Labor Day is the only day the Mackinaw Bridge is open for pedestrian traffic, and the free access to the bridge usually draws between 40,000 and 60,000 for the two hour walk.

For detailed information contact Richard Straub at 740-387-1747, cell 740-802-2194 or e-mail [richnwanda@aol.com](mailto:richnwanda@aol.com). Or Ron Hiatt at 419-944-5177 or e-mail [rah24@earthlink.net](mailto:rah24@earthlink.net).

## Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

### *Adult Choir*

We are planning a Back-to-Choir Party on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Palamara. Look for more information in the August bulletins and/or an email alert.

Choir rehearsals will be held every Wednesday beginning on September 7, time yet to be determined. If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of the group, let Angela know or just show up. We have a one hour practice each week and we have FUN.

### *Worship*

We will be returning to our regular schedule of worship on Sunday, September 11 with an 8:00 a.m. service and a 10:30 service. If you cannot join us on Sunday morning, Thursday evening worship will continue at 7:30 p.m. until Thanksgiving.

### *Thank you*

A big thank you to all the instrumentalists and soloists who blessed our services with their musical gifts this summer. You have amazing talent and a real willingness to serve the Lord. Thank you for saying "Yes!" and devoting precious time this summer for rehearsing.

### *Vacation Stories*

Have you been on a vacation this year? Have you visited somewhere interesting? For the September newsletter we would like you to share where you went, or what you saw, or something funny that happened while traveling. Let us know how God blessed you physically or spiritually during your vacation. It does not have to be long, just a few sentences or a paragraph. Be sure to check out the vacation map at the north entrance of church. It makes for a great conversation starter!

We hope you have enjoyed the oldie-but-goodie hymns we have been singing this summer. For as it says in Psalm 147:1:

*Praise ye the Lord; for it is good to sing praises unto our God;  
for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.*

### **NOTICE: Adult Choir Members**

You are signed up to bring cookies for fellowship hour on Sunday, August 21. Please bring ONE DOZEN treats and put them in the overflow area for the congregation to enjoy!

## **Welca News**

*President, Marilyn Fretz for the Board*

Summer soon will be coming to an end and also Bible Study on the 3 “R”s, Renew, Respond, Rejoice. August will be the last, with the new year 2011-12 Bible Study on “The Gospel of Mark” if you haven’t made it to a Circle this summer. Mark your calendar starting this fall at your Circle meetings or another Circle that meets your schedule.

We’ll be sending quilts and school kits to Lutheran World Relief. There is a change in school kits, as in a form of “Back Packs.” Janis Dachenhaus has the information which I’m sure she will share with you.

The Decorated Table Luncheon for the Filling Home will be September 24. Anyone interested in decorating a table this year?

Our nominating committee will be meeting soon to contact ladies for future officers of WELCA. The committee of Ami Allison, Terri Haase, and Andrea Hoffman will be calling on you. Why not surprise them and call one of them to serve as an officer. Give it some serious thought.

Our next General Meeting will be Thursday, September 1 at 7 p.m. Election of officers along with 2 speakers will highlight the meeting. Ruth Circle will be in charge.

Hope to see you there.

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## **Dartball**

Another dartball season is about to begin.

There is always a need for more players, as on a couple of occasions the team consisted of 2 players and on another occasion, 3 players. The minimum for a match is 4 players.

The dartball team will need a new captain for this year as I am stepping aside after many years as captain. If there is anyone interested in filling this position, please contact me. Someone will need to be in place before the captain’s meeting in August. The matches are on Tuesday evenings, usually on the third Tuesday of the month. On the months with 5 weeks, they will try to play two matches.

I have enjoyed my time as captain and intend to continue playing, but feel it is time for someone else to take a turn. The pay is great!

Thank you,  
Bill Panning

## “SUMMER SOUL”

“Soul Food” Wednesdays will continue with suppers on Wednesday evenings with “Summer Soul”! We have community folks who are somewhat dependent on us for a meal, and we have many of our own church family who regularly enjoy the fellowship each week, so... We are serving simpler meals throughout the summer, hopefully using fresh garden “stuff.” Whatever EXTRA that you may have in your garden, we welcome to put to good use for “Summer Soul.” Your recipes are also welcome! As is your help, too! Please see Kelli Burkhardt, Carol Castello, or Terri Sedam to volunteer your veggies and/or your helping hands!

## P...R...A...Y...E...R.....C...H...A...I...N

If you look in a dictionary for the meaning of the word “chain”, you may find an explanation such as this: “a connected, flexible series of links, typically of metal, used especially for holding objects together or restraining or for transmitting mechanical power” and further on as “as series of closely linked or connected things.”

We are blessed here at Emanuel with prayer chain ministry, and we are (or we TRY to be) a connected, flexible series of closely linked and connected people used especially for holding others together and for transmitting the awesome power of prayer.

A recent article in “The Lutheran” expressed the caution of prayer chains and pastor’s announcements in respecting the HIPAA law for confidentiality. Mindful of this and of people’s personal preferences, we try to always ask for permission to publicly include any prayer requests, especially in terms of any specifics regarding state of health or medical condition, circumstances of request, etc. Prayer requests may be for church members, “extended family”, friends, neighbors, co-workers, the world at large – whoever or whatever is on anyone’s heart and mind to pray for!

Prayers and “pray-ers” are always welcome! Contact “Master Link” Carol Castello by phone at 419-592-0847 or by e-mail at [cjcast@yahoo.com](mailto:cjcast@yahoo.com).