

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.

In the early days of the Christian church the first most common worship service was one of Holy Communion. The second most frequent service was a funeral service. There was, of course, a lack of medicines and doctors.

Deaths occurred then where today lives are spared because of medical advancements. And yet even ,today there are untimely deaths. and in due time, we all end our days here on earth.

Easter is a time of hope. This is not the kind of hope that says "maybe" or "if only" or "I wish". This hope is saying AMEN! Yes, it shall be so! It is so!

The final volume of C.S. Lewis's Narnia series is entitled "The Last Battle." In that book the family is all tragically killed in a train accident. But

Lewis ends his book with joy and hope. He writes; "But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their lives in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and title pages; now at last they were beginning Chapter 1 of the real Great Story which no one on earth has read, which goes on forever, in which every chapter is better than the one before."

In the meantime, we have this "prologue" of life on earth. We can live hoping, knowing of that love that even conquers death. So join with me in sharing that good news. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

See you in church.

Pastor Castello

Worship Schedule

Holy Week

Passion/Palm Sunday

April 9, 2006

Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2006

Worship with

Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday

April 14, 2006

Tenebrae

with Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

Easter

April 16, 2006

Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.

Easter breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Worship with

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation - April 23, 2006

At the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 23, eight young men and women of our congregation will affirm their baptismal covenant. These young person will be confirmed on that day:

Cierra Marie Buehrer
Alexandra Leigh Busch
Jordan Tyler Damman
Jakob Matthew Elling
Ellen Leigh Hoops
Marcus Lee Mt.Castle
Victoria Elizabeth Peper
Dylan Allen Tonjes

*Our 10:30 worship service
will be broadcast on WNDZ 103.1 FM
during the month of April.*

Kevin and I would like to THANK YOU for your thoughts and prayers as we welcomed Elinora into the world. She is already SO loved – we all feel very blessed! Thank you again!

Love and peace,
Kevin, Rachel, and Nora Dunn

To introduce little Elinora Lee here at Emanuel, we (her family) are having a “Welcome, Baby!” shower here at the church on Saturday, April 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. We’re inviting family, friends, old and new, AND church family, old and new, so please stop by to see our new little granddaughter/daughter/niece! No gifts are necessary; just your “presence” to meet and greet little Elinora Lee!

With prayers of thanksgiving for a healthy birth and baby,

Carol, Rachel, Emily, and Becky

How crucial is the Resurrection?

We cherish the birth of Jesus, his wisdom, his loving deeds, his courage in the face of a brutal death, but it is Christ's resurrection which is absolutely crucial to Christian beliefs.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul explained that the Resurrection was the foundation of our Christian belief system. He insisted that if Christ had not been raised from the dead, then we who believe in eternal life have no hope for it at all. "If the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:16-17, NRSV).

Finally, Paul expresses very clearly how critical the Resurrection is to our Christian hope. "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Corinthians 15:19, NRSV).

April Worship Notes

Angela Tonjes

ADULT CHOIR

April will be a busy month for our choir. Many beautiful numbers are being prepared for our upcoming Easter and Confirmation celebrations, plus songs for in between. We will present a unique dramatic reading at both services on Palm Sunday. Anyone can still join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 and sing for the remainder of the spring.

APRIL 9, Dramatic Reading: *Into the City, Into Suffering, Jesus Enters*

APRIL 13, Maundy Thursday: *Thy Will Be Done*

APRIL 16: *Alleluia*

Shine, Jesus, Shine

The Hallelujah Chorus

APRIL 23: *Come Share God's Gift*

APRIL 30: *I Believe in Angels* (ladies only)

CHERUB CHOIR AND RAINBOW RINGERS

We have been working hard to prepare our songs for worship. The children have much material to learn for the holy season of Lent and Easter.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5: *Were You There?* (Bells)

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 (sing and play bells for Palm Sunday processional at both services)

SUNDAY, APRIL 16: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (Bells at sunrise service)

APRIL 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Theme *You are with us, O Lord*. Please join us for worship, communion, new hymns, and special music.

APRIL 14 GOOD FRIDAY

Theme *Were You There?* Please join us for worship based on the hymn *Were You There?* There will be communion and special music.

Music is the art of thinking with sound. -Jules Combarieu

From the Congregational Life Board

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage supper on 2/28/06. With your generous support, \$239.00 was donated to the Emanuel Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you also to the dedicated kitchen helpers that evening. They included Patrick Dille, Ryan & Andrea Hoffman, Phyl Kloos, Joe Kohout, Art & Helen Lange, Nancy Lange and Carl, Sarah and Laura Yaney. Thank you.

Giving/donation corner

The February collections totaled 156 items. These items will be distributed to two local food banks. There will be another food collection later in the year to help additional food banks meet their needs.

The March Collection/Donation corner will continue to accept donations to Wernle Children's Home through the end of the month.

Collections for April will benefit the Henry County Senior Center. Our collections will help them INITIATE a "sharing cupboard" at the Center. It is hoped we will have an overwhelming response in donations so they can get off to a good start in their endeavor to help local seniors with needs as they arise. Therefore, we invite (maybe even *challenge*) EVERY MEMBER to bring in a bag of items to help reach this goal!

The items being collected for the Henry County Senior Center include:

- paper products
- cleaning supplies
- personal hygiene items

(If you did your homework from last month, you should already have these items on your shelves or in your nooks and/or crannies, so bring them in and see how good it feels to know you're helping someone else!)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The tentative "needs list" for upcoming monthly collections will include items such as new and used baby and toddler clothes, baby supplies, maternity clothes, Tylenol 325 mg and Advil 400 mg (or the generic equivalents), cash for gas cards, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, towels and washcloths, and school supplies. Thank you for your past support of the collection efforts, and we hope your generous support will continue to help the needs of others!

Membership News

Birth Congratulations to Kevin & Rachel Dunn on the birth of a daughter, Elinora Lee, on March 14, in Virginia. Proud grandparents are Pastor Jim & Carol Castello.

Baptism On March 26 Braden Joseph, son of Brad & Lisa (Zimmerman) Vajen will be baptized at Emanuel. Braden has an older brother, Zachary. Braden's sponsors are Tricia Vajen and Larry & Karri Ashbaugh.

Please let us know of any family birth announcements, etc. so we can celebrate with you!

New Address: Leo Clausen Jr.
1917 NE Patterson Dr.
Lee's Summit MO 64086

Newsletter-by-email

More and more people are opting to receive the newsletter by e-mail. If you would like to receive your newsletter this way, please notify the church office of your e-mail address. You will need to have Adobe Reader on your computer to read it.

If you have problems receiving your e-mail newsletter, please let us know and we will send you a hard copy.

The newsletter is also posted on our website. Use the "What's New" button and click on (April) Newsletter.

www.emanuelnapoleon.org

Sunday School Teacher of the Year

Do you know a special Sunday School teacher? Did your Sunday School teacher make a difference in your life? Do you know someone that is devoted to the youth of Emanuel? Nominate that special person for the Sunday School Teacher of the Year. We would like to honor these dedicated teachers, past or present. Nomination forms are available in this newsletter and at both church entrances. Return the completed form to the envelope on the Sunday School office door by April 30.

Past Teacher of the Year honorees are:

Bernhard Michaelis
Dolores Showman
Ed Biederstedt
Patsy Schlosser
Sue Kruse
Doug Elling

Good News Preschool Attention Parents & Grandparents

We are now having open enrollment for our Good News Preschool. We will have lots of new games and song to learn, and we will have great snacks to enjoy. If your child is 3 or 4 years old before September 30, you may apply for the 3 or 4 year old class.

Please call Judy Demmel 419/599-8926 or the church office for an application.

Health Ministry

-Judy Hoffman

Search Your Heart

The Cardiovascular programs of Henry, Fulton, and Williams counties will be presenting *Search Your Heart* to health ministries and interested churches on May 20 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Stryker.

Search Your Heart is a faith-based program created by the American Heart Association to increase heart health and stroke prevention. It is an informative, interactive and fun initiative that helps faith-based organizations reach their congregation. The *Search Your Heart* program provides basic educational information regarding cardiovascular disease. Topics include blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, physical activity, stress, and stroke.

This updated version was widely distributed by American Heart Association Affiliates and has touched more than 300,000 people to date.

Comfort Wraps

Thanks to all who are contributing to the ongoing wraps. We have received (and given) many beautiful afghans, quilt throws, and embroidered pieces. Such great way to spread our caring ministry!

Are You a Caregiver?

-Lana Sonnenberg

A caregiver refers to anyone who provides assistance to another person. Nearly one out of four households is involved in care giving to a person aged 50 and over. Three fourths of all caregivers are women and more than one in four women between the ages of 35 and 64 are caregivers. Assisting with the care of another family member or friend is a commitment that many accept with eager willingness to enable the individual to remain independent in their home.

There are four keys to managing as a caregiver.

- **Share the responsibility.** Encourage as much independence as possible for the person you are caring for. Involve them in decisions about their needs. Involve other family members and keep them informed. Ask for help! Accept help!
- **Take care of yourself.** Make certain you have time for yourself to do the things you enjoy. Keep in touch with friends who are supportive or have experienced a similar situation. Join a support group. Set aside time for relaxation, physical activity such as a walk or whatever you enjoy to do to relieve stress.
- **Manage your emotions.** Accept your emotions without guilt. You are managing the situation as best you can. You will have mixed emotions such as happiness, sadness, frustration, anger and acceptance.
- **Be informed and aware.** Learn all you can about the condition your loved one is experiencing. Learn about community resources and services.

Henry County Home Health Agency, a division of the Health Department, maintains a directory of resources in the community to assist you in accessing services. A health professional from the home care program is available to discuss your personal situation and offer you guidance to access services. For more information call 419-599-5612.

Truthful answer

A Sunday school teacher was telling the story of the Good Samaritan. In graphic detail she described how the assaulted man was left helpless beside the road. Then she asked the class, "If you came upon a wounded man lying by the road and he had blood all over him, what would you do?"

A dainty girl spoke first, "I think," she said with a wince, "that I'd probably throw up."

Church Council Chat - March 20, 2006

- Planning a patriotic service for May 28 with special music and songs.
- Summer evening services will begin June 15 and run through August 17 with Holy Communion being offered the third Thursday of the month.
- Henry County Senior Center will be the recipient of the April collections. They are in need of personal hygiene products, paper products, and cleaning supplies to start their “Sharing Cupboard”.
- Photos will be taken for the church pictorial August 28 through September 2. More information to follow.
- Waxing and cleaning will be done on the basement floors the first week of June and the 2nd and 3rd floors will be done the week of April 23.
- Spring workday is scheduled for May 6 – there are a lot of things on the list to get completed and a large turnout would be appreciated. Breakfast and lunch will be furnished.
- The following students were recommended by Council for confirmation on April 23: Cierra Buehrer, Aleigh Busch, Jordan Damman, Jake Elling, Ellen Hoops, Marcus Mt.Castle, Victoria Peper and Dylan Tonjes.
- Rally Day tentatively scheduled for August 27, currently exploring different options.
- The 125 Committee consists of Hugh Schink, Candise Ankney, Ed Panning, Douglas Hoffman, Nanette Schwab with Darlene Bostelman and Laura Ellis as the co-chairs. The first meeting is scheduled for April 2 beginning at 2:00 p.m. – all are welcome to come and share their ideas.

Congratulations Camp Mowana!!

65th Anniversary Celebration - Camp Mowana!!

On **Saturday, May 27**, Camp Mowana will celebrate 65 years of outdoor ministry, having impacted the lives of tens of thousands of people, during a special **65th Anniversary Celebration** from 4-7 p.m. Dedication of the new Jr. Hill Shower House, dinner, recognition of donors and volunteers, and a special program celebrating the 100th Birthday of Oneida Lodge will all be part of this milestone event in the history of Camp Mowana! Everyone is invited! Please RSVP by May 12 at 419-589-7406 or mowana@lomocamps.org. In addition, there will be an **All-Staff Reunion** that same weekend on Friday and Saturday for *anyone* who has *ever* served on Mowana’s staff. Registration details can be found on Mowana’s website at www.mowana.com. Plan now to join us for these very special events at Camp Mowana, May 26-27.

Soul Food

Menu for April

April 5	spaghetti & meatballs
April 12	soup & salad
April 19	chicken & noodles with mashed potatoes
April 26	baked potatoes

Serving is from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. There will be a free will donation for the meals. If you would like to share a dessert or a salad, we would appreciate that very much. Be sure to sign up by Tuesday each week and bring a friend!

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Bell Choir Director - Hugh Schink
Chime Choir Director - Bill Panning
Living Spirit Director - Marv & Julie Mt.Castle
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Sunday School Superintendent - Laura Ellis & Michelle Dille
Altar Guild Chairman - Mary Jo Moden
Good News Preschool Director - Judith Demmel
Custodians - Michelle Dille, Caye Schroeder, Jack Robbins

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

WELCA News

Happy day! Spring is here! Have you noticed all of the crocuses up and blooming?

A huge “Thank You” to all of our circles who served cookies and coffee after the lenten services. You are appreciated!

Our next general meeting is June 1 and will begin with a picnic at 6:30 p.m. in the basement. Mark your calendars and join us for some good food and fellowship.

The new Bible study for Lutheran Women today, “Hope in God in Times of Suffering”, will begin in September 2006. Authors are Faith and Terrence Fretheim. Faith is retired from Women of the ELCA where she served in the program area. Terry is the Elva B. Lovell Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. He teaches several courses on God and suffering. Make sure your subscription is current so you don't miss any issues!

Until next month, Carol Dille for the WELCA Board

Coming Soon!

Times and dates have been scheduled for Emanuel's pictorial directory.

Dates - **August 28 thru September 2, 2006**

Times - Monday-Friday, 2:30 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

More information regarding pricing, photo packages, discounts, etc. will be shared over the next few months.

If you haven't had a family photo taken lately, this is an opportunity to do so. Life Touch Church Directories and Portraits has many suggestions.

Summer Sunday School

Can you spare 1 hour on 1 Sunday this summer? Then sign up to teach summer Sunday School.

We are looking for teachers for every Sunday in June, July and August. Complete the form enclosed to sign up for a Sunday or call Laura Ellis or Michelle Dille.

Community News

Give the Gift of Life

The Henry County Red Cross Bloodmobiles will be at the following locations:

Saturday, April 1 - Harley-Davidson Sales & Service 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monday, April 24 - Battle of the Badges Napoleon AMVETS 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26 - Henry County Red Cross Chapterhouse 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday, April 28 - Holgate Community at American Legion 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Hospice of Henry County

Hospice of Henry County is planning a fundraising bazaar on Thursday, May 4 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Napoleon. Due to decreases in hospice coverage from insurance benefits, they are seeing an increasing need for fundraising to assist the Henry County hospice patients and their families. The monies raised would be used to defer costs of medication, medical equipment, and respite care for their patients.

They are hoping that church members and groups would be willing to assist in this fundraising by either donating items for the live or silent auction, craft items or baking items for the day of the bazaar. Those interested may contact Sharon Coholich or Janelle Cline at (419) 599-5612 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

5k Run

Come out and participate in the 5th Annual Otsego 5K run/walk on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at Otsego High School. Participants of all ages are welcome as well as spectators. Kids' races and a football throw/punt contest will also be held for ages up to 12. This is a great community event for all ages, and we encourage you to be a part of it. Registration forms will be available at the Otsego High School office or on the following web pages: <http://www.otsegoathletics.org> <http://www.toledoroadrunners.org> (under events schedule: April 29, 2006) Participants who send in an entry form with payment by Friday, April 14 will pay a \$15 fee. Participants who register after April 14 will pay a \$20 fee to enter. Keep an eye out for more announcements on this event in your local papers, local radio stations such as K100, or at any 2006 Otsego High School spring athletic events.

For any questions, contact: Eric Fletcher (event coordinator) efletch@bgnet.bgsu.edu (419) 409-0997.

Filling Fall Fling

November 4, 2006 is the date for the second annual Filling Fall Fling. We are taking donations for our silent and live auctions. Do you have a collectible collection that you are no longer interested in or don't have room for? Do you crochet, knit, make jewelry, bake pies...all of these items go well at the auctions! Your thoughtfulness would be appreciated! Contact Jamie Bostelman, Lois Gerken or Carol Dille if you care to donate or to volunteer to work that day.

Spring Work Day will be May 6

Please set some time aside to help us get things done this day. We will have a list of items that need to be done on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and across from the office. We have outside work and inside so the weather will not make a difference.

We will have rolls and coffee with milk and punch to start the day, and lunch will be provided.

Please show up anytime, starting is at 8:30 a.m. We are usually done by 1 p.m. – depending on how many show up to help.

Any questions, please call Marv Mt.Castle or Jim Hershberger.

Pancake Breakfast

to benefit Crystal Ward

St. Luke Lutheran Church
(between Napoleon and Wauseon on State Route 108)
Saturday, April 1, 2006
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

You can either dine in or carryout!

Free will offering and matching funds from Thrivent for Lutherans will be used to help defray Crystal's medical expenses from her recent hospitalization, surgery, and rehabilitation.

THANK YOU!

- Thanks again to all the kind ladies who brought us the delicious meals: Nanette, Martha, Nancy L., Donnie, Nancy S., Carol and Judy. We appreciated those so much. Thanks to our pastor for his visits, prayers, and communion. The beautiful lap robe, the porcelain clock, the val-o-gram, the cards were all so nice, too. What a morale boost everything was for me! Larry, too, appreciated not having to be the chief chef all the time!
-Lois Wiechers
- We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns while our mothers, Lois Wiechers and Velma Rohrs, were hospitalized and recuperating. We appreciated it very much. God Bless.
-Mark & Lorelee Rohrs
- A big thank you to those of our members who provided some birthday cheer to the residents of The Lutheran Home who celebrated March birthdays. I know from comments from several of our visitors that doing this was a very positive experience. I have noticed that for a couple of the residents, this was their last birthday to observe here on earth. How nice to have been able to add a special touch for them!
-Dora Titgemeyer
- Dear Friends in Christ, Last month Emanuel was gracious in the fact that they were host to the first annual VBS Workshop that Divine Inspirations sponsored at the request of Caren Dille on behalf of Emanuel Lutheran Church. It is my desire that through your monthly newsletter that my thanks be conveyed to your congregation for giving us this opportunity to be able to help spread the word of God in the ministry to His little children through VBS.

Jerri and I wish to express our deep appreciation and many thanks to Caren and the whole Dille Family for their out pouring of faith, support, help and the ongoing input into making this workshop a complete success. We are so deeply appreciative of this opportunity. We would also like to thank Mrs. Castello, Mrs. Ellis-Kruse and Miss Michelle Dille for lending us their expertise in being presenters at this workshop. Thank you ladies for a job well done.

Last but certainly not least a huge than you to those individuals who worked behind the scenes, and you know who you are. Those of you who did computer flyers, folded and sent out flyers, helped set up, take down, furnish food whatever it was that you may have contributed to that day and the wonderful response we had, we are extremely grateful for your willingness to help see us through this scary first time venture. Thank you one and all.

-God's Love and Peace, Tootie & Jerri

Statistics

	Feb. 26	Mar. 1	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 19
Attendance	119 + 105 (224)	212	158 + 115 (273)	140	140 + 187 (327)	152	125 + 130 (255)
Communed	--	166	132	(2:30) 4	111	--	--
Offerings	4,072.64	1,468.00	5,421.02	700.55	4,353.76	1,037.00	3,607.57
(includes:)							
Building Fund	165.00		530.00		95.00		50.00
World Hunger	15.00		63.00		20.00		60.00
Roof Fund							
Preacher							
Pounding	50.00 ¹		35.00 ²				4.00
memorials to					225.00		25.00
Bldg Fd							2.52
Good							
Samaritan Fd							
Exp. Re-imb							

¹ 50 Pauline Polker

² 20 Pauline Polker; 15 James Hoffman

*Remember in your prayers our members in nursing homes
and assisted living facilities*

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

Margaret Fahy

Marie Heuer

Laura Rohda

Marge Gathman

Irma Overhulse

Alfred "Petey" Ruetz

Eugenia Gerken

Hildegarde Reiser

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

Christine Rath

Miriam Smith

Reim Eickhoff

Carl Bockelman

Cincinnati (c/o Steve Wittenberg, 7225 Camargo Woods Dr., Cincinnati OH 45243)

Esther Wittenberg

Worship participants in April

Ushers

8:00 Steve Kloos, Ron Dachenhaus,
Tom Hoffman, Robert Dennie

10:30 Ben Michaelis, Kurt Rohrs,
Joe Kohout, Chris Peper

Lenten services...

April 5 Ed Panning, Marv Mt.Castle,

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April 13 Tom Jenny, Joe Kohout,

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April 14 --

Lay assistants

8:00 Sandi Weirauch

10:30 Rupert Schweinhagen

Lenten services...

April 5 Carol Castello

April 13 Gary Bostelman

April 14 Karl Wiechers

Altar Guild

Mary Jo Moden & Jessica Yaney

Acolytes

10:30 Konner Gerken & James Nation

8:00 Apr.2 Jordan Damman & Laura Yaney

8:00 Apr.9 Dylan Slee & Ben Flogaus

7:00 Apr.16 Meredith Hoops & Laura Yaney

8:00 Apr.23 Dylan Slee & Ben Flogaus

8:00 Apr.30 Jordan Damman & Laura Yaney

Lenten services...

April 5 James Nation & Alan Bostelman

April 13 Dylan Tonjes & Konner Gerken

April 14 Jakob Elling, Jordan Damman,

Cierra Buehrer, Ellen Hoops,

Marcus Mt.Castle, Victoria Peper

Altar Flowers

April 2 - Mel & Marg Lanzer in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary

April 9 - Ben & Judy Michaelis in loving memory of Barbara Michaelis

April 16 - in honor of Alexandria Biederstedt's 8th birthday

- in honor of Irene Cordes' 80th birthday on April 17 given by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

April 23 - Confirmation class

- in honor of Neil Storch's 10th birthday

- in honor of Ken Lange's birthday

- Norm & Sue Kruse in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary

- in honor of Cierra Buehrer's confirmation by her grandparents, Leo & Juanita Clausen and Bettie Maynard

April 30 - Ed & Tiffany Biederstedt in honor of their 16th wedding anniversary

Open dates: June 4 and December 31

Altar flowers cost \$20. This amount should be placed in the offering plate and designated for altar flowers. Flowers are automatically ordered from Cattails. If you have a special flower, color or container request, Cattails can customize your arrangement. Price of the arrangement can be increased also. If you wish to make your own arrangements, you should notify the church office a couple weeks ahead of the designated Sunday.

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Savior's Signal

A newsletter for Emanuel's youth

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*Preschool & kindergarten
will sing at 10:25 on Sunday, April 2.*

Baptismal Birthdays - April

*Tyler Allison
Chad Bostelman
Cierra Buchner
Chandler Burken
Christa Burken
Steve Busch
Barbara Butler
Ann Campbell
Irene Cordes
Austin Damman
Jordan Damman
Lori Damman
Brad Davis
Steve Davis
Zachery Davis*

*Judy Demmel
Ruth M. Eickhoff
Chris Eis
Benjamin Flogaus
Marilyn Fretz
Douglas Hoffman
Judy Hoffman
Jon Hoops
Ramona Koppenhofer
Trevor Kruse
Ellen Lange
Nancy Lange
Alice Langenhof
Mel Langer
Mike Leininger*

*Bob Lulfs
Makeysha Martinez
Larry Michael
Davis Mix
Marcus Mt. Castle
Sharon Panning
Donna Peper
Ed Peper
Dave Rohrbaugh
Joyce Rohrs
Tiffany Ruby
Elisa Schroeder
Keegan Schroeder
Emily Schwab*

*Colin Sedon
Shelley Skeens
Trisha Sloop
Mike Smith
Alison Storch
William Thompson
Dennis Vajen
Robert Walker
Jeannie Wiechers
Lois Wiechers
Bill Williams
Sarah Yancy
Arlene Ziegler
Keith Ziegler*

Palm Sunday Processional

Calling all Sunday School children - join us on Palm Sunday for the Palm Processional. Meet in the basement by the stage at 7:50 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. We'll get the palms, practice our song, and praise God on this wonderful day.

Eggs-cellent Easter Celebration

Join us for Sunday School on Easter Sunday for an eggs-travaganza. We will be listening to a story, going on a egg hunt, and making a craft. Meet us in the basement in the preschool area.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars, it's travel time!

Vacation Bible School will be held this year from June 11 - 16. We'll be serving dinner for all who would like to join us prior to the start of Bible School each evening.

In addition to Bible School for the 3-year-olds through 5th graders, we'll be having an adult Bible School class, too.

Come help us explore Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya and discover how much fun "Trading Places" will be!

The oldest "kid" in the church

They were a dear couple in their mid-80s, Dr. Henry and his wife, Madge. He had been a kindly college professor, she a loving wife and mother, both totally dedicated to their Lord, their church, their family, their country.

The most significant memory I have of them is what happened at worship one Sunday. Our regular pastor was on vacation and an elderly bishop who had once served our church was presiding. Something surprising occurred when the bishop asked the children to join him on the chancel steps for his talk with them. The children hurriedly made their way forward. Right behind them, moving briskly, was Dr. Henry. He reached the steps and lowered himself to sit beside the kids. There were giggles, somewhat muffled.

Some may have wondered if senility had taken over the old teacher's mind. The bishop, however, explained that Dr. Henry had called him before the service and had told him that he had read Jesus' words to the effect that "unless ... you become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). The bishop went on to relate that Dr. Henry said he wanted to make sure he got into the kingdom of heaven, so he was becoming like the children that morning. Everyone

understood. Madge smiled with approval. And I? Well, I was left in wonderment having been challenged by the oldest "kid" in our church.

Charles Ferrell

Club Christ News

We are selling raffle tickets in April for a beautiful quilt that has been given to us by the quilters of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Tickets will be sold from April 2 to April 29 with the winner being notified on April 30.

We would like to thank the dartball group for the money they donated towards our trip to San Antonio in July.

Thank you for buying the pizza kits, we will still need to wash cars in May if we want to fly to San Antonio. So you have time to get your cars dirty, we will look for you in May sometime.

Y. C. C. News

Approximately 14 YCC kids went swimming on Sunday, March 12 at the NHS indoor pool. The kids had a great time. Thanks to Deb Nation for organizing the event.

On Sunday, March 26 we will be playing Bingo with the residents at the Lutheran Home. Both the kids and residents enjoy this time together.

On April 30 we will be going roller skating at the Wauscon Rollercade. Jeanette Damman has volunteered to organize this event. Kids, plan to bring your friends for an afternoon of fun! More details to follow.

Julie & Maru Mt. Castle

The Romans sent a message; God sent one, too

The rulers of the Roman Empire wanted everyone under their power to understand clearly that it would be very costly to try to overthrow their government. They conceived the idea of crucifixion as a way of sending an unforgettable message to all people under their control. Death on a cross would be a slow, excruciatingly painful death. The cross would be put in a very public place so as many as possible would get the message: Don't even think of defying Roman rule!

That is why Christ was crucified on Golgotha hill close to a busy road where no passerby could miss the shocking scene. Christ was guilty of nothing. Yet his enemies hated him so much that they told Pilate, Rome's representative in Jerusalem, that Jesus was a danger to Roman rule. Christ's enemies said to Pilate, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar" (John 19:12). Pilate caved in to the clamor of the crowd and allowed Jesus to be crucified.

But those who saw to it that Jesus suffered death on the cross did not know that God had a message to send as well. God victoriously raised Christ from the dead! God touched the precious body of his Son and infused it with life, glorious, dynamic life, life in all of its fullness.

God turned the cross, the executioner's tool of death, into a dramatic symbol of victory. The empty cross and the empty tomb, along with the resurrected body of Christ, reveal God's victory over the worst deed humans might do — the assassination of the Holy.

That is why we put crosses everywhere: boldly, proudly, joyously, triumphantly. It is why we glory in the cross always. It stands eternally "towering o'er the wrecks of time" (John Bowring).

After the Resurrection, Jesus' friend, Peter, explained God's message to all of Christ's enemies with these bold and certain words: "This Jesus, you crucified and killed But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses Therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:23-24; 32, 36). That is what Easter is all about. All praise to the living Lord!