

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

How ironic that "Good Humor Sunday" would inspire me to write an article concerning my personal faith journey.

As Jack Robbins gave the sermon and talked about change, I began to recall some of my own life experiences. His brief encouragements to the congregation inspired me to write my faith statement.

I'm calling this article "Random Thoughts along my Walk in Faith". My journey begins with the solid Christian upbringing of my parents Esther and Hugo Sonnenberg. Their guidance provided a firm foundation of faith at home on the farm and at church activities at Hope Lutheran. Their lives served as wonderful examples to follow. Thank you, Lord, for giving me such Christian, loving parents.

As I'm writing these Random Thoughts, I'm thinking of the changes and many ups and downs of my own life. Through every turn in the road Jesus has always been there for me. I don't think I ever doubted the Lord's unfathomable love. I've only wondered at his graciousness during

my own failings.

More Random Thoughts – The Lord has a way of speaking to us and sometimes asking (pushing) us out of our Comfort Zone. It was shortly after Hurricane Katrina when a church sermon/service inspired me to help out in some way. That particular Sunday service/sermon/hymn "Here I am Lord" led me to two fulfilling trips to the Gulf Coast region. One trip was with Sue and Nikki Schink. Those events, fellowships, presentations, work sites, and contacts uplifted my soul. It gave me such an appreciation of the spirit of the volunteers and the victims of such devastating circumstances. Thank you, Lord, for that opportunity.

Another Random Thought – Change is good for the soul. These past two years I have had the privilege of assisting Judy Demmel and Mary Jo Moden with Emanuel's Good News Preschool. What a welcoming environment - watching 3 and 4 year olds grow and discover their own uniqueness. Thank you, Lord, for opening that door.

Last of my Random Thoughts – Jesus probably has many pathways to follow and doors yet to open in my life. Hopefully I'll recognize the

signs along the way and be able to continue my Walk of Faith. I'm not sure what the Lord has in store for me in the years head, but I trust in his grace and acknowledge his promise to be always with me.

Lila Wende

A “soul-ful” need for Soul Food ...

As we look ahead for the upcoming “Soul Food season” (every Wednesday from September to mid-May!), we are “soul-fully” in need of volunteers to help with this effort! The menus are planned well in advance to help with meal-planning and shopping, and we've been blessed with willing volunteers that bring in salads and desserts, help with grocery shopping, help with dishes and clean-up afterwards, and help with meal preparation. But we do need more help!!!

If you are willing and able to help, please contact Carol Castello, Phyllis Kloos, or Sue Schink. It takes the whole of us to help feed the soul of us, so thank you in advance! And we'll see you all in September!

Thursday night services

continue
every Thursday night
at 7:30 p.m.

5th Sunday Fun – August 31
“Party in the Park”/Last Blast of Summer/Rally Day!

August holds another “5th Sunday” for us to gather an extra time as an Emanuel Church Family. On Sunday, August 31, we will meet after services at Glenwood Park for a “last blast of summer” picnic lunch. We’ll be using the shelter house by the Kidz Kingdom playground, with easy access to the Napoleon Community Pool, and we’re hoping to reserve a 2 o’clock tee time for any interested golfers. (Golfers, if you’re interested in playing 9 holes following lunch, please contact Ryan Hoffman or Jack Robbins.)

Please bring your summer favorites for a picnic potluck for lunch: drinks, plates, and serving ware will be provided. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs, and we will have a couple awning tents to provide some shade. After we’ve eaten we plan to enjoy some good ol’ fashioned square dancing, so allemande left and circle to the right to Glenwood Park that day!

WELCA News

Nancy Schink

I hope you are all having a relaxing and enjoyable summer. WELCA started the season in long ago June with a delicious variety of dishes at our Potluck Supper. Thank you, ladies.

Cheryl Robbins from the Center of Child and Family Advocacy brought us up to date on the many facets of that organization.

The important news for all ladies of Emanuel is that the WELCA Board is naming September as the month to collect soap for Lutheran World Relief.

A new bar of soap contributes to dignity and cleanliness for the recipients. We take it for granted that we will have soap to bathe. This is an easy and inexpensive way for us to help. (Think \$ Store.)

So begin now and add a bar of soap to your shopping list a few times and by September it will be a cinch when the collection starts! All bar sizes are accepted, but the 4 - 5 oz sizes are preferred. It must be in the original wrapper, they no longer collect used soap.

Thank you, thank you and don't forget to support your Bible Study group or any other.

Mark your calendars for our General Meeting on September 4, 7:30 p.m. We will have our election of officers and Bible Study led by Pastor Castello.

Club Christ
High School Youth
-Holly Mohring

It's nearly time!!! National Youth Gathering is right around the corner. Start thinking about if you'd like to join us in New Orleans July 22-26, 2009. Registration begins September 15, 2008 and we will need your commitments before then.

Registration is open to anyone who will be entering high school by September, 2009, to those in high school, and to those who will graduate in 2009.

Keep your eyes and ears peeled for informational meetings coming soon!!!!

Registration begins
September 2008

National Youth Gathering Dates
July 22 - 26, 2009

Check it out!!!!!!

www.elca.org/gathering

2008 Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly Report

-Submitted by Oneta Wiechers

May 16 & 17

Registration

Friday morning: Opening Service of the Word

Plenary Session I

Representatives brought greetings from the Dodoma Diocese. (Tanzania)

Bishop Lohrmann officially opened the assembly in the Name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

The Order of Business was adopted.

The Nominating Committee reported. Ballots were given out for voting.

Votes were taken and ballots collected. Results were given with a few offices needing second and third votes.

Resolutions:

1. SC 08.01: Annual Appeal for the NWO Synod (passed)

Benefits: Trinity Seminary - \$100,000

New Starts/Transformation Ministry - \$100,000

ELCA Fund for leaders in Mission Fund - \$100,000

ELCA - \$50,000

Companion Synods - \$25,000

ELCA World Hunger- \$25,000

Cost of Appeal - \$50,000 (or less)

2. SC 08.02: Book of Faith Initiative (passed)

Reading Scripture & having Bible Study. All congregations are to become

Book of Faith Congregations

Report of Bishop Lohrmann: (1 Cor. 12:3b-13) Gifts a& Sharing Gifts

The Mission Statement of NWO Synod: *Marked with the Cross of Christ forever, we who belong to the congregations, agencies, and ministries of the NWO Synod, will witness together to God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.*

Guiding principles of living out our Mission Statement:

1. Christ Jesus is Lord (our center)
2. The Cross is the heart of our understanding of the Gospel and will be the center of our life and work together.

(Synopsis of Bishop's report) Each of us has different gifts of the Holy Spirit. We need to use these gifts for the common good (not our own good but for others) to glorify God. Identify these gifts in our congregation, and put these gifts to use – share them. We can say “Jesus is Lord” only by the Holy Spirit. We are different, but all members of the one body of Christ.

Plenary Session II

Hymns and Prayers

Voting 2nd ballot distributed, counted and reported.

Report from the ELCA Bishop Hanson, given by Ms. Kristie Bangert. Her message included a video on the “Book of Faith” resolution which was passed at this assembly. We are to read and study Scripture together. Hunger Appeal did well this year.

V-Pres. Craig Klopfleisch reported on doings of Synod Council and thanked all persons involved. Treasurer's Report was given – 2009 Budget was proposed, voted on, and passed.

A very interesting and informative DVD was shown in regard to the Holy Land. We saw pictures of the "WALL" separating the people. We need to pray for peace between the Israelis and Palestinians!

A Draft of the changes in the ELCA constitution were included in our packets. (Karl & Oneta have copies if you wish to see them.)

(We got out early at 3:40!!!)

Cross Training began at 4:30 with Worship and the Eucharist.

Dinner with recognition of anniversaries and retirements.

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Steve Marsh, Assistant to the Bishop of the Southwest Michigan Synod brought greetings from the Synod.

His theme was, "Jesus is Lord" – from Luke 4:16-21. **Nothing** else is Lord. Who is Jesus the Lord? Find out from Scripture (Luke 4:18). Jesus challenged the forces of domination (at that time the Roman Empire). Freedom is NOW! God rules NOW! NOW we have to challenge domination as Jesus did, fight the fight Jesus fought. Use the gifts of the Holy Spirit for our "Mission Centers" (his name for congregations). Help people develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. "HE IS LORD". The Church is Jesus's Representative. "JESUS IS LORD!"

Ken Medema (blind musician) asked for anyone to give a testimony and he made up songs on the spot for these testimonies. He is a wonderful witness!

WORKSHOPS: Gathering with Ken Medema. He did a song to have us shake hands, rub shoulders, and scratch backs! Then he did another song with the words, "whatever I have or have not, whatever I am or am not, I can make it through anything now with the one who makes me who I am."

#1 – Evangelism & Witnessing: "giving witness to the hope we have within us." What one word can you think of that keeps us from witnessing? Let's talk about that. "Matters of the Heart."

#2 – World Hunger – Understanding the ELCA's Hunger ministries to and through individuals, congregations and the Synod. How to share that sense of call for our brothers and sisters in need anywhere the need exists. (Carol & partner were good!!)

#3 – This is Not Your Parent's Hymnal – New and Old Songs from the ELW
Explore various songs and familiarize yourself with the music and words so you can participate.

(Karl did other workshops if you need information on them.)

Keynote Speaker: Tony Compolo – (Excellent, but did not take notes)

Christian Polooza

Lost & Found Concert

Depart in Peace, Serve the Lord!

Thank you!

- ❑ Thank you to all of you who in some way remembered me in my six weeks of recovery from my surgery. You have no idea what this means to me. The Pastor's visits were greatly appreciated. Also, an extra special thank you to the Christmas-in-July carolers. I feel so blessed!
-Lois Gerken

- ❑ A belated thank you for your contribution to our food pantry. We are extremely grateful for all your efforts. Your generosity has stocked our pantry to overflowing and allows us to give food to more needy families. Please join us anytime for our two community meals and enjoy our fellowship.
In gratitude & peace, St. John's Episcopal Church

- ❑ We thank you so much for your donation of paper products, crackers, and toiletries. We are grateful for your help and support with the ministry here at Sara's Garden.
Blessings to all, Sara's Garden Board Members

Thanks to everyone who came out on July 20 for our Christmas (in July!) caroling!

If we missed you, we apologize. We could not get to everyone on our list – we ran out of carolers and out of time.

Thanks to our friends at Hope Services who assemble our newsletters each month!

REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, VISITS.

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

Marge Gathman
Irma Overhulse
Alfred "Petey" Ruetz
Florian Sauer

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

Carl Bockelman (#319)
Ruth M. Eickhoff (#410)

Otterbein Portage Valley (Avalon by Otterbein, 3533 Rivers Edge Dr Rm 106, Perrysburg OH 43551)
Hildegarde Reiser

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Worship & Music Coordinator/Organist - Angela Tonjes
Bell Choir Director - Hugh Schink
Asst. Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Living Spirit Director - Holly Mohring, Marv & Julie Mt.Castle
Parish Secretary - Patricia Mohring
Sunday School Superintendent -
Altar Guild Chairman - Andrea Hoffman
Good News Preschool Director - Judith Demmel
Custodian - Jack Robbins

Church Office Hours
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Friday

Emanuel Bloodmobile - 2008

Rita Schweinhagen

The date was July 16 – the time was 12:00 noon. The Red Cross staff were busy as beavers making last second adjustments. And, and, the people started pouring down the steps at Emanuel ... all eager to share something very precious with their fellow man. Yes, our Emanuel people came through once again. We not only made goal; we were about 10 over!

The Red Cross loves to see numbers like that. The Temple Talk had an effect on several people. We had a couple of first time donors and one person who was in their 80's presented to give blood for the first time. Wow! This is great, people. I think many of you are starting to feel like I do about the importance of donating.

A big thank you goes out to all you fine people who offered your services to help that day. Whether you hung posters, baked cookies, assisted donors or helped load up the truck, you played an important part in making the Bloodmobile a huge success.

Special thanks go out to Judy Hoffman who does a tremendous job taking care of all the food and help in the kitchen.

Again, thanks to all for helping to save lives. The Red Cross appreciates it and I am overwhelmed.

God loves you!

August Bloodmobile Schedule

Saturday, August 2 - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Harley-Davidson, Napoleon

Tuesday, August 5 - 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Napoleon American Legion

Monday, August 18 - 1 p.m - 7 p.m. Ridgeville Corners American Legion

Tuesday, August 19 - 12:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m. St. John UCC, Holgate

Tuesday, August 26 - 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Liberty Center Fire Station

Wednesday, August 27 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Henry Co. ARC Chapterhouse

from the Congregational Life Board

GIVING/DONATION CORNER

The collection for the Hospice in Defiance is still on going. They are in need of “good-smelling” (especially lavender scented) body washes and body lotions. Any size – personal tubes or larger – are acceptable ... any scents that “make you feel good”.

→We will be accepting “school supplies” in August. We are hoping that through the generosity of the members of Emanuel we will be able to provide school supplies for all of the county schools. These supplies are used by the principals for students that they believe need the supplies most. Requested school supplies include:

#2 pencils
blue/black pens
colored pencils
loose leaf, wide ruled paper

metric/standard rulers
backpacks (new or lightly used)
crayons
highlighters

stick glue/bottle glue
spiral notebooks
index cards - new or gently used

Summer Garden Share

“Inch by inch, row by row,/ Gonna make this garden grow...” And as your garden grows this summer, we invite all of you green-thumbers to share your extras with our own little “Emanuel Farmer’s Market.” As we’ve done before, simply bring in your produce on Sunday, and we’ll have a table for you to share your garden wealth. Of course, we’ll also have a special “pot” for free-will donations, which will then be given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. In the meantime, “Pray for a good harvest, but keep on hoeing!”

**Mark your calendars and get your walkin’ shoes on for
the 4th annual Napoleon/Henry County CROP Walk for Hunger
on Sunday, October 5!!!**

GREAT FOOD FOR ALL

GREAT FOOD FOR ALL is an organization that is partnering with local churches in a very real and practical way to offer nutritional and financial benefits to every household, regardless of economic status. If you have heard of Angel Food Ministries, it is a very similar program, but also gives back to the sponsoring churches. The “basic food box” anchors the program and is loaded with enough food to assist feeding a family of four for a week or a single person for almost a month ... for only \$30. GREAT FOOD FOR ALL also makes available nutritionally enhanced senior citizen meals, specialty comb boxes that may be loaded with a variety of meats, and kid-friendly meal boxes.

No membership fee, no paperwork, no hassles, no purchase limits are required. And there is no end to savings ... just a great deal and ... GREAT FOOD FOR ALL. If you eat, you qualify!

How it works: food orders are taken by local sponsor sites early in the month. On a predetermined date toward the end of the month, the sponsor site receives the orders from Great Food. Each “basic food box” comes in ready for delivery. Presently, Country Chapel Christian Union Church at State Route 108 and County Road 6B is serving as a local sponsor in our area, with pick-up on the last Saturday of the month.

There will be brochures available on the bulletin boards, and more details will be forthcoming.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS - 2008/2009

3-year-olds

Jaycob Celani
Shane Cowle Jr.
Rudi Dachenhaus
Ethan Fields
Adara Hildebrandt
Derek Miller
Colin Sedon

4-year-olds

Adam Degler
Izabella Hernandez
Hannah Jordan
Nikole Vold

Kindergarten

Morgan Ashbaugh
Jayce Brubaker
Nathan Brubaker
Laci Dachenhaus
Sarah French
Halle Good
Alyssa Kruse
Kyler Miller
Tyson Reynolds
Zachary Vajen
Jessica Yunker

First Grade

Carter Burken
Katelyn Heuer
Ryan Kruse
Danielle Olson
Kelly Rohrs
Chase Sherman
Zachary Skeens

Second Grade

Abby Allison
Jaycee Bates
Bryant Dachenhaus
Christian French
Hannah Gustwiller
Seth Tonjes
Molly Weirauch
Carl Yaney

Third Grade

Madison Ashbaugh
Ethan French
Jalynn Landversicht
Colton Miller
Jordan Moeller
Elizabeth Parsell
Adam Rohrs
Keegan Schroeder
Meghan Skeens

Fourth Grade

Alex Bustamante Jr.
Luke Cable
Kenli Dachenhaus
Nicholas Degler
Abriana Hernandez
Ryan Kohout
Dalton Middleton
Frederick Olson
Mitchell Walther

Fifth Grade

Alexandria Biederstedt
Brock Brubaker
Austin Damman
Logan Ostrander
Bryce Reynolds
Stephen Yunker

Sixth Grade

Tyler Allison
Anna Cable
Taryn Conklin
Faythe Hernandez
Luke Miller
Matthew Miller
Eli Schroeder
Neil Storch
Zachary Wesaw
Sarah Yaney

Seventh Grade

Chandler Burken
Henry Elling
Connor Gray
Brett Mason
Nicholas Mason
Elizabeth Michael
Hannah Plummer
Nathan Rohrs
Jacob Skeens
Jacob Vajen

Eighth Grade

Blake Biederstedt
Joseph Guinn
Tyler Nation
Danielle Sloop
David Yunker

Ninth Grade

Justin Allison
Alan Bostelman
Clayton Burken
Meredith Hoops
Lucas Parsell
Theresa Peper
Nick Rohrs
Stephanie Ruby
Jennifer Schink
Tyler Skiver
Laura Yaney

Tenth Grade

Bradley Davis
Samuel Elling
Benjamin Flogaus
Konner Gerken
Greg Hall
Karilyne Manahan
James Nation
Emily Schwab
Ashley Showman
Dylan Slee
Alison Storch
Brooke Vajen
Danielle Williams

Eleventh Grade

Cierra Buehrer
Alexandra Busch
Jordan Damman
Jakob Elling
Kiersten Gray
Ellen Hoops
Mark Kruse
Michael Kruse
Marcus Mt.Castle
Alexi Nashu
Victoria Peper
Jamie Skiver
Samantha Sloop
Dylan Tonjes

Twelfth Grade

Sarah Callaway
Christopher Eis
Lance Grimes
Chad Hackworth
Jordan Hamman
Gabriel Hershberger
Amber Hoffman
Jacob Kruse
Abigail Overhulse
Abby Panning
Joseph Pedraza
Jenna Peper
Kaitlin Rohrs
Benjamin Ruby
Bethany Saman
Andrew Schwab
Sean Slee
Kylie Vajen
Samuel Wesche
Jessica Yaney

If there are any changes or corrections to this list, please notify the church office.

Hay, there!

An elderly farmer was finishing his haymaking one Sunday afternoon when his pastor drove by. "I noticed you weren't in church this morning," said the pastor. "Don't you know that the Creator made the world in six days and then rested on the seventh?"

"Yes," replied the farmer, as he looked uneasily at the rain clouds gathering in the sky. "I know all about that. But he got done and I didn't."

Hidden books

How many books of the Bible can you find in the paragraph below? There are 15 books from the Old and New Testaments.

I once made some remarks about hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu - kept some people looking so hard for facts and studying for the revelation that they were in a jam. Especially since the books were not capitalized. But truth finally struck numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy to spot. Others require judges to determine. We must admit it usually takes a minute to find one, and there will be loud lamentations when you see how simple it is. One woman says she brews tea while she puzzles her brain. Well, get to work if you want to complete it. Good luck!

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Membership News

Births Congratulations to Ryan & Andrea Hoffman on the birth of Robert Thomas on June 7!

Baptism On July 13 Robert Thomas Hoffman was brought to Jesus in Holy Baptism. Robert's sponsors are Lauren Helberg & Katie Borstelman.

Baptized on July 16 by Pastor Castello: Shane Reynolds and Tyson Reynolds. Tyson's sponsors are Kristie Miller and Jeremy Reynolds.

Weddings God's blessings to the following couples recently married at Emanuel:

Christopher Helberg & Lauren Hoffman on June 14.
Jon Egan & Kimberly Bostelman on July 12.
Todd Amstutz & Krista Rohrs on July 19.

...and to Christopher Jenny & Jennifer Ferner who will be married here on August 9.

Chad and Tena Hill of Port Clinton are proud to announce the birth of their son, Alexander Steven Hill, July 7, 2008 at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky, Ohio. He weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and measured 20 inches. Maternal grandparents are John and Terrie Minneman of Milan, Ohio. Paternal grandparents are Donald and Linda Hill of McClure, Ohio. Great-grandparents are Alfred & Rita Prigge of Napoleon, Ohio

The mother of Rita Kryder, Hazel R. Riggs, died July 13, 2008 at the Lutheran Home in Napoleon. Her funeral was held on July 17 at Liberty Center United Methodist Church..

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

Congratulations!

Congratulations to those receiving the following degrees:

Krista Rohrs
Doctor of Pharmacy
on May 18, 2008
at Ohio Northern University

Kara Rohrs
B.A. in Education
on May 10, 2008
at the University of Akron

Missy Kloos
Masters in Social Work on
June 14, 2008
at Portland State University

Congratulations also to Angela Sartor, daughter of Judy Winzeler Sartor and granddaughter of Charlotte Wangrin, who graduated with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine on June 13, 2008 from the University of California at Davis.

Notes from Angela

Art Show

Thank you to all of the talented artists who showed their work of in our sanctuary in the month of July. We had over 50 unique pieces of art from all ages in our congregation. A big thank you to Alyssa Pitchford and Andrea Hoffman for all their time in setting up the display. Please pick up your artwork at your convenience. Look for another show sometime in the future.

Adult Choir

Look for choir practices to begin on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30 p.m. We will sing our favorite number on September 7 and 14. There are a lot of exciting things begin planned for the fall!

Return to Regular Worship

On Sunday, September 7 we will be returning to our regular order of worship for the fall. We hope everyone enjoyed the change of pace for the services this summer.

*Where there is devotional music, God is always at hand
with his gracious presence.*

-Johann Sebastian Bach

News from around the Synod and the Community

ELCA domestic Disaster Response

Widespread Flooding in the Midwest

A series of heavy storms have swept through the Midwest, causing extensive flooding and damage in Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The floods have destroyed homes, damaged schools and camps, and displaced thousands of people. In some communities, these floods follow tornadoes and other disasters that occurred earlier this spring. With more rain predicted, anxieties and fears are high.

In cooperation with synods and congregations, ELCA Domestic Disaster Response is already at work. Through Lutheran Disaster Response and affiliate agencies, disaster coordinators are assessing the destruction, evaluating clean-up and rebuilding needs, and providing care and counseling services.

The ELCA Domestic Disaster Response connects people with hardship grants, spiritual and emotional care, volunteer coordination, and long-term recovery. Gifts designated for “U.S. Flooding” will be used in full – 100 percent – to help households and communities recover from the flooding.

Your prayers and support bring healing and grace to a region in desperate need. Through ELCA Disaster Response, this church will walk with neighbors on the long road of recovery.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

Yes! I want to help!

- For Domestic Disaster Response: U.S. Floods
- For Domestic Disaster Response: U.S. Tornadoes
- For ELCA Disaster Response – where needed most

Give through your congregation or send your check directly to: **ELCA Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764**. With a credit card, give online at www.elca.org/giving or call 800-638-3522. Visit www.elca.org/disaster to learn more.

Beef for Hospice

Fulton County Cattle Feeders present *Beef for Hospice* on Friday, August 8, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a Steak/Hamburger dinner at the Archbold K of C Hall on Lutz Road. Carry outs available. Entertainment – Games for the kids. Free will offering to benefit Hospice – The Caring Way of Fulton & Williams Counties. For more information contact Stephanie @ Hospice 419-445-5128.

Statistics

Date	Attendance	Communed	Offerings
May 22 (7:30 p.m.)	33		
May 25	106 + 110 (216)		\$ 5,430.25 Bldg Fd - \$1,115 Good Sam Fd - \$50 World Hunger - \$25
May 29 (7:30)	33		
June 1	112 + 128 (240)	105	\$ 6,077.00 Bldg Fd - \$640 *Bldg Fd mem - \$340 *Memorial - \$100 World Hunger - \$30 Good Sam Fd - \$50
June 5 (7:30)	20		
June 8	96 + 145 (241)	133	\$ 4,422.31 Bldg Fd - \$110 World Hunger - \$505 Good Sam Fd - \$55
June 11 (2:30)		3	
June 12 (7:30)	43		
June 15	121 + 74 (195)		\$ 4,932.00' Bldg Fd - \$70 World Hunger - \$36 Good Sam Fd - \$140 *Bldg Fd mem - \$100
June 19 (7:30)	31		
June 22	64 + 113 (177)		\$ 3,494.42 Bldg Fd - \$250 World Hunger - \$10 *Bldg Fd mem - \$35
June 26 (7:30)	40	36	
June 29	93 + 107 (200)		\$3,617.40 Bldg Fd - \$20 Good Sam Fd - \$50 World Hunger - \$10
July 3 (7:30)	38		

July 6	127 + 109 (236)	115	\$ 5,650.00 Bldg Fd - \$550 Good Sam Fd - \$50 World Hunger \$30
July 9 (2:30)		0	
July 10 (7:30)	32		
July 13	113 + 103 (216)	85	\$ 4,816.25 Bldg Fd - \$235 World Hunger - \$5
July 17 (7:30)	46	38	
July 20	107 + 106 (213)		\$ 4,163.41 Bldg Fd - \$125 Good Sam Fd - \$50 World Hunger - \$25

* Memorials:

June 1 - \$100 Margaret Fahy; Bldg Fd \$340 Tim Davis

June 15 - \$100 Dan Middleton

June 22 - \$35 Tim Davis

Worship participants in August

Acolytes

August 3

8:00 Stephanie Ruby & Meredith Hoops

10:30 Jenni Schink & Theresa Peper

August 10

8:00 Blake Biederstedt & Henry Elling

10:30 David Yunker & Tyler Nation

August 17

8:00 Nick Rohrs & Nathan Rohrs

10:30 Clayton Burken & Chandler Burken

August 24

8:00 Laura Yaney & Alan Bostelman

10:30 Justin Allison & Jacob Skeens

August 31

8:00 Stephanie Ruby & Meredith Hoops

10:30 Jenni Schink & Theresa Peper

Lay Assistants

8:00 Terry Hershberger

10:30 Ron Meyers (8/3)

Rita Schweinhagen

Ushers

8:00 Casey Callaway, Lenny Sonnenberg,
Terry Hershberger, Jeff Eickhoff

10:30 Tom Jenny, Chris Peper,

Kurt Rohrs, Norm Bostelman

Altar Guild

Sandi Weirauch & Danielle Williams

Altar Flowers

August 3 - Shelley Higbea in loving memory of George Higbea

August 10 - Karri & Larry Ashbaugh in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary

August 17 - Irene Cordes in loving memory of Elmer Cordes

August 24 - Shirlee Fejes in loving memory of Melle & Ray Landversicht

- Pete & Arlene Miller in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary and in loving memory of
Tim Davis

August 31 - Alan & Shelly Storch in honor of their 19th wedding anniversary

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.