

# 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 think if, at any point during my life, you had asked, I would have said I was a faithful person. I was lucky enough to be raised in the church. I attended Sunday School and VBS. I was a “good Christian girl”. But at the heart, my faith was a shiny gift, wrapped in a pretty bow; I kept it in a safe box under my bed. I could take it out and admire it, I could show it off, but it served no real purpose. It was a book whose cover had never been cracked, a ball never bounced, a doll never played with. It was ornamental at best. I believed what I was told without ever questioning it. I was a Lutheran without knowing anything about Luther. Christians were good people who went to heaven, the LBW was zapped onto stone by God sometime in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and Luther was some guy who started a church. What else was there to know? What more could there possibly be to learn?

Except ... now I was a teenager, and things weren't adding up. The things I was hearing on Sunday morning didn't jive with the way I saw the world working. The Christian world wasn't exactly following the teachings of Christ. In fact,

who was this Jesus character? How could the church preach loving thy neighbor and helping the poor and still spend hours arguing over church matters and stoning prostitutes? (Metaphorically speaking, anyway.) I was frustrated. I was confused and I was feeling quite alone in this big world. I didn't hear anyone else asking the questions plaguing me – and I certainly wasn't hearing any answers.

Then three things happened in quick succession that jump-started the next part of my faith journey. I met my friend Rachel, I attended the National Youth Gathering, and I went away to college.

Rachel was asking the same questions I was asking and questions I hadn't even thought of yet. Here, finally, was someone my age who was trying to figure this faith thing out, too. Someone who decided that faith was important and cared more about it than trying to decide who the cool people were and how to get invited to their parties. Here was someone not ashamed of being a Christian, of being active in church, of talking about faith. Rachel taught me that it was okay to ask questions, and okay to not always get

any answers. She helped me look at things in new ways. Sometimes those ways were refreshing and sometimes they were much more disturbing. High School with Rachel prepared me more for my college experience than any college prep classes I ever sat through.

The summer before my senior year, I went to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering. Sitting in the Superdome with 35,000 Christian youth, I was reminded that I was NOT alone in my faith. There were other teens across the country who cared, who had new ideas and questions. I met them and talked with them, sharing life stories and ideas, I listened to speakers who actually addressed some of my concerns and I heard bands who sang about my faith. I came home a different person in faith than I was when I left.

And then I took all my knowledge, all my questions and all my concerns to the Salad Spinner of life. College is not, as they say, a melting pot. It's not my ideas along with your ideas blended together to create a gray blob of ideas. It's my ideas and your ideas thrown together into a bowl and spun until all the minutiae has flown away. Even if you are closed to the experience of college, it will change your

life. If you're open to it, the world around you changes. At least it feels that way. I met people there who changed my life without ever intending to. I met people who were open and honest about their faith and weren't afraid to talk about it – even to a complete stranger at a random party. I met people who challenged me. They challenged my beliefs, shook all of my supports, spun me around until I emerged with a firm foundation of faith. These people – friends, classmates, professors – taught me that there's something to be said for tearing down the temple and rebuilding it brick by brick.

So if you asked me today, I'd still tell you I was a child of faith. That book that had never been opened is held together with duct tape and there are crayon marks on the pages. That never-bounced ball is nearly flat, scarred by the hands that passed it on. That doll has lost an eye and her hair, once blonde, is now a dirty shade of gray. She's lost a shoe. My faith isn't in that pretty box with a bow anymore. I carry it in my pocket now. It's a bit worn at the corners. It's been exposed to the elements all the times I've taken it out and shown it to others so it's a bit tarnished now. It shows its years and all the tumbles I've taken. But it is steadfast, true, and it is mine.

**Holy Morning**

**Your 2009 offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the narthex.**

## Christmas, 2008

Dear friends,

T'was the newsletter deadline and all through my brain  
Many thoughts were all stirring of what needed saying.  
The thank-you's that nestled all snug in my head,  
I try to express in this poem instead.  
With Jim in the pulpit and I in the pew,  
We've both settled in at Emanuel with you!  
For four years, we've shared in your ministry here,  
And you, our Church Family, have grown very dear.  
This spreading the gospel is work that we share  
By reaching to others and showing we care.  
You let your lights shine so that others may know  
That the peace of God follows wherever you go.  
Through sermons or humor or Soul Food or CROP,  
God's love, through your actions, won't end and won't stop,  
Though some of our methods result in some clatter,  
It's God's grace and love that is all that does matter.  
On Sunday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 6, to our home  
At Q317 County Road 15 please roam  
As again we invite you to Open House here;  
Please come and enjoy cookies, cider, and cheer!  
It's a chance just to gather and visit and "munch"  
And one small way we try to say, "Thank you a bunch!"  
For all that you've given and done and still do  
For us and my mom and our family, too!  
And now before closing, you'll hear me express,  
Merry Christmas to all! Happy New Year! God bless!

Joy to the World from the Castelllos!

Pastor & Carol and Carol's mom, Elinor Brown

Becky, Andy, Zachary, & Jacob; Emily, Jason, Hannah, & Noah; Rachel, Kevin, & Nora;  
and the "friendly beasts"—Hokie, Lakota, Rugby, & Jasmine

AN INVITATION....

WHO: Each and all of you!

WHAT: a Christmas Open House

WHEN: Sunday, December 7, from 1 to 6 p.m.  
Come when you can; leave when you must!

WHERE: the Castellós  
Q317 County Road 15, Napoleon

WHY: to share the joy of the Season  
To thank you for your love and support  
“Because we LIKE you!”

*Fifth Sunday – November 30*  
*“Journey to Bethlehem” Nativity Walk*

With the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in November being the first Sunday in Advent, what a perfect way to begin our preparations for Christmas – with a “Journey to Bethlehem.” From 1 to 3 p.m. on November 30, our own Angela Tonjes will be providing beautiful music for your enjoyment as the sanctuary welcomes you to prayer and meditation. You may come and go as you please, and the manger will be present for your free-will “presents” to commemorate Christ’s birth and support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. You may stroll the basement for a “nativity walk” and

enjoy the display of nativities from throughout the world and throughout our Church Family. Cookies, coffee, and punch will be available as you browse the alternative gift fair, a chance for you to get something meaningful for that someone who has everything – an opportunity to share in a project that provides life-changing support to someone who has almost nothing! Before the rush and hustle, the hurrying and hassle of the holidays, come and relax and prepare your heart for this most blessed time of year!

## Sunday School News

### *Christmas Program*

*This is the Christmas Program practice schedule:*

**Sunday, November 30** from 9:15 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

Please meet in the basement by the stage.

**Sunday, December 7** from 9:15 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

Please meet in the basement by the stage.

**Sunday, December 14** from 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Please meet in the basement by the stage.

**Saturday, December 20** from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Please meet in the sanctuary.

**Sunday, December 21** from 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Please meet in the basement by the stage.

Any questions, please see Melinda Dachenhaus or Darlene Bostelman.

### *December Worship Schedule - mark your calendars*

*December 21, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.*

*"Angels of Christmas"*

*December 24, 7:00 p.m.*

*Children's Christmas Program "Jesus: Light of the World"*

*December 24, 11:00 p.m.*

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (special music and traditional carols)*

*December 25, 10:00 a.m.*

*Christmas Worship with Holy Communion*

*December 31, 7:30 p.m.*

*New Year's Eve Service*

## *Church Council Highlights - November 17, 2008*

- ◆ Sunday School Christmas Program practices will be held during the Sunday School Hour on 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21 from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. In addition, a Saturday practice will be held 12/20 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ After School Club attendance is growing with approximately 20 children attending at the present time.
- ◆ The December Donation Center will help the “Project We Care” (angel tree) which will assist 9 families with 25 children.
- ◆ Orders for Christmas poinsettias are due by December 8, with the poinsettias costing \$8.00 each. Any profits from this sale will benefit Emanuel’s Good Samaritan Fund.
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to assist with the Christmas Cheer Project as follows:
  - sorting at the AmVets on Tuesday, December 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  - packing on Wednesday, December 10
  - distribution on Thursday, December 11
- ◆ Time and Talents Sheets will be prepared for distribution in early 2009.
- ◆ A Door Offering for the Building Fund will be held Sunday, December 14, following both services, with proceeds going toward paying off the roof loan.
- ◆ Since the Renovation Project personal loans are now paid off, extra Building Fund money will go toward extra payments on the Roof Loan.

### **Special Door Offering**

There will be a special Door Offering for the Building Fund on Sunday, December 14. Money collected will be used towards the retirement of the roof loan.

## *Crop Walk Finale*

The final total of this year's CROP Hunger Walk is \$2,140. With 25% of that to be returned here to Henry County, Christmas Cheer and five local food pantries will enjoy a share of \$535. Special thanks to YOU, the Emanuel Walkers – all 26 of you – who raised over \$1800. Many, many thanks to all who walked or donated or supported or helped in any way! Mark your calendars now for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Henry County CROP Hunger Walk – which will actually take place a week earlier – on Sunday, September 27, 2009!

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

The Prayer Chain is “connected” again! If you would like to be added as a “link” or if you have a prayer request, simply call Carol Castello at 592-0847 OR e-mail her at [cjcast@yahoo.com](mailto:cjcast@yahoo.com). Thanks for your caring and “prayer-ing”!

## *Soul Food “Stirrings”*

Our weekly Wednesday gatherings continue to provide good food and great fellowship for all each week, serving from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. No sign-up is required, and EVERYONE is welcome! Welcomed, too, are willing hands to bring salads and desserts each week or help with the shopping or the cooking or the clean-up!

The finger-lickin’-good meals for December are:

December 3 - Pizza Night, Salads

December 10 - Beef Stew & Biscuits, Salads

December 17 - Macaroni & Cheese, Hot Dogs, Broccoli, Salads

January 9 - cooks’ choice

*from Congregational Life*

### *Giving/Donation Corner*

Thank you to all who donated so generously to “Christmas Cheer” during November. Through your generous support, many families will be able to feel that there are people who genuinely care for others in need and are willing to give from the heart during the Christmas season. This collection will continue through the end of November, so please continue to bring any additional donations in with you to church by December 7. The sorting day for “Christmas Cheer” is Tuesday, December 9, at the AmVets on N. Scott Street. Willing volunteers are welcome!

### *Project: We Care “Angel Tree”*

For this year’s “Project: We Care”, we have adopted 9 families, involving 25 kids, for Christmas. Our “Angel Tree” will be located in the “giving corner” in the overflow area. Decorated with paper angel “ornaments” that list a family member by age and then by Christmas need or wish, please select a gift (or MORE than one!) that you are willing to buy, wrap, and “label” with the paper angel, and return it underneath (or by!) the tree **no later than Wednesday, December 17**.

We are hoping to have an afternoon of Christmas shopping for these “angels” provided by our junior high K.F.C. (Kids For Christ) on Sunday, December 14, before caroling, and you are welcome to contribute to their efforts by giving your monetary donations to Gayla Yaney or Carol Castello.

Our “Angel Tree” will also be one of the “shopping opportunities” at the alternative gift fair on our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday “Journey to Bethlehem” event. We will deliver these gifts to the appropriate families before Christmas (I’m looking at Friday, December 19) and will, of course, invite them to worship with us here at Emanuel at Christmas and always.

### *“Here we come a-caroling...”*

A “caroling caravan” will gather at the church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, to “traverse afar” and spread some melodious (?) Christmas joy! All voices and bodies and ages are welcome, and we’ll plan to gather afterward at the Castelllos for chili and hot chocolate! The more, the merrier, as we try to divide the lists until we’ve gotten to every house OR until our voices (and energies!) give out!

## **WELCA News**

*Nancy Schink*

**R**eminder: Invite a friend, pick up your Thankoffering, regular offering and White Elephant gift and head out to Emanuel for the December 4 General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Installation of new and old officers will be at 7 p.m. This includes the newly-elected ones and those remaining for their second year.

The Thankoffering service will follow the installation, there will be a brief business meeting and carols, games, goodies and the fun White Elephant gift exchange.

Remember, do not purchase anything for a gift, wrap up something you no longer want, need or even like that is still in good condition. No names on the package, please.

There will be a meeting of the Board members who are serving in 2009 after the gift exchange.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to all my Board members, especially those who are leaving as their term in over. Also to Pat Mohring who is a gem.

### **A Christmas Prayer**

by Robert Louis Stevenson  
1850-1894

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the wisdom of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*Club Christ*  
*High School Youth*

*-Holly Mohring*

**M**any (and talented) hands make light work! We were able to get 6½ yards done (our MANY continued apologies, Gary and Jamie!!) on our Leaf Raking Saturday. We were able to raise \$300 for our youth to go to New Orleans. Thank you to the people who allowed us to invade their yards and for their generosity! Special thanks to all of you who showed up (especially parents and siblings!) who made the day fun and kept us on track and moving! I know that it was chilly (okay, cold) and windy and occasionally wet, but we did good work and (hopefully) helped some people! THANK YOU all very much!!

We are in gear to make our annual sub sale a great success! In December, we will serve and clean up a luncheon and will use the time to hold a Christmas party, which is really an excuse for good times and pizza. More info on that to follow!

Once again, I'd like to thank all of you who are putting in so much time and effort into our projects and to our incredibly generous congregation who continues to support us in all we do! Thank you all!

Our worship services will be broadcast on WNDH radio at 10:30 a.m. during the month of December.

## *Notes from Angela*

### *Choir Party*

The choir Christmas party this year will once again be held at the home of Tom and Beth Jenny. Choir members and guests please join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17 for food, fellowship, singing, and fun! Please bring a dish to share.

No choir practice on Wednesday, December 24 or Wednesday, December 31. See you all in 2009 (January 7!).

### *Christmas Cantata*

The musicians of Emanuel will be presenting a cantata entitled “The Angels of Christmas” on Sunday, December 21 at both morning worship services. Bring your family and friends and hear the Christmas story as told through music. During this hectic holiday season, we invite you to sit back and enjoy our Christmas gift for you!

### *Music CDs*

The musicians of Emanuel have been hard at work recording a CD of our favorite pieces of music. We hope to have them available by early December, as they will make great stocking stuffers. For a free will donation you can take home the sounds of our talented members of all ages; ALL proceeds will go to our youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering in July.

### *Angel Ornaments*

It is not too late to bring in your angel ornaments for our sanctuary Christmas tree. Feel free to hang them up yourself, or we will be happy to help you. Please take them home again in January.

### *Thank you*

I would personally like to thank all of the musicians here at Emanuel for the pleasure of working with you this past year. I appreciate your dedication and your willingness to share your talents. Also, thank you to the members of Emanuel who have given me words of encouragement and new ideas and suggestions this past year. You all make my job so very enjoyable, and I am looking forward to another wonderful year in 2009!!

-Angela

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## Thank you!

- ❑ Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church, Thank you for the Bible you gave me last month. My mom and I have been reading it before I go to bed at night. Some of the stories I already know from Bible School songs we've learned. -from Carl Yaney
  
- ❑ *(This was in an e-mail sent to Darlene Bostelman.)* Well, summer has slipped by and we've had a hard freeze. All summer I've meant to write you to compliment whoever does the flower gardening around Emanuel Lutheran Church. What a pleasure to see it each summer. Please give them my compliments though they be late! -Bernadette
  
- ❑ Club Christ: Thank you so much for doing my leaves. You were a God-send. What a joy to see my lawn looking so good. I appreciate you all. Lois Gerken
  
- ❑ Filling Fall Fling - thank you to:  
**Mort & Georgie Davis, Ruth Eickhoff, Pat & Jody Dille, Pete & Caye Schroeder, Mel & Margaret Wachtmann, Nancy & Paul Bressler, Mike & Pat Mohring, Tom & Beth Jenny, Kathy Ward, Jerry & Nancy Busby, and Emanuel** for letting signs be placed in their yards.

Also, thanks to **Lois Gerken, Eleonora Koppenhofer** and **Janice Rohrs** for helping at the food table. Thanks to **Rita Schweinhagen** for helping set up on Friday. Thanks also to **Norma Duquette, Nancy Schink, Judy Hoffman, Dora Titgemeyer** and **Helen Lange** for pies and to **Nancy Lange, Kathy Bostelman,** and **Janis Dachenhaus** for cookies. We sold out of everything!

Right now our total is \$9,700.00 and matching funds from Thrivent brings the total up to approximately \$12,600.

Thanks again to everyone! Mark your calendars for next year - November 7, 2009!

- ❑ 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**

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

**Carl Bockelman** (#319)

**Ruth M. Eickhoff** (#410)

**Minnie Meineke** (#320)

**Northcrest**

**Julia Arps**

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

**Hildegarde Reiser**

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Sunday School Superintendent - Laura Ellis-Kruse

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**

## Membership News

*Births* Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Nate Busch on the birth of a son, Willem Leland on November 9. Grandparents are Steve & Julie Busch, Great-grandmother is Margaret Busch; Great-great-grandmother is Olga Kruse.

Congratulations also to Joe & Amy (Aschemeier) Oliver on the birth of a daughter, Chloe Breeanne, on November 14! Grandparents are Tom & Betty Aschemeier.

*Baptism* On November 9 we witnessed the baptism of:  
Korbin Michael Hughes Winhoven, son of Brett Winhoven and Amanda Hughes; and  
Kaden Allen Jones, son of Timothy Jones and Amanda Hughes. Korbin's sponsors are Larry & Karri Ashbaugh and Travis Winhoven. Kaden's sponsors are Michael & Laura Ellis-Kruse and Kelly Hughes.

On December 7, Lincoln Leo Lucas, son of Nate & Amber Lucas will be baptized at Emanuel. Lincoln's sponsors are Nicole Shank and Benjamin Wolf. Lincoln is the great-grandson of Ed & Alyce Oberhaus.

*Funeral* Florian Sauer was called to his heavenly home on October 25. He was buried on Sunday, November 2. We pray for God's comfort for his family.

**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.

## *News from around the Synod and the Community*

### *There's No Such Thing as a Free Lunch...*

EXCEPT at the Henry County Senior Center! The Senior Center is looking for elderly men and women in our county who would like to receive a shelf stable lunch for a winter day, a gift from the Health Department, and information about services and programs for senior citizens in Henry County.

This gift bag will be delivered by a Senior Center staff member or a volunteer. There is a limited supply so please order soon. Call the senior center with the name and address of the recipient.

The Henry County Senior Center is open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Call 419-599-5515.

### *Lutheran Revival – **REVIVE US AGAIN!***

There will be a “Lutheran Revival” at St. Mark, Bowling Green, December 5-6. This will be a key opportunity for us in the NW Ohio Synod to vigorously celebrate God’s renewing power through the transforming gift of new life in Jesus Christ. There are some who have quizzically asked whether “Lutheran Revival” is an oxymoron – it is not! **REVIVE US AGAIN!** will be a blessed time for us enthusiastically celebrate the outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit among us, firmly centered in the cross of Jesus.

The chief revivalist for the event, the Reverend Kathryn Love, is a spirited, authentic preacher of the Gospel, and along with the music of Eric Dickey and his band, this will be a singular opportunity for us to be revived in our faith and our commitment to be disciples of Christ. There is also time for digging into the Scriptures together, for learning about other ways to grow in faith across the synod and in our congregations, and there will be time for prayer and healing ministry. This will be an event unlike any we have had in the synod in many years.

To register online, download at <http://www.nwos-elca.org/documents/Revivalbulletininsert1.doc>  
Or call the Synod office at 419.423-3664 (toll free: 86NWOS-ELCA).

### **December Bloodmobile Schedule**

Saturday, December 6 - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Harley-Davidson, Napoleon  
Monday, December 8 - 1 - 7 p.m. at Ridgeville Corners American Legion  
Tuesday, December 30 - 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Wednesday, December 31 - 1 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Henry Co ARC Chapterhouse

### Statistics

Date	Attendance	Communed	Offerings
October 23 (7:30 p.m.)	23		
October 26	121 + 106 (227)		\$ 3,956.27 Bldg Fd - \$125 World Hunger - \$10
October 30 (7:30 p.m.)	18		
November 2	160 + 112 (272)	153	\$ 5,332.83 Bldg Fd - \$630 *mem to Bldg Fd - \$20 *hon Bldg Fd - \$50 World Hunger - \$30 Good Sam Fd - \$70
November 6 (7:30 p.m.)	13		
November 9	104 + 131 (235)	112	\$ 4,438.81 Bldg Fd - \$80 Good Sam Fd - \$50 World Hunger - \$189
November 9 (4:00 p.m.) Healing Service	20		
November 13 (7:30 p.m.)	18		
November 16	98 + 62 (160)		\$ 4,144.50 Bldg Fd - \$215 World Hunger - \$2

November 9 - \$20 memorial to Bldg Fd - Florian Sauer  
 \$50 to Bldg Fd in honor of parents, Melba & Buck Ritchey and Darrell & Esther Kleckner

## *Worship participants in December*

### Acolytes

8:00 Neil Storch & Henry Elling  
10:30 David Yunker & Tyler Nation  
12/24 - Sarah Yaney & Taryn Conklin  
12/25 - Neil Storch & Nathan Rohrs  
12/31 - Sarah Yaney

### Lay Assistants

8:00 Jack Robbins  
10:30 Laura Ellis

### Ushers

8:00 Doug Elling, Don Mitchell,  
Bob Dennie, Mike Mohring  
10:30 Larry Ashbaugh, Shelley Higbea,  
Gary Bostelman, Norm Bostelman

### Altar Guild

Andrea Hoffman & Barb Hoffman

## *Altar Flowers*

December 2 - Burnice Agler in loving memory of Russell  
- Ben & Judy Michaelis in loving memory of Leon Pauley  
December 14 - Donnie Daman in loving memory of Orv  
December 21 - Jeanette Damman in loving memory of Henry & Alma Damman  
- Min Meineke in honor of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
December 24 - Carol Dille & family and Douglas Hoffman & family in loving memory  
of Louise and Clem Hoffman  
December 25 - Norm & Sue Kruse  
- Leo & Juanita Clausen  
December 28 - Shirlee Fejes in loving memory of Phil & Lisa Mires  
- Ron & Donna Lee Meyers in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
- Steve & Phyllis Kloos in honor of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

*The 2009 flower chart is available in the narthex. Pick your date and sign up early!*

**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.**

# Christmas Poinsettias

The cost for the 6½" potted plant is \$8.00 per plant. They come in red, white, pink and marble. Payment must accompany order. (If no color is indicated, we will order red.)

Orders are due by Sunday, December 8. Plants will be delivered the week of December 15.

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## COLOR PREFERENCE

\_\_\_ Red

\_\_\_ Pink

\_\_\_ White

\_\_\_ Marble

\_\_\_ No. of plants @ \$8.00

\_\_\_ Amount enclosed

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

(optional)

In memory of (deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of (living) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - poinsettia sale.  
**(Proceeds will benefit Emanuel's Good Samaritan Fund.)**