

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

My Faith according to Douglas...

What a deal! I never thought that I wanted any children. I knew I wanted to get married though. After that first one arrived, it was all over. I was stricken. Let's hope we don't break this one. Wow! What a responsibility she was. Talk about a learn-by-doing experiment ... Then along came two more. Lots more fun and games and responsibilities. When they started talking and playing with their friends the question always came up about what their parents did. What does your Daddy do? Oh, he just goes to school. They all knew what their Mommy did - she was a nurse. Since I did not work I got to do lots of projects with the Little Ones. We all seemed to enjoy working/playing together and we all learned how to do lots of things. I am still learning how to do lots of things.

After ten (maybe it only seemed that long) years of Catechism with Pastor Moser I thought I knew everything there was about Our Church. Then it was time for coffee and donuts with the older members of Emanuel. I really looked forward to that time. As it is with all my other learning

experiences, the more I learned the dumber I felt. What is it with this church stuff anyway?

I never wanted to be a teacher. That was the last thing I said I wanted to do. After we married we joined St. John's Lutheran Church in Hicksville, Ohio. Pastor Powell saw these new members and thought that one of them would work out well as a teacher for the Junior High students. (Do all Pastors think that way?) Well, there went the part about the last thing that I wanted to do. I guess it got moved to the front of the list. So that is how that got started.

I've only actually worked a few years since that time. The fun things in life do not seem like work. Figuring out about My Faith seems to be in the work category. It is hard for me to express myself to others about My Faith. I still try to remember what Pastor Moser taught us - something like *Now Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.* Hebrews 11:1. I have always had trouble converting those words into my own style. I guess I do talk with God a lot. It has always seemed to be the thing to do. It was not an

effort. It just seemed natural. He has always been in my life. I do not know what I would be doing now if He would not have been brought into my life at birth. Thanks to my parents and my family.

Since I am now officially retired sharing my time with others ranks pretty high on my list. I enjoy doing for others. Does that count as sharing/living My Faith? I never have the answers - always more questions. I have lots of questions.

Douglas Hoffman

Early Communion Training

If you are interested in attending training sessions for early communion (especially if you have children who are in the fifth grade or older), please talk to Pastor Castello as soon as possible.



Ash Wednesday service
Wednesday, February 25, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Imposition of ashes & Holy Communion

It is Camp Time Again!

Stop by the Sunday School office and pick up a brochure. In it you will find a complete list of camps and dates. There are camps for students that have completed grades K - 12. **The Early Bird Registration Deadline is March 31.**

The Board of Education has scholarship money available for LOMO Summer Camps. To apply for a scholarship, fill out the scholarship form and return it to the Sunday School office. **The deadline to apply for a scholarship is March 3.**

Sunday School children sing
"Love, Love, Love"
at 10:25 on February 1.

Bake Sale!

There will be a bake sale on Sunday, February 15
in the overflow area. Proceeds
will go to the Catechism Retreat in March.

Needed

Lay readers are needed for the coming year. If you would like to serve in this way, please sign up on the sheet that is hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you!

Soul Food “Stirrings”

Upcoming menus for February include:

January 28 - Pork Loin & Sauerkraut and Cheesy Potatoes

February 4 - Creamed Dried Beef Gravy and/or Hamburger Gravy with
Mashed Potatoes

February 11 - Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Baked Apples

February 18 - Salisbury Steak and Mashed Potatoes

February 25 - Baked Potato Bar

With the unpredictability of the winter weather, we try to decide on cancellations early enough to get the word out on WNDH radio. If in doubt, please call to see if church activities are still on. In combating “Cabin Fever” now, the good fellowship shared is all the more important each Wednesday evening at “Soul Food.” And volunteers to help are always welcomed with these weekly meals - with shopping, cooking, salads and desserts, serving and/or cleaning up! “Soul Food” is for everyone, and no sign-up is required, so come and enjoy a weekly supper that’s good for you, body and soul!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Once again, we will have a Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage supper on Tuesday, February 24, serving from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A free-will donation will be taken that evening for our National Youth Gathering-bound group. Please join us for this time to gather for food and fellowship.

Anyone willing to mix, flip, serve, and/or help with clean-up, please contact Carol Castello or Cheryl Daman. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Complaint dissipated



hadn't arrived. Trying to calm her, the man at the office pointed out that the paper hadn't arrived because it was Saturday. After a brief silence, the woman said meekly, "Well, that explains why there was no one in church today." A woman called a newspaper office to complain that her Sunday paper

Giving/Donation Corner

In response to the article in the *Northwest Signal* about Mike DeMichiei's efforts to "make a difference" while serving in Afghanistan, in February we will be collecting school supplies (**pens, pencils, and paper** especially) and **maps for the Afghan schools**. To quote Mike from the article: "...My idea for packing a punch with only small donations is donating maps to schools and children here. My logic: a map is an education tool that can be used simultaneously for a whole group, whereas a book can only be used by one at a time. Also, a map shows kids that there's a large world outside of the one they know, which guarantees to get them to think of the people in that outside world and how they live ... Pens, pencils, and even paper are a commodity here, and providing these people the tools they need to 'broaden their horizons' in a great act of humanity. It is also the long-term solution for winning the global war on terror..."

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.
Thanks for your caring and "prayer-ing"!

Souper Bowl of Caring

February 1, 2009

On Sunday, February 1, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship.

At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on that Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2008, over 14,000 groups participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring, generating over \$10 million.

All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant. None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report

their collection so national totals can be determined and announced.

Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$50 million has gone to help people in need.

Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. **Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 1.** Those who need help may not know that you cared, but God will. And our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime.

Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 1.

Save those glasses!

The Napoleon Lions Club would like to remind everyone to recycle your old eye glasses. Your unwanted glasses will help someone else see better.

You may deposit your unwanted glasses in the yellow and blue box in the narthex of our church. Thank you!

ELCA Good Gifts

Tired of giving and receiving those same old birthday and graduation and Christmas gifts? This year, give an ELCA Good Gift.

What is the best gift you ever received? It was probably given out of love. Love comes to us as a gift from God, and we are called to share it with others. The best gifts are those that deepen our relationships with one another. They are unexpected. They are filled with love. And, they are impossible to wrap.

ELCA Good Gifts make great fits for your loved ones and carry that love on to others, making a difference in their lives and the world. Take a few moments to explore the catalog, and discover the life-changing ministry we do together as a response to Christ's love in our lives. You can give a gift right now to support the work of ELCA World Hunger that regularly falls into one of these areas:

Agriculture
God's Global Barnyard
Health Care

Training and Education
Hunger at Home
Life-Giving Water

Stand With Africa
Women and Children

With an ELCA Good Gift for World Hunger, you can:

- provide fresh water for an entire community
- give a goat to provide families with food, funds, and fertilizer
- plant an orchard to bear good, nutritious fruit for years to come
- offer a micro-credit loan to help a woman start a small business
- help a child buy school supplies

Notes from Angela

Adult Choir

Choir practices continue on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We are working on Lent and Easter songs along with our normal schedule of music.

Cherub Choir/Rainbow Ringers

We started the new year with all new songs and have begun rehearsing for a special program this spring. More details coming soon!

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. There will be imposition of ashes, communion, and special music. Begin your Lenten journey during this evening service.

Lenten Worship

Regular Lenten worship will begin on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. Our theme is “The Faces of the Passion.” There will be a new banner each week depicting an important face in the story of the crucifixion. During worship we will sing traditional Lenten hymns and there will be special music each Wednesday evening.

On the FIRST Wednesday of Lenten worship, Chris Peper’s Adult Sunday School Class along with some of our youth will present a song in a very unique way - it will be an experience you will not soon forget.

Jammin’ for Jesus

Emanuel will be hosting a new kind of musical event in February. On Sunday, February 22 there will be a potluck dinner (sandwiches provided) at 5:00 p.m.; and at 6:00 p.m. the music will begin! The group “One Voice” (of which Marv Mt.Castle is a member) will sing Christian songs and play instruments in a completely casual and unscripted setting. Audience members will be encouraged to sing along, play along, or even offer their own musical talents in an impromptu way. Join us for this unique experience so we all can be “Jammin’ for Jesus”!

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To Us a Child is Born: A Christmas Eve Service of Scripture, Song, and Symbol

This was the title of our worship on Christmas Eve, 2008. In case you missed it, following is a description of the symbols that were used. Please refer to the picture page of this newsletter to view the photo of the items around the manger. (Photos by Douglas Hoffman)

The THORNS remind us of the crown of thorns placed on Jesus.

The SAND reminds us of the desert where Jesus resisted the temptations of Satan.

The YOKE reminds us of the One who will come to end oppression and slavery.

The BRANCH reminds us of the wood of the cross.

The ANGEL at the empty tomb told the women, "Jesus is risen."

The CLOTH reminds us that Jesus was wrapped when he was born and after he died.

The LAMB reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

The BOX of gold, frankincense, and myrrh reminds us of the gifts presented at Jesus' birth.

The LANTERN reminds us of the one true light that was coming into the world.

Music CDs by Mail

We still have music CDs left in the overflow of the church. Please return any that do not play properly and take a new one. We can also send CDs in the mail for members who cannot come to church. Please send us your free-will donation and indicate which CD you would like (Music of Emanuel musicians or Angela's piano music), and we will gladly send it in the mail. All proceeds benefit the youth headed for New Orleans this coming July.

Hymns for the Aging

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (and help me get up)

It Is Well with My Soul (but my back hurts)

Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing

Just a Slower Walk with Thee

Go Tell It on the Mountain (and speak up)

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (I've forgotten where I parked)

WELCA News

WELCA General Meeting

The general meeting of Women of Emanuel Lutheran Church will be held on Thursday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. The program will be “Hearts and Hands in Prayer”. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Church Council Highlights - January 19, 2009

- ✓ A principal payment on the roof loan has been paid in the amount of \$12,242.76, leaving a balance for approximately \$50,000 yet to be paid.
- ✓ No problems were found when the internal audit of the church finances was recently completed.
- ✓ The 2008 giving statements were mailed to members on January 20, 2009.
- ✓ The Doctrine & Worship Board and the Properties Board want to thank all the many individuals who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season.
- ✓ The Congregational Life Board will be continuing 5th Sunday events during 2009.
- ✓ The Giving Donation Corner will support the Filling Home in January, maps & school supplies for children in Afghanistan through the efforts of Mike DeMichiei in February, and local food pantry/pantries in March.
- ✓ A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held February 24. Serving will be held from 5:30 to 6:30. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. The free will offering will be given to the Gather-Bound youth.
- ✓ Recipients of this year’s Lenten Offerings will be the following: Gathering-Bound youth, Good Samaritan Fund, Henry County Transportation Network, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.
- ✓ The “Time and Talents” surveys will be available in late February.
- ✓ Richard Bost’s transfer from St. Paul’s Lutheran (Glenwood Avenue) was accepted by the Church Council.

Thank you!

- ◆ Thank you to Pastor and everyone for your prayers, cards, memorials and kind expressions of sympathy when our dad and grandpa Florian Sauer passed away. Thanks to all of you who shared your memories of dad with us. We enjoyed hearing them and learning some new things about him. Thanks to Pastor for his visits to Dad while he was in the nursing home. He always enjoyed your visits. Also thanks to Pastor for the nice service. Thank you to the ladies of the church for the delicious luncheon and thanks to Jack Robbins for giving the prayer. Also thanks to Douglas Hoffman for making a CD of the service. Thank you also to whoever put the cling on the window. Dad loved going to Church to worship the Lord. He also enjoyed seeing all of you. Thank you for being so kind to him especially these last few years. You are truly a great bunch of people.
-The Sauer “girls” and their families and the Hoeffel “kids”
- ◆ Thank you to Emanuel church family, Pastor Castello and the ladies of the church for making the baptism of Lincoln Leo Lucas a very special day. It is all very much appreciated by Lincoln’s mom and dad, Amber and Nate Lucas and great grandparents Ed & Alyce Oberhaus. And again we say thank you!
- ◆ Some people give hugs. Some people give help. You have given your all. It is from deep in my heart that I thank Pastor Castello and Emanuel congregation for all the prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls of concern during Ory’s illness. Also to the ladies who provided the lunch and to all those that made the visitation and Memorial service so meaningful. I will always remember Emanuel Lutheran as a loving congregation who knows how to make an outsider feel special. Thank you so very much.
-Ann Schnitkey
- ◆ To all the Sunday School children: Thank you for such an enthusiastic and wonderful Christmas Eve children’s program. We greatly appreciate your dedication at practice and your beautiful voices during the performance!
Also, thank you to all those behind-the-scene helpers: Joe & Julie Kohout, Marv & Julie Mt.Castle, Juanita Clausen, Sue Kruse, Laura Ellis Kruse, Mike Yaney and Pat Mohring. We greatly appreciate all the help you gave us to make things go so smoothly!
Finally, thank you Angela for your organizational and musical talents! We greatly appreciate your guidance and patience! You are a blessing to us all!
-Darlene Bostelman and Melinda Dachenhaus
- ◆ Emanuel Lutheran Church/community Thanksgiving Service Offering, The Henry County Ministerial Association gratefully acknowledges your generous gift of \$1001.00 to the 2008 Christmas Cheer program. Your thoughtfulness provides blessings for over 590 families.
-LeRoy Helberg, Pres. Henry Co Ministerial Assn, Christmas Cheer Board of Trustees

- ◆ Thanks so much for the “welcome” wall hanging. That was so special. -Ruth Ann Gray
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- ◆ We would like to thank Emanuel for the beautiful wall hanging we received as a Christmas gift. Have a blessed New Year. -Lester & Marilyn Kruse
- ◆ The Welcome banner is really neat - thank you so much. -Marie Bockelman
- ◆ Thank you, Emanuel, for the beautiful wall hanging given to me for Christmas. Emanuel is the best! -Burnice Agler
- ◆ Thank you for the “Welcome” banner we received in the mail this morning. It’s very nice and it’s hanging on our wall. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. -Mel & Margaret Wachtmann
- ◆ We would like to thank the Emanuel congregation for the very lovely wall hanging that we received from you. We miss being with you on the holidays especially. May God grant you peace and happiness in 2009. -Alice & Henry Langenhop
- ◆ Thank you, Emanuel, for the beautiful (Made in the USA!) wall hanging. -Virginia Dillon
- ◆ Thank you for the beautiful wall hanging and to Julie Kohout for your friendliness. It is greatly appreciated. -Janice Rohrs
- ◆ Thank you for the delicate “Welcome” hanger. It’s now beside my back door. -Charlotte Wangrin
- ◆ Thank you very much for the beautiful Welcome banner. What a pleasure to see that it was made in the USA. Thanks again. -Ed & Alyce Oberhaus
- ◆ Thank you very much for the beautiful wall hanging. -Hazel Eickhoff
- ◆ Thank you for the beautiful wall hanging we received for Christmas. -Art & Denelda Rohrs
- ◆ Thank you for the beautiful wall hanging. I placed it in the foyer for everyone that enters there to see. -Dorothy Smith
- ◆ Thank you for the very beautiful welcome banner I received for Christmas. -Arleta Panning

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 (#306)

Northcrest

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

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

Hildegarde Reiser

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Church Office Hours

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

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

Club Christ

High School Youth

-Holly Mohring

Happy New Year to all! After a hectic fall, we took a few weeks around the holidays to relax and enjoy the season, but we have not forgotten the hard work left to do! As of this writing, registration for the National Youth Gathering is closed and more than 36,650 people registered! Soon, we will be getting hotel registration information and the trip will seem that much more real!

Just a few reminders...Preparation for a rummage sale is in the works. We expect to begin collecting books, movies and CDs within the next few weeks. Keep your eyes peeled for drop off spots and the resulting sale!

Also, if you haven't picked up a CD of the Emanuel musicians, please don't forget! It's a great CD highlighting the amazing talents of our members, and all funds from the free will donation are going to our youth attending the Gathering - **Marcus Mt.Castle, Jenni Schink, Alison Storch, Dylan Tonjes and Laura Yaney**, and our two adults, **Marv & Julie Mt.Castle**. A special thanks goes to Angela Tonjes and Douglas Hoffman who put in much of their time and energy into making it a great CD!

Once again, thanks to you, our generous congregation, for all you have done and continue to do to support our youth. We could do nothing without you!

Abraham Lincoln's spiritual wisdom

During the Civil War, a delegation came to confer with him about the conflict. Sometime during the meeting a minister said to President Lincoln, 'I hope that the Lord is on our side.' The President amazed the group with his response. 'I don't agree with you,' he said to the pastor. 'I am not at all concerned about that, for we know that the Lord is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and the nation should be on the Lord's side.'

-Carl Sandburg in Abraham Lincoln, The War Years (III)

Membership News

- Baptism* On February 1 we will be blessed to witness the baptism of Carter David, son of David & Ashley Bowen, born on December 4, 2008. Carter's sponsors are Sean Walker and Kelly Aldrich.
- Memorial Service* A memorial service was held at the church on January 18 for Nelson Fejes, husband of Shirlee Mires Fejes. Nelson died unexpectedly on December 17 in San Antonio, Texas.
- Transfer* Church Council has approved the transfer in membership for Crystal Ward from Emanuel to St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wauseon. We also welcome as a new member Richard Bost from St. Paul Lutheran on Glenwood!

Congratulations to Kathy Ward on the birth of a great grandson, Luke Arthur, to Michael & Julie Ward on December 18, 2008!

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

Llamando la comunidad! "Calling the Community!"

NW Ohio Synod ELCA Ethnic Mission Strategy, February 21, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 109 E. Lincoln St., Findlay. Phone 419-423-3664. www.nwos-elca.org

Calling the Community seminar will include a celebration of worship from a Latino perspective. Rev. Ruben Duran will then engage us in conversation which will assist the participants to better encourage, empower, and educate their congregations in understanding and witnessing to people of all color, but with special attention to the congregations set in areas with significant Latino populations. The goal of the day is to give practical support and information so our congregations and ministries reflect the racial and cultural diversity of the community in which it is located.

Cost of the program, including lunch, is \$15.00. Make Checks Payable to NWOS-ELCA with memo Ethnic Mission Strategy. For registration questions, please contact Sherri Wagner at 419-423-3664 or Sherri.Wagner@nwos-elca.org.

CASA volunteers

A Child in Ohio is abused or neglected every 10 minutes. As a CASA Volunteer you can advocate and help ensure abused and neglected children in Henry County are in a safe, secure home where they are not at risk of being harmed. Become a CASA Volunteer; you can make a difference. Training begins in March. Call 419-592-9455 for more information.

Annual Winter Soup and Pie Luncheon

The Lutheran Nursing & Rehab Center Auxiliary invites you to their Annual Winter Soup and Pie Luncheon on Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room at Alpine Village. Please save this date and join everyone for food and fellowship. The menu will include Vegetable Soup, Chili Soup, Hot Dogs, Chicken Sandwiches, Pie and beverages. This event is sponsored by the Lutheran Nursing & Rehab Center Auxiliary to benefit the Lutheran Nursing & Rehab Center and Alpine Village. Thank you to Rodenberger Funeral Home for their donation toward this event.

Benefit

The friends of Christa Rettig Jones, of Edgerton, Ohio are planning a benefit on Saturday, February 21, 2009. This event will be held at Defiance High School. There will be a carnival (many activities for the kids), food, and musical entertainment from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Due to her illness, the money is needed to help offset medical expenses. As fellow Christians, we are asking individuals or organizations for donations of any type for the auction, 50/50 drawing, and bake sale. Any item would be appreciated for the bake sale and we will gratefully accept any cash donation to help offset expenses. Christa is the daughter of Bob and Betty Rettig, Co Rd L, Napoleon. Please contact Becky Nelson at 274-7535 to arrange for pick up of your contribution.

Statistics

Date	Attendance	Communed	Offerings
December 21	125 + 160 (285)		\$ 4,878.00 Bldg Fd - \$895 * Bldg Fd mem - \$215 * Memorials - \$395 World Hunger - \$55 CDs - \$117
December 24 7:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	182 196	162	\$ 2,645.15 Good Sam Fd - \$50
December 25	74	74	\$ 1,235.00
December 28	100 + 109 (209)		\$ 7,158.51 Bldg Fd - \$1,820 Good Sam Fd - \$100 World Hunger - \$45 * Bldg Fd mem-\$25 CDs - \$139
December 31	49		\$ 2,674.00 CDs - \$5
January 4	101 + 104 (205)	95	\$ 3,704.61 Bldg Fd - \$445 CDs - \$7 World Hunger - \$5
January 11	87 + 100 (187)	83	\$ 5,510.00 Bldg Fd - \$20 * mem to Bldg Fd-\$2040 Good Sam Fd - \$20 CDs - \$31
January 18	104 + 113 (217)		\$ 4,526.93 Bldg Fd - \$150 World Hunger - \$15 CDs - \$10 Good Sam Fd - \$30

* 12/21 memorials: \$295 Bell Choir & \$100 video system - Orville Schnitkey

Bldg Fd: \$115-Orville Schnitkey & \$100-Maurice Felgar

12/28 Bldg Fd - \$25 Orville Schnitkey

1/11 Bd Fd - \$20 Orville Schnitkey, \$20 Nelson Fejes, \$2,000 Shelley Higbea

Worship participants in February

Acolytes

8:00 Blake Biederstedt & Nathan Rohrs
10:30 Jacob Skeens & Tyler Nation

Ushers

8:00 Ed Panning, Steve Kloos,
Theo Heuer, Ron Wiechers
10:30 Marv Mt.Castle, Ben Michaelis,
Lavern Lanzer, Ron Meyers

Lay Assistants

8:00 Barb Hoffman
10:30 Joan Collier

Altar Guild

Sandi Weirauch & Danielle Williams

Altar Flowers

February 1 - in honor of Blake Biederstedt's 14th birthday

February 8 - Karl & Oneta Wiechers in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary

February 15 - Virginia Dillon in loving memory of her parents

February 22 - OPEN

Open dates on 2009 flower calendar:

March 22, 29
May 17, 31
June 7, 14

July 5, 19, 26
August 16
October 4

November 1, 8, 15
December 20

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.

**PLEASE pick up your 2009 offering envelopes
in the narthex as soon as possible
if you haven't already done so!**