

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.

To my church family,

I cannot begin to tell you what you mean to me. "Thank you" is not sufficient for the prayers, cards, well wishes, kindnesses, and concern shown to me and my family during my surgery and recovery. But thank you!!!

I am truly awestruck and filled with gratitude for all your outpouring of love. I have been slowly but surely getting steam back. Please continue to bear with me as I continue to fully recover.

I admit that it is strange and awkward to be on the "other end" of things, to receive care and support rather than to try to give it. I tend to be one of those people who "doesn't need help". I can be independently stubborn to the point that it harms

me and, at times, others around me. The truth is, I need your love and care and I thank you for it.

I especially need the love and care of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed me with the privilege of "fighting the good fight" of faith.

Thank you for your ministry to me and reminding me of our Savior's saving grace for us all. Now it is back to work. Sin is rampant and there is a lot that needs to be done around us and in us.

Much love and peace to you and yours.

See you in church.

Pastor Jim Castello

Worship Notes

Angela Tonjes

Thursday Evening Summer Worship

Thursday evening summer worship will begin on *June 14* and last through *August 16* and will start at 7:30 p.m. All the hymns for the summer will be congregational favorites and there will be special music each week by our soloists and instrumentalists. Please consider joining us for these informal and meaningful worship times.

Sunday Morning Summer Worship

The liturgy for Sunday mornings will be slightly shortened and changed for the summer. All the hymns will be congregational favorites and “oldies but goodies.” We will be reviewing the articles of the Apostles’ Creed and their meanings each Sunday. There will be special music by our various soloists and instrumentalists.

Please join us in worship on Sunday mornings!

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Church Office Hours

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

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

Council Chat - May 21, 2007

- Congregational Life will be posting a map of the United States. Throughout the summer months, you can flag “where in the world” Emanuel members are traveling for vacations, reunions, etc.
- The Donation Corner will continue throughout the summer:
May - Maumee Valley Youth Center
June - Henry County Red Cross
July - Lutheran Home
- A High School graduate reception will be held on Sunday, June 3 at 9:30 a.m. including a breakfast. The graduates will be honored at the 10:30 a.m. service.
- Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 29 - August 3.
- After School Club will begin in the fall.
- Ed Peper shared some very old pictures of Emanuel Lutheran Church. See Ed to view these amazing photos!
- As part of Emanuel’s 125th Anniversary celebration, on Sunday, August 12, plans are underway for patriotic themed services with former member, Bob Heft, giving the children’s sermons. More details will be published in the bulletins.

Anniversary Notecards are still available in the church office at \$5.00 per pack.

A Patriotic-themed service will be held on Sunday, August 12 at both 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. Former Emanuel member, Bob Heft, will give the children’s sermon based on the history of his U.S. flag. Flags will be available for purchase and Bob will be signing the flags in honor of Emanuel’s 125th Anniversary year. Watch your bulletins for more details as they develop.

- Thank you to everyone who helped with After School Club: Sue Schink, Julie Kohout, Ben & Judy Michaelis, Sue Kruse, Pastor Castello for his little children's talks at the beginning of sessions, all parents who provided snacks!
- Thank you to everyone who met, planned, drew, snapped, prepared, sang, blew, puppeteered, rang, offered prayer, tithed, set-up, cooked, feasted, cleaned up and joined in fellowship in honor of Emanuel Lutheran Church's 125th Anniversary. It was a wonderful day of song and praise to our risen Lord and Savior. We appreciate and thank you!
-Laura Ellis Kruse & Darlene Bostelman, Co-Chairs, 125h Committee
- The family of Joel Eickhoff would like to thank you for the prayers, visits, cards and memorials. It meant so much. -Jeff & Mary, Deb & Roger, & Mom
- We would like to thank Pastor Castello for Mom's beautiful funeral service, his prayers and words of comfort. Thanks to Angela Tonjes for the music, the women of the church for the delicious luncheon, and all the members of Emanuel Lutheran for their prayers throughout Mom's illness.
-Bob Showman, Bob & Susan Showman, Terry & Betty Fahy
- Thank you Emanuel Lutheran Church for the many gifts for my confirmation including the banner, candle, and medallion. Thank you to the congregation for supporting me through catechism.
-Love, Dylan Slee
- Thank you for my metal Lutheran necklace. I like it a lot! Every time I look at it, it reminds me of when I went up and got my confirmation certificate, my necklace, flower and candle box. Thanks again! -Alison Storch
- Thanks to everyone for your prayers for me for the past few weeks. I want everyone to know that I'm doing better and I appreciate the help! -Bonnie Palamara
- Your generosity towards funding Henry County Transportation Network is overwhelming!!! Many thanks for my staff and clients!! In 2002, our first year of coordinated transportation, we transported 10,000 rides. In 2006, we transported 35,000 rides, and our projection for 2007 is 45,000 rides. As we continue to grow in the number of transports and with the unfortunate factor of rising gas prices, this does become cumbersome to absorb all the financial factors to survive. Your donation is greatly appreciated.
-Thank you, Mike Saneholtz, Coordinator

News from Club Christ

Youth group for high school age students

A year has passed so quickly in Club Christ!! Though our numbers were small this year, WE WERE MIGHTY!!! We started our year with pizza (as there's no better way to begin!) and moved into fundraising with our leaf raking adventures and sub sale.

This spring has been a little lackluster as trying to work around multiple schedules proved very difficult. Our 24-hour famine, unfortunately, had to be canceled as every date we set turned out to be busy for one or all of us. Fear not!! We WILL be having a 24-hour famine next year either early fall or spring, depending on, (what else?), schedules. For our graduating seniors - you will be invited to the famine if you would like to come!!

We are hoping for a more pulled-together and exciting year next year in Club Christ!

As our last event of the year, we will be going to Defiance for putt-putt and lunch on Sunday, June 10. We will meet at the church following late church. We will be eating at the new Asian Buffet (boys, we hear it's better than China Buffet!) and you will need to bring \$10 to eat. Putt-putt will be provided. This invitation is extended to our graduating seniors we well as our incoming freshmen!! We hope to see you then!!

Thanks for a great year!

Holly, Julie & Marv

Giving/donation corner

Thank you to everyone who donated to Mom's House last month. The collection was a huge success with over 70 much needed items collected. This will be a big help to the mothers and children that they support.

The June collection will benefit the Henry County Red Cross. They need help restocking their "Comfort Kits". The Henry County Red Cross uses these kits to help people in the county who suffer from the loss of their home in a fire. Feel free to donate whole kits or just individual items.

Adult Kits:

Toothpaste, toothbrush, bar soap, washcloth, comb, small shampoo and creme rinse (or the combination shampoo and creme rinse), small travel size of Kleenex, disposable razor

Child Kits:

Toothbrush, small toothpaste, bar soap, washcloth, comb, travel shampoo, 4-pack of crayons and a couple of pages to color (like out of a coloring book)

In July we will be collecting for the Lutheran Home of Napoleon. They are in great need of **BODY LOTIONS** (prefer Calgon brand, but any will do), **LARGE PRINT WORD FIND BOOKS, STAMPS,** and **YARN.** If you have any of these items or see them on sale, you may want to pick them up and help the Lutheran Home of Napoleon in July.

Going on Summer Vacation?

Going on a vacation this summer? We want to know where you went! There will be a map located in the overflow where we can track our trips throughout the summer. Bring in a picture from your trip or other memorabilia you would like to share and tack it up on our bulletin board. Use the provided tacks and strings to match up your picture with your destination so we know who went where! What a fun way to share our trips or get ideas for new ones! Happy traveling!

Membership News

Birth Congratulations to Jason & Emily (Castello) Jordan on the birth of **Noah Charles** on May 11! We look forward to Noah's baptism.

Baptisms June 19 - **Joseph Harley Guinn**, son of Brenda & David Guinn, born 8/7/94. Joseph's sponsors will be Elaine DeTray and Kevin Gerken.

June 24 - **Lillian Edda Sedon**, daughter of Brian & Edda (Wernecke) Sedon, born 1/28/07.

Death Pastor Castello officiated at the graveside service of **Robert Demmaline** at Glenwood Cemetery on April 28.

Please remember Bob Showman and his family in your prayers as they mourn the death of their loved one, **Dee Showman**, on May 10. Dee was buried on May 14.

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

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

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

Reim Eickhoff (#204A)

Margaret Fahy

Marge Gathman

Hazel Eickhoff (#221)

Alfred "Petey" Ruetz

Marie Heuer

Irma Overhulse

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

Christine Rath (#412)

Miriam Smith (#303)

Carl Bockelman (#319)

Country View Haven (R858 Co Rd 15, Napoleon OH 43545)

Don Walters

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

Esther Wittenberg

Otterbein Portage Valley (20311 Pemberville Rd., Pemberville OH 43450)

Hildegard Reiser (#313)

Health Ministry

Judy Hoffman

Breast Cancer Facts

- In 2007, it is estimated that 178,480 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and 40,460 will die of the disease. That's 1 every 13 minutes.
- Men can also get breast cancer, but it is rare. It is about 100 times more common in women.
- Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women today.
- When breast cancer is found early (within the breast), the chance for survival is greatest.
- Being a woman is the number one risk factor for breast cancer. Your breast cancer risk increases as you get older.
- Most women who get breast cancer have no other known risk factors.
- Although breast cancer is more common in women over the age of 40, younger women can also develop breast cancer.
- Breast cancer knows no boundaries, be it age, gender, socio-economic status or geographic location.

Early Detection Plan

- Have a mammogram (breast X-ray) every year starting at age 40. If you are under 40 and have breast cancer in your family or are worried about your breasts, talk to your doctor.
- Have a clinical breast exam by your doctor or nurse at least every 3 years starting at age 20, and every year after the age of 40.
- Do a BSE (Breast Self-Exam) each month starting by the age of 20. Get to know your breasts. Report any changes to your doctor or nurse.

See your doctor or nurse if you notice any of these things in your breasts:

- Lump, hard knot or thickening
- Swelling, warmth, redness or darkening
- Change in the size or shape
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Itchy, scaly sore, or rash on the nipple
- Pulling in of your nipple or other parts
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly
- New pain in one spot that does not go away

The key to survival is early detection.

For more information, consult www.komen.org or call 1-800-I'M AWARE.

Statistics

Date	Attendance	Communed	Offerings
April 22	140 + 171 (311)		\$16,114.97 Bldg Fd - \$11,293.55 World Hngr - \$15.00 Good Sam Fd - \$25.00
April 29	120 + 118 (238)		\$4,886.00 Bldg Fd - \$380.00 World Hngr - \$5.00 Good Sam Fd - \$50.00 14 for Christ - \$168.00
May 6	119 + 89 (208)	108	\$5,084.90 Bldg Fd - \$490.00 Good Sam Fd - \$55.00 14 for Christ - \$14.00
May 13	176 + 115 (291)	100	\$5,669.25 Bldg Fd - \$595.00 ** World Hngr - \$15.00
May 17 (7:30 p.m.)	30		\$739.00 World Hngr - \$15.00 Bldg Fd - \$25.00 Bldg Fd mem- \$595.00*
May 20	137 + 123 (260)		\$3,924.78 Bldg Fd - \$75.00 Bldg Fd mem - \$10 * World Hngr - \$15.00 Good Sam Fd - \$55.00

* Dee Showman

** In honor of Emanuel's 125th anniversary and in honor of the Women of the ELCA's 20th anniversary we present this check of \$500 to the Building Fund of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Emanuel Lutheran Church Women, Janice Rohrs, Treasurer

News from around the Synod and the Community

- We are pleased to announce that on Sunday, April 29 the Rev. David Brobston was installed as Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Defiance!
- The Annual **Four Lutheran Agency Golf Outing** will be held on Friday, June 22 at 12:00 noon at Whiteford Valley Golf Course, 7980 Beck Road, Ottawa Lake, Michigan. The cost is \$85.00 per golfer and registration forms are available on the bulletin board by the church office.
- **5K RUN/WALK Henry County Relay for Life**, Saturday, June 16 at the Henry County Fairgrounds. The race begins at 9 a.m.. Prizes are available for age group winners. The race entry fee is \$15 and includes a t-shirt. Pre-register by June 4. Contact Rachel Bostelman for a registration form or more information at bostelman_080704@hotmail.com or 419-592-1992.
- The **Lutheran Nursing & Rehab Center Auxiliary** invites you to an **Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, June 10 at 11 a.m. - 1 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 sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, cake, ice cream sundaes, and beverages. This event will benefit the Lutheran Nursing & Rehab Center and Alpine Village. Thank you to Snyder-Wesche Funeral Home for their donation toward this event.
- Mark your calendars and plan to attend the **Black Swamp Benefit Bazaar** to be held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Wauseon, Ohio on June 15 and 16. Designed to encourage sharing with individuals both locally and globally, the proceeds from the event will support Sunshine Children's Home in Maumee and also assist with international relief efforts.

Bloodmobile Dates

Saturday, June 2 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Harley-Davidson Sales & Service, Napoleon

Wednesday, June 6 1 - 7 p.m. Liberty Center High School Cafeteria

Monday, June 11 1 - 7 p.m. St. John Lutheran, Freedom Township

Monday, June 25 12 - 6 p.m. EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NAPOLEON

Wednesday, June 27 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Henry County Red Cross Chapterhouse

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

WELCA News

-Rita Schweinhagen for the WELCA Board

Hey ladies - want to have some fun this summer with your lady friends at the church?

Beginning in June ...

On Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. we will be having a potluck; and as a special treat Carol Castello will share with us her adventures. I don't think you'll want to miss this meeting. See you there!

Our Bible Studies for this summer.

In June we'll hear about God's dream for the world.

In July this should be good. Jesus has always chosen the most unlikely people to share the good

news - you could find out you're one of them.

And in August we'll find out how the Holy Spirit helps us by working through us.

So there you are, some things to do this summer.

The Filling Home is once again collecting Campbell Soup labels. Everyone uses those. They really have been able to get a lot of neat things for them.

One more thing to do in June ... Emanuel is sponsoring its annual Bloodmobile on Monday, June 25 from 12 to 6 p.m. Please give your support whether it be as a donor or as a helper. Many of our members have needed blood this past year - let's help replace that blood. If you want to help, give me or Judy Hoffman a call or stop us at church - we don't mind!

At our last board meeting we voted to donate \$500 to our Building Fund. What better way to use this money!

Dates to remember:

June 7 - WELCA Picnic

June 25 - Bloodmobile here

October 6 - Conference Retreat at Trinity, Bryan

Remember ... God loves you!

Lutheran World Relief needs:

Sewing Kits

- Three yards of 44" or 45" cotton or a cotton blend fabric; four yards if 36"
- One package of needles for hand sewing
- One spool of matching thread
- One card of buttons

Wrap sewing notions inside fabric and tie with string, yard, or strip of fabric.

Layettes

- Two shirts
- Four cloth diapers
- One bath-size bar of soap
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two receiving blankets
- One sweater
- Two washcloths
- Two diaper pins

Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Good used items can be substituted for new ones. Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Preferred sweater styles have buttons or ties down the front. Infant sweatshirts may be substituted for the sweater. Bolt of flannel can furnish a number of receiving blankets, diapers, and gowns. A square cut the width of fabric (usually 36" or 45") easily makes a blanket. Diapers can be made by using a pinking shears to cut pieces 22½" wide x 36" long.

Health Kits

- One hand towel
- One washcloth
- One toothbrush
- One tube of toothpaste, 5-7oz.
- One metal nail file, (no nail clippers with file attached)
- One comb, wide tooth preferred
- One bath-size bar of soap
- Six band-aids, preferably ½" - ¾"

Wrap items in the towel, and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

School Kits

- Pads or notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8½" x 11" containing 150-200 sheets of paper
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One eraser approximately 2½" long
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- One box of 8, 16, or 24 crayons
- One cloth bag approximately 12" by 14" with cloth handles

Pack items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands or tie with yarn.

Yard Goods Kits

- fabric should be cotton or cotton blend (NO 100% polyester) and cut into pieces: 3 yards of 44" or 45" fabric OR 4 yards of 36" fabric

**DO NOT SEND ADDITIONAL
ITEMS IN KITS.**

The deadline to bring your donations to the church is **October 1**.
There are tables set up in the church basement.

We are NOT collecting any clothing!

Over 30 families now receive their newsletter via e-mail!
Would you like to receive *your* newsletter before
the postman comes?
You do need to have adobe reader on your computer.
(this program is available free at adobe.com)
Call the church office to sign up now!

Summer Sunday School

Kids will enjoy their summer by diving deep into the Great Bible Reef. God's word will be explored with a fun and faith-filled underwater program. Every Sunday will be packed with Bible stories, songs, games and crafts as we experience the importance of discipleship. Come and take the plunge!

Anyone who would like to join the children in the exciting Great Bible Reef Adventure should consider signing up for a summer Sunday to share the lesson. Lessons are prepared in packets and ready to go! Contact Michelle Slee (419) 533-2290 or mslee@sauder.com to sign up.

Youth Education Opportunities

Would you like to participate in the education of Emanuel's youth? Our congregation has an awesome group of young people who are eager to learn!

We are currently looking for a Sunday School Superintendent. The Superintendent would facilitate Sunday School activities, assist the Board of Education and the Sunday School teachers. We are also in need of a Catechism and Sunday School teacher.

Please give this your prayerful consideration and contact Michelle Slee or Jamie Bostelman if you are interested.

Worship participants in June & July

June

Ushers

8:00 Jim Hershberger, Sonny Babcock,
Tom Hoffman, Marvin Rabe
10:30 Ron Meyers, Ben Michaelis,
Norm Bostelman, Kurt Rohrs

Altar Guild

Jamie Bostelman & Julie Callaway

Lay assistants

8:00 Barb Hoffman
10:30 Bill Panning

Acolytes

6/3 8:00 Ben Flogaus & Alan
Bostelman
10:30 James Nation & Tyler Nation
6/10 8:00 Dylan Slee & Sam Elling
10:30 Konner Gerken & Greg Hall
6/17 8:00 Stephanie Ruby & Meredith Hoops
10:30 Clayton Burken & Justin Allison
6/24 8:00 Emily Schwab & Danielle
Williams
10:30 Theresa Peper & Alison Storch

July

Ushers

8:00 Bob Dennie, Don Mitchell,
Ron Dachenhaus, George Kryder
10:30 Bill Panning, Mark Tonjes,
Ken Lange, Matt Mt.Castle

Altar Guild

Sue Kruse & Sandi Weirauch

Lay assistants

8:00 Esther Dennie
10:30 Ellen Lange

Acolytes

7/1 8:00 Nick Rohrs & Blake Biederstedt
10:30 David Yunker & Jenni Schink
7/8 8:00 Laura Yaney & Stephanie Ruby
10:30 James Nation & Tyler Nation
7/15 8:00 Ben Flogaus & Alan Bostelman
10:30 Konner Gerken & Greg Hall
7/22 8:00 Dylan Slee & Sam Elling
10:30 Clayton Burken & David Yunker
7/29 8:00 Emily Schwab & Meredith Hoops
10:30 Justin Allison & Jenni Schink

Altar Flowers

June

- 3 Jack Robbins in loving memory of Lester & Wilma Robbins
- 10 Shirlee Fejes in loving memory of Phil Mires
- 17 Douglas & Judy Hoffman
- 24 Connie, Bill & Danielle Williams in honor of Albert & Norma Duquette's 67th wedding anniversary

July

- 1 Joe & Julie Kohout in honor of Erica's 20th birthday
- 8 Kathlean Ward in loving memory of Arthur Ward
- 15 Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary
- 22 Ed & Alyce Oberhaus in loving memory of Niles Oberhaus
- 29 Virginia Dillon

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.

A message from Ben Franklin

God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the Sacred Writings that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" [Psalm 127:1, KJV]. I firmly believe this. I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel.

Ben Franklin at the Constitutional Convention of 1787

V.B.S.
July 29 - August 3
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Howdy Partners - Let's take a wild ride through God's word at Avalanche Ranch!

Join us for a week of cowboy (and cowgirl) adventures.

Shadow, the trusty ranch dog, will introduce us to all of his friends. There will be great Bible adventures, songs, games, crafts, and so much more. Chadder returns with a quest to become a real cowboy.

The churchwagon rolls into VBS on Friday, August 3 for the closing program. We'll have a BBQ and the children will tell us all about the adventures of the week.

You won't want to miss it!!

WAHOO!

Why, Oh Why, Oh Why . . .

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an "s" in the word "lisp"?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

-Trinity Trumpet, Moulton, Ohio