

# 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.**

I was born at 110 Main Street in a small town east of here. Shortly thereafter I assume I was baptized – not that I remember the sacrament, but I've seen the certificate of baptism. At an early age I was taken to Sunday School and after I was a little older I walked the three blocks to the church by myself for Sunday School and then waited for someone to come to take me to worship at the church. And when still a little older I would go to church by myself if no one came.

During my sixth, seventh and eighth grades of school I attended a parochial school at which I memorized the catechism each year, learned many Bible passages and hymns. Our parochial school teacher was also the church organist and church janitor. After this I confirmed my faith at the same church in which I was baptized. During the summer of this period of my life my parents and I visited some people in town who had a son about my age. I happened to have a new bicycle which I rode to their house. Their son decided that we should go for a ride but that it wouldn't be fair for one to ride and the other to walk so he told me to ride on the handle bars (a real no-no) which I did. About nine blocks from the center of the village we both fell (maybe flew would be

more accurate) from the bicycle and in the fall I cut my head and was bleeding rather badly. Luckily the small town was blessed with three doctors and one of them sewed me up, but I didn't come to until about 11:00 that night. That was about five or six hours which are a complete blank for me as to what happened. God had saved me!

The following four years I attended high school and graduated from the school in the town in which I was born. I had always been told that God answers prayer but not necessarily immediately or the way one might expect. One summer during my high school years I went out to help my uncle on the farm. I was cultivating corn with a horse drawn cultivator and since the field was long the horses had to be rested after each round. This was a good time for prayer and I would pray that I might meet a girl who might some day become my wife. Another experience on that same farm was when I was raking hay (also with horses) and the horses walked into a bumble bee's nest. They were not happy with the encounter and took off across the field dragging me with them. Luckily (God's providence) for me the single tree broke and I escaped death. A prayer answered.

After two and a half years of college I enlisted in the Army Air Corps and after attending several schools for training I flew to Casablanca and then to Cairo. I spent the next year and a half in Egypt. On side trips I flew to Naples and Rome, Italy. On one of the trips from Naples to Rome we took off in rather foggy weather and as I was looking out the window of the plane I could see the wing of our plane within ten feet of the operations tower. We decided we better go back to Naples and wait for better weather. Another prayer answered.

Also during my stay in Egypt some of us fellows went on a tour to the pyramids and sphinx which were not far from Cairo. We entered the great pyramid and walked up a crude stairway in stooped over positions and arrived in a room which was a cube of about forty feet on each side. This was a burial chamber. I suppose it was a part of each tour that was taken, but at one point the light bulb that was in the center of the building went out and it was the darkest dark that I have ever experienced. It seemed the proper time for prayer since one never quite knew what to expect from some of the people that we encountered. The light did come back on, and we were escorted safely out of the pyramid. Another prayer answered.

From Cairo I was transferred to Oran, Algiers, North Africa, and was there for a few months. During that time I was in charge of a group of men who were being given a trip to the home of The French Foreign Legion. For the trip I was supplied with a 45 caliber pistol just in case any trouble should arise. Fortunately, the trip went smoothly even though there was an anxious moment or two. Another prayer answered!

From Oran I went to Casablanca to await a boat which would take me and other military personnel home. The voyage was as smooth as glass until about a day out from home port and then there were 40 foot waves which automatically passed food from one end of the table to the other, but there was no major harm. Another prayer answered!

I arrived home too late to immediately enroll at the university to finish my college education but did start as soon as I could. In the beginning of my second semester back at BGSU, at a Lutheran Student Association meeting, a friend of mine introduced me to his girl friend. As it turned out she became my girlfriend. But a couple months after that after church at my home congregation my pastor motioned for me to come over where he was. He wanted to introduce me to someone whom he claimed as relation. It was the same girl to whom my friend had introduced me. Seventeen months after my first introduction she and I were married and I have been enjoying married life with her for over 61 years. The prayer that I had prayed many years before was answered.

Life hasn't been without problems – there have been ups and downs in farming, several surgeries, and arthritis throughout my body (but nothing like Job suffered) and God has been with me through thick and thin even when I haven't always realized his hand was leading me. My walk in faith needs some finishing touches but it certainly has helped me through various phases of my life.

**Ted Titone**

*from the Congregational Life Board*

### *Caring Corner*

Many thanks to all who were able to contribute to the Vacation Bible School program taking place at Emanuel in June. Your giving is greatly appreciated.

Our donations/giving for the month of June will be for **FILLING HOME**. Their needs list includes:  
**For the Kitchen:** Pudding (Snak-Pak), Jello, fruit juices, rice, macaroni, spaghetti, noodles, mustard, ketchup, baby food, cream of wheat/rice, oatmeal, cold cereal, mixes (cake, pancake, muffin), sugar (brown and white), cooking oil, shortening, peanut butter, crackers (saltine and graham), soups (all types), canned meat, canned fruits and vegetables (all sizes), syrup (pancake, Karo, chocolate, strawberry), Zip Lock bags, brown lunch bags, cupcake liners, kitchen towels, pot holders.

**Miscellaneous Supplies:** Paper towels, tissues (fragrance/lotion free), bathroom tissue, Arrid Xtra dry deodorant (unscented), shampoo, blow dryers, toothbrush (Oral B), Crest toothpaste (tartar control), bath towels (white), hand towels (white), washcloths (white), All Occasion note cards, All Occasion greeting cards.

### *Coffee Hour/Fellowship*

Congregational Life Board will organize a coffee and fellowship hour following the one-service Sundays through the summer (June, July and August) with juice, coffee and cookies. We are looking for different groups/families interested in hosting a particular Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by Pat's office.

### *Congregational Life Board Meeting – Come Join Us!*

The next meeting of the Congregational Life Board will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7. If you have an idea that you would like the Board to consider, please let the Board know (place in the Board mailbox or Pat in the church office will get it to us). You are also more than welcome to attend any or all of the congregational Life Board meetings.

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## *Summer Sunday Services*

A reminder that beginning Sunday, May 30 through Labor Day we will have ONE worship service at 9:00 a.m. Communion will be celebrated during the first two Sundays of each month. We will present a different musical version of the Lord's Prayer at every service this summer. Please join us, and bring a friend!

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM  
MAY 30 UNTIL RALLY DAY.

## Membership News

*Baptism* On June 27 we will witness the baptism of Calista Marie Bost, daughter of Rick Bost and Sara Clausen. Calista was born on September 10, 2009.

*Wedding* Congratulations and God's blessings to Derek Lantz and Emily Hall who were married at Emanuel on May 15.

*Funerals* LeRoy Warncke passed away on April 26. His funeral was held at Emanuel on Thursday, April 29, and he was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Defiance.

On Friday, May 14 Pastor Castello officiated at the funeral of Grace Elizabeth Luxford at the Snyder-Wesche Funeral Home.

*Please pray for God's comfort and peace for these families.*

*Released* Mark & Elizabeth French and their children Ethan, Christian, and Sarah were released to the Church of the Nazarene, Napoleon.

☼ Abbey Schwab received her Masters in Physical Therapy from the University of Findlay on May 1 and has accepted a position at Three Rivers Nursing & Rehab Center in Cincinnati. Abbey is the daughter of David & Nanette Schwab and the granddaughter of Art & Denelda Rohrs.

### **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.

### Door Offering

On June 20 we will have a door offering for the SOLT Mission in Haiti. If you would like to see what the SOLT mission is all about, you can visit their web site at [www.solthaitimission.org](http://www.solthaitimission.org). The money will go directly to the mission to feed the people that were displaced by the earthquake.

The work of the mission will be shown and explained on June 20 by Ron Meyers who was at the mission during the earthquake. Please come to see and hear.

# WELCA News

*Rita Schweinhagen* for the Board

## *General Meeting*

Hey ladies – if you only attend one General Meeting this year, our Picnic on Thursday, June 3 is the one you should attend. This will be a potluck beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Andrew Brothers from Florida, Ohio will be here to speak on the PET Project. The Personal Energy Transport was designed to restore mobility to land mine victims and others, and to enhance it. We are hoping they are able to bring a couple of these to our meeting so we can see how they work.

Hope you have all enjoyed the Bible Study this year. This summer we will be working on prayer, which is always interesting. The attendance at Circle Meetings has been approximately 20 each month. Have you attended a Circle Meeting this year? Our thanks to Janis for delivering 49 quilts that were requested by Lutheran World Relief. Our regular delivery will be this fall.

See you on June 3 ladies, and if you want to bring your husband or a friend to this meeting, please feel free to do so.

P.S. Don't forget the Bloodmobile at Emanuel on Monday, June 14 from 12 to 6 p.m.

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## *Thank you!*

- To: Pastor Castello, Mrs. Kruse, Mrs. Clausen and Terry Hershberger, Thank you for everything you have taught me in my 3 years of catechism. Also thank you to my Congregational family for wishing me luck as I journey through my walk in faith. Special thanks to Terry for my stained glass cross.  
-Love, Jacob Skeens
- Dear Pastor, Thank you for the cross and the necklace for my confirmation. I'm glad you are my pastor.  
-Love, Chandler Burken
- Thank you for the beautiful service and luncheon for Scott. Enclosed is a check in memory of Scott.  
-Stuart & Joyce Baker
- We would like to thank you for your ongoing collection of items for our Food Pantry. Your donations are a blessing to many families and individuals in our community and throughout Henry County. Thank you again for the generous donation. It is very much appreciated.  
-In His Service, Bonnie Kay Ohlrich, Church Secretary, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Twp.

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

### *Rahe Installation Service – you are invited.*

Pastor Linda Rahe, who has been serving at Trinity Lutheran in Findlay, has accepted a call to be pastor at Advent Lutheran Church in Sylvania, Ohio. Her installation there will be on Sunday, June 13, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Pastor Tom Schutt, the pastor with whom she served when she went to Findlay and who is now an assistant to the Bishop, will preach and install Pastor Linda. You are invited to attend.

### *Red Cross Bloodmobile — June*

Wednesday, June 3, 1-7 p.m. Liberty Center High School  
Saturday, June 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Harley-Davidson Sales & Service  
Monday, June 7, 1-7 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Twp.  
Monday, June 14, 12-6 p.m. Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon (*See related article*)  
Wednesday, June 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Henry ARC Mini @ Chapterhouse

### *Get ready “FORE” Some Golfing Fun*

The Four Lutheran Agencies of NW Ohio (Filling Home, Luther Home of Mercy, Lutheran Homes Society and Lutheran Social Services of NW Ohio) are sponsoring their fourteenth annual golf outing. The date is Friday, June 25 at a new location...Stone Ridge Golf Club in Bowling Green. A registration form with the details is on the bulletin board outside the church office.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Luther Home of Mercy Golf Outing will be held Friday, August 20, at 8:30 a.m. at Chippewa Golf Club in Curtice. Register online at [www.lutherhome.org](http://www.lutherhome.org) or call 419-725-5188 or email [kschank@lutherhome.org](mailto:kschank@lutherhome.org).

### *Agape Live Concert*

Calvary Lutheran Church (1930 Bradner Road, Northwood, Ohio) will present *Agape*, live in concert Friday, June 25. Combining rapping, dancing, storytelling and his fluency in Spanish, *Agape* connects with his listeners in a way that they really “get it”. His energy is contagious, and his stories of faith transcend differences. Even those who do not normally enjoy hip-hop find themselves dancing to his music and captivated by his unique presentation of the Gospel. *Agape* brings an authentic approach by translating the theological depth of his seminary training into songs and stories that can be understood by every listener. His passion is to bring together people of all backgrounds and let them know about God’s love for the whole world. Also featured, Saint Mark’s youth praise team, REWIND.

Tickets are \$8.00 each or \$70.00 for 10, with proceeds to benefit ELCA World Hunger Fund and Calvary Lutheran Youth Group. For more information or to reserve your tickets contact Candace Ross, 419-836-8986 [pastorcalv@aol.com](mailto:pastorcalv@aol.com).

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### *Black Swamp Benefit and Family Festival*

This event will be held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Wauseon, Ohio on June 18-19. Friday is Preview Day and the food booths will open at 4:00 p.m. The evening's activities will include a Silent Auction, an extended Mini-Auction, Children's Area and opening program. Saturday activities will begin bright and early at 7:30 a.m. with a pancake and sausage breakfast and also the Bullfrog 5kRun/Walk. This will be followed by the Main Auction at 9:00 a.m. featuring quilts, wall hangings, wood items and other select merchandise. The sixth annual Oozeball Mud Volleyball tournament will also be held on Saturday morning. There will be plenty to do and see...and something for everyone to enjoy! Learn more about this special event by visiting [www.blackswampbenefit.org](http://www.blackswampbenefit.org). This site includes directions as well as an opportunity to preview items up for bid in the auctions.

### *Life Line Screening*

There will be a Preventive Health Screening at Christ United Methodist Church on Friday, July 23, 2010.

### *2010 Mackinac Bridge Walk*

Lutheran Men in Mission will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bridge Walk on Labor Day, September 6, 2010. This is the 53<sup>rd</sup> year for this event. The goal for his year's walk is to raise \$5,000 to be equally divided between Luther Home of Mercy, Williston and Filling Home, Napoleon. The walk is twenty-eight feet less than five miles. This is a well-organized event. We need walkers and people to pledge for the walkers. It's time to start thinking about this enjoyable event and share some good Christian fellowship with people from Lutheran churches throughout the synod. If you have any questions, contact Richard Straub at 740-387-1747, cell phone 740-802-2194, or [richnwanda@aol.com](mailto:richnwanda@aol.com). You may also contact Ron Hiatt at 517-486-3676, cell phone 419-944-5177, or [rah24@earthlink.net](mailto:rah24@earthlink.net).

## *Emanuel Lutheran Church Blood Drive*

### **Attention: All Members Over 16**

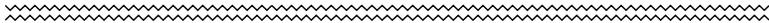
Monday, June 14, from 12 to 6, you will have the opportunity to change a life. Yes, this is the date for Emanuel's Bloodmobile. Our church is well-known for its Giving Corner. We are an extremely generous family here at Emanuel. Now is your chance to change a life...to save a life. If you want to make an appointment, please call Rita at 419-592-4606. If you want to donate food or help in the kitchen, call Judy Hoffman. If you would like to be a donor escort or canteen worker, call Rita. The need is constant - the gratification is instant - give blood.

P.S. If you donated at the Battle of the Badges, you are eligible to give at this drive.

## Northwest Ohio 2010 Synod Assembly Meeting

Some of the highlights of this years assembly meeting:

- ★ Bishop Lohrmann was re-elected on the 1<sup>st</sup> ballot.
- ★ Bishop Hansen and Bishop Lohrmann gave very powerful messages.
- ★ Four resolutions to the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly were presented to the Northwest Ohio Synod Assembly. One was withdrawn and 3 were voted down.
- ★ We separately attended several workshops on a variety of topics. All were interesting and informative.
- ★ We renewed many old friendships and made several new ones.
- ★ Comments by one of the speakers was talk of our Holistic Church. It struck a reassuring chord to us of how our church, Emanuel of Napoleon, is working toward reaching out in different ways to each other and our community.
- ★ The Presentation on Ministry with the Poor by Rev. John Edgar, UMC Pastor, Columbus, Ohio was especially rewarding and inspiring. Check out [www.4allpeople.org](http://www.4allpeople.org) for Transforming Lives, Building for the Future.
- ★ THANK YOU for sending us as representatives to this year's assembly.
- ★ God's Blessings † Douglas & Judy Hoffman



### Father's Day — more than a day

Father's Day was first observed in America in 1910. In 1923 the third Sunday of June was set as the official day, and in 1924 President Coolidge recommended its national observance. Today it has a fixed place in the calendar of special days in our country.

But devotion to and pride in fathers does not need to wait for official approval. As long as there have been families, love and respect for fathers has existed.

### Obeying father

King Duncan in his book Amusing Grace tells about a father who said that Father's Day was the one day when his children listened to him. 'I tell them not to spend a lot of money on gifts for me. They never do.'

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

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

**Marge Gathman Paul Panning Norma Strayer**

**Alfred "Petey" Ruetz Ted Titgemeyer**

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

**Ruth M. Eickhoff (#410) Minnie Meineke (#306)**

**Country View Haven** (R858 Co Rd 15, Napoleon)

**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**

### **Church Office Hours**

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

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

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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 - Laura Ellis-Kruse

Altar Guild Chairman - Barbara Hoffman

Custodian - Jack Robbins

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## **Thursday night services**

Thursday evening services (7:30 p.m.) will be held through  
November 18. Holy Communion will be offered the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
of the month.

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## *Worship participants in June and July*

### Acolytes

#### **June**

- 6 & 20 Nathan Rohrs & Austin Damman  
13 & 27 Jacob Skeens & Brock Brubaker

#### **July**

- 4 & 18 Henry Elling & Sarah Yaney  
11 & 25 Neil Storch & Tyler Allison

### Lay Assistant

**June** — Joe Kohout

**July** — Ron Meyers

### Altar Guild

**June** Mary Rohrbaugh & Joyce Rohrs

**July** Ruth Hershberger & Diane Walther

## *Altar Flowers*

### **JUNE**

- 6 Marv & Julie Mt.Castle in honor fo Marcus' graduation  
13 Irene Cordes in loving memory of Linda Smith  
20 Brian & Dea Plummer in honor of Jacob's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on the 24<sup>th</sup>  
27 Jeff & Lori Sharpe in honor of their 9<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
Matt & Alyssa Mt.Castle in honor of their 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary

### **JULY**

- 4 Kathy Ward in loving memory of loved ones  
11 Rupe & Rita Schweinhagen in honor of their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
18 Kevin & Kathy Sonnenberg  
25 Jack & Paul Robbins in honor of their 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary  
Maurice & Georgie Davis in loving memory of Timothy Davis

### To reserve altar flowers...

**Simply sign up on the flower chart in the narthex or call the church office. Our flowers are done by Ivy League Floral & Design Studio on West Washington Street. The cost is \$20. If you have *special* orders for your flowers (certain colors, a larger arrangement, etc.), they will be happy to serve you. Please contact Cori Ratliff at Ivy League for these special orders. If your order is beyond the \$20, please pay the shop directly.**

*Open Date for 2010:*    October 10

**\*\*\* We are recycling the used plastic containers that the altar flowers come in. They can be put in Angela's office. \*\*\***

## Statistics

April 22 - Thursday

Attendance 20

April 25

Attendance 86 + 115 (201)

Offerings \$4285.00

75 Building Fund

50 Good Samaritan Fund

5 World Hunger

50 Video System

44 Synod Appeal

May 2

Attendance 121 + 70 (191)

Communed 115

Offerings \$6741.56

366 Building Fund

15 Bldg Fd mem (S.Baker)

695 Bldg Fd memorial

(L.Warncke)

60 Good Samaritan Fund

200 Soul Food

37.12 World Hunger (25  
mem-L.Warncke)

May 9

Attendance 100 + 126 (226)

Communed 109

Offerings \$4224.90

200 Building Fund

20 Bldg Fd mem-E.Hahn

50 Good Samaritan Fund

7 World Hunger

10 Synod Appeal

May 13 - Ascension Day

Attendance 36

April 29 - Thursday

Attendance 23

May 6 - Thursday

Attendance 25

May 16

Attendance 82 & 81 (163)

Offerings \$5769.00

200 Building Fund

25 Bldg Fd mem (S.Baker)

180 World Hunger

1,000 Youth Convention

## Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

### *Choir*

A big thank you to Nancy Schink for hosting our end-of-the-season choir party. Thanks also to Mark Tonjes and Tom Jenny for the delicious grilled chicken.

Thank you, choir, for all your wonderful songs the past nine months! Your talent and devotion are remarkable. We look forward to a summer break and will resume rehearsals in the fall.

### *Summer Worship*

Beginning May 30, we will have ONE worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Our musicians will be presenting different musical versions of the Lord's Prayer nearly every week this summer. Communion will be celebrated the first two Sundays of the month. If you cannot attend the Sunday morning service, please join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

### *Congratulations*

Congratulations to Marcus Mt.Castle on his graduation from NHS. I have had the pleasure of working with him musically over the last five years, and I will miss him dearly. He has done so very much in service to this congregation. Best of luck to you, Marcus, and may God bless you always.

A quote that all musicians surely understand...

*When I sit at my old worm-eaten piano, I envy no king in his happiness.* Haydn