

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.

There is a wonderful motion picture called "Places in the Heart." It takes place in the south during the depression. The town's sheriff is accidentally shot by a young, drunk black man. A mob of white people kill the young man and drag his body through town. The film becomes more complex when the sheriff's widow tries to make a go of farming cotton. She is eventually aided by a knowledgeable black drifter who shows up at her door one night asking for food.

I won't bore you with many more details, but the film deals with racism/sexism/honesty/loyalty/love/hate/hope, and finally ends with redemption.

The last scene in the film has all the characters sitting side by side in a church (even the ones who died), taking Holy Communion together. Murderer and victim, side by side sharing Christ's body and blood.

That film popped into my mind as I was thinking about our upcoming Lenten season.

We will begin on Ash Wednesday, sitting next to each other with all the baggage of our sins, eager to receive Holy Communion. The same bread, the same wine, the same Savior for all our many and various sins.

I encourage you to be there then and every Wednesday and Sunday to be strengthened by what unites us and gives us new life.

The divisions between us can then be seen in a different light and dealt with the loving Grace that through Jesus, God freely offers. That redemption is needed by us and the entire world.

See you in church.

Pastor Castello

Don't Give Up – Give More for Lent

Lent, the 40 days of self-examination and repentance before Easter, is a time for us to renew our relationship with God in Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to recognize God's abundance expressed in the sacrificial death of Jesus. As a common Lenten discipline, many Christians give up something during Lent. This giving up or fasting usually lasts for the six weeks until Easter.

This Lent, don't just give up something, but give more and share gifts of gratitude that express in a tangible way what God has done for you. What can you sacrifice for Lent and give to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal? Here are some ideas reflecting upon a few of the luxuries that we take so for granted in our everyday lives:

1 CD purchase = \$15
1 video rental per week: $\$3 \times 6 = \18
1 DVD purchase = \$20
1 snack per day: $60 \text{ cents} \times 40 = \24
1 soda/bottle of water per day: $\$1 \times 40 = \40
1 movie per week: $\$8 \times 6 = \48
1 tall vanilla latte per day: $\$3 \times 40 = \120
Dinner for two per week: $\$30 \times 6 = \180

P.S. The "goal" of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal is for every baptized member to give \$5 per year to the Hunger Appeal.

To blanket them in love...

An idea is now being "pieced together" to make a quilt to present to each new child of God at the time of their baptism. Nancy Lange has been creating a "model" with six squares, each with a Christian symbol, surrounding a cross in the middle. We would then add a label or tag on the back designating this gift for each "child of God, baptized at Emanuel Lutheran Church..." We all know that "many hands make light work", and a lot of times, many "great minds think alike" with wonderful ideas. If you'd like to help with this new "project", please see Nancy Lange and/or Carol Castello to volunteer your creativity as well as your cutting, sewing, appliquéing, cross-stitching, or other skills to be put to use!

Newsletter-by-email

More and more people are opting to receive the newsletter by e-mail. If you would like to receive your newsletter this way, please notify the church office of your e-mail address. You will need to have Adobe Reader on your computer to read it.

If you have problems receiving your e-mail newsletter, please let us know and we will send you a hard copy.

The newsletter is also posted on our website. Use the "What's New" button and click on (March) Newsletter. (www.emanuelnapoleon.org)

Congregational Meeting - January 29, 2006

Minutes from October 2005 congregational meeting, Treasurer's Report and Board reports were accepted as printed.

The Audit Committee (Joleen Brubaker, Deb Weirauch, Herb Koppenhofer) found books to be in order.

The following delegates were elected at our annual meeting on January 29:

Lutheran Social Services - Ted & Dora Titgemeyer

Maumee Valley Spring Assembly - Ted & Dora Titgemeyer

Lutheran Home Society - Rita Kryder & Donna Peper

Northwest Ohio Synod Assembly - Ted & Dora Titgemeyer, Pastor James Castello, Pat Dille

Filling Home of Mercy - Jamie Bostelman & Rupert Schweinhagen

Total cost of copper roof was \$184,941. Martha Gebers Estate provided \$100,000. Total loan for the roof at Henry County Bank is \$84,941.

March Worship Notes

Angela Tonjes

We will be hearing another new hymn this month. Hymn #665, "Where True Charity and Love Abide" will be played at each service in March while the acolytes extinguish the candles. We will sing this new hymn on March 26 at both services.

Please join us for our Lenten services beginning on March 1, Ash Wednesday. Our focus will be on the Ten Commandments, and there will be special music each Wednesday evening.

Augustine said, "Those who sing pray twice."

Lent can be more than a time of fasting; it can be a season of feasting. Lent is a season in which we can:

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Summer Sunday School Volunteers Needed

If you would be able to teach during one of the summer months or would like to help coordinate the Summer Sunday School schedule, please contact Laura Ellis or Michelle Dille and let them know that you would like to help!

Happy Birthday to Emanuel!

Did you know that Emanuel will be 125 years old next year?

The first meeting of the 125 Committee will be Sunday, April 2 from 2 - 3 p.m. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to help plan our celebration. Bring your ideas. We will be brainstorming ways to celebrate this wonderful event.

Darlene Bostelman and Laura Ellis are co-chairing this committee. So, if you cannot make it to the meeting but you have an idea, contact either Darlene or Laura.

Darlene 419-599-1490
jaydar@bright.net

Laura 419-592-4612
ellkrus@wcnet.org

You may also write your ideas down and put them in the offering plate or the church secretary's office.

Please have ideas and suggestions to Darlene or Laura by March 26.

From the Congregational Life Board

Wanted: EMPTY SHELVES, NOOKS AND/OR CRANNIES

Ryan and I are in search of empty shelves, nooks and/or crannies. If YOU have any of these at YOUR house, please consider filling them with personal hygiene items, paper products, and cleaning supplies. THEN, when the COLLECTION/DONATION corner requests donations from YOU of these types of products, YOU can already have them on hand and all YOU will need to do is fill a bag, bring it along with YOU to church, put it in the box and then YOU, too, have helped someone YOU do not even know but someone who will be very grateful for YOU.

-Sincerely, Gayla Yaney, chairperson, and Ryan Hoffman

Easter Plants

The annual Easter plant sale is now in progress. Order forms are included and will be available in the Sunday bulletins through the order deadline of March 26. Cost per plant will be \$9.00, payable to EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH with your order form.

Giving/donation corner

The March Collection/Donation corner beneficiary is the Wernle Children's Home in Richmond, Indiana. Their needs list includes:

soap	Young men and teen sizes
shampoo	White t-shirts
toothpaste	White socks
white twin size bed sheets	
white pillow cases	

Campbell Soup products (they collect the labels to go towards the purchase of a van for their facility.)

Rodney Barbee, a representative from the Home, will be at Emanuel on Sunday, March 19 during both the early and late services, to share information about their facility and their mission in the lives that they serve. Additionally, he has offered to do a question and answer session during the Sunday School hour, so please consider joining us in the Sunday School room across from the church offices for that time to gather also. Refreshments will be provided! Hopefully, there will be a good size collection of items already donated by that Sunday so he can take them with him that day.

Good Word for the Day

Emanuel's Good Word for the Day broadcasts will be airing on WNDH radio January 30 through March 24 between 6:00 and 9:00 a.m. Pastor Castello has provided the scripts for Ryan and Andrea Hoffman, Karl Yunker, Jeremiah Bischoff and Dylan Tonjes to present. Make sure to listen for them and start your day off with a good word.

Dear Friends, Thank you for your recent gift of useful items from the Needs List. In our scriptures, the Apostle, Paul, prayed with his friends that together they might "have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep is Christ's love." In your thoughtfulness, you have helped us to better understand the meaning of these words. As you have touched our Home with your thoughtfulness, it is our prayer that the blessing of God's presence abide with you.

Rev. Donald L. Wukotich, Luther Home of Mercy

Lenten Offerings

Offerings for the 5 Wednesday Lenten services (3/8 through 4/5) have been designated for the following:

Filling Home of Mercy
ELCA Disaster Response Fund - Domestic
Emanuel's Good Samaritan Fund
Henry County Red Cross

Membership News

New members

Welcome to:

Art & Leota Pedraza who are now joining Emanuel. Their son, Joe, was confirmed here last year.

Kathy Kolodziejczyk who is transferring her membership from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Glenwood.

Birth

Isaiah Matthew was born to Amber & Josh Geahlen on February 8. Isaiah weighed 11 lb. 6 oz. and was 22" long. Proud grandparents are Art & Leota Pedraza.

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

New Addresses: **Erin Jenny, 5 Hidden Valley Dr. #9, Toledo OH 43615**

Mr. & Mrs. David Rohrbaugh, 2413 Ken James Court, Napoleon OH 43545

Attention Parents & Grandparents

We are now having open enrollment for our Good News Preschool. We will have lots of new games and song to learn, and we will have great snacks to enjoy. If your child is 3 or 4 years old before September 30, you may apply for the 3 or 4 year old class.

Please call Judy Demmel 419/599-8926 or the church office for an application.

Cookbooks

The cookbook committee still has cookbooks available for sale. The price of the cookbooks is \$15.00 each. There are many famous recipes given by some members of the congregation. Some of the recipes that you will see are: Ruth Bahler's Coconut Cream Pie, Dorothy Smith's Surprise Cake, Denelda Rohrs' Baked Sauerkraut, and Nancy Lange's Frog Eye Salad, just to name a few. These cookbooks would make a great Mother's Day gift, too!

If you would like to purchase your cookbook now before they run out, please contact Michelle, Dille, Caren Dille, or Patrick or Jody Dille.

Health Ministry

Pamphlet Racks

The pamphlet racks have several new items. Among the topics are:

- Six Things That Aren't True About Aging
- A Life of Prayer Builds a Community of Care
- Forgiveness Strengthens Our Caring Church Community

Look for these and a new display rack that will have *Prayer Starters for Families during Lent*.

Thanking God every day for our caring Emanuel family,
Judy Hoffman and the Health Ministry Team

Trying to Quit Smoking? -by Candise Ankney

If you have been having difficulty in trying to quit, maybe it's time to try a different approach. Research has shown that using a nicotine patch for two weeks before trying to quit can double the chances of success. Some doctors advise against wearing a patch while smoking, but researchers have found no adverse effects during their trials.

Beginning nicotine patch treatment two weeks before the target quit smoking date doubled quit rates compared to starting treatment on the quit date. Cigarettes are less rewarding and less satisfying when there is already a level of nicotine in the system. Many of those who wore the patch before their target quit date smoked less than usual during that two week period, had fewer cravings, or more easily switched to a low tar/low nicotine cigarette. The patch also reduced withdrawal symptoms.

Currently, the label on nicotine patches advises against smoking while using the patch, until more studies can be done. Check with your physician if you are interested in quitting and would like to use a nicotine patch.

Are You at risk for colorectal cancer?

Starting at age 50, men and women who are at average risk of colorectal cancer should be screened regularly. Nearly 90 percent of all cases of colorectal cancer are diagnosed in people older than 50. Some men and women are at higher risk of the disease and may need to be tested earlier. Those at higher risk include:

People with a personal or family history of benign colorectal polyps.

People with a personal or family history of colorectal cancer.

People with a personal or family history of inflammatory bowel disease – ulcerative colitis or Crohn's.

Men and women who use tobacco, drink too much alcohol, are overweight or do not lead an active life.

African Americans appear to be at higher risk for the disease and are often diagnosed at a younger

age – they may need to begin screening at age 45.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, founded by the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation in collaboration with many partner organizations. Colorectal cancer is preventable, and is easy to treat and often curable when detected early. Talk with your health care professional about colorectal cancer today. To learn more, visit the Web site at www.preventcancer.org/colorectal

Who Is This?

Can we really go to a restaurant, Grandma?"

"Yes, just let me finish braiding your hair." Later as they settled into a booth she looked up to see a little man just her size, with a tall chef's hat firmly holding down his dark hair, staring at her as he walked straight to their booth and sat down beside her.

"Hi! I'm Little Oscar, the Oscar Mayer Wiener Man. What's your name?" She was dumbstruck, but her grandmother introduced them both. Of course, by this time, everyone in the large room was staring at them. He soon had her giggling.

"See that big wiener parked outside?" She nodded. "That's what I came in—a Wiener Mobile!" He handed her a bottle of Coke. It wasn't long before they were good friends. As he left he pressed into her hand several Oscar Mayer whistles and a note addressed, "To my Pretty Ohio Girlfriend." She still chuckles about it.

This person was born in Van Wert, raised in St. Mary's and skied on that large lake in Ohio. She

worked at a church camp there. Having graduated from high school in 1973, she married her high school sweetheart. Her major at Bowling Green State University was music. She moved to Napoleon to teach music and is now a music educator in the Bowling Green elementary schools. She has given private piano instructions and, of course, she sings in our choir!

Her family is 100% Welsh—and all are musical. In fact, several musical groups immigrated from Wales and established the Venedocia Presbyterian Church. Every Labor Day weekend they divide the congregation into Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses for the Gymansaganu Song Fest. People come from all over to sing along.

In Napoleon she is painstakingly and proudly renovating her home which, next year, will be 100 years old. With her live an unmarried son and daughter, two dogs and four cats. The other son was married last September, and now lives nearby.

Who is she?

(answer on page 16)

Church Council Chat - February 20, 2006

- Shrove Dinner will be on Tuesday, February 28.
- The theme for the weekday lenten services will be the Ten Commandments.
- We will have a temple talk presentation on March 12 from the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (Camp Mowana).
- On March 19 a speaker from Wernle Children's Homes in Indiana will be at Emanuel. A collection list will be available. They are also collecting Campbell Soup labels to go towards a van.
- Easter plant sale will soon begin with proceeds going to Club Christ for their San Antonio Youth Gathering.
- We will have a palm processional on Palm Sunday, April 9, at both the 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. services.
- Emanuel church services will be on the radio in April.
- A work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 6.
- Laura Ellis-Kruse & Darlene Bostelman will be co-chairpersons for Emanuel's 125th anniversary.,
- The next council meeting will be Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Bostelman

Soul Food

Menu for March

March 1 - Tuna Salad & Chicken Salad
March 8 - Bratwurst & Sauerkraut
March 15 - Taco Bake
March 22 - Sloppy Joes
March 29 - Ham & Scalloped Potatoes

Serving is from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. There will be a free will donation for the meals. If you would like to share a dessert or a salad, we would appreciate that very much. Be sure to sign up by Tuesday each week and bring a friend!

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Good News Preschool Director - Judith Demmel
Custodians - Michelle Dille, Caye Schroeder, Jack Robbins

Church Office Hours

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

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

WELCA News

The 2006 Spring Assembly information can be found on the next page. The date is April 1, 2006 at St. Paul's, Paulding. Time is 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$5.00 and includes lunch and needs to be sent by March 25, 2006. Let's have a good turnout of our Emanuel ladies! Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office..

At our February General Meeting, Carol Castello spoke on the Hunger Appeal. She certainly had lots of information for us! Carol shared how she got started saving money years ago for this project. Thanks again, Carol - you gave us many ideas and challenges, so we can add the Hunger Appeal to our list of giving.

Lenten coffee & cookies begin on March 8. Check your booklets for when your circle is in charge.

Filling Guild News

Final figure on the Filling Fall Fling was \$10,106.00 which was matched dollar for dollar to double that figure. And then a Defiance family gave \$10,000.00 to make our total for the day \$40,212.00. A big thank you to all who made this possible! Mark your calendars for November 4, 2006 for the second Annual Filling Fall Fling.

Until next month, Carol Dille for the WELCA Board

Coming Soon!

Times and dates have been scheduled for Emanuel's pictorial directory.

Dates - **August 28 thru September 2, 2006**

Times - Monday-Friday, 2:30 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

More information regarding pricing, photo packages, discounts, etc. will be shared over the next few months.

If you haven't had a family photo taken lately, this is an opportunity to do so. Life Touch Church Directories and Portraits has many suggestions.

Community News

Give the Gift of Life

The Henry County Red Cross Bloodmobiles will be at the following locations:

Wednesday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry High School

Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Monroe Twp. Fire Hall (Malinta)

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) needs 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.

Hospice of Henry County

Hospice of Henry County is planning a fundraising bazaar on Thursday, May 4 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Napoleon. Due to decreases in hospice coverage from insurance benefits, they are seeing an increasing need for fundraising to assist the Henry County hospice patients and their families. The monies raised would be used to defer costs of medication, medical equipment, and respite care for their patients.

They are hoping that church members and groups would be willing to assist in this fundraising by either donating items for the live or silent auction, craft items or baking items for the day of the bazaar. Those interested may contact Sharon Coholich or Janelle Cline at (419) 599-5612 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lutheran Homes Society Annual Meeting

Lutheran Homes Society is celebrating 146 years of ministry to youth and elderly in NW Ohio and SE Michigan with a worship service on Tuesday, April 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 4560 Glendale Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. You are invited to this event which will begin with hors d'oeuvres and registration at 5:30, followed by worship at 6:30. The annual meeting of member congregations will begin at 7:00 p.m. with featured speaker, The Rev. Dr. Arthur Just, Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, on the topic of social ministry.

Concert Tour

During its tour, the Kantorei (the concert choir from Valparaiso University) will perform a concert program and Lenten evening prayer service entitled "My Covenant With You." The program includes "Lamb of God" by F.M. Christiansen, "A Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter, "There Is a Balm in Gilead" by William Dawson and "I Believe This Is Jesus" by Undine Smith Moore. The Kantorei also will perform settings of Psalms by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Johannes Brahms, Alan Smith and Paul Basler. On March 4 they will appear at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Bowling Green during the Renewing Worship Workshop between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Sunday, March 5 they will appear at New Creation Lutheran Church in Ottawa at 10 a.m.

Thank you!

- We would like to thank Pastor Castello for all of his prayers and visits during Noah's illness and passing. We also want to thank members of the congregation for all of their cards, prayers and kind words. It meant so much to our family. God's blessing to all of you.
-Kevin, Kathy & Nick Sonnenberg, Heidi & Larry Yaw
- Thank you to all who remembered us with the many cards, thoughts and prayers during the illness of Lana's brother, Jued Knepley. Also a big thank you to Pastor Castello for his support during this difficult time. God bless you all. -Lana & Lenny Sonnenberg
- What a great church family. Thank you for the many cards and prayers. They were very much appreciated. Also the lap robe is beautiful. There were many hours of work into it. I also appreciated the meals brought in by the women. Everything was delicious. God has richly blessed our church with the many new things happening. -God bless, Kathlean Ward
- Dear friends of Emanuel, Thanks to everyone for the cards and goodies. All the prayers that have been given for me have brought me to know good health will be coming soon. Thanks to all of you. Thanks to Pastor for comfort at the hospital and home. And thanks for the beautiful afghan. God bless all of you. -Ellen Lange
- Dear Pastor, Thank you so much for your visits and prayers. Also thanks to my church family for their prayers and the comfort wrap. God bless you! -Herb Koppenhofer
- Thank you to the congregation for the beautiful clocks and to the Sunday School for the ornaments!
-Ruth Bahler and Paul Panning
- We thank you very much for the gift of the attractive little clock we received from you. We appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness, and we wish God's blessings on you all during this new year!
Sincerely, Herman & Ann Campbell
- Thanks to Emanuel and the Soul Food group for the food for my niece, Beth Adler, and her family. Please keep them in your prayers. -Lila Wernecke
- On behalf of the members of the Filling Home...I wish to thank you for your generous cash gift of \$2,314.21, received on January 6, 2005... Your gift has been placed in the Aquatic Therapy Center building fund, which means that it has doubled in amount due to a dollar for dollar matching challenge grant...from the family of one of our residents...to the total amount of \$100,000. If there seems to have been a delay in sending this acknowledgment it is because we have been waiting to report the successful completion of the special challenge grant...as of the middle of January the \$100,000 level has been reached...Our residents are already beginning to enjoy the benefits of the special therapies that are now available...The warmth of the water and the buoyancy it creates is making it possible... to assist our residents in new exercises and therapies that are giving them improved strength and greater range of movement...We give thanks to God for your support of our services..., and deeply appreciate your willingness to be a part of our mission. Please continue to remember us with your prayers and with your gifts.
-Reverend Jerald K. Ray, Director of Development and PR, The Filling Home Foundation

Statistics

	Jan. 29	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19
Attendance	273	(112 + 90)	(102 + 124)	(125 + 114)
		202	226	239
Communed		106	110	
Offerings	4690.86	3888.19	3867.24	3761.47
(includes:)				
Building Fund	125	425	75	25
World Hunger	5	5	40	15
Roof Fund	50			
Preacher				20
Pounding		54 ¹		110 ²
memorials to				60
Bldg Fd				
Good				
Samaritan Fd				

¹ Pauline Polker

² Jued Knepley

*Remember in your prayers our members in nursing homes
and assisted living facilities*

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

Margaret Fahy

Marie Heuer

Laura Rohda

Marge Gathman

Irma Overhulse

Alfred "Petey" Ruetz

Eugenia Gerken

Hildegarde Reiser

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

Christine Rath

Miriam Smith

Reim Eickhoff

Carl Bockelman

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

Esther Wittenberg

(Who is this? Mary Lou Zwiebel)

Worship participants in March

Ushers

8:00 Ed Panning, Don Mitchell,
Mike Yaney, Kevin Sonnenberg

10:30 Marv Mt.Castle, Alan Storch,
Ken Lange, Karl Wiechers

Lenten services...

3/1 Ron Wiechers, Tom Hoffman,
Ken Lange, Norm Bostelman

3/8 Jim Hershberger, Lenny Sonnenberg,
Karl Wiechers, Ben Michaelis

3/15 Jim Hershberger, Ron Dachenhaus,
Gary Bostelman, Lavern Lanzer

3/22 Tom Hoffman, Jim Hershberger,
Ron Meyers, Chris Peper

3/29 Jim Hershberger, Jeff Eickhoff,
Bill Panning, Rupert Schweinhagen

Altar Guild

Peggy Bertz & Julie Kohout

Lay assistants

8:00 Ted Rohrs

10:30 Marv Mt.Castle

Lenten services...

March 1 - Beth Jenny (communion asst Carol Dille,
Martha Young, Susan Landversicht)

March 8 - George Kryder

March 15 - Carol Dille

March 22 - Nancy Schink

March 29 - Martha Young

Acolytes

8:00 Ellen & Meredith Hoops

10:30 Aleigh Busch, Victoria Peper

Lenten services...

3/1 - Jakob Elling, Jordan Damman

3/8 - Aleigh Busch & Victoria Peper

3/15 - Laura Yaney & Jenni Schink

3/22 - Dylan Slee & Sam Elling

3/29 - Alison Storch & Danielle Williams

Altar Flowers

March 5 - OPEN

March 12 - Keegan Schroeder's 6th birthday

March 19 - Jody Dille in honor of Patrick's birthday

March 26 - Shelley Higbea in loving memory of Donna Higbea

Open dates:

June 4, 11

September 10

December 31

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.

Opportunities for Growth from the Synod

Summer Program for Teens at Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Do you know what a Samplarian is?

1. A high school sophomore, junior or senior who samples the life of a seminarian.
2. A teenager who explores ministry and leadership possibilities.
3. One who enjoys a smorgasbord of activities including classes, service projects, worship, recreation, and time with mentors.
4. One who spends time discerning God's will for his/her life.

Experience the Summer Seminary Sampler, a three-week residential program for high school sophomores, junior and seniors. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board near the secretary's office.

Two Great Lay Academy Events

- Are you interested in growing as a leader? Would you like to become a leader who "Leads Like Jesus?" Do you recognize that the church is in need of spiritual leadership? On March 11, 2006 in Findlay the Lay Academy is offering a daylong workshop on "Growing Congregational Leadership." There will be focus on the spiritual sense of leadership, healthy congregations, church leadership today, writing leadership and team covenants, running a meeting with Him in mind, dealing with conflict, and discerning in community. The keynote speaker for the day will be Pamela Czarnota. The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is \$45 by March 3 and includes lunch and all materials. Brochures are available on the synod website at nwos-elca.org or contact Bonnie Kinschner at 419-841-6506 or bkinschner@aol.com.
- Come spend some time with Bishop Lohrmann and Pastor Chris Young. The Lay Academy is offering a weekend retreat, March 24-26, 2006 at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat Center in Carey, Ohio. The focus of the weekend will be *The Use of the Means of Grace* and will look at our own diverse, rich experiences of worship, and through our practice of worship, we will examine that which is central to the worship life of the Church. The weekend begins Friday evening and runs through Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the weekend is: Overnight, Meals + Text (\$5) = \$115 and Commuting, Meals + Text (\$5) = \$60. Brochures are available on the synod website at nwos-elca.org or contact Bonnie Kinschner at 419-841-6506 or bkinschner@aol.com.

Spring Break trip

Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Toledo invites your college-aged youth (18-25) to join them for a Spring Break adventure down to the Gulf Coast (Mobile, AL region) for a week of aiding with the hurricane relief effort. They will be going Friday, March 3 (around 3 p.m.) and returning on Saturday, March 11, traveling in a van and staying in volunteer accommodations, doing whatever is needed to do. The cost of the trip is \$200 per person (plus participation in a couple of sponsored fund raisers) which will cover transportation, lodging, and most food. Participants need not be students at UT (or any other university) in order to join them. Any interested persons should contact Pastor Wendy Sherer at LCM (see info below) to ask questions or to register. While there is no official registration "deadline", the sooner they know who is interested, the sooner they can help them prepare for the trip.

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Savior's Signal

A newsletter for Emanuel's youth

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*Grades 1-5 will sing "I've Got Peace Like a River"
at 10:25 on Sunday, March 5.*

Sunday School Store will be held March 5.

Lutheran Camps

Pastor Mittermeier from the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries will be here on Sunday, March 12 at 9:15 to make a brief presentation about summer camp options for our youth. Students in grades K-12 are able to attend camp. Parents, please join us in the Chapel on the 12th to hear about the wonderful camp programs.

Partial scholarships are available through Emanuel's Board of Education. To apply for a scholarship, place a copy of your child's camp application on the desk in the Sunday School office by April 2.

Sock it to 'em Sunday - March 19

Wear your silliest pair of socks to Sunday School on March 19. Also that morning, bring a pair of white socks to donate to the Wenle Children's Home. The socks should fit boys ages 12-18.

Attendance Awards

Winter Quarter

Attendance Awards for the Winter Quarter will be passed out on March 12 at 10:25.

4 years old

Ryan Kruse

Carl Yancy

Kindergarten

Madison Ashbaugh

Keegan Schroeder

First Grade

Ryan Kohout

Second Grade

Alexandria Biederstedt

Austin Damman

Stephen Yunker

Third Grade

Taryn Conklin

Neil Storch

Sarah Yancy

Fifth Grade

Blake Biederstedt

David Yunker

Sixth Grade

Laura Yancy

Jenni Schink

Meredith Hoops

Stephanie Ruby

Seventh Grade

Alison Storch

Dylan Slee

Eighth Grade

Jordan Damman

Ellen Hoops

Marcus Mt. Castle

Victoria Peper

Dylan Tonjes

Club Christ News

We would like to thank everyone that supported us at the spaghetti lunch after the Congregational Meeting. The total for the lunch was \$357.00 with 63 in attendance. This amount was matched by Thrivent, so we made \$714.00 or \$102.00 for each of us going to the National Youth Gathering in July. We would also like to thank everyone for buying the Val-o-grams. We sang at over 20 homes and a few messages over the phone. Our total for this was \$230.00 and was also matched by Thrivent. So we made \$460.00, and 6 of the 7 youth participated. We had help from Nikki Schink, Angie Sosebee and Gayla Yaney. They helped us by giving our songs motions and driving us from house to house. Thank you very much for your time and help.

We are having another fund raiser in March. We will be selling Pizza Kits! There are not only Pizza Kits to choose from, but also Pie Kits, Cookie Dough, and Spices! We will begin taking orders on March 1, 2006, and the final day to order any of these delicious items will be April 2. The kits will then be delivered on April 11. Please see a Club Christ member or Patrick or Jody Dille to place your order. We truly appreciate all of your help and support. We still need to raise \$2,000.00 by the end of June so that we will be able to attend. The experience will be unforgettable for those that are attending.

Thank you for your support!!!

- Club Christ

N. C. C. News

On Friday, February 27, 16 youth went to River City Bowl-a-way for an evening of Glow Bowling. Everyone had a great time. The only parent who was adventurous enough to bowl was Chris Peper, but after all the kids scored higher than he did, he decided to sit and watch the rest of the games! Thanks to Jon Hoops, Kathy Gerken and Chris Peper for helping with this event.

We have two events on the calendar for the month of March. We will be swimming indoors at the Napoleon High School on Sunday, March 12. Watch the bulletin for times.

On Sunday, March 26 we will be playing Bingo at the Lutheran Home This always proves to be very enjoyable for both the kids and residents. Watch your bulletin for a list of items to take along as game prizes.

Baptismal Birthdays - March

*Betty Aschemeier
Morgan Ashbaugh
Kyle Bacon
Tiffany Biederstedt
Marie Bockelman
Jay Bostelman
Luke Cable
Sarah Callaway
Melinda Dachenhaus
Hillary Eakes
Hazel Eichhoff
Marc Eichhoff*

*Gerald Gray
Hannah Gustwiller
Marie Heuer
Erin Jenny
Megan Jenny
Jacob Kruse
Mark Kruse
Michael Kruse
Shaun Kruse
Jason Long
Kyler Miller
Patricia Mohring*

*Stephanie Nelson
Eldon Nye
Ed Oberhaus
Janice Rabe
Roger Rex
Krista Rohrs
Kurt Rohrs
Daniel Ruby
Dean Ruby
Orville Schmitkey
Danielle Schwab
Sheryl Simpson*

*Meghan Skeens
Jamie Skiver
Tyler Skiver
Nikolas Sonnenberg
Leonard Talmage
Christine Walters
Andrea Weirauch
John Wenner
Joshua Wiechers
Melissa Wiechers
Oneta Wiechers
Ron Wiechers
Sandy Wiechers*