

# Good News

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**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Emanuel's mission is to witness  
to the good news of salvation through Christ to individuals, the community  
and the world through discipleship and service.**

## MY WALK IN FAITH

I was not a Lutheran until my marriage to Kenneth. I took the instructions and was confirmed and joined St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Flatrock Township) Missouri Synod. Since that day I became a faithful Lutheran.

I give thanks weekly to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all he has given me: a wonderful husband, 2 beautiful children and 5 grandchildren...all in good health and very good kids.

A year ago I was told I needed cataract surgery on both eyes. I have never had any surgery so I was very afraid. Surgery on both eyes was unthinkable. I decided to wait.

I also started to pray weekly after each church service for God's help. This went on for months. I kept praying, hoping He would hear me and help.

One Sunday I was praying again for help. As I stood praying, God put his hands on me. I felt the warmth of His hand going over my whole body. Instantly a calm feeling came over me and I was no longer afraid.

The next week I called the eye doctor and had surgery on both eyes, one week apart. I had no fear as I knew I was in God's hands and I was.

Thanks be to God.

**Nancy Lange**

## *Notes from the Worship and Music Coordinator*

*-Angela Tonjes*

### *Adult Choir*

Choir practices continue throughout Lent on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. New music will be arriving soon! If you are thinking about joining the choir, now is an excellent time as we have many songs to prepare for spring.

### *Cherub Choir/Rainbow Ringers*

The children will continue to practice after school on Wednesdays from 3:15 until 4:00. We are learning some fun new songs, and look forward to our upcoming special events.

### *Emanubells*

A new bell choir has been formed and members have chosen the name “Emanubells.” Practices are on Wednesday evenings after Lenten services in March. It has been a great challenge learning to ring (but there is a lot of laughing and good fun!).

### *Coming Soon!*

Holy Humor Sunday will be celebrated on March 30 at both services. Come to church to learn about how Jesus played a joke on death! You will not want to miss this uplifting service the week after Easter.

### *Miscellaneous March notes*

March 20, Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m. (Communion)

March 21, Good Friday 7:30 p.m. (Service of silence)

March 23, Easter Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

March 30, Holy Humor Sunday

(Also “Switch your seat, then come and eat...” Sunday - see related article)

*Thank you to Beth Jenny for the Lenten candle/thorn arrangement, to Douglas Hoffman for the thorns, and to Julie Kohout for help with the candles.*

## ***Special Soul Food Meal***

**March 19**

**6:00 p.m.**

Join us for a special Soul Food on March 19 of Holy Week. For this meal only, we will begin at 6:00 p.m. We will celebrate with a Seder Meal remembering Passover. Jesus himself celebrated this meal with His disciples in the night in which He was betrayed.

The Seder service which we will use is an adaptation of the traditional Jewish one. They anticipated the coming of the Messiah. We know that the Messiah was Jesus.

The catechism students will take part in the service. The dinner will be provided by the Soul Food Crew. There will be a full meal to include:

**Matza Soup**

**Salad**

**Beef Roast**

**Chicken**

**Rice**

**Peas**

**Desserts**

We hope that you can be a part of this special evening of fellowship, food and worship.

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## ***Souper Bowl of Caring***

Because you cared, a total of \$317 was collected on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, through your Souper Bowl of Caring donations. This was split between the E.L.C.A. Hunger Appeal and the Good Samaritan Fund, as your care reaches out far and near to those in need.

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## ***No, to complain, but ...***

The purple complaint-free world bracelets were here...and they're all gone already! More are ordered, but it will take another 4 to 6 weeks for them to arrive (I'm not complaining, mind you!). If you didn't have the chance to challenge yourself with this effort during Lent, perhaps you'll want to try it in the season of Easter between Easter Sunday and Pentecost, or as a "summer project", or whenever the new bracelets come in. It is said that it takes 21 consecutive days of a repeated behavior to become a habit. Can we break the complaining habit? Can we go 21 days without complaining?!?

*from the Congregational Life Board ...*

### **GIVING/DONATION CORNER**

Thank you to those who have donated to the Episcopal Food Pantry. For those still interested in this donation we will be accepting food items through the end of February.

In March the Giving/Donation Corner will be benefitting the Henry County Senior Center. The Senior Center is in need of supplies to help operate the Meals on Wheels program. Hopefully the members of Emanuel Lutheran can help fulfill their needs. Their list includes:

One Gallon Baggies	Envelopes (3" x 6")
5 lb/6lb Lunch Bags	Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
Bathroom Deodorizer	Coffee (reg & decaf)
Stamps (24¢ and 39¢)	Inexpensive white lunch napkins
Cottonelle brand (only) Wipe Refills	

*Thank you* to everyone who attended the Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage supper on 2/5/08. With your generous support, \$95.00 was donated to the Building Fund. Also, thank you to those who helped set up, mix, flip, and cook. They included Judy Hoffman, Art & Helen Lange, Julie Kohout, Dora Titgemeyer, Carol Castello, Carl & Sarah Yaney, Jack Robbins, Peg Snyder, Charlotte Wangrin, and Joe Dilbone. Thank you!

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## ***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, March 30*** ***Switch your seat, then come and eat..."***

There are four different months this year that have 5 Sundays, and that gives us 4 extra times to gather as a church family to give thanks and praise to our good and gracious God. The Congregational Life Board is planning a special "Fifth Sunday" event on each of these, the first of which is Sunday, March 30. We will have a potluck carry-in dinner after the late service; Brookview chicken will be provided, with a free-will offering to help defray costs. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office so that we can order enough chicken.

We're also asking everyone to sit somewhere different than your "usual" pew that morning, just to gain a little different perspective and maybe even get acquainted with someone new to you. So...

*"Switch your seat, then come and eat;  
we'll bring the meat for fellowship sweet  
and a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday treat!"*

**REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, VISITS.**

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

**Ruth M. Eickhoff**  
**Marge Gathman**  
**Irma Overhulse**  
**Alfred "Petey" Ruetz**

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

**Carl Bockelman** (#319)

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

**Hildegarde Reiser**

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Altar Guild Chairman - Andrea Hoffman  
Good News Preschool Director - Judith Demmel  
Custodian - Jack Robbins

**Church Office Hours**

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

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

## **MANY THANKS!**

- ❑ We would like to thank Pastor Castello and all the members of our church family for every one of your thoughts, prayers, concerns, flowers, cards, and various generous donations. We truly appreciate everything you have done for our family over the past couple months, with the loss of our loving husband/father, Jim Sosebee, and mother/grandmother, Shirley Casteel.  
-With much love, the Sosebee Family
- ❑ Thank you so very much to my Emanuel family for your many cards and prayers after my surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Castello for his many visits - bringing holy communion to me and our prayer times. It's been a long haul, but the Lord heard our prayers. Thanks be to God!  
-Marie Bockelman
- ❑ Thank you for the beautiful angel ornaments. I really enjoyed them during the holidays.  
-Kathlean Ward
- ❑ Thank you to all our Emanuel family who remembered me with prayers and cards. A special thanks to Pastor Castello for calls and prayers, and to the congregation for the beautiful fiber optic angels. God's blessings on all of you.  
-Ed & Alyce Oberhaus
- ❑ Dear Family of Emanuel, Thank you Pastor for all your support and prayers during my mother's passing. Thank you Angela and Marv for your beautiful music during her service. Thank you to Pat for all her help and to the ladies who prepared the luncheon. We would also like to thank all our friends and family at Emanuel for your cards and prayers. It meant so much to our family. Also, belated thank you for the Christmas angels. -God's Blessings, Bonnie, Sonny Babcock & Family
- ❑ Thanks to Emanuel for the beautiful porcelain lighted luminous angel figurines. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.  
-In Christian love, Alfred & Rita Prigge
- ❑ Lester & I wish to thank you for our gifts from the church the past years and also for the luminous angels this year. We appreciate all of our friends at Emanuel for thinking of us this Christmas season.  
-Lester & Marilyn Kruse

Many thanks to our friends at Hope Services  
who have been assembling our newsletters  
for the past several months!

## **Soul Food**

every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming menus for March include:

March 5 - Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes

March 12 - Tuna Noodle Casserole, Chicken & Rice Casserole

\* March 19 - Seder Meal for Holy Week \* 6 p.m. this week! *(See related article)*

March 26 - Oven-Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing

*(as always, menus subject to change!)*

Volunteers to help are always welcomed with these weekly meals; just check out the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board by the church office. Celebrations of birthdays and anniversaries are always welcome, too; please feel free to bring a cake to recognize your special occasions at any time. As important as the food is the good fellowship that is shared each Wednesday evening at “Soul Food”, so come and enjoy a weekly supper that’s good for you, body and soul!

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## **Membership News**

*Births*      Congratulations to Brian & Deanna McCabe on the birth of twin girls on February 17. Their names are Kayla Jo and Leah Kathryn. Their great grandma is Olga Kruse. We look forward to their baptisms.

We were informed of the birth of Drew Alexander to Doug & Krista (Rohrs) Brown on January 30 in Virginia. Proud grandparents are Ted & Joyce Rohrs.

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

### **Thursday night services**

Weekly Worship/Bible Study will begin on Thursday night, March 27, at 7:30 p.m.

**Daylight Savings Time  
begins Sunday, March 9.  
“Spring ahead” 1 hour!**

## *Closet Cleaners*

Do you have an old video camera that you no longer use? We are taping our services so that those unable to attend may view and hear our church services. We would appreciate a couple of camcorders (in working order) that utilize full size standard VHS tapes. Tripods are needed, too. Donations of blank useable tapes would also be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### *Spring Cleaning Day for Church Kitchen*

**Wednesday, March 12, 9:00 a.m.**

We will start with coffee and brunch treats!  
Bring cleaning supplies, energy and friends.  
All are welcome!

## *Y.C.C.*

**Young Christians for Christ  
grades 3, 4, & 5  
March 8, 2008**

## **BINGO!**

YCC will play bingo at the Lutheran Home **SATURDAY**, March 8, 2008. Everyone should meet at the church by 1:15 p.m. We should be back to the church by 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends, brothers, sisters, Mom and Dad. The more we have to visit and share with the residents, the more fun we will all have. Drivers are needed.



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

### *Cross Training* May 16 - 17, 2008 Bowling Green State University

Cross Training is an event that our Northwestern Ohio Synod is sponsoring this year as a chance for congregations and individuals of the synod to come together and discover resources, best practices, and discussion with others to enable the participants to come away with fresh ideas for their applicable settings. It will be a chance to attend a number of workshops and to connect with people and resources that you perhaps did not know existed. Explore your God-given talents and skills during three workshop sessions and learn to use them to better serve God's mission in your life, in your home, in your congregation, in your synod, and in the world. In addition, this event will feature speaker Tony Campolo and music by Ken Medema and Lost and Found. A special "Christianpolooza" concert will conclude the event on Saturday evening. For more details and registrations, check with pastor or the church office and see the synod web site at [www.nwos-elca.org/crosstraining](http://www.nwos-elca.org/crosstraining).

### *Bloodmobile Dates*

Monday, March 3 - 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Sacred Heart Catholic Church, New Bavaria

Saturday, March 8 - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monroe Twp. Fire Hall, Malinta

Monday, March 17 - 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Henry County Hospital (appointment only)

### *Flood Clean-up*

On March 15 we are invited to join with St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus to help with flood aftermath clean-up in Findlay. If you are able/willing to help, please contact Pastor Castello, and he will pass the interest on.

### *Defiance Area In-Patient Hospice Center* 06817 St Rt 66N, Defiance 419-782-4131

The Volunteer Training Program for Community Health Professionals Inpatient Hospice Center will begin on Monday, March 10 from 9:00 to 12:00 at the Inpatient Center. This program will run for six consecutive weeks concluding on April 14. Volunteers will gain knowledge on various subjects as spiritual and emotional issues with the dying patient, what is hospice, comfort care of the patient, as well as many others.

### *Henry County CASA* (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

You can't control where an abused child comes from, but you can have something to do with where they end up. Become a Volunteer Child Advocate for abused children involved in the court system. Training begins in March. Contact Henry County CASA (419) 592-9455.

### *Pancake & Sausage Breakfast*

Ridgeville Township Fire Department is hosting its annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, March 2 beginning at 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Ridgeville Legion on County Road 19.

## Statistics

Date	Attendance	Communed	Offerings
January 27	96 + 129 (225)		\$ 4,057.00 Bldg Fd - \$316 *Bldg Fd mem-\$10 World Hngr - \$65 Good Sam Fd - \$10
February 3	153 + 119 (272)	139	\$ 5,703.00 Bldg Fd - \$495 *Bldg Fd mem-\$445 World Hngr - \$20 Good Sam Fd - \$50
February 6 (7:30 p.m.)	149	132	\$ 765.00
February 10	109 + 112 (221)	86	\$ 3,885.02 Bldg Fd - \$138 *Bldg Fd mem - \$290 Good Sam Fd - \$55 World Hngr - \$60
February 13 (7:30 p.m.)	118		\$ 628.00
February 17	93 + 125 (218)		\$ 3,805.50 Bldg Fd - \$120 *Bldg Fd mem-\$15 World Hngr - \$163.75 Good Sam Fd - \$238.75
February 20 (7:30 p.m.)	114		\$ 1,287.00 Bldg Fd - \$435 World Hngr - \$5 Good Sam Fd - \$25
February 24	105 + 162 (267)		\$ 4,832.51 Bldg Fd - \$45 World Hngr - \$15 Good Sam Fd - \$55 "14 for Christ" - \$14 (Joel Penton - \$615)

\* memorials:

1/27 \$10 Walter Arps  
2/3 \$445 Christine Rath  
2/10 \$290 Christine Rath  
2/17 \$15 Christine Rath  
2/20 \$435 Shirley Casteel

**We will be on the radio at 10:30  
on Sunday mornings during the  
month of March.**

## *Worship participants in March*

### Ushers

8:00 Ron Wiechers, Ted Rohrs,  
Dave Schwab, Jeff Eickhoff

10:30 Tom Jenny, Chris Peper,  
Norm Bostelman, Ron Meyers

### Lay assistants

8:00 Ruth Hershberger  
10:30 Susan Landversicht

March 5 - Tom Jenny

March 12 - Betsy Mix

March 20 - Carol Castello

March 21 - Jack Robbins

### Acolytes

8:00 Laura Yaney & Alan Bostelman

10:30 Jenni Schink & Theresa Peper

### Lenten services:

March 5 - David Yunker & Tyler Nation

March 12 - Stephanie Ruby & Theresa Peper

March 20 - Meredith Hoops & Laura Yaney

March 21 - Jenni Schink

### Altar Guild

Andrea Hoffman & Barb Hoffman

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

March 2 - Virginia Dillon

March 9 - OPEN

March 16 - Sosebee family in loving memory of Shirley Casteel

March 23 - OPEN

March 30 - Shelley Higbea in loving memory of Donna Higbea

*Open dates on 2008 calendar:*

July 20

October 5, 12

November 2

**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.**