

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.

We have a coot in our pond. My wife is thrilled. It is a beautiful bird that looks duck-like. It is black with a bare white patch on its forehead. My youngest daughter and her husband are both nature lovers and are duly impressed with the coot.

My other son-in-law, soon to be son-in-law and other daughters shrug their shoulders and say "that's nice." My wife checks out the pond whenever she walks past a window to make sure it is still there. I think it is neat that she thinks it is so neat.

We have this Easter message. Sometimes we will shrug our shoulders and say "that's nice." Sometimes we will be thrilled to remember it. Other times we will be happy that others are moved by its truth.

I have all those reactions off and on. I am very inconsistent in my responses to this consistent flow of grace. I would like to try for more consistency and I invite you to join me in those efforts. It would help to do these things:

- 1) Read the Bible every day.
- 2) Pray all the time.
- 3) Attend worship on a regular basis.
- 4) Think about how you could better live the Gospel in which you believe.
- 5) Then try to do it!

We are resurrection people. This "old coot" for one, needs to remember that more.

See you in church.

Pastor Castello

May Worship Notes

Angela Tonjes

A big thank you goes out to all who participated in our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services. You are a blessing to us all.

CHERUB CHOIR AND RAINBOW RINGERS

We will play our bells on May 28 for the special patriotic service. Our song is “God Bless America.”

Thank you to Pat & Jody Dille for the new set of eight bells. Now, each of the children can ring two bells (and we don’t argue about the color!)

We will look forward to next fall and another year of music.

ADULT CHOIR

We will wrap up our choir season with an end of the year party in May. This past year has been productive and busy, and we have had a great time preparing our music.

We will spend time in May looking over music for the fall, and choosing selections for our annual fall concert.

May 7 Little Innocent Lamb
May 14 Go Ye into the World
May 21 Now is the Time to Worship
May 28 An American Tribute

Surely the Lord is in this place.

125 Committee

The following ideas were offered for celebrating Emanuel's 125th Anniversary. We still would like to hear from you! Please mark any ideas that appeal to you, include any new or missed ideas and return this form to the church office prior to May 7 or call Laura Ellis-Kruse or Darlene Bostelman.

Feel free to join our meeting on Sunday, May 7 immediately following the late service and be part of our congregational celebration and the creation of the Menu of Celebration!

Co-chairs: Laura Ellis-Kruse and Darlene Bostelman. Attendees: Ed Panning, Hugh Schink, Douglas Hoffman, Caren Dille, Caye Ankney, Carol Dille, Cheryl Hershberger, Michelle Dille, Nanette Schwab

A meeting was held Sunday, April 2, 2006 with a scope of gathering ideas to create a Menu of Celebration for the event of Emanuel Lutheran Church's 125th Anniversary Celebration in 2007.

Darlene Bostelman opened with prayer. Ed Panning noted that history reflects the first organizational meeting was held July 9, 1882.

The following congregational ideas were submitted:

1. Mass Choir
2. Barbershop Choir
3. Mixed Choral event
4. Past Ministers, interns, synodical representation and former members in ministry
5. Contemporary Women's Retreat
6. Artistic Contest (CASA style)
7. "Remember Whens" submitted by members
8. "What Happened" 10, 20, 30, 40, etc. years ago including major events and member news
9. Contemporary service/event
10. Fairground service - County fair style event
11. Mass Confirmation Class Gatherings
12. Confirmation History Book
13. Special Hymn
14. Legacy Project
15. Special Music Service
16. Potluck Dinner
17. Power Point Presentation of History of church
18. History album
19. List a desired historical wish list
20. Wellness Walk during Lenten season
21. Banner
22. Afternoon Service

The next meeting will be held Sunday, May 7, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. We will begin to formalize a Menu of Celebration, budget and committee heads.

From the Congregational Life Board

Giving/donation corner

March collections to Wernle Children's Home totaled nearly 350 items along with numerous Campbell Soup labels and monetary donations. A special thanks to the Sunday School children for their "sock it" Sunday donations of approximately 50 pairs of white socks! THANK YOU!

Collections for May will benefit the "Latino Family Outreach Project" through Lutheran Social Services. Their needs list includes:

Maternity clothes - new or gently used	Baby blankets
Baby/toddler clothes - new or gently used	Baby bath soap/shampoo
Tylenol 325 mg or Acetaminophen 325 mg	Diapers/wipes
Advil 400 mg or Ibuprofen 400 mg	

The April collections of cleaning supplies, paper products and personal hygiene items for a "Sharing Cupboard" at the Henry County Senior Center will continue through the end of April.

Your support would be very much appreciated since our collections will help them initiate this outreach to local seniors through the center.

Thank you notes have been received from:

St. Vincent de Paul food pantry: "We are most appreciative of your gift of food for our cupboard. Last year, we averaged over 65 families per month receiving commodity aid, so your donations will be put to good use."

Wernle Children's Home: "Sunday (3/19/06) was a great day! The trip was pleasant, the worship service inspiring, and the people I met were both friendly and interesting. Thank you for making me feel comfortable in the setting. Please let the adult Sunday School class know I enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to discuss further our work at Wernle and thank you very much for your generous donations of needed items to our Home." -Rodney Barbee

Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter plants this year. The plants helped beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and the proceeds were donated to the seven members of Club Christ who will be attending the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio in July.

Have you ever wondered why your name isn't on the birthday calendar in the newsletter or read on the "Birthday Club" on WNDH radio? It may be because, for one reason or another, the church office doesn't have your birthday on file. So, if we've missed wishing you a Happy Birthday, please inform Pat Mohring in the church office of your birth date so you, too, can be among the special people being wished a happy birthday by your Emanuel family. In the meanwhile, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, if it's your birthday today!

Also, if your baptismal birthday isn't listed on the calendar, please inform Pat of that, too. Thanks.

Membership News

Baptism Elinora Lee Castello Dunn, daughter of Kevin & Rachel Castello Dunn was baptized on Easter, April 16. Elinora's sponsors are Becky Castello, Emily Jordan and Debbie Militello.

Funeral Eugenia Gerken passed away on March 22 at the Lutheran Home. Graveside services were held on April 7 at Forest Hill Cemetery, Pastor Lee Genter officiating.

Transferred Church Council has approved the transfer of Kyle & Wendy Hockley to Grace Lutheran Church in Leslie, Michigan.

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

New Address: Mr. & Mrs. Ron Wiechers, 8245 St Rt 6, Napoleon OH 43545

Newsletter-by-email

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, please notify the church office of your e-mail address. You will need to have Adobe Reader on your computer to read it.

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

Health Ministry

-Judy Hoffman

Quick Facts about Medicare's New Coverage for Prescription Drugs

Step 1: Understand the basics

Medicare prescription drug coverage is insurance that covers both brand-name and generic prescription drugs at participating pharmacies in your area. Plans are different, but each plan has to provide access to medically necessary prescription drugs.

Step 2: Consider current coverage

Everyone with Medicare is eligible for Medicare prescription drug coverage, even if they already have coverage now.

Step 3: Gather information and compare plans

You'll need the following information to start comparing plans:

- Your Medicare number (or your red, white and blue Medicare card)
- Current prescriptions, with dosage information
- Name of local pharmacy or pharmacies

Step 4: Get help with your plan choices

Every plan is different. There are many ways you can get more information about the Medicare drug plans in your area:

- Senior Center 419/599-5515
- Area Office on Aging 419/592-6206
- Judy Hoffman 419/748-8242

Sign-up deadline is May 15, 2006. If you sign up after that date, you will have to wait until November 15, 2006, to join. As with all insurance, you may also have to pay a penalty for late enrollment.

Things learned from a recent Hospice workshop

- * Family and friends are the "things" that matter most.
- * It's never too late to repair a broken relationship.
- * The worst of times can also be the best of times.
- * To be "present" for another can be the greatest gift.
- * Be glad for what you have instead of regretting what you don't have.
- * Set short-term goals and celebrate every accomplishment.
- * Gifts aren't always wrapped with a bow.
- * There's a lot of living to do at the end of life.
- * Always take time to say "thank you."
- * Kiss your children good night, no matter how old they are.
- * The simple things in life can bring the most pleasure.
- * If you hug someone else, you get one in return.
- * Eat dessert first.

Interested in Saving a Life?

How many lives have you saved this past year? You could have saved up to 18 lives if you are a real dedicated Blood Donor. You can donate every 56 days, even more if you take the time to donate pheresis. When you donate just one pint of blood, you can save up to three lives. Your blood is separated into three parts: red cells, plasma and platelets. Each part can be used to help save a person's life.

Emanuel is giving you an opportunity to donate this life-saving liquid right in the basement of your own church...what a great place to do this. We have just been doing a lot of talking about how Jesus shed His Blood for us - now you can shed your blood for someone else - except for us it is painless. We have many donors here at Emanuel and for this I thank you. Unfortunately, there are many more of you who have never even tried it. You would be surprised to find out how easy it is.

The date for this event is Monday, June 5 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please put this on your calendar. Judy Hoffman will be in charge of the canteen. Please contact her if you would like to help in that area. If you would like to help with one of the other jobs or if you want to donate blood, please contact me. It's as simple as that.

Please help us...together we can save lives.

God loves you,
Rita Schweinhagen
419/592-4606

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.

Church Council Chat - April 17, 2006

- Doctrine and Worship Board noted the Lenten Services were very nice and well-attended. The offerings will be distributed to the ELCA Disaster Response Fund-Domestic, The Filling Home, the Henry County Red Cross and Emanuel's Good Samaritan Fund.
- A new hymnal review meeting will be held in early 2007.
- Congregational Life is working on an opportunity to have the LeMonds here in the summer to preach or provide a presentation.
- If a birthday is not on file with the church office, it will not be read on WNDH's birthday club. If you don't hear your name on your birthday, update the church office.
- April collection is going to the Henry County Senior Center. The May collection is going to the Latino Family Outreach Program.
- Work Day at the church is Saturday, May 6.
- Three youths have signed up to attend summer camp.
- High School graduation recognition breakfast will be held in the adult Sunday School lounge on Sunday, May 21 between services. All are welcome to congratulate the graduates.

Spring Work Day will be May 6

Please set some time aside to help us get things done this day. We will have a list of items that need to be done on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and across from the office. We have outside work and inside so the weather will not make a difference.

We will have rolls and coffee with milk and punch to start the day, and lunch will be provided.

Please show up anytime, starting is at 8:30 a.m. We are usually done by 1 p.m. – depending on how many show up to help.

Any questions, please call Marv Mt.Castle or Jim Hershberger.

Soul Food

Menu for May

May 3 - Barbecue Beef & Hot Dogs
May 10 - Make your own Subs
May 17 - Hot Chicken Sandwiches
May 24 - Rib-eye Sandwiches

Be sure to sign up by Tuesday each week and bring a friend!

Soul Food would like to thank everyone for the fellowship this past year. We have averaged over 120 most of the time and would still like to see more. Have a great summer and Thank You!!

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Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847 or cjcast@metalink.net)
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Bell Choir Director - Hugh Schink
Living Spirit Director - Marv & Julie Mt.Castle, Holly Mohring
Parish Secretary - Patricia Mohring
Sunday School Superintendent - Laura Ellis & Michelle Dille
Altar Guild Chairman - Mary Jo Moden
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.

Carnival/Family Fun Night

Good News Preschool is hosting a Carnival/Family Fun Night on Friday, May 5 from 6- 8 p.m. There will be food, games, face painting, pie auction and LIVE entertainment. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you there!

Pies Needed

Anyone interested in donating a pie for the Good News Preschool Carnival/Family Fun Night, please sign on the sign-up sheet by the office. Pies should be delivered to the kitchen by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5.

Coffee Drinkers

We need your metal coffee cans. Please donate your large and small coffee cans to Summer Sunday School so that the children can make ice cream while exploring patience this summer. Coffee cans can be dropped off in the overflow. Thank you!!

Congratulations, Graduates!

We are having a reception for our 2006 high school graduates on Sunday, May 21, at 9:15 between church services. This reception will be held in the adult Sunday School room across from the church office.

Please stop in and congratulate our graduates and have some cinnamon rolls, fruit, coffee and punch!!!

Our honorees are:

Erika Adams
Katrina Bertz
Sara Clausen
Makeysha Martinez
Kristen Panning
Eric Schwab
Jessica Solis
Nick Sosebee

College graduates, please notify us in the church office of your graduations, also! Let us know your name, your school, what degree, the date of graduation, and your future plans.

Community News

Give the Gift of Life

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

Saturday, May 6 - Hamler American Legion 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30 - Napoleon Curves 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Filling Home Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Filling Memorial Home of Mercy graciously invites you to attend the Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church-Okolona, 30997 Gerken Road, Defiance, Ohio. Entertainment will be provided. Please RSVP to Jamie Bostelman by April 26.

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.

Senior Citizens Prom

You are invited to the Henry County Senior Citizens' Prom on Friday, May 12, from 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., sponsored by the Lutheran Home & Alpine Village Assisted Living. The theme this year is "The Wild, Wild West!" Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. "Ragtime Rick" will entertain from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Bette's Polka Band with dancing will entertain from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Prom will be held at the Napoleon VFW, 1008 N. Perry St. Cost is \$5.00. RSVP by April 28 to 419-592-1688.

Mills Apartments

Mills Apartments are taking rental applications for comfortable one-bedroom apartments. The apartment community includes an on-site laundry and a community room for social activities. They pay for water and trash pickup service; residents pay for gas, electric and optional cable television. A gas and electric utility allowance is deducted in the rent formula. Rent is based on income with possible rental assistance. The apartments are for persons who are at least 62 years of age and for handicapped or disabled. The resident managers are Wendell and Jean Blackburn, 481 Independence Drive. Contact them at 419/599-1896 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rays of Hope Grief Camp – June 6-8, 2006

Rays of Hope Grief Camp is a 3-day camp for families with children age 6-17 who have experienced the death of a loved one. It provides an opportunity for children to meet with others in age-appropriate groups, helping them to understand their grief. The camp experience is intended to provide opportunities for friendships, counseling, and learning about the normalcy of grief. It is NOT intended to be grief therapy. Rays of Hope is sponsored by Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance and Hospice of Williams and Fulton Counties, in cooperation with Maumee Valley Girl Scout Council. The camp is held at Camp Libbey, 28325 State Rte. 281, Defiance. Rays of Hope is divided into three groups by age: Ages 6-9, Ages 9-11, and Ages 12-17. Pre-registration is required. Cost is just \$20 for one family member, \$25 for two and \$30 for three or more. No one is denied due to financial need. To learn more or to register, please call Hospice-The Caring Way: Archbold: 1-800-637-5371 Defiance 1-888-784-7499.

Filling Fall Fling

November 4, 2006 is the date for the second annual Filling Fall Fling. We are taking donations for our silent and live auctions. Do you have a collectible collection that you are no longer interested in or don't have room for? Do you crochet, knit, make jewelry, bake pies...all of these items go well at the auctions! Your thoughtfulness would be appreciated! Contact Jamie Bostelman, Lois Gerken or Carol Dille if you care to donate or to volunteer to work that day.

You are invited to the dedication of the new
St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Holgate, Ohio, on Sunday, May
21, 2006, at 2:00 p.m.

Reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!

- I would like to thank Pastor Castello for his prayers and visits while I was in the hospital and at home. Also thank you to the members of the congregation for their cards and prayers. A special thank you to my family and step-daughter Ruth Ann Gray who has been helping me before and after my surgery. God bless all of you.
-Gertrude Schuette
- Thanks to all of my church family for your prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during my recent stay in the hospital. It's great to be back at church, and yes, I did need two pints of that precious liquid when I had my surgery.
-Rita Schweinhagen
- Thank you for the generous donation of socks, soup, shampoo and soap. Both the ladies in the kitchen and those in housekeeping were excited to receive these gifts. The small cans of chicken soup are especially handy when a boy or two is sick and can't eat in the cafeteria. Again, thank you. God peace,
-Rodney Barbee from Wernle Children's Home

Thanks, After School Club helpers!!!

- Thank you to **Julie Kohout** for assisting me.
- Thanks to **Julie Callaway** for all the art projects she did with the kids.
- Thanks to all the people who provided snacks and drinks for us.
- And thanks to **Ben & Judy Michaelis** for walking the kids every Wednesday from the school!

THE LAST DAY FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 AT KIDZ KINGDOM.

-Julie Yunker, After School Club Director

Attention Church Members

Frisch's Big Boy is offering a 10% discount by presenting your current Sunday bulletin.

“Trading Places”

VBS List of Needed Supplies

Please help children travel the world. The following items are needed for VBS 2006. If you are willing to donate items, please fill in the check sheet on the bulletin board by the office and place the items in the box marked “VBS Supplies” by June 4. Thank you!

Any questions, contact VBS director, Michelle Dille. Join us the week of June 11-June 16 to see how these items are being used!

CRAFTS:

(approx. 100) Craft feathers
(10 yards) ¼” wide elastic
faux fur remnants various styles
(approx. 35) oatmeal boxes (round)
(140) jingle bells

FOOD:

(3 10-oz boxes) Fish-shaped Crackers
(3 10-oz bags) Bugles
(3 10-oz boxes) Cheese Crackers
(3 12-oz cans) Honey Roasted Peanuts
(3 10-oz bags) Stick Pretzels
(3 15-oz boxes) Corn Cereal
(5 18-oz rolls) Refrigerated Cookie Dough
(3 16-oz tubs) White Frosting
(30) Apples
(3 12-oz jars) Butterscotch Sundae Topping
(2 11-oz bags) Butterscotch Chips
(2 12-oz pkgs) Chow Mein Noodles
(1 28-oz jar) Crunchy Peanut Butter
(3 boxes) Brownie Mix
(3 16-oz tubs) Chocolate Frosting
(3 large bags) M & M’s

GAMES:

badminton birdies

Statistics

	Mar. 22	Mar. 26	Mar.29	Apr.2	Apr.5	Apr.9	Apr.13	Apr.14	Apr.16
Attendance	164	135+150 (285)	148	107+119 (226)	141	153+186 (339)	136	182	346+151 (497)
Communed				100		139	122	177	115
Offerings (includes:)	888.37	3961.16	1223.15	5125.11	820.00	4224.75	1133.00	825.00	5908.10
Building		130.00		555.00		60.00			50.00
Fund		1.33		90.00					10.00
World									
Hunger		25.00 ¹							
Roof Fund						150.00			
mem to			587.00						
Bldg Fd									
Good									
Sam Fd									
Easter									
flowers									

¹ Donna Higbea

*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
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

Worship participants in May

Ushers

8:00

10:30 Matt Mt.Castle, Bill Panning,
Ed Biederstedt, Chris Peper

Lay assistants

8:00 Nanette Schwab

10:30 Joan Collier

Altar Guild

Phyllis Kloos & Ruth Hershberger

Acolytes

8:00 Nick Rohrs & Alan Bostelman

10:30 Dylan Tonjes & Clayton Burken

Altar Flowers

May 7 - Ruth C. Eickhoff in loving memory of Norbert Eickhoff

May 14 - Ron & Janis Dachenhaus

May 21 - In honor of the 13th birthday of Danielle Williams

May 28 - Marv & Julie Mt.Castle in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary

Open dates: June 4 and 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.

Who Is This?

Two friends were chatting one day about three years ago when they discovered they both rued the fact that so many families ate their evening meals at fast-food restaurants.

“We seldom get to talk with our families after dinner the way we did when we were growing up. Why is that?”

“Don’t know. I guess the meal goes too fast. Most other families seem to have the same problem.”

“I wonder...if we mixed up a simple meal here and served it every Wednesday, would they come? Would it cost too much?”

“Not if they signed up for it and paid a little. Let’s try it!”

“O.K. We could name it ‘Soul Food’ because everyone’d get not only food for their tummies but conversation with grandparents, and church people would feed their souls!”

Thus started our Soul Food dinners. The crowd grows and grows, averaging 40 the first year, 80 the second, 110 this year. Profit is not a goal though they took in enough money to buy Pastor Castello a new office chair. Favorite meals: spaghetti, rib eyes, macaroni & cheese, hot dogs. One minor problem: when people come without signing up, it’s hard to judge how much food to prepare.

Along with the crowd the number of helpers has increased. The most faithful ones are Ed & Betty Panning, Nancy & Sue Schink, Pat & Jody Dille, Carol & Caren Dille, Candise Ankney, Caye Schroeder, Burnice Agler, Pastor Denise Brown, Lois Gerken.

Each week children and teenagers enjoy their church-going friends, lonely people find pleasure in leisurely conversations and care-givers take home meals to sick ones.

But who started all this?????

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The

Savior's Signal

A newsletter for Emanuel's youth

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Congratulations to David Yunker, Blake Biederstedt and Marcus Mt. Castle who will each be receiving a \$100 scholarship towards Summer Camp. David & Blake will be attending On-the-Ball Sports Camp in July at Camp Mowana and Marcus will be attending Intermediate Challengers also in July at Camp Mowana. Check with them when they return and see how much fun they had; there's always room for more next year!

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars, it's travel time!

Vacation Bible School will be held this year from June 11 - 16. We'll be serving dinner for all who would like to join us prior to the start of Bible School each evening.

In addition to Bible School for the 3-year-olds through 5th graders, we'll be having an adult Bible School class, too.

Come help us explore Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya and discover how much fun "Trading Places" will be! Registration forms are included in this newsletter.

Baptismal Birthdays - May

<i>Ani Allison</i>	<i>Lori Kruse</i>	<i>Jerry Beltz</i>	<i>Nick Sosebee</i>
<i>Deb Borstelman</i>	<i>William Panning</i>	<i>Amy Hershberger</i>	<i>Sam Elling</i>
<i>Rod Parsell</i>	<i>Todd Rohrs</i>	<i>Theresa Peper</i>	<i>Jordan Henry</i>
<i>Gary Weis</i>	<i>Brooke Vajen</i>	<i>John Tipping</i>	<i>Lisa Buckmaster</i>
<i>Elizabeth Bostelman</i>	<i>Robin Vajen</i>	<i>Alexandria Biederstedt</i>	<i>Timothy Gray</i>
<i>James Castello</i>	<i>Gretchen Wesche</i>	<i>Joel Kryder</i>	<i>Carol Kopke</i>
<i>Amy Miller</i>	<i>Tori Hockley</i>	<i>Sarah French</i>	<i>Chris Jenny</i>
<i>Bonnie Ruby</i>	<i>Victoria Peper</i>	<i>Kim Jenkins</i>	<i>Deb Rex</i>
<i>Tricia Vajen</i>	<i>Ruth C. Eickhoff</i>	<i>Amber Hoffman</i>	<i>Kara Rohrs</i>
<i>Heidi Nau</i>	<i>Gabriel Hershberger</i>	<i>Corbin Skeens</i>	<i>Susan Kruse</i>
<i>Jeffrey Showman</i>	<i>Edwin Panning</i>	<i>Jacob Skeens</i>	<i>Thomas Manahan</i>
<i>Angela Toujes</i>	<i>Halle Good</i>	<i>Kyle Borstelman</i>	<i>Anna Rickenberg</i>
<i>Denise Mohring</i>	<i>Kylie Vajen</i>	<i>Lavern Lanzer</i>	<i>Ted Titgemeyer</i>
<i>Helen Kenning</i>	<i>Gregory Wesche</i>	<i>Nick Heuer</i>	<i>Burnice Agler</i>
<i>Abby Panning</i>	<i>Norman Kruse</i>	<i>Aaron Kolodziejczyk</i>	<i>Julie Daman</i>
<i>Kari Rippee</i>	<i>Sandy Schweinhagen</i>	<i>Sarah Peper</i>	<i>Dean Delventhal</i>
<i>Bethany Saman</i>	<i>Kristie Miller</i>	<i>Shane Cowle Jr.</i>	<i>Stephanie Ruby</i>
<i>Kathy Sonnenberg</i>	<i>Brian Ruby</i>	<i>Ethan Fields</i>	<i>Deb Weirauch</i>
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Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School starts May 28, 2006. Come and explore your faith through food, fun and games! We look forward to seeing you every Sunday.

Parents: Please be aware that our lessons will include food. If there is a special need or allergy we need to know about your child, please inform us before sending them to Sunday School. Contact Michelle Dille with any food issues. Thank you.

Hey, Club Christ!!

We are preparing for an incredible new year with new advisors, new ideas, and new Club Christ members! We are having a meeting to welcome the new members and pig out! Join us for pizza and pop at 11:30 a.m. (following late church) in the basement on May 7. This will be an awesome chance for you to meet us, for us to meet you, and to make some plans for the new year. Graduating members of Club Christ are also invited - we can use your leadership, your expertise and your thoughts. Everyone, please bring your ideas for the year and your appetites!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Marv & Julie Mt.Castle, Holly Mohring

Y. C. C. News

On Sunday, April 30 YCC will be going to the Wauseon Rollercade for an afternoon of fun. We will skate from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Admission of \$4.00 covers skate rental. You may bring your own skates, but the wheels must be clean. Snacks are at additional cost. Drivers will be needed. Call Jeanette Damman 592-0246.

On Wednesday, May 10 the band Captive Free will be performing at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wauseon, and we have been invited to attend. It is open to all 4th through 8th graders. We plan to attend and already have a few kids who have expressed interest in going. As we get closer to the day, we will send out post cards and let you know what time we will be meeting at the church for the drive to Wauseon.

Our year is drawing to a close, and our last scheduled event is Putt-Putt which is planned for May 21st. Hopefully we'll have warmer weather for it than we did last year!

Marv & Julie Mt. Castle

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by Emily Garl, a ninth-grader from St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Bloomington, IN

Job Opening - Apply if passionate about youth.

What would I look for in a Sunday school teacher? This position is really important—not only to those interested in teaching but to the youth.

This person needs to be passionate about teaching and guiding impressionable youth who are going through a rough stage in their lives, whether in faith or otherwise. This isn't something to put on a resume. This is for someone who sees it as a great way to teach about their faith. A song from *Mary Poppins* describing the perfect nanny contains lines that fit for a perfect teacher.

Teachers should:

- **Have a cheery disposition.** This person should be ready to set a good example for pupils, especially behaviorally.
- **Play games.** A teacher also should communicate lessons in enjoyable ways. If they have good ideas to make learning into a game, that will be well received by youth. There are times for fun – and for seriousness. The teacher needs to distinguish the appropriate times for each.
- **Be kind and witty.** Youth will challenge what's presented to them if it seems untrue or confusing. Also youth resent people who talk down to them or treat them as incapable. They want to feel comfortable enough to go to teachers when they need help. Trust is the most important element when relating to youth.
- **Never give us castor oil or gruel.** There's a difference between teaching and force-feeding unimportant facts.
- **Love us as a son or daughter.** Teachers need to be able to relate to students – to know the likes, dislikes, trends, abilities and disabilities of each youth, making that individual comfortable with the teacher.
- **Never smell of barley water.** Teachers need to be responsible. They need to know the expectations and uphold them. They need to be present or provide a replacement. Their habits will be noticed by the youth.

If you won't scold and dominate us, we won't give you cause to hate us. When dominated, youth tend to rebel. We are known to rebel when under control we resent. A teacher needs to be able to exercise enough control to keep us in touch but not enough to cause us to resent them.

I hope you find this enlightening. Or that it's made you smile.

-thanks to Carol Dille for requesting that this article be printed in our newsletter

(Who is this? Pat Dille & Sue Schink)