

# 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.**

**M**y walk of faith began a short nineteen years ago when I was born into a Christian family and as I have been told, attended church the following Sunday with my outfit on backwards because Dad dressed me that morning. Then, two weeks later, I was baptized here at Emanuel. As far back as I can remember, I remember a regular Sunday morning as being in church, at the 8:00 service, and in one of the back rows or until recently when the balcony became our regular seating area. Then, it'd be down to Sunday School to sing songs, pray, and learn Bible lessons about everything from Joseph and the multi-colored coat to the time when Jesus fed the masses with two fish and a loaf of bread. From Caren Dille, Darlene Bostelman, Laura Kruse, Charlotte Wangrin, and Doug Elling I learned a lot and their excitement and enthusiasm about Christ taught us all how much Jesus really loves us.

Beginning in kindergarten, I also attended a Wednesday night Awana program held at the Baptist church in Wauseon. I went to this with my uncle Jerry Hill through fifth grade when I then began attending catechism here every Sunday morning and Wednesday night. The most of my understanding of Christ came during

these three years of catechism. The large class of thirteen of us learned a lot from Julie Kohout, Sue Kruse, Juanita Clausen, Sandi Weirauch, and Pastor Castello. I was then confirmed in 2005.

As well as making friends in my confirmation class, my family has also become very good friends with the adults and their families who are a part of the "Holy Donut Club" adult Sunday School group.

Following confirmation, in July, seven of us high school-aged members along with Pat and Jody Dille, boarded a plane and we were on our way to the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas. This trip opened our eyes to the different ways that people celebrate Christ. We grew in our faith and had a lot of fun during this week.

However, with this, I know that all of these great opportunities that I had to learn about our Lord and Savior wouldn't have been made possible without my parents' love of Christ. They were both brought up in loving, Christian families and they must have thought it was important for them to pass this on to my siblings and me, which I am very grateful for. Praying with them every night when we went up to bed, at every meal, and

being at church nearly every Sunday were all things that I was taught beginning at a very young age; which is something that some kids have no memories of or experience doing. Because of their love, I have also grown in my faith. And although I still have a lot to learn and understand better, I have learned a lot of what I know, how to treat others, and my beliefs from my parents. For this reason, I find it easier to

live each day according to my confirmation verse: Philippians 2:14-15 “Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.”

**Jasia Yany**

## *Graduates!*

Congratulations to our 2010 high school graduates! We will honor our graduates at the 9:00 service on May 30 and with a brunch following the service. All members of the congregation are invited!

**Cierra Buehrer**  
**Alexandra Busch**  
**Jordan Damman**  
**Jakob Elling**  
**Kiersten Gray**  
**Ellen Hoops**  
**Mark Kruse**  
**Marcus Mt.Castle**  
**Alexi Nashu**  
**Victoria Peper**  
**Jamie Skiver**  
**Samantha Sloop**  
**Dylan Tonjes**

*from the Congregational Life Board*

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Gathering – May 30 (Recognition of 2010 Graduates)*

The Board of Education, along with the Congregational Life Board, are joining together to provide a brunch recognizing the new graduates and their families following the May 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m., church service. All members of the congregation are invited to participate in honoring these young people. Breakfast casseroles, fruit, and coffee cake will be served. Mark your calendars now!

*New Board Member*

Terri Haase has joined the Congregational Life Board and will be serving in this capacity on the Church Council through 2011; many thanks to Terri for accepting this service to Emanuel.

*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 will be placed on the bulletin board by Pat's office. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Board members.

*Soul Food*

The Soul Food "cooks" have scheduled a "kitchen cleaning" for Wednesday, May 19. Kitchen items no longer being used will be placed on a table in the basement. If you can use any of the items to be discarded, please take the item. A freewill donation will be accepted and may be placed in an envelope marked "Soul Food" and placed in the offering plate or dropped by the office. All items must be removed by May 29!

*Congregational Life Board Meeting – Come Join Us!*

The next meeting of the Congregational Life Board will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3. 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.

*Caring Corner*

Our donations/giving for the month of May will be for the benefit of the Vacation Bible School. This year, the downtown VBS will be hosted here at Emanuel, June 13-17. (*See following article for list of items needed.*)

## *Vacation Bible School – Project: Dominican Republic*

Did you know that the Dominican Republic shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti? In the Dominican Republic, there are very few social services available, and many children and adults are neglected or live in very bad situations; over 40% of the population lives in deep poverty.

This year for the VBS mission outreach, we are collecting the following supplies to send to the Dominican Republic:

- Wash cloths
- Hand towels
- Bath towels

Other VBS supplies needed...

- Juice boxes (Hi-C, Caprisun, etc.)
- Name tag labels
- Ziplock sandwich bags

### *Videos are available!*

Did you know....DVD's are made every Sunday of our worship service. You can pick one up on the table in the overflow. They are all marked with the date and a bulletin from that service.

And after you watch it, PASS IT ON! (We have videos of our church service all over the country!)

If you need a copy of a particular service, let the office know.

(We can always use more volunteers to run the camera!)

## *Soul Food “Stirrings”*

Our “Soul Food” Wednesdays will conclude in mid-May, so these are the final two weeks to come and enjoy the food and the fellowship! On May 12, we will be celebrating “Doce de Mayo” (that’s “Cinco de Mayo” a week late!) with some “guest cooks” from Terri Sedam’s GED classes. Please welcome these ladies as they treat us to a special authentic Mexican meal that night!

We’re also wondering what your favorite “Soul Food” meals have been as we look forward to planning for next year. On Wednesday, May 19, we’ll be doing a major kitchen clean-up and “evaluation lunch”, so you and your helping hands and helpful feedback are all welcome! And a **“soul full of THANKS” to everyone** who has helped this year in any way – planning, shopping, cooking, salad- and dessert-making, cleaning up, and lending a hand!

Great Food For All ordering will continue to take place here at our church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please remember that this is available to everyone and anyone. The basic box, which costs \$30, contains enough food to feed a family of four for about a week, and the menu changes monthly to offer a variety. You can check out their website at: [www.greatfoodforall.com](http://www.greatfoodforall.com).

## *Comfort Wrap Ministry*

We are in need of more comfort wraps for our members that are ill or need extra solace. The wraps can be knitted, crocheted or quilted.

As you make them, add a prayer, and the receivers will be blessed by your gift. The wraps can be brought to the Pastor’s Office or the church office.

If you have a questions, contact Judy Hoffman.

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### All my time

A mother of 13 children was asked, “How in the world do you have time to care for 13?”

“Well,” she replied, “when I had only one child, it took all my time; what more can 13 do?”

## Membership News

*Baptism* On Easter morning, April 4, we were privileged to witness the baptism of Grayson Earl, son of Kevin & Rachel Castello Dunn (and brother of Elinora and grandson of Pastor & Carol Castello). Grayson's sponsors are Carol Castello and Barbara Dunn. God bless you, Grayson!

*New associate member*

Welcome to our newest associate member, Marie Panning who is a member at St. John Lutheran Church in Deshler. Marie lives at 925 Melody Lane, Napoleon. Phone 419-592-2442.

*Funerals* Pastor Castello officiated at the funeral for Olga Kruse on March 25. Olga passed away at the Toledo Hospital on March 22.

Scott J. Baker passed away on April 4 at the Arbors at Waterville Nursing Home, Waterville. Pastor Castello held his funeral at Emanuel on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

X Greg & Janelle Hoenle are proud to announce the birth of their son, Bryce William, on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. They have a daughter Ava, 4 years old. His grandparents are Tom & Lori Gerken. The great grandmother is Lois Gerken.

X Sympathy is extended to Tom & Lori Gerken in the death of Lori's father, Al Temple. Her father died March 4<sup>th</sup> and a memorial service was held March 15 in Livonia, Michigan.

**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.

## WELCA News

### *General Meeting*

A General Meeting of Women of the Church will be held on Thursday, June 3. It will start at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck supper. Table service and beverage will be provided. Please bring food to share. For the program that evening Tom and Dal Andrew of Florida, Ohio, will be with us to share information about their PET Project (Personal Energy Transportation) through which they have helped many people throughout the world have mobility. They are trying to reach those who are most in need and where the PET would be best suited. Please plan to be present to hear what these men have accomplished.

### *Coming Alive 2010*

Your participation in this program shows that you care about your health and that you want to stay fit.

We have 33 people from our congregation that have joined this program!

The exercise progress chart is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please fill in the chart every day that you exercise.

The minutes must be recorded each week to qualify for the weekly prize drawings. You must also turn in the weekly entry forms with your name attached, to the church office by Monday of each week that we have the challenge.

Thanks to all of you that are participating.

Judy Hoffman

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

### *Red Cross Bloodmobile — May*

Tuesday, May 11, 2-7 p.m. at Curves with Mobile Bus, Napoleon

Wednesday, May 12, 1-7 p.m. at Liberty Center HS

Friday, May 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Holgate HS

Monday, May 17, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at Henry County Hospital Mini Drive

Thursday, May 27, 12-6 p.m. Double Red Mini Drive @ Henry County ARC

### *Hospice of Henry County Bazaar*

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospice of Henry County Bazaar is being held Thursday, May 13 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Napoleon American Legion on Glenwood. If you would be able to assist with their fundraiser by donating items for the live or silent auction, craft items, baked goods or would like to volunteer to help, please call Hospice at 419-599-5612 or after hours, call Janelle Cline at home at 419-256-7402. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds go directly to assisting Hospice patients and their families with rising cost of medications and respite expenses. Donations for the Live Auction must be received by May 1 in order to be included in the Bazaar Booklet.

### *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.

### *Looking for a Great Career?*

When you join the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans team, you'll be part of a values-based, Fortune 500 organization committed to excellence in financial services and caring for others. As a Thrivent Financial representative, you'll help people reach their financial goals. You'll also be a part of an organization that's committed to doing good in communities, congregations and around the world. Live your values every day in a career that's more than work – Work with Purpose. Contact Ken Kolosso at 248.207.6084 or email him at [ken.kolosso@thrivent.com](mailto:ken.kolosso@thrivent.com). Also visit [www.thrivent.com/careers](http://www.thrivent.com/careers) for more information.

“My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.”

—Mark Twain

# Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

## *Choir*

Thanks to all of you for a wonderful Easter season! You all got a well deserved break for April, now it is time for a busy May. We will sing every Sunday except May 16.

Nancy Schink will once again host our end-of-the-year choir party on Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. Choir members please bring a friend/spouse and a dish to share. Mark's famous chicken will be served!

## *After School Club*

We finished up our year with a party in the park at the end of April and a visit to the nursing home. I would like to thank the children for all their hard work practicing their songs this year. They participated in worship regularly this year, and I am looking forward to another fun year next fall!

## *May Special Services*

We are celebrating Pentecost at both services on Sunday, May 23. There will be special music, flowers, decorations, and everyone is encouraged to WEAR RED!

On Sunday, May 30 at the 9:00 service, we will honor our graduates. The musicians of Emanuel will also be presenting a musical program entitled "Nation-It's Time to Pray." This will involve the Sunday School children, choir, bell choir, and instruments. Plan to join us for this celebration.

## *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!

## *Thank you*

I would personally like to thank all the people who helped me in various ways during the Lent/Easter season. A lot of you did the many small things that I asked, in order to make the services special. I so appreciate your efforts.

CLOSING THOUGHT IN HONOR OF ALL EMANUEL GRADUATES  
(INCLUDING MY MIDDLE SON DYLAN)...

*Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.* Ecclesiastes 9:10

## Thank you!

✓ Dear Friends at Emanuel,  
Our family would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers for our grandson Austin as he battles Hi-Risk Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia for the second time. Austin is nine years old now and will be having a Bone Marrow Transplant soon. The doctors believe that since he has relapsed once already that it will probably happen again and they are recommending the transplant as his best chance of survival. So even as we thank you, we are asking that you continue to keep Austin, his older sister Taylor who will be the bone marrow donor, and Tony and Risha in your

prayers. Austin has been through so much in his short life and has more courage than we can say. He is a real fighter and we have so much admiration for Taylor, Tony and Risha as they do everything they can to support and help Austin in his fight against leukemia. We are so blessed to have such a kind, caring family and an extended "Christian family" to help us through this trying and very scary time. Your thoughts and prayers sustain us when we need them most and we are very grateful. Thank you all very much.

Yours in Christ, Jerry and Marlene Lighthill  
Tony, Risha, Taylor and Austin Lighthill

✓ A special thanks to Pastor Castello for his prayers and comforting words. We thank everyone for all the cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy for our Mother. Thanks also to the ladies for the meal.

-Family of Olga Kruse

✓ I want to thank the congregation for remembering me with the lovely blanket. It is so soft and warm and I use it on my bed. I also want to thank Pastor Castello for his visits. They are all very much appreciated.

-Julia Arps

✓ Just wanted to let you all know that Leo is doing just great and back to doing his favorite thing - driving school bus. Also a big thank you to Pastor for all his visits and prayers and also all the cards and prayers from our church family and friends.

-Leo Clausen

Pastor & Mrs. Mix:  
Thanks for walking everybody to  
church every Wednesday.  
Sincerely,  
After School Club

**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**

**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)

**Hildegard Reiser**

**Church Office Hours**

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

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

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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 May*

### Acolytes

8:00 Alexandria Biederstedt & Taryn Conklin  
10:30 Hannah Plummer & Stephen Yunker  
May 30 - Hannah Plummer & Stephen Yunker

### Ushers

8:00 Ed & Tiffany Biederstedt,  
Steve Kloos, Mike Yaney  
10:30 Brian Plummer, Ron Meyers,  
Bill Panning, Alan Storch

### Altar Guild

Esther Dennie & Nancy Lange

### Lay Assistants

8:00 Esther Dennie  
10:30 Gary & Jamie Bostelman

## *Altar Flowers*

May 2 - Ruth Eickhoff in loving memory of Norbert & Joe

May 9 - Ron & Janis Dachenhaus

- Bob Showman family in loving memory of Dee

May 16 - OPEN

May 23 - In celebration of the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lois Gerken

- Eloise Dierker in loving memory of Belva Daum

May 30 - Marv & Julie Mt.Castle in celebration of their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### 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

March 17 - Lent  
Attendance 130  
Offerings \$653.25

\*\* accumulated Lenten  
envelopes \*\*  
\$347.58

April 8 - Thursday  
Attendance 15

March 21  
Attendance 117 + 115 (232)  
Offerings \$4847.39  
\$170 Bldg Fd  
\$100 Good Sam Fd  
\$7 World Hunger  
\$361 Easter flowers

April 1 - Maundy Thursday  
Attendance 154  
Communed 149  
Offerings \$598.50

April 11  
Attendance 104 + 90 (194)  
Communed 85  
Offerings \$3363.59  
\$ 310 Bldg Fd  
\$ 10 Good Sam Fd  
\$ 57 World Hunger

April 2 - Good Friday  
Attendance 167  
Offerings \$1177.00

March 24 - Lent  
Attendance 108  
Offerings \$590.00

April 4 - Easter  
Attendance 249 + 129 (378)  
Communed 230 + 101 (331)  
Offerings \$7521.33

April 18  
Attendance 97 + 165 (262)  
Communed 115  
Offerings \$4990.80  
\$ 295 Bldg Fd  
\$ 10 Bldg Fd mem-  
Scott Baker  
\$ 60 Good Sam Fd  
\$ 22 World Hunger

March 28  
Attendance 147 + 129 (276)  
Offerings \$4837.00  
\$120 Bldg Fd  
\$ 5 World Hunger  
\$ 25 Bldg Fd mem-  
Ann Schink

\$ 260 Bldg Fd  
\$ 20 Bldg Fd mem-  
Ann Schink  
\$ 20 Good Sam Fd  
\$ 70 World Hunger