

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 ...

What exactly is faith? Is it a belief? Is it a feeling? Well to me it's both. I have belief and feeling in human beings to do what God intended us to do. I have faith in my mother for raising me to believe in myself and do what's right. I have faith in my fellow man for defending this great country. I have faith in my children to do and raise their children with respect and compassion for their fellow neighbors and friends. I have faith in my wife Loralee for her love, friendship and compassion for me and our family. My biggest faith is in

God. I know he walks beside me in my time of peace and calmness. I also know God carries me when I am troubled and in turmoil. I may lose my faith in my fellow man during the times when it's hard. But I will never lose my faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit no matter how hard and bad life gets. God is always there for me to tell my troubles to and he will always answer my prayers and never leave my side or my heart.

Dayl Jones

On Memorial Day

Remember the words Abraham Lincoln spoke at the dedication of the national cemetery on the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania:

“It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom”

(Nancy Lange is sharing this poem with us. It was written by her mother in 1931. Thank you, Nancy.)

Easter Day

He has Risen! He has Risen!
Will you hearken today!
The big heavy stones have parted
And slowly rolled away.

What deep joy was felt at his coming
When He saved us by his blood.
As each one is made most holy.
From the great engulfing flood
Of sorrows and afflictions
We can now be free.
If we only will turn to Him,
Asking him, "Please help me."

He will be in all His glory,
Waiting for us each day.
When we cross the great river
And go rejoicing on our way!
Just as He has saved those others
So can He save you and me,
When we tell of our sinnings,
He will forgive and set us free.

This is what He is doing
As we go on our way.
He is waiting, patiently waiting,
On this Easter Day!

Ione Detmer (4/4/1931)

Confirmation

May 1, 2011

The following young people are ready to affirm publicly the baptismal covenant God made with them in Jesus Christ and to take on greater responsibility with us in the mission of the church. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 1 at the 10:30 service. Holy Communion will be offered as well. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers that they will continue to grow in faith in the Spirit as witnesses of new life in the crucified and risen Christ.

Tyler Jon Allison

Taryn Lee Conklin

Elizabeth Renee Michael

Hannah Dorothy Plummer

Neil Russell Storch

Sarah Gayle Yaney

Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations to our 2011 high school graduates! We will honor our graduates at the 9:00 a.m. service on May 30 and with a brunch following the service.

All members of the congregation are invited!

Amanda Belcher

Bradley Davis

Samuel Elling

Benjaman Flogaus

Konner Gerken

Greg Hall

Karilyne Manahan

James Nation

Emily Schwab

Ashley Showman

Dylan Slee

Alison Storch

Brooke Vajen

Danielle Williams

Thank you

- Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Thank you so much for your generosity and love for those in need. Our cupboards were getting low and the need is great. You supplied us with things we have been unable to purchase ourselves. You have been so warm and welcoming to Tom and I on the Wednesdays we come to take food orders. We can't express our thanks enough. May God bless you abundantly for reaching out to those who struggle every day to just get by to survive. We have been moved by the need we see in our communities and we ask for your prayers as we move forward answering the call to be the hands and feet of Christ.

-Tom & Jerri Holder, Country Chapel Christian Union Food Ministry

Golf Outing

Sponsored by Hoops Family Relay for Life

Saturday, June 4, 2011

1:00 p.m. shot gun start

4-person scramble

Cost - \$50 per person

(includes meal)

at

Riverside Golf Course in Stryker

For more information or to register your team,

contact

Derek Mohring (flightmedic48@gmail.com)

Matt Mt.Castle (matthiasswp@gmail.com) or 419-966-4752

Easter plants

Thank you to all who purchased the flowers from Hospice of Henry County that beautified our sanctuary on Easter!

Ed & Tiffany Biederstedt - in honor of Blake & Alexandria

Sandi & Mike Borstelman - in loving memory of Henry & Min Meineke; honor of Halle, Sophia, Alivia, Ava & Addilyn

Norm & Kathy Bostelman (2) - in loving memory of Harold Bostelman and Otto and Esther Hahn; honor of Lorna Bostelman

Michael & Mary DeWit & family (2) - in loving memory of Elmer "Pete" Cordes, Tom Cordes, Linda Smith, John DeWit

Eloise M. Dierker - in loving memory of Belva J. Daum

Ruth C. Eickhoff - in loving memory of Norbert & Joe

Shirlee Mires Fejes (2) - in loving memory of Phil & Lisa Mires, Nelson, Michael & Trey Fejes Glick family

Barbara & Tom Hoffman (3) - in loving memory of Art & Estella Hoffman & Robert & Lulu Arps; in honor of Lauren & Chris Helberg and Ryan, Andrea, and Rob Hoffman

Steve & Phyl Kloos - in honor of Missy and Steph

Joe & Julie Kohout (2) - in honor of Erica, Anthony & Ryan

Ken & Nancy Lange (2) - in honor of Dawn & Suzette

Mary Jo Moden - in loving memory of Mary L. Thompson; in honor of Jarrett, Brennan & Reece

Matt & Alyssa Mt.Castle (6) - in honor of our families

Marv & Julie Mt.Castle - in honor of our Mom, Eleonora Koppenhofer

The Nye Family - in loving memory of Gale Nye and Marjorie (Nye) Lane

Chris & Maureen Peper (2) - in loving memory of Sarah Peper; in honor of Ed & Donna Peper, Greg, Jenna, Victoria & Theresa Peper

Ed & Donna Peper - in loving memory of Sarah Peper

Nancy Schink - in loving memory of Ronald Schink

Nicole Schink (2) - in loving memory of Papa Schink; in honor of Grandpa Lammy

Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen - in honor of the marriage of Tammy & Brett

Lana & Leonard Sonnenberg - in loving memory of Mary Mueller

Angela Sosebee (2) - in loving memory of Jim Sosebee & Shirley Casteel

Alan & Shelly Storch (2) - in loving memory of Mary Dennis; in honor of our children, Alison & Neil

Charlotte Wangrin - in loving memory of Edwin C. Winzeler, M.D.

News from the Community

Hospice Bazaar

The 6th Annual Hospice of Henry County Bazaar is being held Thursday, May 12, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Napoleon American Legion on Glenwood Avenue. This year's bazaar also includes a chicken barbeque and silent auction on Wednesday evening prior to the bazaar. If you would be able to assist with the fundraiser by donating items for the live or silent auction, craft items, baked goods and pies or would like to volunteer to help, please call Hospice at 419-599-5612 or after hours, call Janelle Cline at home at 419-966-0598. They would greatly appreciate any and all help. 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, 2011 in order to be included in the Bazaar booklet. Items for "Granny's Attic" (garage sale) are also needed and may be dropped off at the office during business hours. Thank you.

Get Ready "FORE" Some Golfing Fun

The Four Lutheran Agencies of Northwest Ohio (Filling Home, Luther Home of Mercy, Lutheran Homes Society, and Lutheran Social Services of NW Ohio) are sponsoring their 15th annual golf outing. The date is Friday, July 15 at Stone Ridge Golf Club in Bowling Green, Ohio. Information and a registration form are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

MID AMERICA FOODS

Mid America Foods was designed to bring hope and peace of mind to those who want to stretch their food dollars. Mid America Foods offers restaurant quality food at discounted prices. People EVERYWHERE are struggling to make ends meet. Our suppliers are ready to help everyone battle the hunger, and give relief to those just trying to survive on a slim budget. We invite EVERYONE to participate and benefit from our vast purchasing power. This program is similar to Angel Food Ministry and Great Food for All, and Jerri Holder from Country Chapel Christian Union Church is coordinating this now. She and her husband, Tom, vow that this food is the best tasting yet!

Ordering will continue to take place here at our church on "Summer Soul" Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives at 722 N. Perry St. will serve as a pick-up site. Please remember that this is available to everyone and anyone, and the menu changes monthly to offer a variety. You can check out their website at: www.midamericafoods.com. You may also call Jerri Holder with any questions (419-748-8072).

Dartball

Another dartball season has come to an end. The team finished with a regular season record of 14-10 and finished the tournament on Sunday, March 13 as tournament runner-up, losing to Bethlehem Okolona team 2.

There is always a need for more players, as on a couple of occasions the team consisted of 2 players and on another occasion, 3 players. The minimum for a match is 4 players.

The dartball team will need a new captain for next year as I am stepping aside after many years as captain. If there is anyone interested in filling this position, please contact me. Someone will need to be in place before the captain's meeting in August. The matches are on Tuesday evenings, usually on the third Tuesday of the month. On the months with 5 weeks, they will try to play two matches.

I have enjoyed my time as captain and intend to continue playing, but feel it is time for someone else to take a turn. The pay is great!

Thank you,
Bill Panning

A child's perspective

A group of second-graders was quizzed about what ingredients their mothers are made of. One child said, "God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean."

To the question "What does your mom do in her spare time?" one youngster said, "Mothers don't do spare time."

When the children were asked "Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?" one child replied, "God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me."

Happy Mother's Day on May 8th!

from the Congregational Life Board

Caring/Donation Corner

The donation corner for May is designated for VBS supplies. A list of items needed will be printed in the Sunday bulletins.

Fifth Sunday — May 29

We will celebrate our Fifth Sunday in May with a brunch recognizing our high school graduates following the 9:00 a.m. service. The brunch is open to everyone.

Easter plants

Thank you to all who purchased plants for the Easter celebration. All proceeds went to Hospice of Henry County.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be May 2 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend to share ideas and concerns.

Thursday evening services

will begin at 7:30 p.m. on May 5 and continue until Thanksgiving. Holy Communion will be offered on the third Thursday of the month.

Summer Sundays

Beginning Sunday, May 29, we will have ONE Sunday service that will begin at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion will be offered on the first and second Sundays of the month. We will continue this schedule until Labor Day weekend.

Membership News

Births Congratulations to Nate and Tiffany Busch on the birth of a daughter, Lorelei Margaret, on March 22. She was welcomed home by big brother Willem. Grandparents are Steve & Julie Busch; Great Grandmother is Margaret Busch.

Baptism We will be pleased to witness the baptism on May 22 of Ethan Douglas, son of Brian & Dea Plummer.

Funerals Lenora Satchell passed away on March 31. Graveside services were held on April 5.

Transferred Accepted into membership at the April 18 Church Council meeting:

Terri Sedam

Kelli Burkhardt

Transferred to St. Luke Lutheran Church, Wauseon: Amber Ward

Transferred from St. Paul Lutheran Church, McClure: Tom & Wendy Schroeder and children, Tom, Michael, Amy

Congratulations to Greg & Christine (Bostelman) Kerr on the birth of a daughter, Hannah Grace, on March 23. She was welcomed home brother Max and sister Molly. Grandparents are Gary & Jamie Bostelman.

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.

Would you like to join the growing number of people who receive their newsletters via email? Please let us know if you are interested and make sure we have your email address. You will need Adobe Reader on your computer to do this (available free for download at adobe.com).

Be sure to check out our website www.emanuelnapoleon.org! You can find current and past newsletters, picture pages, and loads of information and pictures!

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)

Country View Haven (R858 Co Rd 15, Napoleon)

Julia Arps (mailing address: 8271 Co Rd T Liberty Center, OH 43532)

Golden Center Living Center-Northcrest

Ruth Delaney (240 Northcrest Dr, Napoleon)

Church Office Hours

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

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

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Living Spirit Director - Holly Mohring, Marv & Julie Mt.Castle
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Sunday School Superintendent - Angela Sosebee
Altar Guild Chairman - Barbara Hoffman
Custodian - Jack Robbins

2011 Church Council

President - Gary Bostelman

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Properties Board - Matt Mt.Castle & Jeff Sharpe

Finance Board - Martha Young & Loralee Jones

Worship participants in May

Acolytes

May 1

8:00 Kenli Dachenhaus & Alie Hernandez

10:30 Alexandria Biederstedt & Stephen Yunker

May 8, 15, 22

8:00 Taryn Conklin & Alexandria Biederstedt

10:30 Hannah Plummer & Alie Hernandez

May 29 (one service)

Hannah Plummer & Taryn Conklin

Altar Guild

Nancy Lange & Angela Sosebee

Lay Assistants

8:00 Carol Castello

10:30 Karri Ashbaugh

Ushers

8:00 Ed & Tiffany Biederstedt,

Richard Landversicht, Kevin Gerken

10:30 Karl Wiechers, Norm Bostelman,

Ron Meyers, Mark Tonjes

Altar Flowers

May 1 - confirmation class

- Ruth Eickhoff in loving memory of Norbert & Joe

- Macee Glick in honor of her 9th birthday

- in honor of Taryn Conklin's confirmation by Grandma & Grandpa Davis

May 8 - John & Maggi Mohler in honor of Maggi's mother, Marie Sauer, and Marcella Mohler.

- in loving memory of Dee Showman by her family

May 15 - Sue Kruse & Juanita Clausen

May 22 - Ron & Janis Dachenhaus

May 29 - Marv & Julie Mt.Castle in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary

Open dates:

June 5-12

October 30

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.

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

Statistics

Wednesday, March 23

attendance 137

\$ 936.00

Sunday, March 27

attendance 96 + 94 (190)

\$ 4,365.70

112.50 Bldg Fd

485.00 mem to Bldg Fd- Henry Langenhop

5.00 World Hunger

70.00 Good Samaritan Fund

25.00 mem to Endow Fd-Nancy Musshel Stork

Wednesday, March 30

attendance 137

\$ 791.00

Sunday, April 3

attendance 115 + 81 (196) communed 109

\$ 5,595.84

\$ 35.00 World Hunger

415.00 Building Fund

20.00 Good Samaritan Fund

Wednesday, April 6

attendance 141

\$ 1,045.25

Sunday, April 10

attendance 100 + 141 (241) communed 121

\$ 3,985.97

\$ 10.00 mem to Bldg Fd-Lenora Satchell

20.00 Good Samaritan Fund

140.00 World Hunger

Wednesday, April 13

attendance 115

\$ 1,139.02

Sunday, April 17

attendance 141 + 120 (261)

\$ 4,924.88

\$ 50.00 Bldg Fd

15.00 World Hunger

Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

Adult Choir

Thank you to the choir for all your beautiful music in the month of April and during Holy Week. There will be 2 rehearsals in May, on Wednesday the 4th and the 11th. These will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will practice our songs for May and look ahead to music for the fall.

On Wednesday May 18 our end-of-the-year party will be held at the home of Nancy Schink. Party starts at 6:30 p.m., and everyone is asked to bring your spouse/friend and a dish to share. Mark. T. will once again make his delicious chicken!!

After School Club

We wrapped up another successful year of After School Club on April 27. The children sang and rang at Northcrest and had a pizza party. We were blessed every Wednesday with the presence of about 14 children who enjoyed snacks, music, Bible lessons, crafts and games. We look forward to seeing them all again next fall.

Thank you to all the children who sang, rang bells, and played the piano in the month of April. Your dedication to practice is awesome, and your music during worship is such a wonderful gift to our God and our congregation.

Thursday Evening Worship

Evening worship will resume on Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. These services will continue through the summer right up until Thanksgiving. If you will be out of town or working on the weekend, Thursday worship will be perfect for you! Communion is served on the third Thursday of the month.

Summer Worship

Beginning on Sunday, May 29, there will be one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. This will continue throughout the summer until Labor Day weekend. There will be communion on the first and second Sundays of the month. Coffee hour will follow every service.

Thank You

Words cannot express how thankful I am to everyone who made services so special in April. To those who sang, rang bells, played an instrument, read lessons, dimmed lights, made bulletin covers/rocks, ushered, or helped in any way they were asked: I appreciate it from the bottom of my heart. Emanuel, you rock!

To tie into the end of our Lenten season, one last rock reference...

Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn. Isaiah 51:1

God bless our Emanuel graduates, my closing thought in your honor:

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Welca News

President, Marilyn Fretz for the Board

Greetings to all ladies of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Have you made it to a Circle meeting? It's never too late to plan on attending your circle or another if the date goes with your schedule better. For the month of May is Session 9, "Witnessing and Evangelism". Through evangelism, the people of God blossom in their faith journey as they realize they can make an impact on the world.

Hospice of Henry County is planning a fundraising bazaar on May 11, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. with a chicken barbeque and silent auction. Then on May 12, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. a meal will be served along with live and silent auctions. If you would be able to assist by donating items for the live or silent auctions, craft items, baked goods or pies, or volunteer to help, call Hospice at 419-599-5612. The money raised will be used to defray cost of medication, medical equipment, and provide caregiver relief and respite services for their patients.

Dates to remember:

Next board meeting - May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Next General meeting with Picnic Meal - June 2 at 6:30 p.m. Martha Circle, hostess

Next Circle meeting - check your Program booklet for dates and times

A change has been made for School Kits that are put together for World Relief. (See below.)

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Some new guidelines have been made concerning Lutheran World Relief Kits. A few of the changes included are the School Kit Bags. They have changed to the tote-style bags. We can still submit any bags we have completed through the end of 2011. We have a pattern available for the new bags if anyone is interested. Pens are not included in the kits, construction paper is not to be included, instead they are requesting an additional notebook.

Washcloths are not to be included in Baby Care Kits; instead, larger towels are more versatile. Band-aids are not included in the Personal Care Kits anymore or Onesies for Baby Care Kits.

These are just a few of the changes. A complete listing of the kits will be made available this summer. In the meantime if you have any questions, contact Janis Dachenhaus, Mission Action.

SOUL FOOD “STIRRINGS”
it’ll be “SUMMER SOUL” soon!

Our regular “Soul Food” Wednesdays will conclude in mid-May, BUT...we will continue with suppers on Wednesday evenings with “Summer Soul” beginning on May 18! We have community folks who are somewhat dependent on us for a meal, and we have many of our own church family who regularly enjoy the fellowship each week, so... We are planning to serve simpler and possibly fresher meals throughout the summer, hopefully using fresh garden “stuff.” Whatever EXTRA that you may have in your garden, we welcome to put to good use for “Summer Soul.” Your recipes are also welcome! As is your help, too! Please see Kelli Burkhardt, Carol Castello, or Terri Sedam to volunteer your veggies and/or your helping hands!

On May 4, we will be celebrating “Quatro de Mayo” (that’s “Cinco de Mayo” a day early!) 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 18, 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!

P...R...A...Y...E...R.....C...H...A...I...N

The Prayer Chain is “connecting” us to prayer! If you would like to be added as a “link”
or if you have a prayer request,
simply call Carol Castello at 592-0847 OR e-mail her at cjcast@yahoo.com.
Thanks for your caring and “prayer-ing”!

Vacation Bible School

It is that time of year again – Vacation Bible School!

We are going *Inside Out and Upside Down on Main Street – Where Jesus makes a difference every day!*

Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street is full of fun, music, games, projects, snacks, and other awesome activities. But Main Street is not just about fun and games – it's about changing lives and helping kids see how Jesus can make a difference every day. Each day kids will be challenged to talk about Jesus' parables, put the word on the Street into action, and make choices that serve others!

**Downtown VBS will be June 13 - 17
from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
at the Presbyterian Church on
Washington Street**

(This is the only VBS Emanuel will have this year.)

As part of Emanuel's contribution, we need 200 bars of Ivory Soap. Please bring soap donations to the Sunday School office.

A gift for Mom

The three young children told their mother that she wasn't to lift a finger on Mother's Day. They were going to do all the cooking. So, they got out three pots, two frying pans, six measuring spoons, three mixing bowls, a double boiler, a chopping board and eight serving dishes. Mom said it was the best Jell-O she had ever tasted!