

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.

Like the vast majority of most people who have experienced one, I love a Thanksgiving meal. The beautifully prepared turkey, dressing and other tasty delectables (not to mention desserts) make my mouth water just to think about them. The sight of all that good food is a feast for the eyes; the aroma is a feast for the nose; and the taste is...well, a feast!

But if I had to prepare any of it on my own, it would never happen. That is way too much hassle and work for me for what it's worth. Vienna sausages are quick and easy. I will grant you that Vienna sausages do not have the same sensory sensations that a Thanksgiving meal would have, but food is food and some things simply are not worth all the hassle and hustle and bustle. The preparation and the clean-up...it would not be worth it for me. Vienna sausages and potato chips could work in a pinch.

Thanking God in general is not worth the hassle for us very often. Reading the Bible, praying, worship, helping others, and trying to live out the love He gives us, all takes time and effort. It is a lot easier to say, "I practice my faith in my own way", which often winds up to be not much.

Faith and thanksgiving is a total mind, body and soul event that needs to be experienced as such. I encourage you to read your Bible, pray, study, worship and try to live the love which Christ offers. To do anything less is like having Vienna sausages for a Thanksgiving meal!

See you in church.

Pastor Castello

Food for Thought

In some Plymouth homes in New England, there is still a tradition to place five kernels of corn at each plate at Thanksgiving. This is to remind those partaking of the feast of the hunger leading up to the first Thanksgiving. In mid-July of 1623, six weeks of drought had shriveled Plymouth's corn and bean crops. Food was in short supply, and legend has it that the colonists were limited to a daily ration of just five kernels of corn. Colonist Edward Winslow wrote that the threat of famine moved them "to humble ourselves together before the Lord by fasting and prayer." The next morning, Winslow related, "distilled such soft, sweet, and moderate showers of rain, continuing some fourteen days, and mixed with such seasonable weather, as it was hard to say whether our withered corn or drooping affections were most quickened or revived." Their prayers answered, Winslow concluded, "it would be great ingratitude, if secretly we should smother up the same, or content ourselves with private thanksgiving for that, which by private prayer could not be obtained. And therefore another solemn day was set apart and appointed for that end."

The colonists faced their crisis together, as a community. When there was threat of starvation, they resolved to starve together. When there was promise of abundance, they shared the feast. Every Thanksgiving thereafter, the Pilgrims placed five kernels of corn beside each plate to remind them of their blessings.

This Thanksgiving, let us all remember the blessings of our lives. The goal of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal is for every member of the ELCA to give \$5 each year to ending hunger in God's good world. Five kernels of corn, five blessings to be counted, and five dollars to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal so that we may be blessings to others!

Needed: More "Links" on the "Prayer Chain"

More "pray-ers" are ALWAYS welcome to add to the "prayers" of our Prayer Chain. If you would like to become another "link" on the e-mail chain, please just e-mail **Carol Castello** at cjcast@henry-net.com. To become a "link" on the "phone chain," please just call Carol at 419-592-0847.

We always need "prayers" for our "pray-ers", too, so please contact Carol with any prayer requests. As we are told in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

All Saints Sunday - November 6

Celebrate with us the lives of all believers who have died in the faith, the heroes of centuries past, and our own ancestors and relatives. Members of our congregation who have died in the preceding 12 months will be remembered by name in the prayers on this day.

Erma Eggers

Donna Higbea

Gail Taylor

Advent Devotion Book

What does the season mean to you? Write down some thoughts and turn them in by **NOVEMBER 1** to be included in our Advent Devotion Book. If you have any questions, contact Pastor or Carol Castello.

Walking the “Walk” (the CROP Walk, that is!)

On the afternoon of November 6, some 18 people (at last count!) From our Emanuel Church Family will be putting on their “walking shoes” to stroll together in the “First Annual” Henry County CROP Walk for Hunger.

Twenty-five percent of the funds raised will be returned here to Henry County to be divided among Christmas Cheer and local area food pantries in the county. Walkers will also be bringing non-perishable food items as an extra “step” of their efforts. Please contact any (or ALL!) Of our Walkers with your donations to their “strides” in helping to feed hungry people: *Darlene Bostelman, Gary & Jamie Bostelman, Carol & Pastor Castello, Emily & Hannah Jordan, Donna Peper, Nancy Schink, Lila Wernecke, Danielle Williams, Mike, Gayla, Jessica, Laura, Sarah, & Carol Yaney and Martha Young.*

I do need a volunteer to drive a “relief vehicle” around the 3-mile route to pick up any tired or blistered Walkers. If you’d be willing to help in this way, please see Carol Castello.

Preacher Pounding

I had a 1-pound loss last month! Thanks for your support!

Pastor Castello

College Students’ Addresses

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Columbus OH 43201

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Columbus OH 43201

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326 S Chase Ave
Columbus OH 43204

A little T.L.C. from E.L.C.

Recovering from a hospital stay and need a little help with meals? Having some trouble with transportation and need a ride to an appointment or to church? Being a primary caregiver for a loved one and need a little “break” for an afternoon? Homebound for whatever reason and need a few errands run?

We’re HERE to help! Please call Carol Castello (592-0847) if ever you’re in need of “just a little T.L.C. from E.L.C.” (*Tender Loving Care from Emanuel Lutheran Church*). Our volunteers are standing by...

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From Congregational Life Board

Collection/donation corner

The Collection/Donation corner generated nearly 200 items plus a couple bags of clothes, that were delivered to the Cheryl Allen Community Center in Lima in September. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

The Cherry Street Mission in Toledo is the beneficiary for October with collections continuing through the end of the month.

November donations will go towards Henry County Christmas Cheer/Christmas Care programs.

Items needed for Christmas Cheer:

canned vegetables, fruits, soup, stews, meats
macaroni & cheese mixes, spaghetti
spaghetti sauces, tomato juice, broths
noodles, macaroni, rice, spaghetti
potato mixes, stuffing mixes
cereals, pancake mixes, syrups

crackers, peanut butter, jelly
pudding, jello, cake mixes, frostings
fruit juices, coffee, tea, cool-aid,
chocolate drink mixes
toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper towels
bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo

PLEASE NO MICROWAVE ITEMS

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2005 has been scheduled for Thursday, November 24 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Central Middle School cafeteria. There are reservation sheets and volunteer sign-up sheets on the bulletin board next to the secretary’s office here at Emanuel. Reservations need to be made by November 17 so please do so by then if you or someone you know is planning to attend or if you are able to help that day.

Emanuel has also been asked to supply **canned cranberry sauce** for the meal. Donations will be collected here at the church in a box in the overflow area. Thank you in advance for helping us help make this meal possible by your continued support of projects both here and in our community.

Operation: Christmas Care

Emanuel is joining several county churches and organizations in helping to provide a Christmas to those less fortunate families in our area. You can help OPERATION: Christmas Care by recommending a family that you feel may be deserving of gifts and food for the upcoming Christmas holiday. Please contact Pastor Castello if you have a family you would like to benefit from this program.

Another way you can help is to “shop” for those families that are recommended. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Please keep in mind that this is not replacing Christmas Cheer; it is merely another “arm” to help lift up others who may be in need.

If you have questions, please see **Judy Hoffman** or **Phyllis Kloos** who are representing Emanuel through the Congregational Life Board.

Applications for OPERATION: Christmas Care are available on the bulletin board by the church secretary’s office. These need to be returned by Thanksgiving.

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Changes to your new membership directory:

page 29 change
Wendy Nashu
57 Cascade Dr.
Battle Creek MI 49015

page 40 change
Don Walters
221 E. Front St.
Napoleon OH 43545

page 39 **change**
Lisa Vajen
2301 Chancery Rd.
Toledo OH 43617

Health Ministry

- *Judy Hoffman*

November is Diabetic Education Month

Be a healthy person and take every opportunity to improve your own health, the health of your loved ones, and the health of your community.

Check the following contacts to help you and your family with diabetic information. Local sources also are available at: Henry County Hospital (419.592.4015) and Fulton County Health Center (419.335.2015)..

American Diabetes Association
(800) 342-2383

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International Hotline
(800) 223-1138
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

November 3 Medicare Drug Prescription Information

On November 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Society for the Handicapped, Inc. (470 Independence Drive) Medicare Drug Prescription Information will be offered. This is being sponsored by several groups: The Senior Center, Henry County Hospital, and Emanuel Lutheran Church.

It will be presented by representatives from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Program, Social Security Administration, and other Insurance representatives.

The information is for all seniors and their families who need help understanding this new program.

November 6 CROP Walk

Hopefully you or someone in your family will be involved with this great program that will help feed the hungry of the world. Twenty-five percent of the funds collected on this day will return to our Henry County Food Banks.

Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks...

...to those of you who have donated meals and comfort wraps for our ill and recovering members of Emanuel's Family! As we spread our love and concern for each other, we are truly blessed to be part of God's Great Goodness!

News from Angela Tonjes, Worship & Music Coordinator

Adult Choir

A big thank you to our choir members for working so hard to prepare for our October concert. You are very inspiring! We continue to work hard for our next big event, our Christmas Cantata. It will be a worship service filled with great music.

The schedule for songs for November are:

- November 6, 8:00 *All Ye People* (choir ladies)
- November 13, 10:30 *All Ye People* (choir ladies)
- November 20, 8:00 *Give Thanks*
- November 23 (Thanksgiving Eve) *Give Thanks*
- November 27, 10:30 *Light the Advent Candle*

Child Care for Choir

We are in need of some kind and caring volunteers who are willing to provide child care for an hour on Wednesday evenings during choir practice. There are several “voices” who would be glad to praise God in song IF there were someone to watch their children during practice from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.! We are looking for some kind “grandma-types” and some caring “teenager-types”, and hopefully, we could reach the point of having a sign-up “schedule” so that volunteers could take turns and share the fun. If you are ready, willing, and able to serve in this way, please see Carol Castello or Angela Tonjes to volunteer.

Cherub Choir

We continue to have practices on Wednesdays at 5:00 in the chapel. The children are having a great time learning to play their new bells. We are looking forward to ringing in church in the near future. We are working on memorizing new songs, including a special one for Advent.

Living Spirit

Do you like to sing contemporary Christian music? If you are in Junior High or college or in your 80's or 90's and you just like to sing, please join Living Spirit. We meet each week for only 30 minutes in the Chapel to practice and will usually sing once or twice a month. Come and join us. “Sing Praise to the Lord, come on Everybody...Sing! Sing! Sing!

Christmas Cantata

The musicians of Emanuel have a very special gift to give to our congregation. On Sunday, December 18, we will be telling the Christmas story with song. This cantata is entitled "Let the World Rejoice" and will feature our many outstanding musicians of all ages. This program will be presented ONE TIME ONLY, at the 10:30 worship service, and will last approximately one hour. We invite you to come, sit back, and enjoy the music of the season!

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Worship Opportunities...

November 23, Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead:

December 24, Children's Program at 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service at 11:00 p.m.

December 25, One morning service at 10:00 a.m.

December 31, New Year's Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.

Y.C.C.

We will be having a Christmas party immediately after Christmas program practice on December 4. Please bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange (boys for boys and girls for girls.) We will have snacks and games, and parents can pick up their child(ren) at 6:00.

Academy Brass Quintet Concert CD Available

Through the wonderful sound system capabilities here at Emanuel, we have a recording of the September concert of the Academy Brass Quintet. If you missed the concert (and that wonderful tuba!) or if you wished you could hear them (and that tuba!) again, here is your chance! These CDs are available for a donation which will be given to the efforts of providing "Soul Food" each Wednesday. For some music to soothe your soul while you enjoy food for your soul, get your ABQ CD in the church office.

Soul Food

Menu for November

November 2	Taco Bake Casserole
November 9	Turkey & Fixings
November 16	Sloppy Joes (back by popular demand!)
November 23	Soups & Salads
November 30	Chicken & Noodles

Serving is from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. There will be a free will donation for the meals. We are able to serve most meals for \$2.00 to \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 to \$2.00 for children. If you would like to share a dessert or a salad, we would appreciate that very much. Be sure to sign up by Tuesday each week and bring a friend!

*'Twas the night before Thanksgiving and in my sleep,
strange dreams in my mind began to creep.
Thanksgiving leftovers beckoned- the dark meat and white,
but I fought the temptation with all of my might.
Tossing and turning with anticipation,
the thought of a snack became infatuation.
So to the kitchen I did race, flung open the door.
I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,
pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.
I felt myself swelling so plump and so round
till all of a sudden I rose off the ground!
I crashed through the ceiling, floating into the sky...
With a mouthful of pudding and handful of pie,
but I managed to yell as I soared past the trees,
Happy eating to all!
Pass the cranberries please!*

*-from the internet
Thanks Angela Tonjes*

WELCA News

Nancy Lange, President

Retreat

The WELCA Retreat on October 8 was held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners. Pastor Vicki Coombs gave a very interesting talk about India.

General Meeting

Mark your calendar for our General Meeting on December 1. We'll have installation of officers (see below). Miriam Circle will host.

Thankoffering

We will present our thankofferings **during the worship service** on November 20. Put your thankofferings in the designated box or basket which will be available at either entrance BEFORE church that morning. Mark them "WELCA THANKOFFERING". These offerings will then be brought forward to the altar at the same time as our regular offerings.

WELCA Officers for 2006

President - **Carol Dille**

Vice President - **Rita Schweinhagen**

Secretary - **Donna Peper**

Treasurer - **Dora Titgemeyer** (serving 2nd year of term)

Mission Growth - **Janis Dachenhaus** (serving 2nd year of term)

Mission Action - **Ami Allison**

Filling Guild Representative - **Lois Gerken**

Nominating committee - **Minnie Meineke**

Betsy Mix

Connie Williams

Altar Guild - **Ruth Hershberger**

Julie Kohout

Jamie Bostelman

Sue Kruse

Shelley Higbea

Jessica Yaney

Julie Mt.Castle (1 year term to finish Charlotte Wangrin's term)

Filling Guild Membership

Annual membership dues of \$1.00 or more may be turned in to **Rita Kryder** or **Jamie Bostelman**.

You may also place your donation in the offering plate in a properly marked envelope with your name, address, and telephone number.

Thank you!

- ¥ My heartfelt appreciation to **Pastor Castello** for his visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. And to **Carol** who coordinated the meals brought to our home after I returned home. **Larry** means well, but his special of the day is scrambled eggs and/or oatmeal, so believe me the tasty meals delivered to us sure were welcomed! Thanks to **Ken and Nancy, Nanette, and Donnie!** What a great project that is for the church ladies! Thanks lots to everybody!
-Lois Wiechers
- ¥ Thank you for your recent donation to the House of Ruth. All the items were much needed and appreciated. Thanks for everything you do for us.
-Diana Owens, House of Ruth
- ¥ Thank you for the many prayers, sympathy cards, memorials, Pastor's prayers, two people who took me to the University of Michigan hospital to see my daughter, **Joyce**. Someone even brought us a delicious meal. Thanks to the whole congregation.
-Julia & Walter Arps
- ¥ Dear friends, Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers, cards and memorials for our Mom and Grandma, **Barbra Mancini**. We are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful and caring congregation. As God has chosen us, we have wisely chosen you. You all have a special place in our hearts.
-Tom & Beth Jenny, Chris, Megan & Erin

Statistics

Date	Attendance	Communed	Offerings
September 25	246		4530.18 (includes 160 Bldg Fd; 10 mem to Bldg Fd - Barbara Mancini)
October 2	255	122	10,569.88 (includes 5,000 Bldg Fd in honor of 55 th wed anniv of Ed & Alyce Oberhaus; 585 Bldg Fd; 15 mem to Bldg Fd - Joyce Pullen; 70 mem - Barbara Mancini; 55 World Hunger)
October 9	232	98	4505.15 (includes 440 Bldg Fd; 75 mem to Roof Fd - Joyce Pullen)
October 12		4	
October 16	276		5089.08 (includes 75 Bldg Fd; 25 mem to Bldg Fd-Barbara Mancini; 420 mem to Roof Fd - Joyce Pullen; 222.05 Tanzania/Injil)
October 23	240		4350.00 (includes 95 Bldg Fd; 50 mem to Roof Fd - Joyce Lanzer)
October 23 (4:00) Healing Service	25		

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

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

Margaret Fahy

Marie Heuer

Laura Rohda

Marge Gathman

Irma Overhulse

Alfred "Petey" Ruetz

Eugenia Gerken

Hildegarde Reiser *

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

Christine Rath

Miriam Smith

Reim Eickhoff

Carl Bockelman

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

Esther Wittenberg

- *Hildegarde Reiser recently moved from Pemberville to the Lutheran Home.*

Council Chat - October 17, 2005

¥ Doctrine & Worship has set the Holiday worship Schedule:

Thanksgiving Eve - 7:30 p.m.

NO preschool/Advent music program

Christmas Eve - 11 p.m. with communion

Christmas Day - 10 a.m. with communion

New Year's Eve - 7 p.m.

New Year's Day - regular Sunday worship schedule

A big thank you to **Douglas Hoffman** for making the prayer kneeler. The ELCA is coming out with a new hymnal and the board will receive more information in March 2006.

¥ Congregational Life has many events planned for October, and we appreciate all of their hard work. CROP Walk is fast approaching, and we hope many will chose to walk. Plans are underway for the Community Thanksgiving Meal. The board will be distributing Time and Talent sheets for all members to complete and return. Congregational support for all of the board's hard work and efforts is very much appreciated.

¥ Properties Board has scheduled Laser Chem to clean the sanctuary on October 21. All members are welcome to help with clean-up day on October 22. The insurance company is figuring a settlement for damage that occurred due to the roof project and the storm damage. The board is obtaining price quotes for basement window and door replacement. The elevator is being inspected, and they are getting prices for a snow blower.

¥ Education Board reported on updates to Catechism and involvement with the CROP Walk. Donations for the TV/VCR/DVD are being finalized. Preschool is selling cookie dough for their fundraiser, and arrangements are being made for a sub list. **Darlene Bostelman** will be the Christmas Program Director. The Youth Education Fund donated \$300 to Club Christ for the National Youth Gathering. Sunday School students will be receiving Advent calendars.

¥ New Business: **Marilyn Fretz** will be purchasing and preparing the gifts for members 70 years of age and older. If anyone does not wish to receive a Christmas gift, they can contact **Marilyn Fretz** or **Pat Mohring** to have their name removed from the list.

¥ **Carol Dille** announced the Women of Emanuel will have a door offering on Sunday, October 23 or November 6 for the Maumee Valley Conference Missionary Fund.

¥ The Lutheran Social Services would like for a member of Emanuel to be the link between the church and LSS. This person needs to have email access. Please contact **Barb Hoffman** if you are interested.

¥ **Martha Young** is looking into the reason for the church paying real estate taxes on the church parking lot. She will investigate further and report back.

¥ In an effort to be good stewards, save our natural resources and postage, assist Pat, and modern technology we would like to see how many members would like to receive their monthly newsletter by email, and it would also be placed on our webpage. Please contact Barb Hoffman by phone 419-

267-3433; email: bahoffm@bgsu.edu or Pat Mohring is you would like to receive the newsletter by email.

A day to honor our veterans

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection – a day to remember those who died in the country’s service and to offer Americans the opportunity “to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation.”

Wanting to recognize more specifically America’s veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when “they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more (Isaiah 2:4).

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Bell Choir Director - Hugh Schink
Chime Choir Director - Bill Panning
Living Spirit Director - Barbara Hoffman
Parish Secretary - Patricia Mohring
Sunday School Superintendent - Laura Ellis
Altar Guild Chairman - Shelley Higbea
Good News Preschool Director - Judith Demmel
Custodians - Michelle Dille, Caye Schroeder, Jack Robbins

Worship participants in November

Acolytes

8:00 **Cierra Buehrer & Laura Yaney**

10:30 **Victoria & Theresa Peper**

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Eve

Ellen Hoops & Cierra Buehrer

Ushers

8:00 **Ed Panning, Rich Bertz,**

Tom Hoffman, Kevin Sonnenberg

10:30 **Ben Michaelis, Karl Wiechers,**

Joe Kohout, Kurt Rohrs

Altar Guild

Sue Schink & Peggy Bertz

Lay Assistants

8:00 **Carol Castello (13/20) Martha Young**

10:30 **Gary & Jamie Bostelman**

Altar Flowers

November 6 - **Julie Delventhal**

November 13 - **Patrick & Jody Dille** in honor of their 26th wedding anniversary

November 20 - **Norm & Kathy Bostelman**

- **Ruth Bahler** in loving memory of **Edwin**

November 27 - **Joe & Julie Kohout** in honor of their 12th wedding anniversary

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.

Watch for the 2006 flower calendar!

Good New Preschool Update

Good News Preschool has 32 students enrolled. We are currently operating without a paid assistant due to lack of funding. We are closely watching the financial situation and hope to be able to hire a paid assistant in the upcoming months.

Quarterly Report

July - September 2005

32 Students enrolled

Actual Preschool Expenses	
Advertising	145.93
Sub/Assistant	-0-
Payroll	1,145.42
Taxes	-0-
Retirement	725.00
Registration Refund	20.00
Supplies	40.00
Total Actual Expenses	2,076.35
Fund Raiser Expenses	-0-
Total Outflow	2,076.35
Income from Tuition **	4,040.00
Fund Raiser Income	-0-
Total Inflow	4,040.00

** Income from tuition includes September, October and registration fees.
Expected monthly tuition is \$1,920.

Advent is a beginning

Advent begins on November 27 this year. Many Christians may not realize that Advent is the beginning of the “church year.” The church year starts with our preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ. Advent obviously leads to Christmas Day.

After Christmas, churches move on to observe Epiphany (the arrival of the wise men). Epiphany is always observed on January 6. Next comes the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent continues through Holy Week when we observe Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Forty days after Easter we recall the ascension of Christ (Acts 1:9) on Ascension Day. Fifty days after Easter comes the birthday of the church when the Holy Spirit descended upon Christ’s followers in Jerusalem giving them power and unity. It happened on the day of Pentecost, a harvest holiday celebrated by Jews. Pentecost is observed until the start of Advent, when the church year begins again.

Community News

The Filling Fall Fling - November 12, 2005

Filling Home has received a most generous offer from the parents of one of their residents who are willing to match any and all contributions made in support of their Aquatic Therapy Center building fund over the next six months on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

To help make the most of this opportunity the Filling Home Women's Guild has taken on a special project for this year. On Saturday, November 12, the Guild members are planning to hold their first ever ***Filling Fall Fling***. This community-wide event will include food, entertainment, family fun, and an auction, both silent and live. It will be held in the multipurpose room of the new Aquatic Therapy Center on Filling Home's campus from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Filling Fall Fling will feature live entertainment, including a polka band, magician, and clown, good food, serving brats, sauerkraut, chicken sandwiches, home-made pies, and soft drinks; along with fun for the kids, both young and old. There will be no charge for admission to the event, with free-will offerings accepted for the food and entertainment. All proceeds from the event will be matched by the *Opportunity* gift and donated to the Therapy Center building fund.

Many volunteers are needed that day to help with parking, serving food, clean-up and tear-down. If you are willing to help, there are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board by the church office.

There is also a sign-up sheet for pie donations!

Give the gift of life...

Here is the Henry County Bloodmobile Schedule for November:

Wednesday, November 2, 1-7 p.m., Liberty Center High School Old Gym

Friday, November 4, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Napoleon Society for the Handicapped

Helping Hands, Loving Hands, Christmas Tree of Lights

You are invited to join fellow Christians with your "helping hands and loving hands" by honoring/remembering a loved one with a name on the ribbon to help decorate the "Christmas Tree of Lights" at The Lutheran Home in Napoleon. Please use the "Tree of Lights" form on the bulletin board by the church office by December 2.

Thrivent News

Thrivent Holiday Family Event

The Central Ohio Four County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is hosting a Holiday Family Event on Sunday, November 27.

Plans include attending a live stage play at the Palace Theater in Marion at 8 p.m. on the 27th. It is “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens, conveying the message that the holiday season should be a kind, forgiving, charitable time. This is done by a theater group from New York. The play lasts about an hour and fifteen minutes.

After the play Thrivent members and their families will be treated to an evening meal in the parlors of Emanuel Lutheran Church, just two blocks from the theater. There is no cost for Thrivent members and their young children living in the home. However, we do need reservations which must be in by November 20. In practicing good stewardship with our Thrivent funds, we are asking that you send a \$10.00 check with your reservation which will be refunded to you in full when you come to the play and evening meal. Thrivent members wishing to bring a guest who is not a Thrivent member may do so. The cost of non-members, which must be sent with the reservation, is \$14.00 which includes the play and the evening meal. Please send all reservations to: Dolores Geiger, 5464 Connely Rd., Bucyrus, OH 44820, phone 419-562-4110. Space for the evening meal is limited to 120, so please get your reservations in early. Tickets for the play can be picked up at the box office upon arrival at the theater. Look for a Thrivent sign.

The Palace Theater is located on West Center Street (SR 109W) just two blocks west of the courthouse. Emanuel Lutheran Church is at 241 S. Prospect St. (SR 4S) one block west and one and one half blocks south of the Courthouse.

Let's celebrate together the true meaning of the Advent and Christmas Season.

Special prayers from kids

Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up. -Joyce

Dear God, Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his golf words in the house? -Anita

Dear God, if you watch in Church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes. -Barbara

Dear God, did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was it an accident?

Dear God, I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it. -Nancy

Synod News

“With One Eye” – Looking at the Synoptic Gospels is the title of the Lay Academy for Mission’s workshop led by Pastor James Dumke to be held Saturday, November 5, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran, Port Clinton. The registration fee is \$45 and includes lunch and materials. Come and spend some time with one of our most popular leaders as he takes the group into a study of the Synoptic Gospels – a comparative study of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. For information or to register contact Bonnie Kinschner at 419-841-6506 or bkinschner@aol.com.

The Quilt Benefit Auction benefitting the Hekima Project is finally here! Over the last year, numerous quilters and crafters within NW Ohio congregations of the ELCA have been busy making quilts and crafts which will be auctioned off on December 3, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 315 S. College Dr., Bowling Green. One hundred percent of the money raised at this auction will go the Dodoma Diocese in Tanzania, and specifically to benefit the Hekima Project. Here is a link for more information on the Hekima Project: <http://www.nwos-elca.org/nwos-wo/UpcomingEvents/Tanzania/HekimaProject.htm>

Adults (men and women) 18 or over are invited to consider participating in a **Service and Mission Trip to Mississippi** that is being planned for the weekend of November 11-13, 2005. A 57 passenger bus is being contracted to take up to that many volunteer workers down to one of three possible sights (all within a 20 mile radius): Bethel Lutheran Church, Biloxi, Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Ocean Springs, or Coast Episcopal School, Long Beach. The cost for transportation (with 50 or more volunteers) will only be \$50/person. Your spot on the trip is basically secured when a check to New Creation Lutheran Church has been received.

The plan is to depart from Ottawa, Ohio on Thursday evening, November 10, tentatively at about 6:00 p.m. and drive through the night to our intended destination and arrive by morning and begin working in teams at various locations. Volunteer work will continue through Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The return trip to Ohio will begin on Sunday evening with an anticipated arrival in Ottawa early on Monday morning. It will be a demanding weekend, but one where we can make a hands-on impact in the lives of many who have lost so much.

Housing and meals will be provided while there. Housing will be either on cots or air mattresses, so bedding/sleeping bag/pillow will need to be taken. Three meals will be available each day. Any special food requirements need to be made in advance. The primary activity, at this point, will be “mucking” homes. This will be the removal of flooring, drywall, and other items from inside the home, which will then be allowed to dry (for about 12 days), then the studs, etc. are treated and contractors/construction people can return and refurbish the home. There may be some (not many, though) less labor intensive jobs available. No power tools would be helpful, but rather hammers, crowbars, sledge hammers, pry bars, screw drivers, shovels (coal) can be brought.

To join me and members of New Creation Lutheran Church, simply call the office: New Creation Lutheran Church, c/o Pastor Ken Pollitz, 8127 E Main St, Ottawa OH 45875, 419-523-6250 newcreation@bright.net

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Savior's Signal

A newsletter for Emanuel's youth

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*Sunday School
children grades
1-5 will sing
Sunday,
November 6 at*

10:25 a. m.

The Christmas program will be held on December 24 at 7:00 p. m. A BIG thank you to Darlene Bostelman for volunteering to be this year's director. A practice schedule will be sent home soon.

Baptismal Birthdays - November

*Candice Ankney
Madison Ashbaugh
Jennifer Beltz
Heidi Bortz
Gary Bostelman
Lorna Bostelman
Denise Brown
Brock Brubaker
Traci Conklin
Rod Dachenhaus
Rudi Dachenhaus
Gary Daman
Esther Fouts
David Gerken
Joshua Gerken*

*Abriana Hernandez
Cheryl Hershberger
Dawn Hoops
Cathy Hutchinson
Phyllis Kloos
Stephanie Kloos
Ryan Kohout
Alyssa Kruse
Diane Kruse
Mike Kruse
Richard Landversicht
Vanessa Lanzer
Karilyne Manahan
Derek Miller*

*Kyle Miller
Madison Nashu
Tyler Nation
Barb Nye
Scott Rex
DeAnn Reynolds
Mark Rohrs
Nathan Rohrs
Nick Rohrs
Jack Ruby
Caye Schroeder
Nanette Schwab
Tammy Schweinhagen
Chase Sherman*

*Ashley Simpson
Zachary Skeens
Michelle Slee
Miriam Smith
Lana Sonnenberg
Angela Sosebee
Katherine Updegraff
Lisa Vajen
Barb Walter
Andy Weirauch
Sandi Weirauch
Troy Weirauch
Lida Wernecke
Gayla Yaney*

News from Y. C. C.

Young Christians for Christ

4th - 8th graders

- Julie & Maru Mt. Castle

YCC met to begin their year on Sunday, September 25 in the church basement. We started the evening with Pizza and Pop, and then the kids started brainstorming ideas of what they'd like to do this year. After coming up with a long list, the kids voted on what they'd most like to do, and we have a fun-filled year planned!

Our planned event for October is the Corn Maze, followed by a hayride on Sunday, October 23. Hopefully we'll have good weather for that!

Our event for November will be a trip to COSI on Sunday, November 13. Watch your Sunday bulletin for details on this and future events!

I would like to mention to all parents that we had to make a minor change in our calendar for the year. We have 2 events planned for March: Bingo and Swimming. Those 2 dates have been switched around, due to a conflict. Swimming at WHS will be on March 12, and Bingo at the Lutheran Home will be on March 26. Please make a note of this.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you new 4th graders at our events this year! Come join us! We'll have a great time!

Club Christ

On November 19 Club Christ will be making subs through advanced orders. Pick up time will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. This is Ohio State vs. Michigan Game Day!!!!

Subs will have Turkey, Ham, Salami, Cheese and Lettuce. They will come with a bag of chips and a cookie and will sell for \$5.00 each. We will again be getting matching funds from Thrivent. Orders will be available in the church bulletins on November 6 & 13.

Orders need to be in by Wednesday, November 16.

*Club Christ will be selling "God's Creation"
calendars for 2006.*

*See a Club Christ member to get your
calendars!*