

# Good News

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

## MY WALK IN FAITH

I am blessed to many ways. God gave me special parents that raised me in a Christian home.

I feel my faith in God started on June 13, 1954. That day water was poured on my forehead three times along with the words: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

My faith started out like a mustard seed and grew a little bit when I started going to Sunday School. The first song of praise that I learned and stays in my heart to this day is:

Two Little Eyes

Two little eyes to look to God,

Two little ears to hear His Word,  
Two little feet to walk His ways,  
Hands to serve Him all my days.

One little tongue to speak His truth  
One little heart for Him in youth;  
Take them, O Jesus and let them be,  
Always willing, true to Thee.

My faith grew a little bit more when attending Summer School and Catechism class. Many Bible verses and hymns were memorized. On April 7, 1968 I was ready to make public profession of my faith.

At one time I wanted to dedicate my life to God in the way of becoming a nun. That was until I found out that Lutherans don't have Nuns. That was just a little curve in my walk of faith.

My faith is still growing and there will be more curves and speed bumps along the way. But my faith will always be there for me when I need it.

My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

**LodeRors**

## *All Saints Day - November 1*

Celebrate with us the lives of all believers who have died in the faith 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.

*Shelley Higbea  
Orville Schnitkey  
Nelson Fejes  
Norma Duquette  
Albert Ford  
Irma Overhulse*

*Michael A. Kruse  
Belva Daum  
Neil Demmel  
Carl Bockelman  
Gale Nye  
Bettie Maynard*

## *Veterans Service — November 8*

On November 8 at both services, we will recognize our military veterans and current members of the armed forces. (If you or a loved one are a current member or a veteran, but are unable to attend, please submit their name(s) to be acknowledged at that time.) We would like also to list all the names in the bulletin. To do so, we need those submissions to the church office by November 2. Please list the names like this:

Timothy Roe - US Marines veteran  
John Doe - US Army, husband of (your name)  
Jane Moe - US Navy, aunt of (your name)

## *Community Thanksgiving Service — November 25*

We are pleased to again take part in the Thanksgiving Service for the community, this year to be hosted by Christ United Methodist Church on Glenwood Avenue. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Our adult choir will sing and the group from our church will present their Hand Mime, “Who Am I?”

Please plan to join us in our worship of Thanksgiving and praise!

*from the Congregational Life Board*

- Giving/donation corner for weeks of **October 25, November 1 & 8** will be items for the military through the Red Cross.

Hard candy (indiv, wrapped)	Lip balm, wet wipes, eye drops	Comic Books
Instant Coffee, Coffee Creamer	Small hair spray (pumps)	Puzzle books
Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate, Hot Cider	FDS body spray	Blank greeting cards
Powdered Drink Mixes (smaller containers or indiv. Servings)	Disposable razor blades	Videos, DVD's, CD's
Peanuts, pretzels, chips, Trail Mix, Gum, microwave popcorn	Gold Bond powder or store brand	Small board games
Beef Jerky, potted meats	Feminine hygiene of all kinds	Jigsaw puzzles
Vienna sausages	Small boxes of laundry tablets	Playing cards
Dehydrated fruits (store bought)	Bug spray with DEET (pump only)	Cross stitch kits (non-religious)
Dehydrated cups of soup	Flip flops for showers	Batteries - all sizes
Snack containers w/tuna, mayo, & crackers (non-refrigerated)	Toilet Paper	Holiday decorations (St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Hanukkah, Christmas, Patriotic holidays, etc.)
Pudding snack packs (plastic)	Hair clips (black or brown)	Small 1-2 ft. Christmas trees
Toiletry items such as shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shower soap/gel, Q-tips	Pony tail bands (black or brown)	Mini-lights
Hand sanitizer, hand lotion	Shoe insoles	Non-breakable tree decorations
Sunscreen	Black crew sox (men's size 9-11) and women's	
	Anti-fungal creme	
	Glove liners or light weight work gloves	
	Wrap around sunglasses	
	Recent paperback books	

- Donations for the weeks of **November 15-22-29** will be for Christmas Cheer:

Canned Vegetables, Fruits	Tomato Juice, Broths	Cake Mixes, Frostings
Canned Soup, Meats	Noodles, Macaroni	Fruit Juices, Coffee, Tea
Macaroni & Cheese mixes	Rice, Spaghetti	Kool-aid, Chocolate Drink Mixes
Spaghettios	Potato Mixes, Stuffing Mixes	Toilet Tissue, Facial Tissue
Spaghetti Sauces	Cereals	Paper Towels
	Pancake Mixes, Syrups	Bar Soap
	Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly	Toothpaste, Shampoo
	Pudding, Jello	( <u>NO</u> microwave items!)

- *Donations for December will be for the Angel Tree. Details to come.*

## *It's HOW MANY days until Christmas!?!?!?*

Don't panic – there is still time! But now is the time to think about preparing for Christmas! And this year there are two special opportunities for you!

✓ We would once again like to “publish” an Advent devotion booklet written by and for you, our Emanuel Church Family. These writings needn't be long; they needn't be profound; they needn't even be typewritten or proofread! The idea is to simply write a brief “essay” of what Christmas is all about to you – any special traditions you have or memories of Christmases past or thoughts about how you prepare for Christmas, etc. What does Christ's birth mean to you? Please submit these to the Church Office by November 15; the first Sunday in Advent is November 29.

✓ And to begin to prepare your heart for Christmas, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in November (November 29, which is the First Sunday in Advent) will offer a *Journey to Bethlehem*. That afternoon the sanctuary will be open for a time of quiet prayer and meditation, and Worship and Music Director, Angela Tonjes will provide the beautiful background music for this time.

A *Nativity Walk* will take place from 2 - 4 p.m. that day. Cookies and drinks will be served. If you have a nativity scene you would like to share with us, please bring it to the church basement by Sunday, November 22. You are invited to attach a note about its history or any interesting facts about it. Also, please place your name on the nativity!

Please take a moment before the rush of the Season to remember “the Reason for the Season.”

## Membership News

- Birth* Congratulations and God's blessings to Kevin & Rachel Castello-Dunn on the birth of a son, Grayson Earl, on October 19!
- Baptism* We are privileged to witness the baptism on October 25 of **Hadley Kate Spieth**, daughter of Kyle & Erin Spieth who was born on September 15. Hadley's sponsors are Kelly Kneip and Lindsey Bailey.
- Transfers* Welcome to new members **Rachel Snyder** and her children **Alison & Caleb Hernandez** who have transferred to Emanuel from St. Paul Lutheran Church on Glenwood; and to **Erin Spieth** who is transferring to Emanuel from Defiance.

### *New members reception on October 25*

A member for our most recent new members will be held between services on October 25. Please be sure to welcome to our church family: **Richard Bost, Evelyn Carlile, Mark & Jamie Glick and daughters Charlee & Macee; Ed & Alice Janick and son John, Jeff & Terri Haase and sons Tyler & Casey; Rachel Snyder and children Alison & Caleb Hernandez; and Erin Spieth.**

### **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.

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## *Thank you!*

- ◆ Thank you for the generous amount of school supplies that were donated to the elementary school from your congregation. Many families were helped by your generosity. We so much appreciate the support we receive from our area churches. Thank you.  
-Sincerely, Stephen Seagrave, Principal, Liberty Center Elementary School
- ◆ Thank you very much for your generous donation of school supplies. This will help some of our students now and throughout the year. Thank you for considering our students and their families.  
-Sincerely, Karen Bachman
- ◆ I want to thank you all for your prayers. I was put on this one medication that made such a difference. In 2-3 days I was feeling almost 100% better. Unfortunately I can't stay on that medication because of its side effects. This past month has been great and I am so grateful to you all who have been praying for me. God Bless You All!  
-In much appreciation, Gloria

## WELCA News

*Kathy Gerken, President*

September was Soap Month, and we collected 40 bars of soap.

The Soap will be sent to Lutheran World Relief along with 2 Health Kits, 18 School Kits, and 2 Sewing Kits. Thank you for your generosity to all those who donated.

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar:

Our Thankoffering Service is scheduled for Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend this special service.

Our December 3 General Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. We will have our Christmas Program, Installation of Officers, and a White Elephant gift exchange.

Please make note of these dates and feel free to bring a friend.

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### *Soul Food “Stirrings”*

Our weekly Wednesday “Soul Food” suppers are underway again with serving from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. There is no sign-up required, and everyone is welcome. This serves as your open and ongoing invitation to come and enjoy! We are STILL and always in need of help with this weekly gathering. We will need salads and desserts each week to “fill out” the menus (and fill up hungry stomachs!), and we will need help weekly with shopping or cooking or clean-up.

The weekly menus will be posted on the bulletin board by the church office and by the kitchen, but are, as always, subject to change (sometimes things just don’t work out, and plans have to be changed!).

Again, in case you’ve wondered, “Soul Food” is for everyone. You don’t need to have kids in After School Club or catechism or be in the choir; you simply need an appetite on Wednesday evening. It is always our hope that we are feeding body and soul with the food and fellowship of these weekly meals. We are reaching out more to the community this year to welcome all who are in need. If you see someone you don’t know, please greet them and welcome them. Offer to help them through the line and with the “routine” of the meal.

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

### *Red Cross Bloodmobile —*

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1-7 p.m. Liberty Center High School

Thursday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Napoleon Rotary @ Oberhaus Park Shelterhouse

Monday, Nov. 16, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Henry County Hospital Mini Drive

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Filling Fall Fling

November 7, 2009

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Serving: Brats, Hotdogs, or Chicken Sandwiches  
Homemade Pies and Cookies  
Soft Drinks

Family Fun: Games for the Kids - Clowns  
Live Musical Entertainment

Silent Auction: 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Live Auction: begins at 2 p.m.

Homemade Bake Sale  
Local Merchants and Vendor Booths  
Christmas Gifts such as quilts and decor  
(Listing available at [www.fillinghome.org](http://www.fillinghome.org))

Come enjoy lunch or take out!  
Free Admission (Freewill Offering Accepted)

All proceeds & contributions go to the Filling Homes Adaptive Equipment  
& Personal Assistance Fund

For more information call 419-592-6451, ext. 1236

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### *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.

### *Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2009*

Our community will be hosting a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for anyone interested in attending. The dinner will be served on Thanksgiving Day from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Your assistance on the days prior to the dinner are needed as well as on Thanksgiving Day. They are requesting donations of food or financial support to help provide this meal. Listed below are the items that will be needed. Please give 1-2 hours of your time to say “thank you” to God in a very special way.

Donations of the following items are needed to prepare the Thanksgiving Day meal:

Large Cans of Chicken Broth  
Cranberry Sauce  
Applesauce  
Stuffing Mix  
Canned Gravy  
Coffee  
Iced Tea Mix/Fruit Punch Mix/Lemonade Mix  
Butter  
Sugar & Creamer Packets  
Aluminum Foil

Pastor Lindy Maurice-Saum Coordinator  
232 West Washington St., Napoleon  
419-592-0661  
Assistant - Denise Iliff

# Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

## *Adult Choir*

We are busy preparing for the November concert and the December cantata. Practice is on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. NOTE: on Wednesday, November 25, a 40-minute rehearsal will be at 6:00 p.m. and we will caravan to the community thanksgiving service to sing in the joint choir. There will be NO Emanubells practice that evening.

## *Rainbow Ringers/Cherub Choir*

We are off to a great start this fall with over 20 children joining us at After School Club! We LOVE to ring bells and are learning all kinds of new motion and sign language songs. Our new rhythm sticks will be arriving soon, so we can make more “joyful noise” to the Lord. We will perform during the fall concert on November 22.

## *Community Thanksgiving Service*

We have been invited to join in the community Thanksgiving service at Christ United Methodist church on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. Our adult choir will sing and our hand mime group will present “Who Am I?” Plan to joining with others to thank God for our many blessings.

## *Church Decorating*

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 28 at 9:00 a.m. We need some men for heavy lifting, and anyone else who can volunteer would be greatly appreciated. With many hands, it should not take too long!

## *Video Ministry*

Our video ministry is up and running! If you would like a copy of the Sunday service, please let the church office know, and one will be made for you. In the near future we will have copies to pick up in a central location.

## *Christmas Cantata*

Be sure to attend our annual Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 20 at both worship services. Entitled “Mary Did You Know?” it will feature our choir, bell choir, and soloists.

## *Bible Trivia*

The words “music, musicians, musical instruments, song, singer, and singing” appear 575 times in the Bible. References to music are found in 44 of the 66 books in the Bible.

**We are on WNDH radio the entire month of December.**

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

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

- Evelyn Carlile**
- Marge Gathman**
- Alfred "Petey" Ruetz**
- Paul Panning**

**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)

**Hildegarde Reiser**

**Church Office Hours**  
**8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday**  
**8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Friday**

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## *Worship participants in November*

### Lay Assistants

8:00 Steve Kloos

10:30 Martha Young

### Acolytes

8:00 Alexandria Biederstedt & Taryn Conklin

10:30 Hannah Plummer & Stephen Yunker

### Videographers

8:00 Nathan Rohrs

10:30

### Ushers

8:00 Doug Schwab, Ted Rohrs,

Jim Hershberger, Casey Callaway

10:30 Lavern Lanzer, Tom Jenny,

Marv Mt.Castle, Brian Plummer

### Altar Guild

Diana Zachrich & Mary Rohrbaugh

## *Altar Flowers*

November 1 - Keith & Barb Ziegler in loving memory of Arlene Ziegler

- in celebration of Peyton Yaw's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday by Kevin & Kathy Sonnenberg

November 8 - in loving memory of of Vernon Rohrs by his family

November 15 - Charlotte Wangrin

- in loving memory of Edwin Bahler from his family

November 22 - Norm & Kathy Bostelman

November 29 - Joe & Julie Kohout in celebration of their 16<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.**

The 2010 Flower Chart is hanging in the narthex. Sign up early for your special day!

**Statistics — from 9/24 through 10/18**

<b>Total Thursday attendance</b>	<b>Total Sunday attendance</b>	<b>Communed</b>	<b>Offerings (thru 8/11)</b>
88	831	216	\$17,990.71 *

\* includes: \$ 1,032 Building Fund  
           10 mem to Bldg Fund - Tim Betts  
           100 mem to Bldg Fund - Nelson Fejes  
           40 World Hunger  
           200 Good Samaritan Fund

***Council Highlights - October 19, 2009***

- The transfers of Erin Spieth and Rachel Snyder and her children, Alison and Caleb, were approved.
- Preparatory work has begun on the attic insulation project which will be completed on October 31 with the help of volunteers to assist the Properties Board.
- Due to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade Sunday School Class having approximately 15 students, an additional helper has been secured.
- After School Club is going well with good attendance to date in October.
- On Sunday, October 25, to promote service to others, the Sunday School students will make a craft project to deliver to residents in nursing homes, write letters to service men and women, as well as collect food to help feed area people needing assistance.
- The Doctrine and Worship Board is looking at purchasing two DVD players and discussed having a place by the back door to make worship service DVDs available for interested parishioners.
- Discussion took place regarding renovation of the downstairs bathrooms, as well as a new elevator or ramp to facilitate people needing special assistance for getting into the church building.
- At both services on November 22, a Fall Choir Concert will be held, featuring all choirs, bell choirs, and the After School Club students.
- Pastor Castello is encouraging all members of Emanuel to attend the community Thanksgiving Service which is being held at Christ United Methodist church. Emanuel's choir will join Christ United Methodist's Choir to provide special music, as well as Emanuel's hand mime group will be involved in the service.
- The Fifth Sunday event, "A Nativity Walk," will be held November 29 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Viewing areas for the nativities will be set up in the sanctuary, and Angela Tonjes will provide piano music. Light refreshments will also be served. Church members who are willing to display nativities are asked to have these to the church by November 22 and pick them up after the event or as soon as possible afterwards.
- A Door Offering to be used toward the Roof Loan, will be held on Sunday, December 6.

- Did you know a lot of your fellow members receive their newsletters before the mailman brings it to you?
- Did you know you can also get your newsletter early?
- Did you know you can get your newsletter in your e-mail inbox?
- Did you know all you have to do is turn in your request to the church office along with your e-mail address?

**Have you checked our website lately? You can find the current and previous newsletters, picture pages, and all kinds of information about our church. Thanks to Ed Panning for keeping the site up-to-date!**