

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.**

At 87 my faith journey is approaching hte end, whether it be a day, a week, a month or ten years from now – no, not an end, rather, a change! An unbelievable, surprising change, expressed so well in Natalie Sleeth's song, "Hymn of Promise":

"In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree,
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold an snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see...
In the end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."

Ans what a wonderful journey it has been! Being blest with Christian parents – and with two sets of Christian grandparents, as well! – I grew up in the church. So by the time I reached adulthood, the church and God's love was a natural way of life.

I must confess there were two exceptions. In college my church attendance was limited to singing in the church choir on Sunday morning. Then while hubby John was completing his navy hitch, we were in Washington, D.C., waiting assignment – his ship was torpedoed in the invasion of the Philippines. During this period of waiting, John had a duty schedule of "two days on, one day off". Since John was often on duty on Sunday and since we were expecting to leave the area at any moment, we were very negligent in our church involvement. In fact, I think the only time we even attended church was the one weekend my parents came to visit! The waiting ended up to be three months long, and John and I vowed then that such a lapse in our church involvement would never be repeated. And it wasn't!

My journey through this life has been such a blessing. John and his family were active church members, so he and I were in total agreement regarding church and the rearing of our children in the church.

I have had the opportunity of sharing the gift of music with so many others through teaching, choirs, both adult and children's, youth camps, senior citizen activities, etc. A great joy and blessing was working with and directing a

United Methodist Conference ministers' wives' choir for 26 years. It is my fervent hope that the 300 wives whose lives we touched, as well as the many, many listeners we had through the years, were made happier and more God-aware through the music we brought them!

Through all these years, the difficult times and the easy times, through joys and in sorrows, God's loving care has been a very real presence in my life. I can't begin to imagine what life would have been like without Him and His guidance!

One of the greatest blessings of all is the wonderful friends I have met along this journey

we call life. And you folks here at Emanuel are shining examples! You have welcomed me so warmly into your midst, making me feel so "at home". Thank you!

I conclude with the closing words of the hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". It puts into words the thought I would leave with you on your life's journey:

"Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me."

Elin Brown

6th Annual Henry County CROP Hunger Walk ... so far ...

As of the figuring last week, we had a total of 28 Walkers and 3 dogs (all Lutheran!) on CROP Walk Day, and thus far, we have collected a total of \$1,774.12! That amount means that roughly \$360 will be returned to Henry County for Christmas Cheer and other local food pantries! Although we had fewer Walkers (although 20 of the 28 and all 3 dogs were from Emanuel!), I am hoping when all is said and done and counted, that we will raise more money this year than last! And whatever we have raised is more than if we hadn't done it at all, and every bit of it helps someone somewhere who is hungry somehow, so ... THANK YOU for your wonderful support! SPECIAL THANKS to all of you who baked cookies for the Walk.

Mark your calendars now for NEXT year's CROP Hunger Walk –
the 1st Sunday in October – October 2., 2011!!



Food for thought...

Of 1,000 American s surveyed, 42% said they donated money to non-profit groups serving the poor, and 33% gave time to help the poor.
(Barna Research Group) You are one of the 42% when you give to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Filling Home Guild “Memberships”

It is time again to “renew” your Filling Home Guild “memberships.” The duties are simple – to support the Filling Home through “projects” of the Guild – and the membership is mighty, so renew yours now! EVERYONE is welcome to be a part of the Guild! A suggested “fee” (donation) is \$2 or \$3, but any amount is welcomed and can be given to our Filling Home Guild representatives for the Women of the Church, Shelly Storch and Carol Castello.

Good Coffee is a “Fair Trade”!

Why is it that our coffee here at church tastes SO good? It is probably because it is flavored with justice and fair trade! We have become part of the Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project by purchasing our coffee from Equal Exchange in Boston. Through the LWR COFFEE PROJECT, we can enjoy delicious coffee while helping small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia as they build a better future for themselves and their families. Through the project, farmers earn a fair price for their products, have access to affordable credit, and gain a long-term trading partner they can trust, a Fair Trade Organization called Equal Exchange.

With our support, these communities invest in education, health care, and agricultural improvements. In addition, for each pound of coffee purchased by Lutheran churches through the project, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the LWR “Small Farmer Fund” for projects supporting small farmers and their families. For further information, visit their website at www.equalexchange.com or www.lwr.org/coffee. Equal Exchange has regular, decaffeinated, and flavored coffees, teas, hot cocoa mix, and chocolate bars. If you’d like to order some for yourself, please see Carol Castello for more details.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Please join us for the Community Thanksgiving Worship
on Wednesday, November 24, 7:30 p.m.
at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Hand Mime

Chris Peper's Sunday School class has decided to prepare another hand mime for Christmas Eve. We invite any congregation members to join us for this; the only thing you need to bring are your two hands! Practices will begin Sunday, October 24, at 9:15 a.m., and continue as needed throughout November and December. Please consider joining us for this unique music ministry.

S.T.A.R. Mentoring Program

Supporting Teens to Achieve Results

The S.T.A.R. Mentoring Program is devoted to the youth of Henry County. Their goal is to provide these youth with a positive adult role model. In doing so, they hope to provide them with the tools they need to succeed. These tools will help the youth improve their school attendance and grades, help them to build self-esteem, help to improve their overall outlook, and show them a better way of life.

Mentors are needed. If you have any life experience you can be a mentor. Growing up, going to school, working, or going to college – all of these experiences and many more have made you the person you are, and that can be shared to help benefit the youth of today.

If you would like to be a mentor, or have any questions about the mentoring program, please call the Henry County Family Court at 419-592-8327 or email: pam.thompson@henrycountyohio.com.

■ Please let us know if you would like to receive your newsletter by email. You will need Adobe Reader to do this (available free for download at adobe.com). Just turn in your name and email address to the church office.

The newsletter is also available on our website:
www.emanuelnapoleon.org. Check it out sometime!

from the Congregational Life Board

5th Sunday Gathering

Please plan to join us for the October 31st 5th Sunday Gathering. A potluck will be held following the Congregational meeting with beverages and tableware provided. Guests for our potluck will include our new members that have joined Emanuel this past year. Mark your calendar and join in the fellowship (not to mention the yummy eats)!

Caring Corner

Our Caring Corner for November will be for the benefit of “Christmas Cheer”. Needed items are as follows (*please check expiration dates on all food products*):

Canned Vegetables, Fruits, Soup, Stews, Meats
Macaroni & Cheese Mixes, Shaghetios
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, Kool-aid, Chocolate Drink Mixes
Toilet Tissue, Facial Tissue, Paper Towels, Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo
(NO microwave items)

CROP Walk

The “Crop Walk” took place on Sunday, October 3. In spite of the chilly weather, 25 walkers (18 from Emanuel!) raised over \$1,400.00 to help feed the hungry. Twenty-five percent of that total stays in Henry County in support of our local food pantries. Job well done! Can we get 50 walkers in 2011?????

Nativity Walk 2010

Have you marked your calendar for our 2010 Nativity Walk scheduled for the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th? The program will take place from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Angela will provide us with special music of the season on the organ, piano and harp. Come and listen to the beautiful music and meditate while the Christmas Story is also read during this time.

Nativity items will be displayed throughout the sanctuary. We are inviting community members and area church members as well and would like to have the best display possible. If you have something you would be willing to share such as a nativity scene, ornament, picture, book – anything that shows the nativity, please contact Angela Tonjes, Carol Castello, Terri Haase, or Joan Collier. Items may be brought to the church anytime and Angela will store them on the shelves in her office. Please mark your item with your name and include a short summary of where, when or from whom you received the item. The display will be set up on Saturday, November 27th, and you can pick up your personal items again beginning Wednesday, December 1st, so that you may use them for your own Christmas display at home.

What else is planned? Come and find out and watch your Sunday bulletin for more details! We’re having fun planning the Nativity Walk activities, but we need **YOU** to help make it a success.

Thank you for your help!

Membership News

Baptism God's blessings to Daryl Jones who was baptized on October 24! Daryl is married to Loralee Jones.

Funerals Minnie Meineke was called to her eternal home on October 7 and was buried on the 11th. Please remember her family in your prayers.

☺ *Congratulations to Brenda & Brian Bishop on the birth of a daughter on Friday, September 24 in Worthington. She has been named Brooke Riley. Proud grandmother is Cheryl Daman.*

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.

College addresses

Marcus Mt.Castle
Capital University Box 392
1 College & Main
Columbus, OH 43209

Kaitlin Rohrs
University Courtyard
91 Wick Oval
Youngstown, OH 44502

All Saints Sunday – November 7

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

*Gary Daman
Olga Kruse
Scott Baker
LeRoy Warncke*

*Grace Luxford
Jeanette Damman
Hildegarde Reiser
Don Schmidlin*

*Kathryn Yaney
Betty Cooper
June Keller
Minnie Meineke*

WELCA News

Rita Schweinhagen for the Board

Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar. Hope you've been filling your envelopes or boxes. That is the date of our Annual Thankoffering Service. We know you all have many, many things to be thankful for every day. This is the night to show it. If you don't have an envelope, they will be provided. See you there.

We will be taking up a collection the month of November for our part of the LeMonds. This can be put in the offering plate in the specially-marked envelopes enclosed. If you mislay the envelope, just mark one "missionary". That'll do it.

Please attend the Filling Fall Fling on Saturday, November 6. It's really a lot of fun. There's a little bit of something for everyone. The silent auction is my favorite. The food next. The fellowship – priceless. By the way, we could still use a few more women to help.

Been attending Circle meetings? The fellowship is really great. Remember, God loves you and so do we.

WELCA — Mission Action

On October 16, 2010, 25 Quilts, 33 School Kits, 22 Sewing Kits, and 7 Health Kits were dropped off at St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Rochester, OH for delivery to LWR. (Forty-nine quilts had also been delivered to LWR in April 2010 — a total of 74 quilts!) They were busy in New Rochester on Saturday morning as they started loading the semi at 8:00 a.m. We were there at 11:00 a.m. and the truck was already half filled. Thank you to all who contributed with the various kits and the sewing of the quilts.

To continue with our thanks be sure to join us for our Thankoffering Service on Thursday evening, November 4th. (*If you are unable to attend, you may place your Thankoffering in an envelope and place it in the Sunday offering. Please mark the envelope "Thankoffering".*) Women of the Lutheran Church have been gathering for Thankoffering Services since the early 1900s. A special time to gather giving thanks and praise for what God has given us Hope you will join us!!!

Missionary Sponsorship

It's that time of the year again to be "thankful" and show our support to the LeMonds who are doing missionary work. The Maumee Valley Conference (which we Emanuel women are a part of) contribute to this sponsorship.

Please place your donation in the enclosed envelope marked "Missionary Fund" and place it in the offering plate. You have the whole month of November to show our support for the LeMonds doing a great job. Thank you, ladies, for your donations.

News from around the Synod and the Community

6th Annual Filling Fall Fling

Mark your calendars now for the annual Filling Fall Fling which will be held on Saturday, November 6 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the campus of the Filling Home. There will be the usual menu of brats, hot dogs and hot chicken sandwiches, and homemade pies.

Featured will be a bake sale, raffle, silent and live auction (which begins at 2 p.m.) and live entertainment (polka music). There will be also several vendors present. As the date nears, there will be a need for baked goods for the bake sale and pies for the luncheon.

There will be no charge for admission, with free-will offerings accepted for the food and entertainment.

Ridgeville Community Choir Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, corner of Henry County Roads U and 16 in Freedom Township. The Junior Choral Society will be returning to provide a portion of the concert and will join the RCC with some combined anthems.

If you would like to participate (you do NOT have to be from "Ridgeville" to participate!) rehearsals will be held on the following schedule:

Sunday, November 14 - 1:30 p.m.	Sunday, November 21 - 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 18 - 7:00 p.m.	Thursday, December 2 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 30 - 7:00 p.m.	

All rehearsals will be held at St. John's. If you have any questions, please call Steve Basselman at 419-445-0525 (home) or 419-445-4656 (St. Martin's). Email: steveb@the-welcome-place.org or basselman@peoplepc.com

Poinsettia Sale

Hospice of Henry County is beginning its annual poinsettia sale from now through November 24 for 4-6 bloom plants. Order blanks are available on the bulletin board by the church office.

Christmas Cheer applications

Applications to receive a Christmas Cheer basket are on the bulletin board by the church office. Instructions are listed on the form. These must be returned **BY NOVEMBER 15** to the address on the application.

Tree of Lights – Lutheran Home Auxiliary

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. Cost is a \$10 donation. Order forms are available on the bulletin board by the church office.

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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Sunday School Superintendent -

Altar Guild Chairman - Barbara Hoffman

Custodian - Jack Robbins

**Thursday night worship services
continue through November 18 at 7:30
p.m. Holy Communion will be offered on
the 18th.**

Worship participants in November

Acolytes

8:00 Alexandria Biederstedt & Taryn Conklin
10:30 Hannah Plummer & Alie Hernandez

Lay Assistants

8:00 Esther Dennie
10:30 Laura Ellis

Ushers

8:00 Kevin Gerken, Ed Panning,
Tom Hoffman, Barb Hoffman
10:30 Rupert Schweinhagen, Ben Michaelis,
Terry Walther, Larry Ashbaugh

Altar Guild

Mary Rohrbaugh & Joyce Rohrs

Altar Flowers

November 7 - In loving memory of Vernon Rohrs by his family

- In honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Richard & Susan Landversicht

November 14 - Chris & Maureen Peper in honor of their wedding anniversary

November 21 - Norm & Kathy Bostelman in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary

November 28 - Joe & Julie Kohout in honor of their 17th wedding anniversary

- Larry & Diana Zachrich in honor of their 50th 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.

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

Statistics

Thursdays

9/23 36

9/30 22

10/7 23

10/14 28

Sunday, September 26

attendance 78 + 93 (171)

\$4,269.50

\$ 100 Bldg Fd

30 World Hunger

75 Good Samaritan Fund

Sunday, October 3

attendance 106 + 102 (208) communed 99

\$5,531.66

\$ 10 World Hunger

160 Building Fd (25 in honor of Ed & Alyce
Oberhaus's 60th wedding anniversary)

80 Good Sam Fd (60 in honor of Ed & Alyce
Oberhaus's 60th wedding anniversary)

Sunday, October 10

attendance 76 + 123 (199) communed 100

\$3,639.47

\$ 25 Good Sam Fund

6 World Hunger

Sunday, October 17

attendance 87 + 102 (189)

\$7,120.00

\$ 50 memorial to Bldg Fd (Minnie Meineke)

25 Good Samaritan Fund

10 World Hunger

910 Endowment Fd (mem Minnie Meineke)

500 to Gen. Fd. in honor of Ed & Alyce

Oberhaus's 60th wedding anniversary

Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

Choir

Choir practices continue on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are working hard on Advent and Christmas music, and having fun at the same time!

There will be NO choir practice on Wednesday, November 24 due to Thanksgiving worship.

After School Club

We have begun meeting on Wednesdays after school in the basement with about 12 children in attendance. After a snack, we spend 45 minutes singing and ringing. Crafts and Bible stories finish off the afternoon. Children through fifth grade are still welcome to join us.

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 7 we will be celebrating All Saints Day. We are planning to hand out white carnations with the bulletins (one per family), to place near the altar during the hymns in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away.

Recital

Danielle Williams will be performing her Senior Piano/Organ Recital on Sunday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m. and all church members are invited to attend. Her program should last 45 minutes and will include a wide variety of musical styles. Refreshments will follow.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Emanuel will be hosting the community Thanksgiving Eve worship at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24.

Nativity Walk

We will have a blessing of the nativities during both services on Sunday, November 28. The walk will be in the afternoon with piano/harp music, reading of the Christmas story, and refreshments. We are planning to have parochial students visiting throughout the school day on Monday, November 29. We encourage any members who work in Napoleon to visit during lunch break on this day. Invite a friend!

Looking ahead...

... Lots of special music for December!

... Plans are in place for the Children's Christmas Program, and it is being directed by Susan Landversicht, with help from Angela, Sue and Juanita. Look for a rehearsal schedule soon.

... December 12, Bell Sunday (bell choir, choir, Rainbow Ringers, bell-themed hymns, etc.)

... December 19, Choir Cantata (there will be a focus on Advent, with the service centered on the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")

Thanksgiving (one of my favorites) will soon be here, so please remember to...

Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16