

# 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.***

I sometimes wonder when Reformation Sunday comes around, what exactly it is that we are celebrating.

We certainly are not celebrating the divisions within the Christian community . And as you know, we have many. We are more divided today than even before. We are divided in the ways we worship. We are divided with trivial concerns as well as issues of great theological importance.

Hopefully we are not simply celebrating the past event when Luther pounded on that nail on the doors of the Wittenberg Church on Halloween in 1517.

I would hope that we are celebrating these things:

1. The recognition that we all come to God as “beggars” and that salvation comes to us as a gift, as do all good things of this life and the next.

2. That we as the “church” and we as individuals need to be in a constant state of re-evaluation and reforming.

3. We as individuals matter in the eyes of God and in trying to be living proclamations of the Gospel.

We need to be as fired and as stirred up as Luther in trying to come to terms with what the Gospel and God's grace means to us and to the world.

I hope to see you at the services and Bible Studies and Sunday School to get those passions going.

***See you in church.***

***Pastor Castello***

# Advent Devotion Book

We would like to have a Advent Devotion Book similar to the one we had for this past Lenten Season.

These would be devotions written by members of the parish that speak of what the season means to them. It could relate a personal remembrance or thought. It could be a prayer or a poem. It could even be a sketch or drawing.

We want to have a devotion for each of the days in Advent.

Please give this some prayerful thought and consideration. If you have any questions, contact Pastor or Carol Castello. We would need to have them submitted to the church office by November 1.

Feel free to give them to Pastor on Sunday mornings.

## Mark your calendar!

Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 30 at 11:30 a.m. We will elect our 2006 church council and pass a budget for the new year. Your attendance and participation is very important. Watch your mailbox for details.

## Church Workday

October 22, 2005

8:00 a.m. - ??

Sign-up on the bulletin board  
by the church office.

Donuts and coffee will be  
available to get us "started"!!

I have a 2-pound loss from 5 pounds that I regained. It is headed in the right direction again.

Thanks for your support!

*Pastor Castello*

## Where in the World? Find out at the Global Mission Fair on October 8.

Where are Lutherans from Northwest Ohio working in the world to show the love of God and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ? Have you ever wondered exactly what is happening with our companion relationships overseas, what other opportunities are out there, or how to get involved in overseas mission? To find out, plan to stop by:

**Saturday, October 8**  
**St. Mark's in Bowling Green**  
**from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Congregations from all over the synod will be present with information about their own connections overseas, including:

- \_How have their relationships developed?
- \_How have they been involved with Christians overseas and even in mission outreach here in the United States?
- \_Did you know how fellow Lutherans are touching lives in Guatemala City?
- \_Have you heard about the connection with orphans in Russia, the building work in Haiti, or how making quilts in northwest Ohio will help young women and men in Dodoma to have an opportunity to learn life skills?
- \_And exactly where is Serbia anyway?

The day will be filled with music, inspiration and conversation. You will have an opportunity to ask questions, hear stories, and get excited about all the possibilities out there.

Visitors can come for all or part of the day and wander through the displays, try some ethnic food for lunch, and then visit a couple of the "break out" sessions. There is no admission fee, though there will be a donation for lunch.

**See You At The Global Mission Fair!**

### College Student Addresses

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Columbus OH 43201

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*On October 30 the Youth will be having a Baked Potato Dinner to raise money for the National Youth Gathering.*

## High School Youth ...

On October 16 there will be a Youth meeting for our yearly organization needs and to begin planning for the National Youth Gathering. The meeting will be after the second worship service.

## First Annual Henry County CROP Walk for Hunger

The first annual Henry County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 6, beginning at 2 p.m. from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Avenue in Napoleon. It is an easy 3-mile (5-kilometer) route on a beautiful November afternoon, accompanied by good company, and all for a good cause. We at Emanuel will be serving as the mid-point "rest stop" with restrooms, cookies, and water available.

CROP WALKS help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, a cooperative ministry of 36 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations, providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries. CROP WALKS form the foundation for the work of Church World Service, and thanks to that support, staff trained in emergency response were immediately available after Hurricane Katrina, and material assistance (Kits and CWS Blankets) was shipped to the affected areas within hours.

An ecumenical, interfaith effort to raise funds to combat hunger throughout the world and in our own neighborhoods, a unique option for the CROP Walk is that 25% of the funds raised will be returned to Henry County to be divided among "Christmas Cheer" and local food banks in the county. There is no charge for participating; walkers simply ask for donations from family, church members, friends, co-workers, and others to sponsor their walking efforts. A food drive of non-perishable food items will also be collected at the Walk.

A recruiters' training meeting will take place on Monday evening, October 3, at 7 p.m. here at Emanuel. At this meeting, recruiters for our congregation will pick up the materials and packets of sponsor envelopes. Come walk with us as we walk for others! Please see Carol Castello to become a Walker or to sponsor a Walker.

"We walk because they walk..."

## Good Word for the Day

Emanuel's "Good Word for the Day" broadcasts on WNDH radio will begin airing Monday, September 5, 2005 and will continue each weekday morning through October 28, 2005 between 6:00 and 9:00 a.m. The scripts will be written by Pastor Castello and will be presented by Steve Kloos, Pat Dille, Carol Castello and Laura Yaney.

## Harvest Home Celebration

The Congregational Life Board and the Doctrine & Worship Board have designated Sunday, October 16, 2005 as Emanuel's Harvest Home Celebration Sunday. Songs and liturgy will reflect our thankfulness for a bountiful harvest.

To beautify our sanctuary, we are looking for volunteers to bring in the fruits of the harvest. We will be decorating the altar with fruits, vegetables, flowering plants, etc. at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 15. We would appreciate donations for decorations as well as helping hands to make the sanctuary reflect the beauty of the harvest. Home canned goods are also welcome. Please label all items you wish to retrieve after the 10:30 service so that nothing is destroyed.

*The Sunday School/Catechism classes are in need of another TV with a cart and a VCR/DVD combo (similar to the one we already have) to be used for teaching our youth. If any groups or individuals are interested in donating for this purpose, please contact the Church office or a member of the Education Board (Julie Kohout, Caren Dille.) The whole unit is about \$500, but we would gladly accept smaller contributions.*

### *Changes to your new membership directory:*

*page 2* change  
Ryan Aschemeier  
16092 Forest Lake Dr  
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*page 17* add  
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# Worship opportunities, activities, fellowship, food and fun

October at Emanuel means worship opportunities, activities, fellowship, food and fun as we celebrate our many blessings that God has given us all!

— Sunday, October 16 will be “**Harvest Home Celebration Sunday**.” The sanctuary will be adorned with products of our bountiful harvest to remind us all how thankful we should be for all of God’s blessings on us. Following late service that day we will have the opportunity to gather for a **soup and dessert dinner**. Registration forms and a sign-up sheet will be available. Free will donations will be accepted to go towards the efforts of the NW Ohio Synod to bring twelve Evangelists from Tanzania to tour in NW Ohio in the fall of 2006. Supplemental funds of \$1.00 for every \$3.00 raised has been offered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for this event.

— On Sunday, October 23 a “**Healing Service**” will be offered at 4:00 p.m. (See additional details elsewhere in this newsletter.)

— Sunday, October 30 will be a full day of opportunities for one and all at Emanuel (and we’ll have had an extra hour of sleep the night before to be ready for it!).

The day will begin with **church services and Sunday School** as usual. The **Congregational meeting** will follow late service and then Club Christ will host a **baked potato bar** to benefit our youth who will be attending the July 2006 ELCA Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas.

But, don’t think you want to go home yet, because after we’re finished eating we have been offered the opportunity to have an “**Emanuel Day**” at the **Oberhaus Cars and Collectibles museum** located on State Route 66 south of Archbold. Ed and Alyce Oberhaus have graciously invited their Emanuel family to come and tour their museum at no charge on that day so we might all be able to enjoy and appreciate what they have on display there. For those of us who have been there before, there’s probably something you missed or something you’d like to see again. And for those who have never been there, you’ll be amazed at what the museum has to offer.

Then, depending on how long you stay at the museum, you might have time to go home for a short nap; but you won’t want to sleep too long, because you’ll want to make sure to come back to church that evening to enjoy the **musical concert** that has been planned that will showcase the many talents of our congregation!

So, talk about thanking the Lord and singing His praise, just think what can happen if we all make an effort to take part in some or all of the day’s activities. And then, if we would invite someone whom we’ve been meaning to invite to our church to share in the fellowship and good times, we can only imagine what fun could be had by all who make church activities a top priority that day!

— And the fun doesn’t stop in October, because Sunday, November 6 will be Henry County’s first-ever **CROP Walk**. Be sure to watch for additional details on that, too.

## Sharing and Caring - the Giving Box

- \* The Congregational Life Board would once again like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone in the congregation who donated to the WELCA school kit efforts in August. Through your generosity nearly 400 items were donated and used to make up the school kits which will now be forwarded to Lutheran World Relief.
- \* The September donations for the Cheryl Allen Community Center in Lima are now being accepted and will continue through the end of September.
- \* In October the collections will go to benefit the Cherry Street Mission in Toledo. Their needs list includes:

Turkeys and Hams *(if you are able to donate these, please mark them for "Cherry Street Mission" and put them in the kitchen refrigerator)*

Sugar

Pork and Beans

Socks

Underwear for women

Corn

Blankets

Green Beans

Gloves

- \* The Henry County Chapter of the American Red Cross will once again be collecting for military personnel overseas for Christmas. There will be a box available here at church for these donations beginning in October.

These "Quality of Life" items include:

chocolate candy	vienna sausages	lip balm	magazines (non-
microwave popcorn	cheese/cracker pkgs	wet wipes	religious)
instant coffee	dehydrated fruits	eye drops	prepaid phone cards
creamer	(pre pkg'd)	disposable razors	games
tea bags	dehyd. soup mixes	foot powder	decks of cards
hot chocolate	snack containers w/tuna,	feminine hygiene	dvd's
hot cider	mayo, and crackers	products	cassettes
powdered drink mixes	pudding snack packs	laundry tablets	cross stitch kits
(presweetened) in small	shaving cream	hair clips (brown or black)	yarn & crochet hooks
containers	razors	shoe insoles	ziploc bag with items
peanuts	toothbrushes	glove liners	necessary to assemble
pretzels	toothpaste	sunglasses	crafts, etc.
chips	soap gels	puzzle books	Christmas decora- tions
trail mix	Q-tips	batteries (all sizes)	- non-breakable
gum	hand sanitizers	blank greeting cards	mini Christmas lights
hard candy	lotion	(for them to send home) for	artificial Christmas trees
beef jerky	shampoo & rinse	all holidays	1' or 2'
potted meats	sunscreen	letters & cards written to	
		the troops	

*an e-mail from our missionaries, John & Barbara LeMond...*

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The new school year has begun for Lutheran Theological Seminary, and we have over 250 full-time students, with nearly 90 in their first semester. I was able to meet many of them at the annual faculty/student retreat held at a retreat center on one of Hong Kong's outlying islands (Cheung Chau) in late August. In addition to many local Hong Kong students, we are also blessed with new students from Indonesia (the island of Sumatra), Malaysia (the state of Sarawak), Myanmar (formerly Burma), Nepal, Thailand and Bangladesh. These students, both women and men, have sacrificed much to come to Hong Kong for several years of study, leaving behind spouses and children. They are all Asian, but they come from very diverse cultures, and it is frequently difficult to adjust to the local Chinese culture, to say nothing of a crowded, cosmopolitan city like Hong Kong. The commitment all of our students, both local and international, have to their Lord Jesus Christ, and the dedication they feel to their call to serve the church, is inspiring. The fall retreat is one of the special activities of the school year that I never like to miss, because it inspires me and reminds me once again of the marvelous working of the Holy Spirit.

I would like to share with you the story of just one of the students at Lutheran Theological Seminary. Tara is a woman in her later 40s, and she is enrolled in the Bachelor of Theology program. This is a program for students who have not completed a university degree. This is her second year of study, and I have been impressed with her inquiring mind and her active involvement and leadership in school activities. To look at her, one would never guess the path her life has taken. Her family was very poor; so poor, in fact, that her parents were forced to give up two of their five

children to other families for adoption, because they could not afford to feed them. Both of these children were boys, one older and one younger than Tara. The family soon lost touch with their boys, and never saw them again. This was obviously an extremely emotional time, but it was made more so for Tara because her father never forgave her mother for giving up two boys and keeping the one girl. "What good is she!" he would yell at his wife. "She is a waste and a drain on the family. At least a boy could have brought income into the family!"

From the time that she could remember, she was told that she was worthless, and made to feel the guilt of having survived in the family while her two brothers were lost. At the age of 12 her father died unexpectedly. This marked the end of Tara's formal childhood education, and she was forced to begin working in a factory to keep the family afloat. Factory work became not only her life but her future. She was destined, everyone assumed, to remain an uneducated, minimum wage worker for the rest of her days. But she wanted something more. While working ten and 12-hour days at the factory, she enrolled in night school, and was able to finish her high school education by the time she was 25. She later went on to receive training as a secretary.

A number of years later, through friends, she was introduced to Christianity. She liked the church activities very much; the singing was uplifting; the sermons were encouraging; the fellowship provided her with a whole new set of friends and opportunities. But to take the next step and actually follow Christ in baptism was something she resisted. Not because she didn't experience the love and grace of Jesus, but because Jesus and God the Father were male! All her life she had been told, in both words and actions, that she was nothing because she was a woman. Her own father and brothers had rejected her; men had belittled her;

a male-dominated society had tried to crush her spirit. Why, in God's name, would she now choose to follow a male God? These were not the reflections of a feminist academic, but the existential experiences of a common woman. She confided these concerns to the pastor of the church she attended. Fortunately, he was a man of wisdom. He listened to her anguished story and her strong reservations, and told her, "Tara, God is neither male nor female. God, in truth, is spirit."

Slowly, she began to accept this larger view, in spite of the male language that continued to trouble her. She became intrigued with the idea that there might be even more ideas about God that could free her and others like her from the narrow views and expectations of society. Thus, step by step she was led to study theology. Tara's story is just one of

about 250 equally compelling stories that can be found in our seminary community. I am constantly in awe of our students, their fortitude and their faith. It is a blessing to be a learner and a brother among them.

If you would like to visit the website of Lutheran Theological Seminary, just go to: [http://www.lts.edu/spring03/eng/index\\_eng.htm](http://www.lts.edu/spring03/eng/index_eng.htm)

Thank you for your continuing prayer and financial support. Thank you for having a part in educating outstanding people like Tara for the ministry of God's good news.

Blessings, John

P.S. I would like very much to hear from you. Please write to [lemond@tfsc.org](mailto:lemond@tfsc.org)

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

Tender Loving Care from Emanuel Lutheran Church

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." Our volunteers are standing by...

## Who does this?

We have two head ushers, one for the 8 a.m. service and the other for 10:30. The one in charge of the 10:30 service was appointed three years ago. From a list of 15 to 20 volunteers he calls two months ahead enough to do the work for each week (4). He asks their preferences and makes out a schedule so each knows when it's his/her turn in the rotation.

On Sunday he arrives 30 minutes ahead of time and stands at the door distributing bulletins till all four are there. If necessary he gets subs to fill in, though he says our parishioners are very generous: he's had no refusals. If they're new at it, he trains them, showing such things as where to pick up the offering plates.

On Communion Sundays he makes sure each knows what his job is: to tell people when they are to go to the communion table, starting first with

those in the side pews, then the center, or to collect the registration cards. If it's to be a continuous distribution, they stand in the center and receive the cards as people pass by.

For Baptism he escorts the group to the Font.

The person in charge of 8 a.m. services has a more casual style of administering. He assigns ushers a month at a time and he, too, gets cooperation. He has those same duties described above. If Jack Robbins is available, he rings the bell.

And how does the Pastor know how many have been in church? The ushers stand in the back and count them!

Who are these head ushers?

*answer on page 14*

## The rewards of generosity

When St. Paul was concerned about the welfare of poor Christians in Jerusalem, he appealed to other churches to help them. The Corinthian church promised a "bountiful gift" which was very pleasing to Paul.

In a letter to the Corinthians, he said, "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity ..." (2 Corinthians 9:11, NRSV).

How could the apostle make such a claim and with considerable assurance?

No doubt it was because he knew that giving always enriches the giver. "I give," said an older church member, "not because of the needs of the church but because of what giving to the church does for me."

St. Paul believed that it was like gardening or farming. The grower sows a small number of seeds into the ground, but the payback is the bountiful harvest which comes later. "Give," said Jesus, "and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap" (Luke 6:38, NRSV). In short, no one can outgive God.

## Vocal & Bell Choir Concert

Mark your calendars for a very exciting upcoming event. On ***Sunday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m*** our choir and bell choir will be putting on a special concert. The music will last approximately one hour and will feature some of our favorite numbers. Join us for an entertaining hour full of ringing and singing.

A free will offering will be taken at the door to benefit our Good News Preschool and World Hunger.

There will be refreshments in the church basement after the concert.

## Cherub Choir

Mark your calendars, kids! Cherub Choir will resume practice on October 5 at 5:00 p.m. Practice will last 45 minutes in the sanctuary. If you are in the first through fifth grade, we would love to see you. Remember, our new bells have arrived and we will learn to play them! Any questions, see Angela Tonjes.

## Adult Choir

The adult choir has gotten off to a great start this fall. We will be singing nearly every Sunday for the rest of the year. We are preparing songs for our special concert with the bell choir on October 30 and will begin Christmas music in late October. New voices are always welcome!

October 9	10:30	<i>Give Thanks</i>
October 16	8:00	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>
October 23	10:30	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>

## Puppet Ministry

A puppet ministry is going to begin here at Emanuel in the next few months. We are looking for several volunteers to do a children's puppet sermon once a month. The only requirements are a clear speaking voice and a willingness to serve the children of our church. It will require a time commitment of about 30 minutes a month, and we ask that you be high school age or older. Any questions? See Angela Tonjes at church, or call her at home 256-6383.

## Sound Board Operators

We are looking for some new faces to learn to operate our soundboard at services every week. A Wednesday evening training session will be set up soon, and any man or woman age 13 or older can volunteer. You would be required to serve one month of the year at either early or late service. Any questions, see Ryan Hoffman or Angela Tonjes.

## The Doctrine and Worship Board

is seeking volunteers to assume the following responsibilities:

\_Scheduling of sound board operators for all services in 2006.

\_Scheduling of ushers for 8:00 services in 2006.

If you would be willing to take on either of these responsibilities or have questions about what is involved, please contact Doctrine & Worship Board members, Gary Bostelman or Martha Young.

*Also...*

\_Lay assistants for 2006 are needed! Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are willing to help. Thank you.

## 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. An application form is included in this newsletter.

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.

# Soul Food

## *Menu for October*

October 5 - Chicken and Rice  
October 12 - Sloppy Joes  
October 19 - Macaroni & Cheese & Hot Dogs  
October 26 - Brats and Sauerkraut

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!

*Who does this?*

8:00 a.m. Gary Bostelman 10:30 a.m. Ken Lange

*Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## WELCA News

*Nancy Lange, President*

### *Maumee Valley Conference Fall Retreat*

The Fall Retreat will be held on Saturday, October 8 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners. Speaker will be Pastor Vicki Coombs on the topic, "India". Registration fee is \$5.00 - due September 26. Checks should be made out to Maumee Valley Conference Women of the ELCA and mailed to Jean Plassman, 07270 Independence Road, Defiance 43512. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board by the church office.

### *Missionary*

As you are well aware, the Women of the Maumee Valley Conference support our missionaries in Hong Kong - John & Barbara LeMond and their family. Please turn in your donation for the LeMonds in an envelope marked "WELCA missionary". We will be accepting these donations through the month of October.

### *After School Club*

*for all 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders!*

*The After School Club will begin on Wednesday, October 5, and will run from 3:30 - 5:00. Julie Yunker will run the program along with Theresa Peper's assistance. If anyone can be of any other help, such as crafts, games, snacks, please let Julie know at 419.599.2641.*

## Council Chat - , 2005

- Doctrine & Worship: looking for someone to schedule ushers for early service and someone to schedule sound board operators. Next meeting October 10 at 7 p.m.
- Congregational Life: October is filled with services, programs, dinners, and events, so please watch the bulletins and newsletters for upcoming programs. Collection for October is for the Cherry Street Mission. Next meeting October 10.
- Properties: roofing is going well. Getting price estimates for starting to replace windows in the basement and classrooms. Fall Work Day is October 22. Big thank you to Terry Hershberger for hanging the cross above the Education building. Next meeting is October 10 at 8 p.m.
- Education: received a \$110 donation from Rally Day. There are 25 students in Catechism classes. Sunday School is in need of a TV/VCR/DVD for one of the classrooms. There are 32 students in Preschool, and they will be receiving \$500 Thrivent matching funds. Due to low enrollment, there will be no assistant for Preschool. After School Club will begin in October. Next meeting October 3 at 6:30 p.m.
- Finances: most of the council meeting was spent on creating the 2006 budget.
- Executive: we have received word that Emanuel was mentioned in Gail Taylor's will, but no further information at this time.
- Pastor reported that he will be focusing the next year on the meaning and use of prayer and he wants to focus on the inactives of the church. He will need our help in doing so.
- Nominating committee has created the slate of officers and the nominating committee for 2006 which will be voted on at the congregational meeting on October 30.

# Healing Service

**Sunday October 23, 2005**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Emanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Napoleon, Ohio**

Last year Health Ministry coordinated two **Healing Services**. This was done to emphasize a wholistic view of ourselves.

We as Christians look at health as involving our whole being; body, mind, and spirit. We believe there is a connection between carrying guilt, anger and resentment and one's health. We can be broken in many ways. Certainly we can be physically or emotionally broken. Sometimes our brokenness comes from broken relationships with other people and sometimes between us and God.

We received many positive comments about the Healing Services. These were very powerful and appreciated worship experiences. Through prayer and evaluation another Healing Service is being offered **Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m.**

We chose this date because it is close to the Feast Day of St. Luke the Evangelist. This is one of the Lesser Festivals and Commemorations which our church celebrates.

Luke was a Gentile, probably a Greek, and is believed to have come from Antioch in Syria, or perhaps Philippi. Not much is known of his life except that he was a physician (Col. 4:14) and was a disciple of Saint Paul and worker with him. The observance of the feast of St. Luke is probably quite old in the East: it appears on Western calendars only in the eighth century. The date of his commemoration is universally October 18, and this may be based on the actual date of his death.

St. Luke's day is a traditional time to emphasize the church's ministry of healing by showing concern for hospitals and nursing homes, for doctors and nurses, and by conducting healing services.

The **Healing Service** will once again be a complement to our regular Sunday morning service and not replace it. We will gather to hear the word of God, pray for those in need, and ask God's blessings on those who seek healing and wholeness through Christ our Lord.

The church does not promise a cure. This service is an affirmation of God's concern for the whole person. It is an opportunity for those who suffer from various sicknesses and mental distresses to pray for themselves and each other.

We invite you to come join us on **Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m.** in Emanuel's sanctuary. If you have questions about this service please ask Phyllis Kloos, Judy Hoffman, Deb Weirauch or Pastor. Come and experience God's healing love and grace.

# Prayer Chain Breakfast

All prayer chain members and anyone else who may be interested in joining the prayer chain is invited to a breakfast here in the church basement on **Sunday, October 9, 2005 during the Sunday School hour.**

This is a thank you for your ministry of prayer to the congregation. It will also be an opportunity to review how our ministry is going and to provide input for change.

One change I would like to let you know about now is that we will have a new prayer chain coordinator beginning at the prayer chain breakfast. Carol Castello will be taking over the position of prayer chain coordinator.

Thank you all for your ministry to the members of Emanuel and the community. I hope to see you all at the breakfast on October 9.

In Christ, The Health Ministry Team  
Phyllis Kloos, Judy Hoffman, Nanette Schwab, Carol Castello and Deb Weirauch

## **Renewing Faith: "Come, Lord Jesus"**

*Saturday, December 3 St. Paul's, Downtown Toledo*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Bill Vaswig, Lutheran Evangelist and Faith Healer  
*Pastor Vaswig is a nationally recognized name in healing prayer.*

Workshops and Breakout Sessions:

#1 "Starting and Nurturing Prayer Ministry"

The nuts and bolts of starting prayer ministry in congregations; prayer shawl, etc.

#2 "Prayer toolbox"

Journaling, labyrinths, personal tools

#3 "The Prayer Life of Jesus"

#4 "Un/Answered Prayer"

How do we respond, move forward, when prayers seem to go unanswered?

#5 "Who Has Time to Pray?"

Why bother, in the busy crush of life, to pray? What are the benefits of prayer?

**Cost: \$30**, which includes lunch

Registration Deadline: Monday, November 21

Early Bird Registration received by Tuesday, November 1 is only \$20.

Watch the bulletin and next month's newsletter for registration information.

# Scrap booking

The Health Ministries Board, along with the Congregational Life Board, has found some wonderful pictures, newspaper articles, etc. in the church. They are sitting in boxes, and they need some attention.

We would like to have anyone interested in scrap booking or archiving these wonderful pieces of Emanuel's past help work on this! We were hoping to start the project this fall, on Wednesday nights following Soul Food. We'll work each Wednesday night after we're done eating, so we can still visit while we're eating and scrap booking!

What we need to get this project going:

- Anyone interested in helping! You DO NOT have to be an expert scrap-booker! We want to pay tribute to these pictures etc. by saving them for posterity...no expert scrap book experience is necessary...just a willingness to preserve the past.
- People that can help remember dates and names! So many pictures need to be labeled. Past directories could be of assistance, too.
- Materials to scrap book with, including photo albums, scrapbooks, permanent markers to label with, scissors, decorative papers, etc.; any donations of any scrapbook materials will be thankfully accepted! You can place these items in the box in the basement.

Lastly, we have also found some wonderful group pictures of Emanuel's Confirmation classes over the years. We would like to frame these and put them on the walls of the church basement. This is a large project in itself and will require many picture frames (8½ x 10 or 11 x 14). The frame itself does not have to be fancy. If you are willing to donate any frames, there will be a box for you to place them in the basement.

If you have any questions, contact Phyl Kloos. Let's preserve the past so that the future may enjoy the many blessings of Emanuel!

## Thank you!

- I would like to thank Pastor Castello for his prayers, his concern, visits and support of myself and family. Also a thank you to our church family for their prayers and well wishes in my illness. It was greatly appreciated. Esther Dennie
- Thank you for all the prayers and concerns while Allen was in the hospital and at home recovering. Thanks, also to Pastor Castello for being there all day of the surgery. Loralee Rohrs

## Vacation Bible School 2005

# The Construction Zone

An average of 42 kids each day helped make The Construction Zone a success along with 35 brave volunteers! The kids learned how to Build Character Like Jesus! This came in each day's theme: Built to "Come Down", "Built to Grow", "Built to Last", "Built to Care", and "Built to Restore." The kids were entertained at the beginning of each evening with a Darrel the Barrel puppet show, each story of which contained a lesson dealing with the theme.

The Bible Story was presented in a non-traditional way each day before the little apprentices went on to build character. The children then visited stations that consisted of crafts, games, snacks, music and interior design. Interior Design was the department where building character related to each day's theme was reinforced. Each craft, snack, game, etc. dealt in some way with the theme of the day.

An example: Day 4:

Verse: Luke 7:11-17

Theme: Built to Care

Craft: Rainbows and Promises/Birdhouses

Snack: Build a Heart-Wich

Game: Overload Haul (Application: Just as you had to take your time and be careful not to spill your sand, Jesus wants you to take time to show others you care for them when they are hurting.)

The program on Friday evening came together and allowed the kids to show off everything they had learned during the week. The dinner before was well attended by parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and church family. The week of Bible School took a lot of hard work from kids and volunteers and could not have been pulled off without either one. I would like to recognize the children who attended as well as the volunteers who made everything possible. Thank you so much for giving time and talents to this important ministry!

The offering from Vacation Bible School went to Lutheran Social Services. The counseling fund was designated to receive this money. The goal is to help each person through caring and Christian ways to build character like Jesus. A total of \$381.55 was given to this Christian service that takes place and helps others within our area.

Thank you to the church family for supporting the VBS program. The goal is to reach even more kids in the coming years! We are looking forward to seeing everyone participate next year!

On behalf of all the children who had an inspirational and educational week, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your time, your expertise and your generosity.

In Christian love,  
Michelle Dille, VBS Coordinator

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The following volunteers need to be recognized for their service at Vacation Bible School this summer. The list of apprentices (children) that attended is also attached. We had a great crowd and a wonderful time! I hope to see more people next year!

### **Volunteers**

Laura Kruse	Ed Biederstedt	Stephanie Raby	Steve Hoffman
Julie Kohout	Tiffany Biederstedt	Caye Schroeder	Ruth Bahler
Alison Storch	Jeanette Damman	Sue Kruse	Burnice Agler
Shelly Storch	Carol Dille	Michelle Dachenhaus	Lois Gerken
Danielle Williams	Patrick Dille	Jordan Damman	Pat Mohring
Gayla Yaney	Douglas Hoffman	Alexandra Monnin	Denise Brown
Jessica Yaney	Judy Hoffman	Kylie Vajen	Pete Schroeder
Todd Schink	Julie Callaway	Ellen Hoops	Marv Mt.Castle
Nick Rohrs	Sarah Callaway	Gordy Krueger	Nanette Schwab
Marcus Mt.Castle	Angela Tonjes	James Nation	Patsy McGinnis
Nikki Schink	Dylan Tonjes	Carol Castello	Andrea Rohrs
Nick Rohrs	Candise Ankney	George Kryder	Phyllis Wenner
Sue Schink	Caren Dille	Hugh Schink	Bonnie Babcock
Kristin Weirauch	Jody Dille	LeRoy Warncke	Phyllis Kloos
Joleen Brubaker	Joan Drobnak	Matt Mt.Castle	Joyce Rohrs

### **Classes**

<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Second Grade</i>	<i>Fifth Grade</i>
Brooke Baldwin	Madison Ashbaugh	Taryn Conklin	Meredith Hoops
Barron Bear	Jasmyn Barton	Rebekah Monnin	Theresa Peper
Bryant Dachenhaus	Alex Bustamante Jr.	Neil Storch	Jenni Schink
Rachel Drobnak	Luke Cable	Sarah Yaney	Laura Yaney
Alaina Evinger	Kenli Dachenhaus		
Chase George	Mark Drobnak	<i>Third Grade</i>	
Micah Hoffman	Ryan Kohout	Anna Cable	
Mitchell Kruse	Meghan Skeens	Nathan Rohrs	
Ryan Kruse		Jacob Skeens	
Colton Miller	<i>First Grade</i>		
Sam Raby	Alexandria Biederstedt	<i>Fourth Grade</i>	
Adam Rohrs	Brock Brubaker	Blake Biederstedt	
Kelly Rohrs	Austin Damman	Tyler Nation	
Keegan Schroeder	Courtney Groll	Miranda Schink	
Seth Tonjes	Carlie Kruse		
Molly Weirauch			
Lexi Woods			
Carl Yaney			

**Statistics**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Communed</b>	<b>Offerings</b>
August 21	235		5235.80 (includes 170 Bldg Fd; 20 World Hunger; memorials-Gail Taylor: 128 Bldg Fd; 20 World Hunger; 1,000 Roof Fund)
August 28	191		2256.29 (includes 90 Bldg Fd)
September 4	253	111	6516.55 (includes 375 Bldg Fd; 150 Disaster Relief)
September 11	255	114	5581.80 (includes 475 Bldg Fd; 1 World Hunger; 75 Disaster Relief; 500 Roof Fund) World Hunger)
September 18	273		5055.50 (includes 215 Bldg Fd; 30 World Hunger; 600 Disaster Relief)

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

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

**Margaret Fahy**

**Marie Heuer**

**Alfred "Petey" Ruetz**

**Marge Gathman**

**Irma Overhulse**

**Eugenia Gerken**

**Laura Rohda**

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

**Christine Rath**

**Miriam Smith**

**Reim Eickhoff**

**Carl Bockelman**

**Portage Valley** (20311 Pemberville Rd, Rm 200, Pemberville OH 43450)

**Hildegarde Reiser**

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

**Esther Wittenberg**

Daylight savings time ends October 30. Remember to set  
your clock **BACK** one hour!!!

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Custodians - Michelle Dille, Caye Schroeder, Jack Robbins

## Worship participants in October

### Acolytes

*-for the month-*

8:00 Nick Rohrs, Jordan Damman  
10:30 Marcus Mt.Castle, Justin Allison

### Ushers

8:00 Theo Heuer, Mike Mohring,  
Ron Wiechers, Mike Yaney  
10:30 Marv Mt.Castle, Lavern Lanzer,  
Ron Meyers, Alan Storch

### Altar Guild

Melinda Dachenhaus & Mary DeWit

### Lay Assistants

8:00 Laura Ellis  
10:30 Beth Jenny

### Altar Flowers

October 2 - Ed & Alyce Oberhaus in honor of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
October 9 - OPEN  
October 16 - Ron & Donna Lee Meyers  
October 23 - in loving memory of Joyce Lanzer  
October 30 - Bob & Linda Lulfs in loving memory of Joyce Lulfs and Leo Fouty

**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.**

# Community News

## *Lutheran Home Oktoberfest - Sunday, October 2*

The 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Home Oktoberfest will be held on Sunday, October 2 at the Napoleon American Legion on Glenwood. There will be barbecue chicken and bratwurst to eat and polka music by Bette's Polka Band to enjoy. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. VIP Express Clog Dancers will also perform. Proceeds will be used for the development of a Dementia Unit on the Lutheran Nursing and Rehabilitation Center campus.

## *Filling Home Open House and Annual Meeting - Sunday, October 16*

Filling Memorial Home of Mercy, Inc. Will hold the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Association of Congregations at 1:30 p.m. on October 16, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Chapel of the Home. Our delegates are Rupert & Rita Schweinhagen.

The Annual Open House will also be held that day from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. There will be a dedication ceremony for their new Aquatic Therapy Center at 2:30 p.m. You are invited to attend.

## *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.

## *Give the gift of life...*

Here is the Henry County Bloodmobile Schedule for October:

Monday, October 3 - St. Augustine's 12 - 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 8 - Harley-Davidson Sales & Service 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11 - Immaculate Conception Church in Deshler 1 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12 - Northwest State Community College 10 a.m - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19 - Holgate High School 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, October 31 - Henry American Red Cross 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### *Candlelight Vigil for Mental Health* - Sunday, October 2, 6:00 p.m.

Although nearly one in every four Americans suffer from some type of mental illness, only about one in three actually seek help for their problem, making mental illness one of the most common and least treated health problems today. Unlike some illnesses that are more likely to occur because of lifestyle choices such as diet, exercise and other health habits, depression, schizophrenia and other mental illnesses are not the result of any choice the person made. And, without treatment, the problem won't go away on its own.

The local chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI Four County) invites you to attend its sixth annual candlelight vigil for mental health on Sunday, October 2, starting at 6 p.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, 950 Webster Street, on the Defiance College campus. The event begins with a program in the church sanctuary featuring several speakers, including former State Representative Lynn Olman of Maumee explaining why mental health issues such as insurance parity were so important to him as a state legislator. Youth chimes choirs from area churches, including St. Paul Lutheran in Napoleon, are also part of the program.

Afterward, weather-permitting, a short candlelight walk across the Defiance College campus is planned with refreshments following in the church fellowship hall.

NAMI is the nation's largest organization of family, friends and persons recovering from mental illness. Through free programs, meetings and events, the local chapter works to raise community awareness of mental illness, provide family education classes, offer family support group meetings, and advocate for mental health services.

Monthly meetings are held the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the ADAMhs Board office on State Route 66 south of Archbold (across from the vocational school). All meetings are open to the public and feature either an educational program or support group. For more information about NAMI Four County, please call Dottie Heckman, 419.636.4703; Wylodene Durham, 419.758.3547; M.J. Stahl, 419.335.3469; or Sandy Potter 419.784.0712.

### *Orphan Grain Train*

Orphan Grain Train is sending specific, non-perishable food items and other necessities requested by evacuation centers on the Gulf Coast to as many as 70 Lutheran churches in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama which have agreed to serve as relief centers. Hundreds of volunteers organized by local churches are using their own pickup trucks for on-site distribution.

Also, firefighters doing search and rescue work have begged for fresh drinking water to aid survivors. In response, two Orphan Grain Train 6,000-gallon water tank semi-trucks were sent September 2.

Hurricane Katrina Relief semi-load shipments have gone or are in motion to go to 16 destinations in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Several others are being planned. Two men, a Lutheran pastor and an Emergency Medical Technician are traveling along the Gulf Coast, searching out additional, credible shipping destinations to find people who have "fallen between the cracks."

In addition, a portable food distribution trailer will soon leave Wisconsin for Baton Rouge. Responses thus far to Orphan Grain Train's request have come from Idaho to Pennsylvania and many points in between.

Cleanup materials and equipment such as chain saws, wheel barrows, etc., will be sent from Saint Louis to areas of need.

**The Ohio Branch of the Orphan Grain Train is organizing a drive-through barbecue chicken dinner to help raise money. All chicken dinners will be sold by pre-sale tickets only. Dinners will be picked up at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Glenwood Avenue, in Napoleon on Sunday, October 23, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The last day for ticket sales is Sunday, October 9 to allow time for food preparation. Tickets are \$7.00 - \$8.00 and may be obtained from Gayla Yaney or Dorothy Smith.**

## **NW Ohio Synod...**

*So have you been wondering what all the talk about small groups is about?*

Come to the Lay Academy for Mission's Small Group Ministry Workshop on Saturday, October 1, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Luke, Lima with leaders, Jean Wise and Bonnie Kinschner. The registration fee is \$45 and includes lunch and materials. This workshop is designed for those who are investigating a ministry for their congregation, about to begin a ministry or who are in the midst of one and would like an opportunity to "compare notes" with others. This workshop will address small group ministry as a whole with focus on the biblical basis for community, why have a small group ministry, success stories, mechanics of setting up a ministry, structures and resources. For information or registration contact Bonnie Kinschner at 419-841-6506 or [bkinschner@aol.com](mailto:bkinschner@aol.com)

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# Savior's Signal

A newsletter for Emanuel's youth

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*Sunday School  
children ages 3  
- kindergarten  
will sing*

*Sunday, October 2 at 10:25 a.m.*

*Needed: Christmas Program Director. It is that time of year again - Christmas Program time. If you are interested in being the director, contact Laura Ellis (592-4612).*

## *Baptismal Birthdays - October*

*Tom Aschemcier  
Karri Ashbaugh  
Sandi Borstelman  
Trisha Borstelman  
Darlene Bostelman  
Lynn Bostelman  
Krista Brown  
Julie Busch  
John Casteel  
Katy Casteel  
Taryn Conklin  
Mary Cousino*

*Kathy Degler  
Mary DeWit  
Carol Dille  
Albert Duquette  
Eric Fletcher  
Tobias Franz  
Christian French  
Nichole Gerken  
Kelda Heitkamp  
John Hernandez  
Ruth Hershberger*

*Terry Hershberger  
Adara Hildebrandt  
Emily Jordan  
Hannah Jordan  
Barbara Kenning  
Steve Kloos  
Herb Koppenhofer  
Lester V. Kruse  
Sharon Kruse  
Sandy Long  
Dustin Martinez*

*Natasha Martinez  
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