

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 started when I was baptized here at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

My parents made sure I attended Church, Sunday School, VBS and catechism. They and the Sunday School teachers helped me learn the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer and the Creeds. The confirmation verse that I received is, "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." Luke 11:28.

While attending church my grandparents were also always here. If there is one thing that I learned from my parents and grandparents, it is how important it is to worship Jesus.

I remember in my grandparents' and Dad's funeral service, Pastor Ritterling commented about their communion attendance records. They didn't miss a single month. What a marvelous witness that is and an encouragement to all of us! They demonstrated what should be a very real part of all our lives no matter how busy we are or how we may be feeling.

I would like to share a poem that my Grandmother and Step-Grandfather composed together. This was their foundation of faith.

LOVE AT HOME

There is beauty all around
When there's love at home;
There is Joy in every sound
When there's love at home.

Peace and plenty here abide
Smiling sweet on every side;
Time doth softly, sweetly glide
When there's love at home.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for
having made us your children
through faith in Christ
for God is Love.

My dear children, Husband and Wife,
grandchildren, and great grandchildren
Love each other and go to Church together.
Pray together and you will stay together.

With my Love, your Mother and Stepfather
Amen.

We're so fortunate there are a lot of things in the world that don't make sense. But by the power of God and by the love of God, that is ours in Jesus Christ. Even when everything looks dreary, we have a God who loves us, and who has only good in mind for us.

MaineEldorf

We have some people in our congregation who are in need of jobs. If anyone knows of opportunities for them, please let me know.

Thank you for this consideration. Your prayers are always welcome.

Pastor Castello

After School Club will be starting Wednesday, October 6 after school. There will be snacks, music, learning and fun.

Pastor Mix will be meeting the kids at Central and walking them to Church.

We are always in need of more help, especially with crafts and games.

Children ages 4 years old through 5th grade are welcome.

Please come **inside** and pick up your child at 5:00; this is for everyone's safety!

Thank you,
Angela, Juanita, Sue, Dee

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.emmanuelnapoleon.org. Check it out sometime!

Maumee Valley Conference

Sing Boldly

a Choir Song Event

to observe the Reformation

Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
at Emanuel Lutheran Church
Napoleon, Ohio

Refreshments to follow

Dear Friends at Emanuel,

Our family would like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for Austin and to let you know what has been going on with him. After postponing his bone marrow transplant twice because of infections that had to be cleared up, Austin was admitted into the hospital on June 7th to begin the transplant procedure. For the first three days, he received full body radiation twice a day and then had three days of "hi-intense" chemo to destroy his bone marrow. He had one day of rest and then early on the morning of June 14th, his older sister Taylor donated about a liter of bone marrow. Her bone marrow was then separated from her blood cells and Austin received the transplant that afternoon as an IV drip. He did pretty well until the second week after transplant when the effects of the radiation and chemo made themselves known in the form of severe sores in his mouth and through his gastrointestinal tract.

For about a week, he had eight IV lines running so he wouldn't have to take any meds by mouth and for about three days, he wouldn't even talk he was in so much pain. Once they started to clear up however, he recovered very well and was able to go home 24 days after transplant. He continues to do well, visiting the hospital twice a week for checkups and adjustments to all the meds he is taking now.

We are so grateful for the support and prayers that we have received from our families, friends and our "Christian family" during this stressful time. We firmly believe that Austin would not be doing so well now without all the prayers and support and God's love and mercy. We ask that you continue to pray for complete healing and keep Austin, Taylor, Tony and Risha in your prayers as it will be five years before we will know if he has beaten this awful disease. Your prayers and support mean more to us than you will ever know and we thank you all very much.

Yours in Christ,
Jerry and Marlene Lighthill
Tony, Risha, Taylor and Austin Lighthill

from the Congregational Life Board

Good Word for Today

Special thanks to Ryan Hoffman, Jacob Skeens, Melinda Dachenhaus and Terri Haase, readers for “Good Word for Today”. Be sure to listen to WNDH 103.1 between 6:00 and 9:00 a.m. to catch the “Good Word” radio spots.

5th Sunday Gathering – October 31st

Our 5th Sunday gathering will be a potluck following our Congregational Meeting on October 31st. Plan now to attend—there’s nothing better than a Lutheran potluck, right? Hope to see you there!

Caring Corner

Once again, Emanuel’s members came through with more than generous donations of school supplies which saw two backpacks and a large box of supplies for each of the six elementary schools represented in our membership. They were gratefully received at each of the buildings.

During October, we will participate in the “Coats for Kids” drive held each year. Chairperson Michelle Hall, indicated they will be collecting coats the last weekend in October and distributing them the first weekend in November. Any coats you may bring in during the month will be delivered to their organization the end of October. Michelle indicated there was a particular need for larger sized coats as well as plus sizes. Also, they did run out of boys’ coats last year. Any coats that your children have outgrown or a coat that you no longer use will be gratefully received. This should make a great time to clean out those closets!

Looking ahead – During the month of November we will be participating in “Christmas Cheer” and December will see us working with “Project We Care”.

CROP Walk – October 3rd

Put on your walking shoes and let’s get ready to participate in the 6th Annual CROP Hunger Walk to be held on Sunday, October 3, at Oakwood Park. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. and the Walk begins at 2:00 p.m. Walkers and sponsors are needed! See Carol Castello for additional information.

Next Meeting

Congregational Life Board will meet again on Monday, October 4, 7:00 p.m. As always, anyone is welcome to attend.

Membership News

- Baptism* On October 10 we will witness the baptism of Zachary Thomas Zwiebel, son of Thomas Zwiebel and Malory Skiver. Zachary's sponsors are David Zwiebel, Lindsay Zwiebel, and Miranda Skiver.
- Wedding* God's blessings to Richard Bost & Sara Clausen who were married at Emanuel on September 18!
- Blessings also to Kyle Borstelman & Amber Dennie who will be married here on October 2!
- Transfer* Welcome to new members:
Darryl Jones (by instruction)
Michael & Kristine Belcher and children Amanda and Derek who transferred from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township.
- Funerals* June Keller died at the Lutheran Home on August 18. There will be a private burial at a later date. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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.

WELCA News

Rita Schweinhagen for the Board

Hi ladies – where have you been? We've been missing many of you at both Circle and General Meetings.

At our last General Meeting we had election of officers. They are:

Vice President - Martha Young
Treasurer - Marilyn Manahan
Mission Growth - Carol Castello
Altar Guild - Sue DeMichiei-Mabee, Laura Ellis, Sue Schink, Nicole Schink, Angela Sosebee, Gayla Yaney
Nominating Committee - Ami Allison, Terri Haase, Andrea Hoffman
Filling Guild Representative - Shirlee Fejes

Thanks to you all for accepting your responsibilities. A special thanks goes out to this year's Nominating Committee: Sharon Panning, Julie Mt.Castle and Nancy Schink. They did a fantastic job.

Thanks to Carol Dille for doing one table at the Filling Home Decorated Table Luncheon on September 25. She does a great job.

Our Maumee Valley Fall Retreat will be October 9 at St. John's in Deshler. Registration slips are on the bulletin board by the church office.

Are you working on our kits for Lutheran World Relief? They will soon be due (October 1). We will be sending quilts that our sewing ladies have made in addition to the kits. Janis Dachenhaus will be taking care of this.

The Filling Fall Fling will be coming up on November 6. Baked goods donations will be accepted. We will also need to provide a few ladies to help with the snacks the day of the Fling.

The Circles will be providing refreshments for the Reformation "Sing Boldly" event to be held at Emanuel October 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Our Thankoffering Service will be held on Thursday November 4. Please plan on attending.

Enjoy our new Bible Study – it's on the Bible - should prove to be interesting.

If you have any questions concerning your Women of Emanuel, feel free to call me at 419-592-4606. Thanks for listening.

God loves you and so do we,
-Rita Schweinhagen, for the Board

Thank you!

- Thanks so much to Pastor Castello for his prayers and for being there for me during surgery. Also a special thanks to my church family for their prayers, cards and phone calls. It really means a lot.
-Ruth Alton Gray
- Thank you to Pastor Castello for his visits while I was in the hospital. Also thank you to every one for their cards and prayers. I appreciated it very much.
-Kathy Ward
- Thanks for my pretty blanket. I put it on the back of my davenport. That took a lot of work. Thanks again.
Ruth Delaney
- I want to thank everyone for their visits, Get Well, Thinking of You and Birthday cards that I have received. Thanks to Pastor Castello for his visits and to the congregation for the flowering plant. They have all been very much appreciated.
-Julia Arps
- I would like to thank the church for my Bible. I enjoy reading it. Thank you!
-Thea Perdeu
- Thank you for the donation of school supplies. They will be put to good use! We appreciate your generosity and concern that all students have the “tools” they need to be successful.
-Sue Hammer, Principal, Deshler
- Please convey our sincere thanks to those at Emanuel Lutheran responsible for the school supplies. Very much appreciated and they will get put to good use. Again, thank you and God bless.
-Larry E. Long, Principal
Staff & Students of Malinta-Grelton
- Thank you for all the cards, gifts and birthday wishes I received for my 85th birthday. I certainly had a day of many great surprises (thanks to my family!).
-Eleonora Koppenhofer

“Soul Food”

Soul Food is again in full swing every Wednesday, serving from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. There is no sign-up for the meal...just come and enjoy!

Again, in case you've wondered, “Soul Food” is for everyone. You don't need to have kids in After-School Club or confirmation or be in the choir; you don't even need to be a member of Emanuel—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.

Walk with us as we walk with the world...

...in the 6th annual Henry County CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 3. This is an opportunity to take part in an event with world-wide implications. It is a chance to bring nourishment, comfort, and hope to people whose very lives hang in the balance. With the CROP Hunger Walk, there is a way for everyone to take part. You can walk the Walk, and you can sign up your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to sponsor you. Or you can be a sponsor, and your generous support of the Walkers can help stop hunger.

Taking place at Oakwood Park, the CROP Walk route is a pleasant 3-mile walk on a leisurely Sunday afternoon in October. Or you can even do just a 1-mile route if you are limited by time or physical challenges. This ecumenical interfaith effort will raise funds for hunger ministries throughout the world and here in Henry County, as 25% of the monies raised are returned to be distributed to Christmas Cheer and local food pantries. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the Walk to start at 2 p.m. You can also help by baking cookies for this.

Please see Carol Castello to be come involved — as a Walker, a sponsor, or a cookie baker. The CROP Hunger Walk is helping end hunger, one step at a time!

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.

Camp Mowana Fall Festival and Benefit Auction

Sunday, October 3 is your opportunity to bring the entire family to Camp Mowana to enjoy autumn at its festive best! Enjoy live music, great food, hayrides, crafts and more. The Benefit Auction will feature handmade quilts, fine handcrafts, theme baskets and many other unique items. There will also be pony rides, a petting zoo, face-painting and pumpkin-carving for the kids. All proceeds will benefit summer camperships for deserving youth. Come out and enjoy the fun. Hours are from 12:30-5:30 p.m., with the Benefit Auction starting at 3:00 p.m. Mowana is located just north of Mansfield off US 42 on Fleming Falls Rd.

Pillars of the faith

Because Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses, or thoughts, to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, we remember that day and the major changes, or Reformation, that resulted.

Luther's theses contained three main pillars, which have stood for almost 500 years:

1. Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone) - The Bible is the sole authority in matters of faith, life and conduct. "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV).
2. Sola Fide (Faith Alone) - Christians are justified, or declared righteous, only through believing in Jesus Christ as Savior. Although morality and good works are important, they alone cannot lead to salvation. "A person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16, NRSV).
3. Sola Gratia (Grace Alone) - Grace is God's unmerited, or undeserved, favor. Salvation is a free gift from our gracious God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV).

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 Minnie Meineke

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)

Church Office Hours

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

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

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Bell Choir Director - Hugh Schink

Asst. Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Living Spirit Director - Holly Mohring, Marv & Julie Mt.Castle

Parish Secretary - Patricia Mohring

Sunday School Superintendent -

Altar Guild Chairman - Barbara Hoffman

Custodian - Jack Robbins

Thursday night services

Thursday evening services (7:30 p.m.) will be held through November 18. Holy Communion will be offered the 3rd Thursday of the month (except for October – communion will be offered on the 4th Thursday in October).

Worship participants in October

Acolytes

8:00 Sarah Yaney & Kenli Dachenhaus
10:30 Mitchell Walther & Tyler Allison

Lay Assistant

8:00 Richard Landversicht
10:30 Tom & Beth Jenny

Ushers

8:00 Richard Landversicht, Mike Mohring,
Ron Dachenhaus, Ruth Hershberger
10:30 Alan Storch, Bill Panning,
Ron Meyers, Brian Plummer

Altar Guild

Peggy Snyder & Mary DeWit

Altar Flowers

October 3 - Ed & Alyce Oberhaus in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary
October 10 - in celebration of Ruth Hershberger's birthday
October 17 - Ron & Donna Meyers
- Shirlee Mires Fejes in loving memory of Nelson
October 24 - Vern Lanzer in loving memory of Joyce
- Bob & Linda Lulfs in loving memory of Joyce & Leo Fouty
October 31 - Charlotte Wangrin

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

8/19 49 communed 49 8/26 50
9/2 34 9/9 55 9/16 36 communed 35

Sunday, August 22

attendance 168
\$3,988.00
\$75 Bldg Fd
\$50 mem to Bldg Fd-
Henry Winkleman
\$5 World Hunger

Sunday August 29

attendance 199
\$4,452.00
\$25 Bldg Fd
\$31 World Hunger
\$500 Partners in Education
\$50 Rainbow Ringers in honor of
Madison & Alyssa's birthdays
\$200 misc-TV stands

Sunday, September 5

attendance 169 communed 140
\$5,168.25
\$216 Bldg Fd
\$35 World Hunger

Sunday, September 12

attendance 98+112 (210) communed 93
\$5,298.55
\$80 Bldg Fd
\$50 Good Sam Fd
\$10 World Hunger
\$212.05 misc-TV stand & fair float prize

Sunday, September 19

attendance 84 + 79 (163)
\$4,012.70
\$35 World Hunger
\$25 Good Sam Fd

Financial Update from Church Council

Our roof loan has been paid off, so Emanuel is now debt free! For those who wish to continue contributing to the Building Fund, you may continue to do so, and those funds will be segregated from general operating funds and earmarked for future capital needs.

Council would also like to make everyone aware that over the last 18 months, contributions to the general operating fund have not been able to keep up with our operating expenses and our operating fund balance, in turn, has slowly been reduced. We ask that you prayerfully consider assisting in improving and maintaining our operating fund balance.

Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

Choir

Rehearsals continue each Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are working on music for the fall through Christmas. It is not too late to join us!

We have been invited to sing with the mass choir for Lutherfest on Sunday, October 24 at Owens Community College. Please talk to me if you are interested. I have seen the music for that day and it is quite good.

Living Spirit

Living Spirit is practicing for 30 minutes every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. Join us for contemporary music! We sing the third Sunday of the month.

After School Club

After School Club will resume on Wednesday, October 6. Kids, be ready to sing and play some fun music this fall!

Thank you

...to all the Rally Day participants for a great worship service and ice cream afterwards.

...to Douglas and Judy Hoffman for hosting the choir party in September. The food was...delicious, the game was...fun, the fellowship was...priceless.

Sing Boldly

Emanuel will be hosting a Conference choir song event to celebrate the Reformation. It will be held on Saturday, October 16 and we will have a musical group participating. Mass choir rehearsal will be at 5:00 p.m. with the concert to begin at 6:00.

Fall has arrived with all the amazing colors and sights and smells and...

I pray thee, O God, that I may be beautiful within. Socrates