

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.*

Having children gives you an entirely different perspective of life, of course. It changes everything, or at least it should. You are aware of what is popular in regards to songs, toys, TV shows, etc. Your kids keep you in touch with the world outside yourself with their personal desires, wants and opinions.

Having children often helps the parent keep a better rein on his/her self. You are more careful about how you act and what you say. You do not want your kids growing up with bad habits and traits. You want to be a good example.

Having children helps you to understand that it is not all about you. You are willing to give up things for them and sacrifice for them. They see you more than does anyone else. They see you for

who and what you are: warts and all. They help to teach you about unconditional love.

For God, adopting us as His children through Jesus gave Him this incredible outlook of compassion, understanding and sacrifice. He calls us to see one another in a similar way.

We are called to see one another with compassion and understanding and to deal with one another with active love. It is not all about us. It is about all of us. Knowing we are children of our heavenly Father, one and all, should give us all the perspective we need.

See you in church.

Pastor Castello

"We walk, because they walk."

The "we" in the quote is us – and our friends, neighbors, and other caring people in hundreds of communities who walk each year in over 1,800 CROP Walks. The "they" are 840 million people who go to bed hungry every day. They are people just like you, but because of poverty, they must walk to accomplish the most basic tasks:

- They walk for food.
- They walk for water.
- They walk for firewood.
- They walk to escape violence.
- They walk to seek shelter.
- They walk to farm their fields.
- They walk to find employment.
- They walk to go to school.

A CROP Walk is fun, but it is also an opportunity to learn what millions of people have to do each day just to survive – they walk. When you walk in a CROP Walk, you walk with the world.

The 2nd Annual Henry County CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 1, beginning and ending right here at Emanuel. The 3-mile Walk will follow a "southern route" this year, with a rest stop midway at the Church of the Nazarene. To become a Walker or to sponsor our Walkers, please contact Carol Castello (419) 592-0847.

Music News

Adult Choir

Get your singing voices ready! Adult choir practices will start up again on **Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m.** We will be singing one of our favorite numbers at both worship services on September 10. We always welcome newcomers, and our rehearsals last one hour. We have many exciting events to prepare for including our annual concert and our Christmas Cantata.

Cherub Choir

Cherub Choir practices will start on **Wednesday, October 4**, right after school. We will have many fun songs to work on each Wednesday!

Rainbow Ringers

Rainbow Ringers practices will take place after Sunday School (10:00 a.m.) on the last Sunday and first Sunday of the month. We will have our first rehearsal on **September 3**, and it will last 15 minutes. We hope to involve more of our children in this group by having Sunday morning practices. The ringers will play at two services per month on a rotating basis. This group gives the kids a chance to worship God in an exciting yet meaningful way.

Living Spirit

There have been a few changes made in the contemporary choir started by Barb Hoffman. In addition to passing the baton on to Julie & Marv Mt.Castle & Holly Mohring, Living Spirit is also no longer a part of the catechism curriculum. That means *we are in need of your voices!*

Living Spirit is an informal contemporary Christian choir – we need people who love music, who love to sing and who are excited about using new music! We want you even if you don't know how to read music...if you think you can't sing...if you aren't even sure you'll like the music!

The first practice will be held on **Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.** We will be discussing then the most convenient time for weekly rehearsals. If you are interested in singing with us but are unable to make the first practice, PLEASE let one of us know. We will be happy to keep you informed of what's happening and any schedule changes.

College students: we want your voices, too! Even if you can't make the practices, we will do all we can to keep you informed of our music choices and schedule, and you are welcome to join us any time we sing.

Please consider giving some of your time and your voices to make this ministry as sensational as we know it can be!

SEPTEMBER = SOUL FOOD!

As we resume our fall schedule of church activities, one weekly event that we enjoy is gathering for “Soul Food” on Wednesdays. We thank Pat & Jody Dille and family for all of their dedication in menu-planning, shopping, cooking, and organizing, as they now take some time off from those activities. Consequently, our Soul Food meals will be working a little differently, and we may be needing more cooperation with and sharing of meal planning and preparation. One idea is to have cooks volunteer for one meal at a time each week at a time. We usually serve 80 to 100 people, so “large quantity” thinking is needed.

Sign-up sheets are still available on the bulletin board by the church office, and you are encouraged to volunteer salads, side dishes, and desserts, as well as being included in the “count.” A sheet is available, too, for signing up as kitchen help – cooks, food preparation, and clean-up. “Soul Food” is open to everyone, with the serving from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

The menu for Wednesday, September 6: **Sloppy Joes and Hot Dogs/Chili Dogs, Chips, Salads**

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Altar Guild Chairman - Mary Jo Moden
Good News Preschool Director - Judith Demmel
Custodians - Michelle Dille, Caye Schroeder, Jack Robbins

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Thank you!

- I would like to thank Pastor Castello for his visits and the members of Emanuel for their prayers and well wishes when I was hospitalized and recuperating at home. God bless all of you.
-Sandi Weirauch
- To our friends at Emanuel, Thank you everyone for your prayers, cards, kind words and expressions of sympathy when my wife and our mother and grandmother passed away. Thanks to Pastor Castello for his visit and comforting words. Also thank you to Pastor Mix for being there for us and also for the wonderful service. Thanks also to the ladies of the church for the delicious luncheon after the service. We are grateful to be a part of this wonderful church. God bless each and every one of you.
-Sincerely, Florian Sauer, Maggi & John Mohler, Sue & Jim Nartker, Sara & George Reed, Tony & Pat Hoeffel and the grandchildren and great grandchildren of Florian and Marie
- Thank you so much for the kindness, cards and prayers in behalf of my sister's untimely death. This means so much from my church family. -Lois Gerken
- Thank you to all the people of the church that made Camp Mowana possible for me. I attended the camp for a week in July. We played several different sports, learned about God, did many different activities, and swam. I also had lots of fun with Blake Biederstedt and my cousin Michael who went with me. Thanks again. -David Yunker
- I would like to thank the Women of the Church and the Board of Education for sponsoring me for Camp Mowana. I had fun learning new stuff about God and playing the fun games.
-Blake Biederstedt
- Dear friends at Emanuel, Our heartfelt "thank you" for the kind words, cards and memorials given in honor of our mother and grandmother, Vera Neuenschwonder. We love and appreciate you. God's blessing. -Oneta & Karl Wiechers, and Peg Snyder
- Thanks to all of you who joined us for Rally Day at the fairgrounds. And a big thank you to all those who helped make it possible.

In the Library

September's picks:

The Boy Who Gave His Lunch Away by Dave Hill

Little Visits with God by Allan Hart Jahsmann and Martin P. Simon

The Power of a Praying Parent by Stormie Omartian

Moving the Earth - for a Song by M. Wilson Gaillard

The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom

Divine by Karen Kingsbury

The Bouquet By Janet Lee Barton/Diann Hunt/Sandra Petit/Gail Sattler

A huge THANK YOU to all of those who volunteered for summer Sunday School. We hope everyone had fun. The food theme seemed to be a big hit with the kids. There was ice cream making which taught patience, Pharaoh's chariots made with bananas and strawberries, John the Baptist puppets made with all of our favorite vegetables, and cinnamon roll crosses along with many other foods that allowed us to apply the Bible story. Also a big Thank You to all of the kids who came to make everything worthwhile. We hope to see everyone during Sunday School for some hands-on fun!

Presentation of Bibles to Second Graders

The 2nd Grade Bible presentation will be Sunday, September 10 at the beginning of the 10:30 service. Those receiving Bibles this year:

Alex Bustamante

Kenli Dachenhaus

Nicholas Degler

Ryan Kohout

Dalton Middleton

Meghan Skeens

Sunday School Teachers for 2006-2007

3 & 4 year olds - Caren Dille & Caye Schroeder
Kindergarten - Joleen Brubaker & Kim Dickmann
1st Grade - Christa Burken
2nd Grade - Tiffany Biederstedt
3rd & 4th grades - Ed Biederstedt
5th Grade - Michelle Slee & Julie Mt.Castle
6th Grade - Sue Kruse
7th Grade - Julie Kohout
8th Grade - Juanita Clausen & Sandi Weirauch

Needed: A high school leader/teacher for Sunday mornings. Please contact Caren Dille or Michelle Slee if you would like to help!

Youth Education Fund Request

The Education Board is currently accepting requests for funds from the Youth Education Fund. Funds are available for the support of youth education. Please submit your request to the Board by Sunday, September 24.

Amount Requested \$ _____

Requested by: _____

Purpose _____

From the Congregational Life Board

Giving/donation corner

The July collection effort to LSS Linen Drive was a huge success with over 70 sheet sets, pillows and pillow cases and blankets delivered to their warehouse here in Napoleon, to be distributed throughout the areas as needed. Thank you to all who helped make this collection possible.

The August collection of school supplies will continue through the end of the month, so please consider contributing to this effort as well. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

The September donations will go to Hospice of Henry County. The items to be collected will consist of PIECES OF FABRIC for them to use to make blankets for their patients to enjoy and help make them as comfortable as possible. Your donations will be greatly appreciated, and they will be one more way for us all to be a part of comforting those whom we may not know personally but who are in need of our help, and what better way than to bring comfort through warmth of a blanket to those who are battling illness and disease!

In order to recognize and honor the twenty-six couples in our Emanuel family who have been married for fifty and more years, the Congregational Life Board would like to invite them all to attend church services on Sunday, September 17, 2006, at either the early or late service, during which they will be introduced and invited to stand up and be recognized for their dedication and commitment to one another for all their years together. Congratulations to all of these couples. May God continue to bless each and every one of you!

The couples to be recognized include: **Art & Denelda Rohrs** (60 years), **Edwin & Betty Panning** (51 years), **Karl & Oneta Wiechers** (56 years), **Edmund & Donna Peper** (50 years), **Lawrence & Lois Wiechers** (59 years), **Robert & Esther Dennie** (54 years), **Herbert & Ramona Koppenhofer** (58 years), **Henry & Alice Langenhop** (56 years), **Melvin & Margarete Lanzer** (58 years), **Maurice & Georgie Davis** (50 years), **Marvin & Janice Rabe** (50 years), **Lenhart & Ellen Lange** (60 years), **Albert & Norma Duquette** (66 years), **Alfred & Rita Prigge** (57 years), **Herman & Ann Campbell** (58 years), **Theodore & Dora Titgemeyer** (58 years), **Roger & Patsy McGinnis** (55 years), **Gale & Hilda Nye** (68 years), **James & Arlene Hershberger** (51 years), **Edwin & Alyce Oberhaus** (56 years), **Arthur & Helen Lange** (54 years), **Melvin & Margaret Wachtmann** (54 years), **Robert & Dolores Showman** (60 years), **Raymond & Marilyn Manahan** (55 years), **Lester & Marilyn Kruse** (55 years), **Paul & Nancy Bressler** (50 years).

Guess Who!

He was born in Henry County Hospital, the youngest of six children. His family lived on the Crahan farm where he remembers his father milking cows. He loved to ride through barns in his wagon. They moved to McClure, then, when in 7th grade, to the country near Patrick Henry School.

From toddler all through childhood he remembers his mother playing their piano often, with the family and/or friends gathered around her singing old hymns and playing whatever instruments were handy: guitars, banjo, harmonicas. As he listened he picked out harmonies, preferring that to singing melody. He remembers listening to his mother singing alto as she practice for church work.

He started playing drums and by the age of 11 was playing professionally in a four-piece band called "Blue Knights."

After graduating from high school he lived in Florida for a year. When he came back he started dating this girl he'd had his eye on for years. The "went steady" for seven years, then married.

(Answer on page 11)

Having worked at Campbell Soup Company for 17 years, one day he poured a strong chemical down the drain. It shot back out burning his face severely. For three weeks he was totally blind and in excruciating pain from second-degree burns in, not only eyes, but nose and ears. He often prayed, "God, please may I see my baby son grow up?"

After two months in St. Vincent's Hospital, they removed the bandages permanently. He will always remember the somewhat-blurry sight of his son standing there in a green pin-striped suit.

Now he can joke about it. He calls himself "one-Eye". He hadn't told his mother for fear she'd worry, but when she came back from Florida in the spring and called, he said, "I'm fine only Julie keeps moving the furniture and I can't find my way around." "Some day I'll write a book, *1001 Ways to Lose an Eye.*"

He is currently a paint contractor.

Who is he?

Membership News

Baptism Ms. Lenora Satchell was baptized by Pastor Castello on August 6.
On August 13 we were privileged to witness the baptism of Cameron Matthew Burken, son of Mark & Christa Burken. Cameron's sponsors are Thomas & Sandi Naas and Patrick Rohrbaugh.

Funeral The funeral of Laura Rohda, who passed away on July 20, was held on the 22nd. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Weddings God's richest blessings to Andy & Becky (Castello) Aelker who were married August 5; and to Sam & Mary (Babcock) Behnfeldt who were married on August 19!

Please let us know of any family birth announcements, etc. so we can celebrate with you!

Please let us know when you change your address...the post office charges us 87¢ (or more) for each newsletter that is returned. (Bulk mail is not forwarded.)

Please let us know your college address as soon as possible.
And, if you would like to receive the church newsletter via e-mail, please also leave us your e-mail address.

A look at our finances....

July Finances

Balance 6/30/06	\$ - 7,355.61
Income	23,970.57
Expenses	(25,135.91)
Transfer from savings	7,000.00
Balance 7/31/06	\$ - 1,520.95

Health Ministry

-Judy Hoffman

Medicare Update for 2007 - October 24, 2006

A public meeting in Henry County will feature a presentation by OSHIIP Staff on Medicare updates for 2007, including information on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Open Enrollment (November 15 - December 31). Following the presentation, they will do Part D comparisons and/or enrollments. Watch the local newspaper and the next newsletter for details on place and time of this meeting.

Produce - The Safe Way

Health researchers have determined that increased consumption of fruits and vegetables leads to reduced risk of heart disease and cancer. Nutritionists at the National Cancer Institute and other health professionals recommend eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Cider and fruit juices are a convenient and refreshing way to help you eat five a day.

Ask your roadside market how they handle their cider and juices. The safest cider is made from apples that are picked from the tree (no drops) and are washed and brushed. Sanitary conditions are a must when processing food products.

Storage.

- _ Keep all cider and fresh fruit juices refrigerated.
- _ Cider or juice which has been freshly pressed and purchased cold, will maintain quality in the refrigerator at 35-40 degrees F from 7 to 10 days.

Food Safety Tip

If your family includes at-risk persons such as the very young, the elderly, or people with immune-system problems, purchase only pasteurized cider and juices or heat the product to 160 degrees F before serving.

Sources

Fouk, Judith. *How to Outsmart Dangerous E.Coli Strain*, FDA Consumer, January - February, 1994. Food and Drug Administration, Office of Public Affairs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Prepared by: Barbara H. James, Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences/Community

Guess Who? Marvin Mt.Castle

Church Council Chat - August 21, 2006

- Rally Day services on Sunday, August 27 are all set.
- Synod Representative, Bev Ernst, will speak at both services on Sunday, October 22.
- Tanzania delegation will be at Emanuel on Wednesday, October 25. Gathering plans are in progress.
- Crop Walk will be held on October 1.
- New Member reception will be on October 8.
- Fall Clean Up Day will be October 14.
- **A special door offering for the Building Fund will be held following both services on Sunday, September 10. Congregation President, Pat Dille, will update the congregation at both services on the loan balances.**

Remember our members in nursing homes and assisted living facilities with prayers, cards, visits.

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

Margaret Fahy

Marie Heuer

Marge Gathman

Irma Overhulse

Alfred "Petey" Ruetz

Hildegarde Reiser

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

Christine Rath (#412)
(#319)

Miriam Smith (#303)

Reim Eickhoff (#405)

Carl Bockelman

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

Esther Wittenberg

Date	Attendance	Communed	Offerings
July 20 (7:30)	31		578.00 Bldg Fd - 25.00 Wrld Hngr - 20.00
July 23	90 + 80 (170)		3009.35 Wrld Hngr - 1.00
July 27 (7:30)	55	50	894.00 Bldg Fd - 25.00 Good Sam Fd - 50.00
July 30	108 + 105 (213)		3192.20 Bldg Fd - 124.00 Wrld Hngr - 5.00
August 3 (7:30)	41		955.00 Bldg Fd - 80.00 Wrld Hngr - 5.00 Good Sam Fd - 25.00 Mem Bldg Fd - 30.00 ¹ Mem Gen Fd - 59.00 ²
August 6	108 + 87 (195)	101	4525.00 Bldg Fd - 690.00 Wrld Hngr - 20.00 Mem Bldg Fd - 10.00 ³
August 9 (2:30)		5	
August 10 (7:30)	50		1985.00 Bldg Fd - 150.00 Wrld Hngr - 5.00 Good Sam Fd - 25.00
August 13	101 + 114 (215)	100	4063.00 Bldg Fd - 115.00 Wrld Hngr - 5.00 Mem Bldg Fd - 20.00 ⁴
August 17 (7:30)	42	40	1162.00 Bldg Fd - 200.00 Wrld Hngr - 10.00
August 20	103 + 100 (203)		3877.00 Bldg Fd - 145 Wrld Hngr - 5.00 Good Sam Fd - 25.00

¹ Marie Sauer ² Marie Sauer ³ Laura Rohda ⁴ Laura Rohda

We received \$5,000 for the Building Fund from the Gail Taylor estate on August 3.

WELCA News

Soon summer will be over and fall will be here! Aren't those flowers around the church absolutely gorgeous? If you see Ed Panning – he's the one responsible...providing, planting, weeding and watering – thank him! Thanks, Ed!

Our Nominating Committee has completed their job and will be presenting a list of names at our September 7, 2006 General Meeting. God bless each of you who said "Yes" when asked to serve. You are much appreciated!

The Filling Fall Luncheon is scheduled for September 30, 2006. Please check out the information elsewhere in this newsletter. It would be great to have a few tables from our Emanuel ladies! Emanuel is responsible for the food, and we are in need of desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet on September 7 at our General Meeting.

Don't forget - Bible Study with Pastor Castello and election of officers will be on Thursday, the 7th of September. See you there! Miriam Circle is in charge of refreshments.

Carol Dille for the WELCA Board

To the Women of Emanuel:

Not just too long ago, many of you had the opportunity to meet with Missionary LeMond. For many years the Maumee Valley Conference (of which we Emanuel women are a part) have supported the LeMonds and other missionaries before them. It's that time of the year again to help with our support.

Please place your donation in the enclosed envelope marked "Missionary Fund" and place it in the offering plate. We will be receiving your donations during the month of September.

Thank you in advance, you wonderful women of Emanuel. God loves you.

-Rita Schweinhagen, Vice President

FILLING MENDING IS HELD ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

Autumn Luncheon

Sponsored by
The Filling Home of Mercy Women's Guild.

Saturday, September 30, 2006
12:00 Noon.

Filling Home Therapy Center
State Route 108
Napoleon, Ohio.

A donation of \$10.00 per ticket
is desired, with proceeds going to the
Filling Guild's Aquatic Therapy Fund.

This unique fund raiser features tables decorated by the
hostess in any theme she chooses. The hostess is responsible for
selling 7 tickets at her table.

Lunch will be prepared by Emanuel Lutheran Filling Guild.

Entertainment to enjoy!

For information to become a hostess, or for individual reservations to
attend the luncheon, please call:
Merna Homier at 419-653-4473 or Kathleen Wiemken at 419-758-3507.

Deadline for hostessing a table or individual reservations is
Wednesday, September 20, 2006.

Lutheran World Relief needs:

Sewing Kits

- Three yards of 44" or 45" cotton or a cotton blend fabric; four yards if 36"
- One package of needles for hand sewing
- One spool of matching thread
- One card of buttons

Wrap sewing notions inside fabric and tie with string, yard, or strip of fabric.

Layettes

- Two shirts
- Four cloth diapers
- One bath-size bar of soap
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two receiving blankets
- One sweater
- Two washcloths
- Two diaper pins

Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Good used items can be substituted for new ones. Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Preferred sweater styles have buttons or ties down the front. Infant sweatshirts may be substituted for the sweater. Bolt of flannel can furnish a number of receiving blankets, diapers, and gowns. A square cut the width of fabric (usually 36" or 45") easily makes a blanket. Diapers can be made by using a pinking shears to cut pieces 22½" wide x 36" long.

Health Kits

- One hand towel
- One washcloth
- One toothbrush
- One tube of toothpaste, 5-7oz.
- One metal nail file, (no nail clippers with file attached)
- One comb, wide tooth preferred
- One bath-size bar of soap
- Six band-aids, preferably ½" - ¾"

Wrap items in the towel, and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

School Kits

- Pads or notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8½" x 11" containing 150-200 sheets of paper
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One eraser approximately 2½" long
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- One box of 8, 16, or 24 crayons
- One cloth bag approximately 12" by 14" with cloth handles

Pack items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands or tie with yarn.

Yard Goods Kits

- fabric should be cotton or cotton blend (NO 100% polyester) and cut into pieces: 3 yards of 44" or 45" fabric OR 4 yards of 36" fabric

**DO NOT SEND ADDITIONAL ITEMS IN KITS.
We are NOT collecting any clothing this year.
Deadline - October 1, 2006**

Volunteers

Let me begin with a few facts about volunteers:

- 1) they are unsung heroes;
- 2) they never get enough, if any, credit for what they do;
- 3) they take a back seat to paid personnel;
- 4) they seldom exist.

You see, volunteers are normally people who *really* never volunteered. They waited to be asked to do some task before “volunteering”. And yet, no organization can exist without them. They are the backbone of many programs.

In the church setting, volunteers are who make everything click, run smoothly and make everyone else look good to the outside world. Volunteers are the people who get things done!

So, if you wish to do something for your church family ... and not get any credit for it ... not be truly recognized for your accomplishments ... not be in the spotlight, I urge you to volunteer. But for what, you may be asking. Well, stop by the pastor’s office or give him a call and he’ll offer you several choices to prayerfully consider. Everyone has God-given gifts they have not opened as of yet. *Plus, you will save everyone a lot of telephone time.*

As a sidelight – I don’t think any of Jesus’ disciples volunteered without being pressed a little. But the benefits they received once they joined forces with Jesus was beyond their expectations. What better model for us to follow.

Suggested reading: Romans 12:1-13

(taken from an article by Pastor Tamara Wood, St. Peter’s, Holgate)

Worship participants in September

Ushers

8:00 Don Mitchell, Ed Peper,
Marvin Rabe, Richard Landversicht
10:30 Alan Storch, Kurt Rohrs,
Joe Kohout, Chris Peper

Altar Guild

Phyllis Kloos & Ruth Hershberger

Lay assistants

8:00 9/3 Carol Castello
9/10, 17, 24 Helen Lange
10:30 Karri Ashbaugh

Acolytes

8:00 Danielle Williams & Laura Yaney
10:30 Konner Gerken & Justin Allison

Altar flowers

September 3 - Tom & Barb Hoffman in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary

September 10 - Ryan Kohout's 8th birthday

September 17 - Jim & Arlene Hershberger in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary

September 24 - Terry & Ruth Hershberger in celebration of their 8th wedding anniversary

Altar flowers cost \$20. This amount should be placed in the offering plate and designated for altar flowers. Flowers are automatically ordered from Cattails. If you have a special flower, color or container request, Cattails can customize your arrangement. Price of the arrangement can be increased also. If you wish to make your own arrangements, you should notify the church office a couple weeks ahead of the designated Sunday.

News of the Synod & Community

Give the Gift of Life

The Henry County Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the following locations:
Tuesday, September 5 - VFW, Napoleon 1-7 p.m.
Wednesday, September 6 - Curves 1-7 p.m.

Filling Fall Fling

The second annual Filling Fall Fling will be held November 4, 2006. We are taking donations for our silent and live auctions. Do you have a collectible collection that you are no longer interested in or don't have room for? Do you crochet, knit, make jewelry, bake pies...all of these items go well at the auctions! Contact **Jamie Bostelman, Lois Gerken** or **Carol Dille** if you care to donate or to volunteer to work that day.

Lutheran Social Services Report to Congregations

The Volunteer Guardianship program is blessed to have more than 17 new well-trained volunteers to serve as court appointed guardians for indigent older adults. They will help their wards who are older persons of 60 years or more and are unable to speak for themselves or have no one to assist them in making life and health decisions. Contact: Chris Miller at (419) 243-9178.

Did you know that LSS Counselors offer up to three free brief therapy visits for uninsured persons who qualify and further visits on a sliding scale in any of our offices in Lucas or Wood Counties? Individuals, families, groups, children and adults are helped through grief, loss of loved ones, conflict and stress in marriage, abuse issues and depression. Contact: Lucy Wayton at (419) 243-9178.

Also did you know that many older persons have incomes below the federal poverty guidelines. LSS is seeking individuals interested in volunteering in the Market Basket program throughout northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan but especially in the Oregon area. Please contact Monic Slovak, Market Basket Outreach Worker at (419) 243-9178.

Our new Bowling Green office is planning as part of a Wellness Fair Luncheon on September 17 from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church to benefit the counseling scholarship fund. The fund assists victims of domestic abuse to begin the long road of recovery, independence and healing. Contact: Joan Staib at (419) 353-9305 Ext. #124.

Helping turn empty houses into homes. The LSS Furniture Bank, serving families in the Western Region (Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam and Williams counties) has expanded into four counties this past year. Warehouses are operated by volunteers in Archbold, Bryan, Defiance and Napoleon, To donate to any of these warehouses call 800-577-8629.

Parkinson's Support Group

The Defiance Area Parkinson's Support Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Ability Center, 1935 East Second Street, Suite C, Defiance. The facilitator for this group is Nicole Cape, Community Living Coordinator for the Defiance Ability Center. The Parkinson's Support Group is open to people with Parkinson's, their support person or persons, family members, friends, or anyone interested in knowing more about Parkinson's. For more information about upcoming meetings, speakers, or special presentations, contact Nicole at the center (419) 782-5441. The next meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. will feature Bobbi Abel, PT, Director of Rehabilitation Services at the Laurels of Defiance. She will discuss *The Importance of Regular Activity and Exercise for the Parkinson's Patient*. She also introduced the P.A.R.K. (Parkinson's Activity and Rehabilitation Clinic) to Defiance. It is offered twice a month at Laurels. It includes a variety of interventions, exercises, physical and occupational therapy, and is fun.

TANZANIA EVANGELISTS MAJOR GATHERING

Twelve Evangelists from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania
will be in the
Maumee Valley Conference of the NW Ohio Synod to spread

INJILI

"Gospel of the Lord"

Tuesday, October 24, 2006
Schomburg Auditorium at Defiance College at 7 p.m.

They will share their faith and love of Jesus Christ
in song, skits and personal testimony

COME, CATCH THEIR SPIRIT

National Preparedness Month

In the wake of the one year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and the fifth anniversary of the attacks of September 11, one questions keeps resurfacing: Are we ready?

September has been designated as National Preparedness Month. A free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class is being held for families and individuals on Saturday, September 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with CPR Training on Sunday, September 17 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The training will be held at the Emergency Management Agency, 1847 Oakwood Ave. To register for the class, call the Volunteer Connection at 419-599-1288.

The training is funded by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. Lunch is provided on Saturday as well as snacks on Sunday.

A Morning of Spiritual Renewal

The Prayer Team of Olivet Lutheran Church of Sylvania invites you to *A Morning of Spiritual Renewal* on Saturday, September 23, 2006 in their Christian Life Center located at the church at 5840 Monroe Street in Sylvania. Registration and coffee will begin at 8:30 a.m.; a light brunch will be offered mid-morning; the event will conclude at noon.

Pastor Lori Ann Strang of Redeemer Lutheran Church is the speaker for the morning. She will share the story of the transformation of her personal prayer life, and address the connection between prayer and congregational mission for the sake of Jesus Christ. This is an excellent event for congregation leaders to experience as a group; it will also renew and bless individuals who attend. The cost of the morning is \$5.00. Reservations are requested to the church at 419-882-2077 by Tuesday, September 19.

Lay Academy for Mission

Discover the connections between worship service and service to the world. What does it mean for us to be "Sent into the world"? As a congregation, how are we equipped to live a FULL Christian life beyond Sunday Worship? The Lay Academy for Mission is offering a Workshop to look at methods that will reinforce these connections and help create a congregation that is truly an effective "Learning Community." "Congregations As A Learning Community" Workshop Date: Saturday, September 16, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran in Lima, Ohio. For more information go to: www.nwos-elca.org Click on September Calendar.

Riverview Terrace Apartments

These affordable Senior Apartments are located at 120 E. Maumee Avenue in Napoleon. They are income based, and all utilities are included (excluding Phone and Cable TV). They offer Studio & One Bedroom Floor Plans, Emergency Medical Pendant System, Controlled Access, Elevator, and Coin Operated Laundry. They are offering a Summer Special for Studio Move-Ins only: 1 Month Free Rent during August & September. Please contact Arevena Nirote, Property Manager (419) 592-4343.

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Savior's Signal

A newsletter for Emanuel's youth

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After School Club

(After School Club will run from
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. this fall)

The After School Program is in need of volunteers. If you could devote some time on Wednesdays to the children, please call Julie Yunker at 599-2641 or email at Yunker@bright.net. These are the areas of need: Bible Lessons, movement activity or game, or an art/craft project. Julie Yunker has games, activities, craft/art, and Bible Lesson ideas, we just need people to help carry them out!

Calling All Junior High Youth (Grades 6, 7 and 8!)

“What do YOU want to do?”

“I don’t know. What do YOU want to do?”

That’s what we want to know...SO an organizational meeting of all junior high youth and parents is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 10, at 2 p.m. here at the church. We need your ideas, kids, and we need your help, parents! Junior high youth advisors, Gayla Yaney and Carol Castello, are looking forward to it!

Club Christ

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming information on the first Club Christ meeting in September! We look forward to seeing you and starting our new year!!

Baptismal Birthdays - September

Evelyn Allen
Bonnie Babcock
Erica Bishop
Toby Borstelman
Kristen Bostelman
Tim Botjer
Kara Brokaw
Alex Bustamante
Herman Campbell
KC Cooper
Janis Dachenhaus

Laci Dachenhaus
Ron Dachenhaus
Donnie Daman
Tim Davis
Carma DeCair
Ruth Delaney
Kim Dickmann
Jeff Eickhoff
Deb Fletcher
Mark French
William French

Kelli Good
Katelyn Heuer
Eileen Huber
Jim Hustwick
Missy Kloos
Lenhart Lange
Marg Lanzer
Brian McCabe
Jonathan Mix
Mike Mohring
Hilda Nye

Amy Oliver
Wendi Olson
Logan Ostrander
Lucas Parsell
Eric Schwab
Peggy Snyder
Erin Walters
Ruth Ann Weiss
Jill Wesaw
Zachary Wesaw
Jessica Yaney