



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.**

Dear Members and Friends of Emanuel,

While traveling in Texas it becomes quite clear that the people of Texas live under not only the American flag but the Texan flag as well. The Texan flag is flown proudly everywhere as a memorial and as a reminder of the courage and sacrifice it took to set Texas free from the Spanish. The American flag flies beside it in many places as a symbol of freedom that they and we enjoy because of such courage and sacrifice. Those flags along with the flags of Ohio and other states remind us today of who we are.

There are other flags and banners that we fly which also tell us something about who we are. The Ohio State University banners have been flying high and in many places as the Buckeyes and their fans celebrate being among the best in the country. But one doesn't have to go far before they notice some people are cheering on their team by flying a Michigan or Notre Dame banner. Others are flying banners from the college they are going to or graduated from. Still others are flying banners from Napoleon, Wauseon, Springfield, Anthony Wayne, Maumee, Northview, Southview, Perrysburg, Liberty Center, Holgate, and other schools especially as the basketball season winds to a close in tournament action.

The banners we fly do tell people a lot about us.

During this Lenten Season I would like to remind all of us that there is an even more important banner under which we all live. We live under the banner of Christ. Some of you will remember singing, "His Banner Over Me Is Love." It is true. The banner of Christ, though not as visible as some, makes a tremendous difference as to who we are, especially as we live under His love and reflect that love in our lives.

As we move through this Lenten Season we will take a closer look at what that banner of Christ might look like, who we are as we live under it, and how living under the banner of Christ can transform our lives.

Living Together Under Christ's Banner,
Pastor King

Interim Update: Pastor King and S.A.M. Jeannine have planned the preaching schedule through the end of April. Pastor King is working with the church council, the call committee and helping out where needed. Please keep him informed if you have a need. He will be here on some Wednesdays in Lent until 4:30 p.m. and will also be here to lead the Thursday morning Bible Study when Denise is unable to be here.

Hello, Emanuel Family!

Rick and I are enjoying our time in Florida. There are so many interesting things to see—we are currently in our 5th state park; this one has manatees, the last one had black bears (saw none), and they all have gators (among which I refused to canoe)! And (of course) the mild temps and sunny skies are great! And, yet, I'm really looking forward to being back with all of you beginning March 22.

In His grace,
SAM Jeannine

Call Committee update: We have no interviews scheduled at this time, but the Call Committee hopes to conduct additional interviews with pastoral candidates over the next several months. But we would like to make the congregation aware that our NWO Synod Bishop, Rev. Daniel Beaudoin, will be leading our worship service at Emanuel on March 15. After the service, Bishop Beaudoin will speak with the congregation about how the call process functions at the Synod level, and how this relates to the call process at Emanuel. This is an excellent opportunity for our Emanuel family to meet the Bishop and ask questions about the call process. The Call Committee thanks the Bishop for being here on March 15, and encourages everyone to stay after the service to learn more about the call process. Call Committee members: Karri Ashbaugh, Kelli Burkhardt, Laura Klein, Beth Jenny, Holly Mohring, Bill Panning, Brian Plummer, Rupert Schweinhagen, Angela Tonjes, and Gary Bostelman, Chairman.

March Preaching Schedule at Emanuel

Sunday March 01, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. The First Sunday of Lent
“Living Under the Banner of Christ: Light for Our Darkness!”
Luke 18:35-43/Mark 1:9-15 Pastor Dennis King

Sunday March 08, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. The Second Sunday of Lent
“Living Under the Banner of Christ: X-ing out My Selfish Desires!”
Mark 8:31-38 Pastor Dennis King

Sunday March 15, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. The Third Sunday of Lent
Special Communion opportunity with Bishop Daniel G. Beaudoin

Sunday March 22, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. The Fourth Sunday of Lent “Living Under the Banner of Christ: The Suffering Servant!” John 12:20-33/ Mark 15:16-20 SAM Jeannine Grimm

Sunday March 29, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. The Fifth Sunday of Lent “Living Under the Banner of Christ: As Each New Day Dawns!” John 2:13-22/ Matthew 26: 31-35, 69-75 Pastor Dennis King

April Preaching Schedule at Emanuel

Sunday April 05, 2020 - 9 a.m. Passion/Palm Sunday "Living Under the Banner of Christ: Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Mark 11:1-11/ Mark 15:25-32 SAM Jeannine Grimm

Thursday April 09, 2020 - 9 a.m. Maundy Thursday "Living Under the Banner of Christ: Jesus the Lamb of God!" John 1:29-41/ John 3:14-21 SAM Jeannine Grimm

Friday April 10, 2020 - 9 a.m. Good Friday "Living Under the Banner of Christ: Jesus the Poured Out One!" Mark 11: 1-11/ Mark 15:25-32 Pastor Dennis King

Sunday April 12, 2020 - 9 a.m. Easter
Living Under the Banner of Christ: The Risen One!"
Matthew 28: 1-10 Pastor Dennis King

Thursday April 16, 2020 - 7 p.m.
The Thursday night edition of the Second Sunday after Easter

Sunday April 19, 2020 - 9 a.m. The Second Sunday after Easter
John: 19-31 SAM Jeannine Grimm

Thursday April 23, 2020 - 7 p.m.
The Thursday night edition of the Third Sunday after Easter

Sunday April 26, 2020 - 9 a.m. The Third Sunday after Easter
Luke 24: 13-35 SAM Jeannine Grimm

Thursday April 30, 2020 - 7 p.m.
The Thursday night edition of the Fourth Sunday after Easter

Emanuel Congregational Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2019

President Ed Biederstedt called the meeting to order and led us with devotions and prayer.

Secretary Lorelee Jones read the minutes from the January 27, 2019 meeting. Terry Hershberger made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ron Wiechers seconded. Motion passed.

The nominating committee presented the names on the ballot as follows:

President-Elect - Carey Plummer

Secretary - Lorelee Jones

Doctrine and Worship - Joe Kohout

Congregational Life - Denise Etzler

Board of Education - Deanna McCabe

Property - Joe Knepley

Nominating Committee - Barb Hoffman, Kelli Burkhardt, Betty Mowery, Ron Wiechers and Ed Biederstedt

Don Mitchell made a motion to accept the names on the ballot. Tom Jenny seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report - After review and discussion, Gayla Rohrs made a motion to accept the report. Ronnie Rohrs seconded. Motion passed.

After review and discussion of the 2020 Budget Rupert Schweinhagen made a motion to approve the budget. Bill Panning seconded. Motion passed.

In other business, Gary Bostelman updated the Congregation about what the Call Committee has done so far.

Tiffany Biederstedt made a motion to adjourn. Helen Lange seconded. Motion passed.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Submitted by Lorelee Jones, Church Council Secretary

Emanuel Church Council Minutes for January 20, 2020

President Barb Hoffman called the meeting to order and led us with devotion about "Patience" and also with prayer.

Pastor Dennis King introduced himself to the Council.

Secretary Lorelee Jones read minutes from December 16, 2019. Denise Etzler motioned to approve the minutes as read. Melinda Dachenhaus seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Julie Kohout explained about the accounts. After review Ryan Hoffman motioned to approve the report. Carey Plummer seconded. Motion passed.

Boards:

Board of Education - The Sunday School had a birthday party for baby Jesus on December 22nd, 2019. VBS this year will be hosted by Emanuel in June. A retreat at Pokagon State Park for the Jr High and High School is being worked out.

Finance Board - Offering envelopes for 2021 are ordered. 2019 financial statements will be mailed out.

Property Board - Still getting 2nd quote for a new furnace. There is heat on the 2nd floor again. Water fountain is working. Checking Sauders about new seat tops for the pews in the church. It was mentioned that the lights in the elevator are not working.

Congregation Life Board - February Caring Corner donations will be food for the food pantry. Shrove Tuesday Pancakes will be held Tuesday February 25th from 5:00-6:30. SOUPer Bowl Sunday will be on February 2nd. Proceeds will go towards World Hunger and Soul Food.

Doctrine and Worship Board - Will be meeting 1st Monday of every month.

Old Business - Checked over Congregational Meeting agenda. The Call Committee is still looking for a new pastor. Setting up help from Hope Services is still in progress.

New Business - Julie Kohout made a motion to accept Pastor Dennis King's Letter of Agreement for part-time Interim Pastoral Ministry. Carey Plummer seconded. Motion passed. Kelli Burkhardt made a motion to accept SAM Jeannine Grimm's Letter of Agreement for Part-time Interim Pastoral Ministry. Gayla Rohrs seconded. Motion passed. Denise Etzler made a motion to accept the transfer of Tom, Cheryl and Audrey Schroeder to Immanuel, Deshler, Ohio. Gayla Rohrs seconded. Motion passed.

Joleen Brubaker made a motion to adjourn. Joe Kohout seconded. Motion passed. Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Lorelee Jones, Church Council Secretary.

Caring Corner for March

The collections will focus on “Filling Memorial Home of Mercy, Napoleon.” Donations of any of the following items to help out in their kitchen include:

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| Snack Pack Pudding | Peanut Butter | Soups (all types) |
| Jello | Mixes (cake, pancake, muffin) | Cupcake Liners |
| Cold Cereal | Macaroni | Paper Bags (brown, white) |
| Oatmeal | Spaghetti | Zip Lock Bags |

◆ February’s Caring Corner collection of food items continues. Please donate as you are able.

◆ To all who voted for your team on SOUPer bowl Sunday. The Kansas City Chiefs were the winners for both the game and SOUPer bowl collection. A BIG win for ELCA World Hunger and Soul Food of \$145.

◆ In January our collection of a total of 288 bars/bottles of soap, shampoo conditioner, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste and miscellaneous hygiene items were donated to “Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives.” What a “shower” of generosity Emanuel. Thank you!

Lenten Offerings

Offerings received during Emanuel’s Wednesday Lenten services will be divided equally among: Christmas Cheer, Filling Home, Genacross - Napoleon Campus, PiLLars of Success, and Together We Can Make A Difference.

Membership News

New Members:

Church council approved the acceptance of new members, Lisa Walker and Lindsay (Walker) Martin, on February 17.

THANK YOU!
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THANK YOU!

◆ Thank you so much for all the congratulations and the cards we received for our 70th Wedding Anniversary from our wonderful Emanuel “family”. We appreciate all of you so very much! Love ya!!
Karl & Oneta Wiechers

Subs needed for Sunday School

Please give your sincere and prayerful consideration to serving our Sunday School by volunteering to substitute teach as needed. Please contact Joleen Brubaker at (419)966-3529 or Deanna McCabe at (419)276-2709 if you would like to be a Sunday School Sub.

"Spring Fling"

Ladies' Tea

March 21

3:00 p.m.



Come! Join Us! Bring a friend, neighbor, family member. Angela will be performing music on the harp and special guest, Mrs. Jan King, will speak about her and Pastor King's experiences raising and releasing Monarch butterflies.

Menu for the tea will include:

Chicken Salad on Croissant

Fruit Tray with Dip

Assorted Desserts

Tea, Coffee, Lemonade

Tickets are \$5 each and are available from the table hostesses and in the over flow area following church services on March 1, 8, and 15. Proceeds will benefit Emanuel's Good Samaritan Fund.

OUR CHILDREN INVITE US TO HELP FIGHT HUNGER

A cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, and even a fish farm can help feed a family living in poverty. On the first Sunday each month, the Sunday School children will designate their offering money to "sponsor" a favorite animal through the ELCA good gifts. They will each put their dollars and coins in their chosen jars.

Congregational Life would like to offer the same opportunities to our congregation. On the fourth Sunday each month, the kids will end the Children's Sermon by going throughout the congregation to collect donations. All donated funds will be sent to [ELCA.org/good gifts](http://ELCA.org/good_gifts) to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Please consider supporting our children as they learn to share their gifts to help those in need.

Church Camp

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio has camps available throughout the summer for all age groups. If your child would like to sign up, please go online and register at www.lomocamps.org. Early birds receive a free t-shirt if you register, pay in full, and indicate your shirt size on your registration by March 31st. Scholarship money is available through Emanuel's Board of Education. Please contact Joleen Brubaker at (419)966-3529 or Deanna McCabe at (419)276-2709 for more information and for the scholarship form.

Remember our members in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in your prayers and with cards, letters, and visits:

Lutheran Home (1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon)
Marg Lanzer
Alpine Village (1032 S. Perry St., Napoleon)



Glenn Park Assisted Living (2429 William Diehl Ct, Defiance, OH 43512)

Laurels of Defiance (1701 S. Jefferson Ave. Defiance, OH 43512)

Van Crest Health Center (600 E Joe E Brown Ave, Holgate, OH 43527)

Orchards of Northcrest (240 Northcrest Drive Napoleon, OH 43545)



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Altar Guild Chairman - Julie Callaway
Custodian - Janitor Jack



2020 Church Council

President - Barb Hoffman
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Secretary - Lorelee Jones
Treasurer - Julie Kohout
Doctrine & Worship Board - Melinda Dachenhaus & Joe Kohout
Congregational Life Board - Gayla Rohrs & Denise Etzler
Board of Education - Joleen Brubaker & Deanna McCabe
Properties Board - Ryan Hoffman & Joe Knepley
Finance Board - Kelli Burkhardt & Maxine Eickhoff

Worship participants in March

Acolytes

9:00 Avary Miller & Lexus Long

Lay Assistant

Joan Collier

Lenten Services

March 4 - Hayden Groll & Rob Hoffman
March 11 - Ava Good & Taryn Kolodziejczyk
March 18 - Kayla McCabe & Leah McCabe
March 25 - Sophia Good & Loella Dilbone

Sound Board

** NEEDED**

Altar Guild

Laura Ellis-Kruse & Laura Klein

Please consider volunteering as lay assistant, sound board operator, or usher for our worship services. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office. **WE NEED YOU!!!**

Altar Flowers

March 1 - Michelle Slee in honor of Phyllis Bischoff's birthday
March 8 - In memory of John Wenner by his family
March 15 - In honor of William Behnfeldt's birthday
March 22 - Brian & Dea Plummer in memory of Deb Graver
 - Esther Dennie in memory of Bob
March 29 - In honor of Dennis Ehlers' birthday



Open dates:

May 31

July 5-19-26

August 2

September 27

October 4-25

November 1-15-29

December 13

To reserve altar flowers... Sign up on the flower chart in the narthex or call the church office. Be careful when you sign up for flowers so that it is clear which date you are reserving. Our flowers are done by Ivy League Floral & Design Studio on West Washington Street. The cost is \$20. Make checks payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church. If you have *special* orders for your flowers (certain colors, a larger arrangement, etc.), please contact Kori Ratliff at Ivy League. If your order is beyond the \$20, please pay the shop directly.

Please put the used plastic containers in which the altar flowers come in Angela's office to be recycled.

(Flower vases.....please do not remove the white ceramic vases from the altar.)

Just a reminder....

When you have flowers on the altar, please don't forget to take them home after the worship service. If you have not picked them up they will be removed on Wednesday.

Notes from Angela - Angela Tonjes

Choir

Thank you for the lovely music in February! Practices in March will be on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the basement.

Songs for Sunday, March 1 include: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" for prelude, a new number "Be My God" for offering, and "When Amidst the Storm I'm Shaken" for communion. Psalm 32 will be sung with the congregation as well.

Living Spirit

Thanks for the uplifting music and for leading worship in February! Practices in March will be after worship on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary.

Living Spirit will lead worship on Sunday, March 15. Some beautiful tunes are being rehearsed including "As the Deer," "Untitled Hymn," and "Dona Nobis Pacem."

Emanubells

Great job with the three selections that were played in February! Practices in March will be on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Emanubells will play on Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m. as well as Wednesday, March 25 for the Lent service at 7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir

The music for February was wonderful! Practices in March will be on Sundays after worship. NO REHEARSAL Sunday, March 15 due to the Bishop's meeting.

The bell choir will play "Lord, I Need You" on Wednesday, March 11 during the Lent worship at 7:00 p.m. and will present pieces on Sunday, March 22 at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Catechism Bells

The last practice for catechism bells will be Sunday, March 1 at 11:15 a.m. The students will play "Were You There?" on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. during the Lent service. These young people have worked hard, made beautiful sounds together, and learned brand new skills. We look forward to resuming in the fall!

After School Club

We gained new children last month and enjoy seeing 17 smiling faces every Wednesday. These young ones are learning about Lent, and practice ringing bells and singing new songs each week. They like to decorate the bulletin board and make crafts.

Thanks to Lori for making her delicious cupcakes once a month to celebrate birthdays! She makes each child feel loved on their special day.

Sunday School

The Sunday school children will ring and sing on Sunday, March 29. Please have your child on the basement stage at 8:40. They will ring bells for the prelude, sit with parents, and sing a song right after the children's sermon.

Their music brings real joy to our congregation and we thank all parents for the extra effort it takes to make this happen. Much gratitude is extended to our Sunday school teachers who work with our youngsters each Sunday.

Lent Worship

Lent worship continues each Wednesday in March at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Polker has graciously agreed to be a guest minister and will lead worship for five Wednesdays. He has chosen the theme "The Last Days of Jesus Christ." The passion history will be read each week, traditional hymns will be sung, and special music will be presented.

What is Lent?

Lent is the Old English word for spring. It is a forty day season of the church year that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter.

Sundays are not included in the forty day count. Lent is a tradition in the Christian church, and recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and being tempted by Satan.

Worship is more solemn, and purple is the color. Alleluias are removed from the services. Extra prayer and acts of kindness are encouraged.

Daylight Savings Time

Remember to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour on Sunday, March 8, so you won't be late for church!

St. Patrick's Day

This holiday on March 17 honors the patron saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the island in the fifth century. On this day, people wear shamrocks and green clothing to remind them of the Emerald Isle. To many, St. Patrick's Day is a sign that winter is almost over.

Volunteers

Thanks to all lay assistants, ushers, and sound board operators who have helped with services so far this year. Please sign up for these important duties, or speak with Melinda or Joe.

Our altar guild does an amazing job with their duties. Thank you for attending to our sanctuary during this especially busy time of year.

The best mathematical equation ever: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

WELCA News

- At the last General Meeting of WELCA, we were fortunate to have Jeff Mires present a very interesting informational slide program of his years in the Secret Service. A big THANK YOU to Jeff! Thanks also to the Ruth Circle for the delicious desserts. We were pleased to see some "new faces" at the meeting and invite and encourage you to come to the next general meeting on April 7 when Penni Bostelman, Director of the Henry County Senior Center, will be the presenter. Mark you calendar!
- Also mark you calendar for Saturday, March 21, for the Spring Fling at Emanuel. Joan Collier and Kathy Bostelman are planning that. Watch for more details to come.
- Bible Study continues in the two Circles. The theme for the first several lessons is Vocations— our callings. The first session was the calling of the Old Testament prophets; the second lesson was on the calling of Jesus' twelve disciples. The lesson for March is entitled, "We Are Called". Aim to be part of this discussion!
- I have not yet received information about the Conference Spring Meeting, but will share it when available.

My new phone number is 419-717-9645.
Dora Titgemeyer, WELCA Co-chair