

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,

The plan was simple. Jeannine and I were to come along side you help you through this time of transition. The synod along with Jeannine and I had talked and thought of a plan that we believed would work. She would start the year. I would start after recovering from eye surgery at the end of January, and she would be back in Mid- March rested and ready to go. None of it sounded too difficult or too different from what we had done before.

Then came the Covid-19 pandemic which continues to change the course of history. It certainly changed the direction we were going. Many of us learned more technology than we thought possible. We had to learn how to keep services live on Zoom and Facebook live. We had to learn what we needed and how to make it work. We prayed. We practiced. We learned from one another. We struggled, and together with God's help it happened. Worship services went on, the Gospel was proclaimed, and needs were met. We did Bible Studies. We conducted Church Council, Catechism, and other meetings online. We became the first congregation in the Northwestern Ohio Synod during this time to call a pastor, and meet our constitutional requirements while practicing social distancing. We were truly blessed by God.

On September 3, your new pastor will be installed, and our time of walking along side you will end. As we leave we will pray for you and your new pastor that together you might grow in renewed faith especially in these seven areas: Praying, Studying, Worshipping, Inviting, Encouraging, Serving, and Giving.

Praying - "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for You (1Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Studying - "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).

Worshipping - "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together (Psalm 34:1-3).

Inviting - "But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15).

Encouraging - "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action (1 John 3:18).

Serving - "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

Giving - "...give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Luke 6:38)

I hope that you will be excited about the opportunities that God has given you at this time to grow as His people.

May God empower you together with His Spirit in Jesus' Name,
Pastor King

A little something from our SAM

Dear Emanuel Friends,

It has been a challenging time to serve on your interim team, made especially tough by joining the team just when the pandemic impacted Emanuel's worship and programs. I have used the pictorial directory (religiously!) when having conversations with you so that your voices had faces. It was a delight to have so many of you greet me at the congregational meeting, some of you doing so for the first time in person! Yet I felt like we truly were brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we enter this last month of my service to you, please know I do so with thanks at the way you have helped me. Maybe you explained the background of all sorts of practices, directed me to the right person, place or thing, or shared the invisible connections that exist between so many of you. Thank you! Your acceptance has blessed me. Your mission has increased my vision of God's provision. Your tenacity and resilience, especially among your leadership, has made me thankful. It's still a tough time for all of us, but you have filled my time with you with grace.

I want to share with you a piece written by a seminary friend, Pastor Jim Wilder. While Jim serves as the pastor of Gomer Congregational Church, near Columbus, he hails from Pioneer, Ohio. He is young, but wise, and has given me permission to share this:

There's a lot of anger right now in our community, country, and world. I understand that. It's a difficult time, we're frustrated, many people have lost a lot, and many others simply want to resume the lives they love. Don't let your anger get the best of you, though. You've heard me say it before, what has happened didn't negate the resurrection. Christ is still raised and your salvation is still assured. When you get stirred up, frustrated, or anxious, pray. Pray for yourself, your family, our community, our country, our world. Pray for me (please!), our church leaders, and the leaders of other churches - we're all working without notes (apart from the ones God gave us). Use your passion and emotions to ask God to fix all this. My hunch is he will help you in the process.

I think in these unsettled times, that is how we will return to "normal." Pray for the world and your community, including those you don't know and might never meet. Pray for the congregation and each other, remember we are "water" siblings in our Baptisms. Pray for those who serve you both inside and outside the Church---and especially for Pastor Janine. And, please, keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine.

To God be the glory.
SAM Jeannine

Updates from Council:

- ◆ Installation for Pastor Janine Shearer will be Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30pm. Due to the pandemic it will be held at Oakwood Plaza parking lot. It will be like the congregational meeting so people can stay in their cars and listen by the radio or the speaker system or sit in lawn chairs but using social distancing. There will be more updates in the weeks to come.
- ◆ Council has decided when the county turns red due to the state's alert system for Covid-19 there will be **NO** in-service worship. All worship will then be by Facebook Live and Zoom.
- ◆ UV light for our HVAC has been ordered.
- ◆ Continue to pray for Pastor Janine Shearer as she prepares to leave her present church and come to Emanuel. Also keep her congregation in your prayers as they adjust to her leaving and move forward.
- ◆ Thank you to all who are wearing masks and following social distancing when in the Church. Your love for others is apparent.
- ◆ Please do not hesitate to contact Barb Hoffman with any questions or concerns. 419-438-9450 or bahoffm@bgsu.edu

Emanuel Church Council on Zoom - June 8, 2020

President Barb Hoffman called the meeting to order.

All Council members were present along with Pastor Dennis King, S.A.M. Jeannine Grimm and Angela Tonjes.

Pastor Dennis King led us with prayer.

Denise Etzler made a motion to approve May minutes as given. Joe Knepley seconded. Motion passed.

After discussion, Joe Kohout made a motion to continue special music through June. Ryan Hoffman seconded. Motion passed.

Council went over the compensation package being offered to Pastor Janine Shearer.

Joe Kohout made a motion to give \$75.00 Chief gift card and \$75.00 Walmart gift card to Pastor Shearer for moving expenses.

Carey Plummer made a motion to keep Continued Education. Mel Dachenhaus seconded. Motion passed.

Transition team will continue with Pastor.

Gayla Rohrs made a motion to accept the package. Joleen Brubaker seconded. Motion passed.

Denise Etzler made a motion to hold a Congregation meeting Sunday July 12th at the Napoleon High School parking lot. Kelli Burkhardt seconded. Motion passed.

There was an amendment to hold a Congregational meeting after church at 10:30. Motion passed.

Education Board - Will stay in touch with kids online during June and July.

The gifts for the Seniors have been received and will be handed out soon.

6th and 7th grade Catechism classes will be held with the 8th grade. There will be social distancing.

Doctrine and Worship - Met June 1st. Suggested to start in church service in July.

Baptism- Pastor distance, parents, sponsors only and Parents pour the water.

Think about opening in July - need a plan. No hymnals.

Mel Dachenhaus made a motion to open Baptism and leave it up to Parents with guidance from Pastor using guidelines. Denise Etzler seconded. Motion passed.

Kelli Burkhardt made a motion to have Funerals conducted at the gravesite. Denise Etzler seconded. Motion passed.

Julie Kohout made a motion to adjourn. Kelli Burkhardt seconded. Motion passed.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Loralee Jones, Church Council Secretary

Emanuel Church Council on Zoom - June 15, 2020

Barb Hoffman called the meeting to order.

Deanna McCabe led us with devotion and prayer.

All council members plus Pastor Dennis King and S.A.M. Jeannine Grimm.

Joe Knepley made a motion to approve the treasures report. Carey Plummer seconded.

Motion passed.

Doctrine and Worship - Barb Hoffman will send a survey to the Congregation members to gather input who would be interested in attending "in person" service on Thursday night or Sunday morning starting in July.

Julie Kohout made a motion to accept the guidelines plan as written. Joleen Brubaker seconded. Motion passed.

Barb Hoffman will ask for parental release for anyone under 18 years old if shown on the online church services.

Julie Kohout made a motion to start in person worship in July. Joe Knepley seconded. Motion passed. There will be one Communion in July.

Council will be looking into having the service under an hour.

Property Board - Will be having an Ultraviolet light filter on the list to have installed.

Holding off on kitchen details. Checking into a new camera.

Congregational Life - "Word for the Day" is paid for by a donor. Just need a writer and recorder for eight weeks in the fall and 8 weeks in the summer.

Education Board - Sunday School stops meeting in the summer. There will be a Rally in the Fall.

Finance Board - nothing to report other than the lockbox is working.

Checking into compensating Cory Hughes for helping with Zoom.

Congregational meeting plans will be sent according to the Emanuel Constitution.

Pastor Janine Shearer signed the package presented to her.

New Business - Emanuel will set up its own Zoom account. Carey Plummer and Pastor King will look into it.

Ryan Kohout will work on a new website for Emanuel . Carey Plummer made a motion for the update. Gayla Rohrs seconded. Motion passed.

Joe Kohout made a motion to accept the release of members Scott and Ella Sonnenberg from Emanuel to Napoleon Church of the Nazarene. Denise Etzler seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be Monday June 29th at 6:30 p.m.

In person worship will start July 5th then add Thursday night services.

Julie Kohout made a motion to adjourn. Carey Plummer seconded. Motion passed.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Loralee Jones, Church Council Secretary

Emanuel Church Council on Zoom - June 29, 2020

President Barb Hoffman called the meeting to order.

Pastor Dennis King led us with prayer.

The corrections on June 8, 2020 minutes is that the transition team not transaction team will continue with Pastor.

Corrections on June 15th minutes is Barb Hoffman will ask for parental release for under 18 year olds and not under 16 year olds.

Another correction is that Scott and Ella Sonnenberg were approved for transfer to Napoleon Church of the Nazarene.

Denise Etzler made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Kelli Burkhardt seconded. Motion passed.

Update from Google survey was; total response 108, Virtual service 39, Stay home and receive written 7, Sunday 9 a.m. 56-61, Thursday 7 p.m. 54-57.

Council reviewed and finalized plans for in-person worship.

Gayla Rohrs made a motion for Communion be held as follows; Virtually Elements will be Blessed, Benediction, Postlude, Ushers will dismiss starting from the back of church to exit the South doors. Communion will be distributed like in June. Joe Knepley seconded. Motion passed.

Bill Panning will lead special music during the month of July.

Council also reviewed and finalized plans for the Congregational Meeting to be held on July 12th at 10:30.

Kelli Burkhardt made a motion to start an Emanuel Zoom account for \$19.99 a month. Denise Etzler seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be July 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Mel Dachenhaus made a motion to adjourn. Julie Kohout seconded. Motion passed.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Loralee Jones, Church Council Secretary

Toledo Northwestern Ohio

FOOD BANK

FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

We will be hosting a community food box distribution on Wednesday, August 5th, 10am until 12pm, at the St. Paul's United Methodist Church located at 232 W. Washington St., Napoleon, OH 43545

Pre-Registration and ID will be required

Pre-registration information:

- Wednesday, August 5th
 - ✧ Registration is open between Tuesday, July 21st and Tuesday, August 4th
 - ✧ Call the Toledo Food Bank at 419-242-5000 ext. 215 & 221
- or
- ✧ Register Online at www.toledofoodbank.org

To protect our volunteers, this will be a drive-up non-contact distribution only. Your food box will be loaded into the trunk of your vehicle so please make room. We will NOT allow volunteers to enter your vehicle to load.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 232 W. Washington St., Napoleon 419-592-0661

There will be no communion as long as Henry County is **RED**. Worship will continue by Zoom and Facebook Live.

A reminder that Emanuel Lutheran Church is a public place and even though the church is closed there is a mandate to wear a mask in public places. So anyone who does enter the Church needs to wear a mask.

Thank you to everyone who is complying with the guidelines and cares and loves their neighbor to keep everyone safe.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 2

9:00 a.m. Worship online

Wednesday, August 5

6:00 p.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Sunday, August 9

9:00 a.m. Worship online

Wednesday, August 12

6:00 p.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Sunday, August 16

9:00 a.m. Worship online

Monday, August 17

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 19

6:00 p.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Sunday, August 23

9:00 a.m. Worship online

Wednesday, August 26

6:00 p.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Sunday, August 30

9:00 a.m. Worship online

Weekly Bible study continues with a return to looking at the week's lessons in advance. We are currently meeting at 6 pm on **WEDNESDAYS** (note the change to accommodate Thursday evening worship) on Zoom. You can join host Carey Plummer, Pastor King and SAM Jeannine a little before the hour by entering the following information on the Zoom page: Meeting #817 3901 3743 and Password church12. No need to be a Bible scholar!! Just have your Bible handy!!

Thank You!

To the congregation:

I wanted to personally thank you all for recognizing and supporting me as a recent graduate from Napoleon! It meant a lot to know I am appreciated! I am truly blessed. Next year, I plan to study middle childhood education at BGSU! Thanks again- I really love the sailboat!

Much love, Audrey Wade

CORRECTION:

Zach Skeens graduated from Liberty Center High School not Napoleon High School as printed in July newsletter.

Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

Thank You

A big thank you to all the bell ringers who provided special music in July. Your willingness to serve is remarkable, and it is appreciated that you all devoted precious summer free time for rehearsing.

The Church Remembers

In August, the church commemorates a number of faithful departed with gratitude for their lives and witness:

Florence Nightingale, August 13 (died 1910)

When Florence Nightingale decided to become a nurse, her family was horrified. Nursing was done by people with no training and no other way to earn a living. Florence trained in Germany with a Lutheran order of deaconesses, and then returned home to England to work on reforming hospitals. Nightingale also took 38 nurses to serve in the Crimean War, and she returned to London as a hero.

Clara Maass, August 13 (died 1901)

Born in New Jersey, Clara served as a nurse in the Spanish-American War, where she saw first-hand the horrors of yellow fever. She later became a subject in research on the disease. During the experiments, she received bites from mosquitoes, became ill, and died.

The commemoration of these women reminds us to give thanks for all who practice the arts of healing.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord, August 15

The church honors Mary with the Greek title "theotokos," meaning "God-bearer." In the first chapter of Luke, Mary herself sang, "from now on all generations will call me blessed." This song, the Magnificat, also speaks about how the mighty are cast down, the lowly are lifted up, the hungry are fed, and the rich are sent away empty-handed.

Bartholomew-Apostle, August 24

Bartholomew is mentioned as a disciple in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Little is known about him. Some traditions say he preached in India or Armenia following the resurrection. In art, Bartholomew is pictured holding a flaying knife to show the manner in which he was killed.

Augustine-Bishop of Hippo, August 28 (died 430)

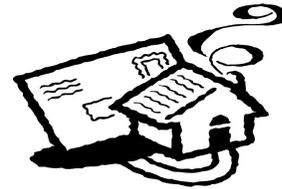
Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. Born in North Africa, he was a philosophy student at Carthage, and later became a teacher there. Although he lived an immoral life in his youth, he came to see Christianity as his calling. He was baptized in 387, ordained in 391, and became bishop of Hippo in 396. In Augustine's autobiography, he tells of his slow move toward faith and penned the line, "Late have I loved thee."

From 2 Chronicles 5:13-14

...And it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, "for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever," the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

Remember our members in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in your prayers and with cards, letters, but no visits at this time:

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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2020 Church Council

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Finance Board - Kelli Burkhardt & Maxine Eickhoff