



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,

In the past month we heard the readings from Matthew 14 verses 22-32 and Jesus walking on the water and how the disciples felt during the storm and that Jesus was there for them. Emanuel has experienced that storm and its ebbs and tides through this year of 2020. We continued to search for a pastor. We received a great gift of Pastor King and SAM Jeannine. We lost a dear friend and mourned the loss of Pastor Jim Castello. We continued to search for a pastor. Then came COVID-19 and with it fear and isolation. But we learned how to adapt and worship in new ways. More so we called and checked on friends, neighbors, and parishioners, ran errands, and found ways to keep people safe. We found a way to hold a congregational meeting that no one had ever tried to do with the intent to again keep people safe. With that meeting we were able to call Pastor Janine who wants to serve Emanuel. We are saying good-bye to Angela who has served Emanuel in many ways. As we ended August we said thank you to Pastor King and SAM Jeannine. In September we will welcome Pastor Janine. Through it all we are reminded in Matthew 14 that God is with us at all times for us to lean on and to look to for love and support. - Barb Hoffman, Church Council President

Dear Heavenly Father we continue to look to you for love and support. Guide us through difficult times and help us to find peace and share your love with others. As it is your will and in your name we pray. Amen.

Rev. Janine Shearer

Pastor Janine has been the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Convoy, Ohio for the past 4 years. Pastor Janine received her Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary at Columbia, South Carolina in 2016 and her Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio in 2011. Pastor Janine completed her seminary internship at Grace Lutheran Church in West Point, Nebraska and did a pre-seminary internship at Unity Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She has served on Synod Council for the last 2 years.

Pastor Janine grew up in Northeast Ohio and loves reading (and audiobooks), being active (softball in high school, powerlifting in college, and dance now), spending time in nature, and connecting with people. Pastor Janine is married to Brad Shearer—a math nerd who loves

music and plays bass. They enjoy traveling, playing board games, and just doing life together.

While serving as Pastor of Trinity, in addition to the usual duties of preaching, teaching, caring for the community, and administering the sacraments, Pastor Janine has invited neighboring ELCA congregations to participate in a quarterly Dinner Church after a successful Reformation 500 Dinner Church. She has also been on the Haven of Hope Board as they continue in the year and a half process to open a shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

She states, "I am internally and externally called to Word and Sacrament. There have been many moments I've felt my call affirmed throughout my ministry thus far, in leading worship, preaching, feeding people, visiting members, teaching, working with youth, or simply having a conversation. I am called to share God's love with God's people. Intentionally looking to see all people as God's children, I thrive at welcoming all people. I am very extroverted and am proud of my ability to connect with people. I try to live my life so that God's love is poured out into the world through my words and actions. Isenheim's Altarpiece by Grunewald depicts a disciple pointing to Christ crucified. I am called to point to Jesus in all things and empower others to point to Jesus as well. Community has been an important part of my call throughout life and remains so now. I feel called to work closely with colleagues and lay leaders. I thrive most when working as part of a team. Jesus created community when he called the disciples and sent them out in pairs in the great commission. We are called to live God's love into the world together. Along with all baptized Christians, I am called to live God's love into the world. I do that by working to recognize each person's belovedness."

Updates from Council:

- ◆ Based on the Sunday School surveys we received, church council voted to delay the opening of Sunday School. We want to wait & see how the reopening of school goes first. Council will revisit the topic at the September council meeting, but at this point there will not be Sunday School in the month of September.
- ◆ Pastor Janine is looking forward to meeting members of the congregation. She would like to do "porch visits" or park visits with small groups on Tuesday evenings 6:30 or 7 pm and Wednesday mornings 10 am and is willing to do Zoom for those who do not wish to meet in person. People can call the church office to schedule.
- ◆ Pastor Janine will teach Bible Study at 6 pm on Zoom starting September 2nd.
- ◆ Installation for Pastor Janine will be held Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Oakwood Plaza parking lot. People can stay in their car as the service will be on a radio station and that information will be shared along with a bulletin when people park. People can bring lawn chairs and use social distancing and masks if they wish. Doug Hoffman also plans to video tape the installation. Bishop Daniel will preside at the service and a special offering will be collected for the Northwestern Ohio Synod - Discipleship Initiative which helps equip leaders for ministry, develop disciples for mission, vitalize parishes for transformation, and launch new communities for the renewal of Northwestern Ohio and the world.
- ◆ Pastor Janine's first service on Sunday, September 6th at 9 am she plans to have Communion at the in person and also drive in Communion for those worshipping virtually.
- ◆ Check out our new website at emanuelnapoleon.org. Any questions call the church office.
- ◆ Reminder to Church Council Boards to have budgets completed before the next council meeting on September 21.

Emanuel Church Council on Zoom - July 20, 2020

President Barb Hoffman called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance: Barb Hoffman, Carey Plummer, Lorelee Jones, Julie Kohout, Melinda Dachenhaus, Joe Kohout, Gayla Rohrs, Denise Etzler, Joleen Brubaker, Deanna McCabe, Ryan Hoffman, Joe Knepley, Kelli Burkhardt, Pastor Dennis King and SAM Jeannine Grimm.
Absent - Maxine Eickhoff

Gayla Rohrs led us with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the June 29, 2020 meeting were emailed and preread. Denise Etzler made a motion to accept the minutes. Joleen Brubaker seconded, Motion passed.

Treasurer reports from June were sent by email to be reviewed. Kelli Burkhardt made a motion to accept the reports as given. Mel Dachenhaus seconded. Motion passed.

Property Board - Filters and UV lights are ordered. It was decided to table any more work toward upgrading the kitchen. Purchasing a new camera is on backlog. Pastor Janine Shearer will pick out a new computer for her to use. Purchasing a new printer is tabled till next month.

Congregational Life - Emanuel will have the "Word of the Day" on the radio starting in the Fall. Rest of the details are tabled till after Pastor Shearer arrives here in order to write them. Caring Corner is tabled due to the Covid 19.

Education Board - The first Confirmation class was held outside. It went very well. Would like to continue alternating classes each week by Zoom and outdoors.

Finance Board - The new updated budget will be coming out for Council to review soon.

Doctrine and Worship Board - The organ, piano and harp will be used for special music during August. Emanuel Zoom issues are being worked on.

Pastor King mentioned that their interim is winding down. SAM Jeannine Grimm and Pastor King will be alternating the services during August.

Old Business - Carey Plummer made a motion to compensate Cory Hughes \$20 hr for her Zoom work since March 16, 2020. Joleen Brubaker seconded. Motion passed.

Emanuel website is still in progress updating the format.

New Business - Installation of Pastor Janine Shearer will be held Thursday, Sept 3rd, 2020 at Oakwood Parking Lot at 6:30 p.m.

The Transition Team is resuming. A Mutual Relations Committee will be formed after Pastor Shearer is here.

Kelli Burkhardt made a motion that if Henry County goes to Red Covid 19 alert level, Emanuel will go back to virtual services. Gayla Rohrs seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be held August 17, 2020 at 6:30 by Zoom.

Denise Etzler made a motion to adjourn. Joe Knepley seconded. Motion passed.

Submitted by Lorelee Jones, Church Council Secretary

DRIVE IN COMMUNION PROCEDURE: Holy Communion will take place Sunday, Sept. 6 both in person and also drive in for those worshipping virtually. Drive in Communion will be available from 10:15 until 11 am following the service.

- Members will stay in their car and an usher will motion members to leave their car and proceed to the east door of the vestibule to the elevator area.
- Pastor Janine and lay assistant Barb Hoffman will be inside the vestibule practicing social distancing. Someone will be recording attendance for contact tracing purposes.
- Members will take a plastic glass of wine or grape juice from the table and their wafer which will be in a small paper cup.
- After Pastor's blessing members will proceed out of the south doors of the vestibule and leave their paper cup and plastic glass in the trash can by the door.
- Doors will remain open to allow for ventilation and reduce touching doors.
- Pastor and assistant/ushers will wear masks.
- Social distancing and masks are requested.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 2

6:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday, September 3

6:30 pm Installation for Pastor Janine
Oakwood Plaza parking lot

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am Worship & Communion in person
9:00 am Online Worship Facebook & Zoom
10:15-11 am Drive in Communion

Wednesday, September 9

6:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday, September 10

7:00 pm Worship

Sunday, September 13

9:00 am Worship in person or online

Wednesday, September 16

6:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday, September 17

7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 20

9:00 am Worship in person or online

Monday, September 21

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

6:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday, September 24

7:00 pm Worship

Sunday, September 27

9:00 am Worship in person or online

Wednesday, September 30

6:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom

When a beloved Pastor retires it often leads to other changes within a congregation and especially among the staff left behind. We are experiencing that now at Emanuel. Angela who has served on staff, and enhanced, and strengthened our worship together in many ways through her leadership and music resigned this last week. She asked Church Council to accept her resignation effective immediately which they did.

Angela is feeling that God is calling her to use her gifts in a new ministry beginning in September.

This Covid time makes comings and goings hard to celebrate. We would encourage members of the congregation to thank her for her service, let her know she will be missed, and wish her well. Her mailing address is:

J664 St. Rt. 109
Malinta, OH 43535



FILLING HOME GUILD MEMBERSHIPS

Women's Guild of Filling Homes annual memberships are due to Emanuel by October 26, 2020. Annual dues are \$1.00 and can be placed in an envelope marked "Filling Guild Membership". **Envelopes are located in the pews with the bulletins.** You may also mail them to Emanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 501, Napoleon, OH 43545 or drop them in the black lock box located at the back entrance of church or place in the collection plate. Memberships are open to any woman interested in the ministry of the Filling Homes. Donations of more than \$1 are gratefully accepted. Please feel free to contact Emanuel's Representatives, Cheryl Daman 419-579-0958 and Kathy Bostelman 419-769-3453, if any questions.

Lutheran World Relief Kits

PERSONAL CARE

- One light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" x 27") and a washcloth, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 or 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging *
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-sized envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

LWR's approximate cost to handle and ship one LWR Personal Care Kit overseas: \$2.65. Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap smaller items in the washcloth; wrap washcloth and remaining items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

SOAP – A brand new bar of soap contributes to dignity and cleanliness. LWR accepts new bars of any brand soap, in its original wrapping. All bar sizes are accepted; however, bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) are highly preferred.

SEWING (FABRIC) KITS

Include the following items in each Fabric Kit:

- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:
 - 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric
 - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
 - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
 - Two spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
- Fabric should have no stains or holes. Pieces do not need to match in size or color or pattern. Do not enclose the Fabric Kit or any of its contents in a plastic bag.

PROJECT COMFORT FUND NOTE:

LWR's approximate cost to handle and ship one LWR Fabric Kit overseas: \$1.00

BABY CARE KITS

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts;
- Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn up to 52" square;
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred;
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby cap*;
- Two pairs of socks,
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping; Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Gently used baby items may be used, but they must not have stains and they must not have any damage. LWR's approximate cost to handle and ship one LWR Baby Kits overseas: \$1.30.

Please return the finished kits to the Caring Corner table.

Mission Kits need to be delivered the first week in October.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Mowery 419-966-9027.



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 and Pastor Janine Shearer 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!!

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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