



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.**

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus." -1 Cor. 1:4

Paul's words to the Corinthians are reflected in my heart as I write my first newsletter article here at Emanuel. In just the short time I've been here, I have been overwhelmed with the grace and love you have all shown me and look forward to getting to know each of you better. I love hearing your stories and learning about your journeys.

I want to make sure you know how to get in touch with me. I thought it would be helpful to use this space to talk a bit about different types of communication so that you can contact me when you want or need. I love to hear from you, so feel free to call, email, text, or Facebook, or schedule a time to meet on your porch or to stop by the office!

Contact Information:

Church Phone: 419-592-2616

The church phone is a great way to get in touch if it is during the work week. I try to be in the office during the day Monday through Thursday, but often leave for pastoral visits or other work commitments. If you leave a voicemail or a message with Maxine, I will get back to you when I return.

Cell Phone: 330-524-2552

This is by far the quickest way to contact me, especially in the case of an emergency. I typically will respond to an emergency phone call within the hour. I also text message and usually reply quickly. I typically answer non-emergency calls and text messages the next time I am working. Email: jshearer520@gmail.com

This is the best way to get in touch for scheduling or planning purposes. I check it often throughout the work week and try to reply as promptly as possible. Please note that I try to schedule renewal time and I do not often check email Friday-Sunday.

Facebook: Janine Shearer

I would love to be your Facebook friend! However, I know not everyone wants to be friends with their pastor on Facebook, so I do not send friend requests but always joyfully accept them. Facebook is a fun way to share photos and ideas but is not a reliable way to contact me for time sensitive matters; phone or email are better in these situations.

I am so excited to do God's work in the world alongside you! Hope to hear from you soon!

God's abundant peace be with you,
Pastor Janine

Office Hours – Pastor Janine will hold office hours on Mondays from 10:30am-12pm and on Wednesdays from 1-2pm. After October the Wednesday time will shift to 1:30-3:30pm because Pastor Janine will be done with an online continuing education class then. These are specific times that she is committed to being available in the office, on the phone, or via Zoom. She will not schedule other things for these times but may be pulled away in an emergency. Pastor Janine is in the office each day Monday through Thursday but is frequently out doing visits and getting to know the folks of Emanuel and community leaders. Reach out because she's excited to connect with you!

Bible Study meets each Wednesday evening at 6pm via Zoom. We discuss the texts for the upcoming Sunday. Some guiding questions are: what sticks out, what are you noticing, and what is challenging you in this text. We have a lot of fun and learn some, too! We would love for you to join us! 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!!

Confirmation will start again soon! Parents, look for an email about an upcoming informational meeting. At this time, Confirmation classes will be held during the Sunday School hour. The curriculum we will use is "Grace Alone: Lutheran in the 21st Century" which invites students to engage in the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina while learning what it means to be a Lutheran. We're looking forward to a year of learning and fun!

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◆ Even in the midst of a pandemic, the people at Emanuel are willing to help! I want to thank you for the outpouring of meals, personal assistance, cards, phone calls, and (most importantly) the prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. Axle loved all the walks and eagerly met each person at the door every day! I am blessed to call Emanuel "my church family".
-Denise Etzler (and Axle)

◆ Thank you to Ryan Kohout for creating Emanuel's new website and to Maxine for learning how to upload information to keep it current.

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to learn to operate Zoom on Sundays? Please contact Carey Plummer.

The Mutual Relations Committee, Doctrine & Worship Board and Church Council have jointly approved a revised job description for the Organist & Music Coordinator position. The next steps include posting the position on different synod and music websites and local newspapers. The Doctrine & Worship Board is in the process of creating an interview team.

Emanuel Church Council on Zoom - August 17, 2020

President Barb Hoffman called the meeting to order.

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

Ryan Hoffman led us with devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the July 20, 2020 meeting were emailed to be pre-read. Carey Plummer made a motion to accept the minutes, Denise Etzler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Property Board – Replacement of filters and installation of the new UV lights into the Church HVAC duct work has been completed.

Cost estimates and timing of kitchen remodeling were presented for consideration. Based on bids received, Kitchen Center located in Defiance, Ohio will serve as the General contractor. Tom Speiser Electric, Napoleon Ohio will serve as the Electrical contractor. There is a 90 day lead time from ordering until receiving cabinets. Ryan Hoffman and Joe Knepley are asking direction from Council as to when they may want to proceed. Kitchen Center estimate to tear out and remove old cabinets and counter tops, make any necessary modifications to the space and install new cabinets and counter tops would be \$17,000 - \$18,000. Tom Speiser estimate to perform all electric work would be \$3,500. Ryan Hoffman pointed out that it still needs to be determined what needs to be done to the floor. Joe Kohout made a motion that we accept the bid from both Kitchen Center and Tom Speiser Electric and proceed with the kitchen renovations. Carey Plummer seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Property Board will meet this week with Judy Hoffman and Elaine Borstelman to discuss the project. Purchasing a new camera is on backlog. A new computer for Pastor Janine has been ordered. Discussion followed on a printer for Pastor's use. It was decided to table action on this until the September Council meeting.

Congregational Life – Only item is a reminder that installation of Pastor Janine Shearer will be held on Thursday 9-3-2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Oakwood Plaza parking lot.

Education Board – Joleen reported that a Sunday school start-up survey was sent out to 30 families with 10 surveys being returned. Results were discussed and Council was in agreement to table action on Sunday school start up until September Council meeting. Denise Etzler is willing to do mailings for pre-school thru 5th grade. SAM Jeannine updated Council on the progress of the Confirmation class.

Finance Board – Encouraged all Boards to diligently work on their budgets and have them turned into the Finance Board before the September Council meeting.

Doctrine and Worship Board – To open this Board discussion, Barb announced that Angela Tonjes called her today around 10:00 a.m. to let Barb and Council know that she was resigning immediately. Barb asked Angela to reconsider this decision but Angela would not change her decision. Barb asked Angela to email a letter of resignation to Barb so Council could take action at tonight's Council meeting. Angela did not send in a letter, just an email stating that she is resigning her employment at Emanuel effective immediately. After discussion was held, Denise Etzler moved to accept Angela's resignation, Melinda Dachenhaus seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A job description has been found for the Bell Choir Director.

Bill Panning and SAM Jeannine have researched the question of whether we need licenses for the Hand Bell Choir to use music during services that Emanuel sends out on Facebook Live and Zoom. SAM Jeannine reported to Council that NO licenses are needed for Hand Bells. Bill Panning, Hand Bell Choir Director has a concern that there has been no annual audit of

the Hand Bell Choir finances and he has asked Joe Kohout to bring this to Councils attention. This was discussed and discussion included other Emanuel Church funds (checking accounts) that are not being audited. These funds include but are not limited to: Soul Food, Good Samaritan, High School Youth and WELCA. Council was in agreement that all Committees of Emanuel that have financial funds for their use "shall be audited annually by the Church Audit Committee".

Pastor's Report - Pastor King again reminded Council that he and SAM Jeannine are winding down their interim assignment at Emanuel of Napoleon and that this will be their last Council meeting. They each have one more Sunday and Thursday evening service and together they have two more Wednesday Bible Study Zoom groups. Just as a reminder, there will be no Bible study group on 9-2-2020 as Pastor Janine will not be installed until 9-3-2020. (Later in the week it was learned that Pastor Janine is planning to do Bible Study on 9-2-2020).

Old Business - Barb reviewed plans that are in place for Pastor Janine's installation on 9-3-2020 at 6:30 pm Oakwood Plaza Parking lot. Items discussed were the service, an offering and Douglas Hoffman will tape the service. Council members received a copy of the Mutual Relations Committee section of Emanuel's Bylaws for review. As soon as Pastor Janine is here, this committee will be formed and start functioning. The Transition Team will end.

New Business - Nominating Committee consisting of Kelli Burkhardt, Betty Mowery, Ron Wiechers and Ed Biederstedt will start putting together a slate of candidates in preparation for presentation to the Congregation for voting.

Barb announced that Lorelee Jones has resigned as Council Secretary, effective immediately. Barb read Lorelee's resignation letter to Council. Joe Knepley moved to accept Lorelee's resignation, Gayla Rohrs seconded the motion. Motion passed. Until a replacement is selected, Carey and Barb will be preparing the Council minutes.

Next meeting will be held September 21, 2020 at 6:30 by Zoom. At this meeting we will need to approve the 2021 Final Budget and ballot of candidates

Julie Kohout made a motion to adjourn, Melinda Dachenhaus seconded the motion. Motion passed.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Carey Plummer, President Elect

Minutes from Mutual Relations Committee Meeting 9/10/2020

Attendees: Pastor Janine, Lisa Walker, Lenny Sonnenberg, Phyllis Kloos, Barb Hoffman
Pastor Janine opened the meeting with Prayer.

Introductions were made.

Discussion on 3-year term for members; current 3 members will commence term immediately with technical year starting April 2021. Next appointment to the committee will be April 2022. Group agreed to communicate with each other via phone, text or email.

Reviewed and suggested revisions be presented to Worship and Doctrine Board for the position of Worship & Music Coordinator/Organist position.

Pastor Janine distributed study material she would like the committee to work on with her in the future.

Confidential discussion followed.

Being no further business, meeting was closed with Prayer by Pastor Janine.

Next meeting will be Thursday October 15, 2020 @ 4:15.

Submitted by Phyllis K.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 1

7:00 pm Worship

Sunday, October 4

9:00 am Worship in person or online

10:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday, October 7

6:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday, October 8

7:00 pm Worship

Sunday, October 11

9:00 am Worship & Communion in person

9:00 am Online Worship Facebook & Zoom

10:00 am Sunday School

10:15-11 am Drive in Communion

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday, October 15

7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, October 18

9:00 am Worship in person or online

10:00 am Sunday School

Monday, October 19

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 21

6:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday, October 22

7:00 pm Worship

Sunday, October 25

9:00 am Worship in person or online

10:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday, October 28

6:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday, October 29

7:00 pm Worship

Directory Updates!

Please let the church office know of any changes in your address, phone or cell phone number and if you want your email address listed. We will be putting out a new address/phone & email directory and would like it to be as accurate as possible! Thank you!

August 2020 Offerings

8/1/2020 through 8/31/2020

Building Fund	16,180.00
General Fund	19,776.00
Good Samaritan Fund	50.00
Lenten Off	50.00
Soul Food	50.00
World Hunger	25.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	36,131.00

August 2020 Attendance

Worship - In-person - 128

On-line - estimated amount - 860

Communed Thursday Service - 15

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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Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Living Spirit Director - Holly Mohring
Parish Secretary - Maxine Eickhoff
Altar Guild Chairman - Julie Callaway
Custodian - Janitor Jack

2020 Church Council

President - Barb Hoffman

President - Elect - Carey Plummer

Secretary -

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th REMEMBER TO WEAR RED!

Sunday School Update!

At the September Church Council meeting, it was decided to resume Sunday School starting October 4th. All children and teachers will need to wear facial masks. Hand sanitizer will be provided, and we will do our best to follow the social distancing guidelines. Sunday School will be held from 10:00-11:00 a.m., and children are to report directly to their classrooms as there will NOT be an opening at this time. If you do not feel comfortable sending your child to in-person Sunday School, please contact Joleen Brubaker or Deanna McCabe, and alternate arrangements will be made to get the materials to your child.

We are truly blessed to have an amazing group of teachers that volunteer their time to teach the youth of Emanuel.

Following are the teachers for 2020/2021:

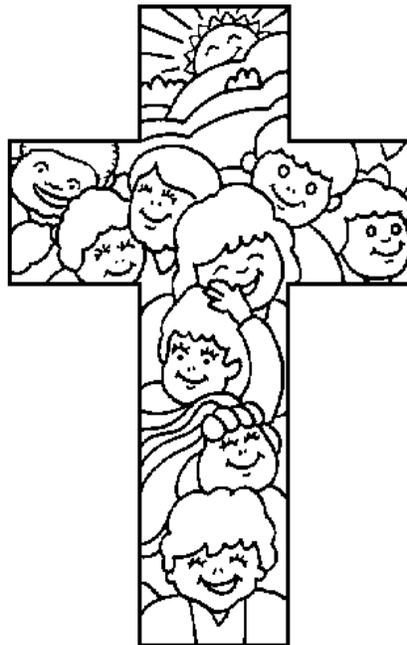
Preschool & Kindergarten: Kim Dickmann, Joleen Brubaker, Jennifer Jenny (helper)

1st & 2nd: Denise Etzler

3rd, 4th, & 5th: Kara Behnfeldt, Laura Klein

6th, 7th, & 8th: Jamie Bostelman, Pastor Shearer

We are excited to see everyone on October 4th!



SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS - 2020/2021

3-Year-olds

Andrew Behnfeldt
Bentley Dennie
Christian Kolodziejczyk
Aaliyah Pedraza
Dominic Schwab
Zachary Van Gilder

Pre-School

Alexander Bogert
Ford Diem
Benjamin Godsey
Nora Hoffman
Lainey Martin
Madelyn Schwab
Stella Smith

Kindergarten

Parker Borstelman
Callie Dennie
Harper Diem
Lennon Dilbone
Evie Funchion
Vivian Groll
Micah Helberg
Paige Knepley
BreElla Lambert
Lilah Long
Gabriel Pedraza
Carey Plummer
Lucy Zwiebel

First Grade

William Behnfeldt
Noah Borstelman
Maxton Brown
Brayden Bruns
Mackenzie Godsey
Claire Good
Autumn Jenny
Gordon Placke
Ashlyn Reed
Kasen Vajen

Second Grade

Collin Amstutz
Jack Funchion
Caleb Graham
Lucas Helberg
(Ava Ruby)
Haley Saman
Jaxson Schwab
Thomas Schwab
(Rorie Smith)

Third Grade

Emma Amstutz
Connor Aschemeier
Greydon Dilbone
Linley Diem
Carson Godsey
Jackson Groll
William Hoffman
Tessa Knepley
Allianah Rios
Evelyn Ruby
Avin Rupp
Benson Schwab
Landon Zachrich

Fourth Grade

Caraline Fickert
Addilyn Good
Joshua Jenny
Jaydon McCorkle
Ethan Plummer
Zachary Zwiebel

Fifth Grade

Raleigh Aschemeier
Alivia Good
Jacob Plummer
Carmen Rupp
Alexander Vajen
Lucas Williamson

Sixth Grade

Calista Bost
Carter Bowen
Loella Dilbone
Hayden Groll
Robert Hoffman
Brennan Jenkins
Lexus Long

Seventh Grade

Jorja Cowle
(Jackson Delaney)
Ava Good
Taryn Kolodziejczyk
Lincoln Lucas
Kayla McCabe
Leah McCabe

Eighth Grade

(Ashton Delaney)
Kamden DeWit
Sophia Good
Jarrett Jenkins
Avary Miller
Lilian Sedon
Julia Zachrich

Ninth Grade

*Cameron Burken
Braden Vajen

Tenth Grade

*Jaycob Celani
Shane Cowle Jr.
*Rudi Dachenhaus
Ethan Fields
*(Adara Hildebrandt)
*Derek Miller
Tate Rhodes
Colin Sedon
*(Preston Speaks)

Eleventh Grade

*Laci Dachenhaus
Adam Degler
**Madden Delaney
Izabella Hernandez
*Alyssa Kruse
*Emma Rowland
Nikole Vold

Twelfth Grade

Morgan Ashbaugh
Jayce Brubaker
Nathan Brubaker
Carter Burken
**Zavier Delaney
Halle Good
Tyson Reynolds
Zachary Vajen
Elijah Wolf
Jessica Yunker