

# 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.**

## *Our Walk in Faith ...*

**W**hen Pastor asked if either Ben or I would be willing to share our individual "Walk in Faith", we told him we would try. I thought I would help Ben with his since he doesn't like to write. AND we did honestly try! Since we didn't want to disappoint Pastor and certainly didn't want to tell him we had NO "Walk in Faith", we decided to approach it from a different angle. We decided to share OUR "Walk in Faith" that we started together, in 1992.

Ben came to this union from a firm Lutheran Christian upbringing. He had suffered the loss of his beloved wife Barbara, of 29 years, from cancer, three years earlier. He had three sons, two of which were married and one who remained unmarried and was still coming to terms with the loss of his mother.

I came to the union from an early Catholic upbringing. But due to a divorce in 1968, I had left my Catholic roots, so that my three children (a daughter and two sons) could have a firm Christian upbringing, without the shadow of my divorce coloring their chances of being accepted. My second husband, Leon, of 17 years, had died of cancer six years earlier. My children were married and I had three grandchildren. Ben had

no grandchildren at that time.

So this union brought together two families that wanted their parents to be happy!! Although none of our six children ever expressed to us any objection to having one big group get together, we pondered if they were really emotionally ready to welcome new people into their circle of FAMILY. We sensed that each family wanted to be able to cherish memories, continue traditions and savor the family unit that they each had been BORN INTO. As we approached our first Thanksgiving holiday, we prayed even harder, asking Jesus to guide us. WHAT TO DO ... WHAT TO DO!!

We decided to keep our family holidays as they were prior to our marriage. We both were the primary "giver" of holiday parties. So we began, and continue to have, 2 Christmas, 2 Thanksgivings and 2 Easter parties. Both families are happy with this arrangement.

Ben's parties often included the Hatfields (Barb's family), his father, mother and later stepmother. Ben's father, mother, stepmother, mother-in-law, and Barb's brother Don, have passed on. Mother Hatfield never missed a get together. Someone would always bring her when

her eyesight failed. The remainder of the Hatfield clan still attend the Thanksgiving party.

My family included my only sibling, my brother Ron, and his family, and my aunt and uncle who I had spent every holiday with since I was a little girl. Their son (my only 1<sup>st</sup> cousin) would always try to attend. My parents were deceased at this time. My mother had died of cancer just two months before we were married. My Aunt and Uncle Krauss are now deceased. But they drove from Elkhart, Indiana every holiday well into their late 80's to continue to tradition of attending family holiday parties.

This was our "Walk in Faith". Trying to give each individual family the continued love and support they had always enjoyed. Keeping their traditions alive and well, especially for the grandchildren. Two of everything is a lot of work for us, but both of us found it easier to blend into each other's family. We had time to talk and get to know each of them better.

1 Corinthians 14:33 *God is not the author of confusion but of peace.*

When we have "Special Parties" such as retirements, birthdays, etc., we are one BIG family. All of us having fun and enjoying the togetherness.

Being the non-perfect people we all are, I'm sure we have done many things to annoy our children over the years. But they have been kind enough to LET IT GO and allow Ben & I to grow in love for each other and for them, unconditionally, no strings attached!! What success we have had in our relationship, we owe to our children, our in-laws, and our precious grandchildren. They have allowed us to be a big part of all their lives, cherishing old memories and creating new ones. The love of Jesus Christ shines through them, much more than through us.

John 15:12 *This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.*

Ben and I have had such great times following our grandchildren from crib to college and beyond. We attend every event they are in if at all possible. This year saw Ben's 1<sup>st</sup> grandchild, Megan, graduate from Patrick Henry and go on to Ohio State for her first year of college. Go Buckeyes!! His family has added 8 grandchildren to the clan. Mine has added 5 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. We have been so BLESSED!

But life isn't always a walk in the park, and ours is no exception. Ben has had a number of health problems over these years, but none as serious as the Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma cancer that developed in 2002. With many prayers and God's continued healing grace, he has been cancer-free for nine years. Our prayers and our church families' prayers were truly answered.

Mark 11:24 *Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*

It is said that the Lord doesn't give us more than we can handle. But as so many of us know all too well, sometimes He has more faith in us than we have in ourselves. In May, 2010, my daughter-in-law Teresa broke her ankle in a bicycle accident. The fracture required surgery. A week later three blood clots took her life. This leaves my son, Mike Pauley, raising a 12-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son.

In September, 2010, Brian Michaelis's 4-year-old son, Kaden (whom you are supporting in prayer) was diagnosed with stage IV Neuroblastoma cancer. He has been in treatment since then and his treatment will continue thru February, 2012. God-willing, he will be cancer-free and will not experience any long-term side effects from the harsh medicines he has been given.

In January, 2011, my other son, Greg Pauley, lost his 28-year-old stepson due to an asthma attack. Tyler died on his 28<sup>th</sup> birthday. He had suffered

from asthma all his life, but this was totally unexpected.

Our family has had much grief in the last year and a half. Without FAITH in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the knowledge that we are not walking this road alone, how would we survive?

Isaiah 40:11 *He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; He gently leads those that have young.*

We are thankful for the blessings that our Lord has given us over the years. We cry for the sorrow our children are enduring. We lend as much help as we can. And at the end of the day, we thank Jesus Christ for being there with us, for cheering us on, and for carrying us when we are too weak and too tired to walk life's path alone.

Psalm 55:22 *Cast your burden on the LORD, and HE shall sustain you.*

**Ben & Judy Michalis**

## **Church Council News and Notes**

- ✓ The October Congregational meeting will be held on October 30. There will be one worship service that day at 9:00 a.m. with the congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship. Regular Sunday School classes will not meet, but there will be supervised activities for children in the basement so that parents may attend the congregational meeting.
- ✓ Church Council would like to thank those members of Emanuel who are making loans to the church for the purpose of financing our Elevator/Restroom renovation project. The response was excellent, and we will have sufficient "loaned funds" to complete the project.

We have made an initial payment to the Mel Lanzer Company for architectural fees and down payment on the purchase of the elevator. Construction is currently scheduled to begin **November 1**. Church Council would also like to remind everyone that the loans being made to the church by congregational members are just that, loans that need to be repaid just as a loan from a bank would need to be repaid. We need to maintain our regular giving to the general fund, and also contribute regularly to the building fund in order to make payments on the debt that we are about to take on. Church Council would like to thank everyone for their support of this very worthwhile project.

## Ending Hunger, One Step at a Time

### CROP Hunger Walk

October 2, 2011

2:00 p.m.

The 7th Annual Henry County CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 2, at Oakwood Park in Napoleon again this year. What's the point of walking? Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water, and fuel, and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence.

CROP Hunger Walks help fight hunger and poverty around the world, including the United States, and *including here in Henry County*. Up to 25% of what a CROP Hunger Walk raises are returned to be distributed to Christmas Cheer and local food pantries. In the last 20 years, Walks have raised over \$264 million to assist those struggling to feed their families.

Taking place at Oakwood Park, the CROP Walk route is a pleasant 3-mile walk on a leisurely Sunday afternoon. Or you can even do just a 1-mile route if you are limited by time or physical challenges. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the Walk to start at 2 p.m. You can also help by baking cookies for this.

Please see Carol Castello to become involved — as a Walker, a sponsor, or a cookie baker. The CROP Hunger Walk is helping end hunger, one step at a time! Carol's phone # 419.592.0847.

(Checks for the CROP Walk should be made out to "CWS/CROP"; please do **NOT** make checks out to our church!)

**THANK YOU!**  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

- My Dear Church family, Right now I feel so humble. Thank you for all the cards, telephone calls, and your prayers. Thank you, Pastor, for your coming to the hospital and your prayers. The good news – I had no blockage after the heart cath. God loves you all as-Mo  
-Moginia Dillon
- On the Friday before my surgery, the reading for the day in *Christ In Our Home* included Psalm 138:3 “On the day I called to you, you answered me. You made me strong and brave.” It is a true comfort to feel the Lord's presence at such a difficult time. I cannot express the profound thanks for all the prayers, cards, messages and helping hands that Jay and I needed and received following my surgery. What a blessing it was to have Pastor Castello's support and prayers at the hospital! Surgery went as expected and healing is in progress. I/we greatly appreciate it all!  
-Darlene Bostelman
- Thank you for the gift upon my high school graduation! And for being such a wonderful church family throughout the years.  
-Danielle Williams

I would like to thank those people who assisted me during the past 10 years while I maintained the “[emanuelnapoleon.org](http://emanuelnapoleon.org)” website. Special thanks should go to Julie Kohout who initially set up the website. Many thanks go to Douglas Hoffman who kept me supplied with photos and also his technical assistance when I needed it. Thanks to Pat Mohring who made sure I received the Good News newsletter in the proper format so I could upload it to our website. Also thanks to Kyle Miller who so graciously accepted the job of maintaining the website in the future. I would hope that those same people who helped me

would also give Kyle all the assistance he will need to keep our website current.


There are still parts of the website that need to be updated. It is the responsibility of the chair persons of our church council committees to make sure the portions of the website that come under their control are kept current. At the present time, there is some very old information on our Youth Ministry page. Also, Kyle needs to be kept informed when our times of worship change and any special dates or festivals that need to be noted on the website.

- Ed Panning

*Seven more reasons to join the growing number of persons who receive their newsletter by email:*

1. You will receive no “robo-calls” during the upcoming presidential election season.
2. You will be able to add large columns of numbers in your head.
3. You will meet Martin Luther and get his autograph.
4. You will win the lottery ... and you won't even have to buy a ticket.
5. You will never lose your car keys again.
6. The Buckeyes will win (unless you are a Michigan fan...then the Wolverines will win).
7. And you will learn about all the important news going on in our church before the mailman even gets out of bed.

**In order to receive all these benefits, just turn in your email address to the church office. You will need to have Adobe reader on your computer (available free for download at [adobe.com](http://adobe.com)).**

 Be sure to check out our website [www.emanuelnapoleon.org](http://www.emanuelnapoleon.org)! You can find current and past newsletters, current Sunday bulletins, picture pages, and loads of information and pictures!

## *Where did Emanuel members “rest” this summer?*

I hope everyone enjoyed looking at the bulletin board at the rear entrance of the church this summer. It was fun to look where everyone visited by checking out the postings on the United States map. Seems a few people went outside the U.S. borders as well! I thought you might enjoy a follow-up on the vacation spots we visited. Wonder how many miles we logged?

Ashbaugh's – Mackinaw MI  
Ashbaugh's, Clausen's, Norm and Sue Kruse and Tammy Porter – Atlanta  
Biederstedt's – Dayton & Orlando FL  
Norm and Kathy Bostelman – Myrtle Beach SC  
Denise Brown – Alabama and Arizona  
The Callaway's – St. Augustine FL  
The Jordan's, Aelker's & Dunn's – Chincoteague Island VA  
Jeff & Terri Haase, Casey & Tyler, Justin Allison – Rochester NY  
Kent, Ami, Justin, Tyler & Abby Allison, Casey Haase – Myrtle Beach SC  
Ruth Hershberger – Lake Andrew MN  
Doug & Judy Hoffman – Brown County IN  
The Jenny Family – Kelley's Island OH  
Loralee Jones – Medford OR  
Steve and Phyl Kloos – Cambridge/Boston MA, Portland OR, Myrtle Beach SC  
The Kohout's – Banff Alberta  
Sue Mabee and Bob Ivancso – Oglebay Park, Wheeling WV, Las Vegas NV  
Marv and Julie Mt.Castle – Ocean Isle Beach NC  
Eric, Andrea and Nate Rohrs – Ft. Myers Beach FL  
Jack & Paula Robbins – Toledo Zoo  
The Schink's – Petoskey MI  
Jenni Schink – England, Spain, France  
Nancy Schink – Santa Cruz, Monterey, Glendora CA  
Angela and Sheila Sosebee – Belchertown MA  
Alan, Shelly, Alison and Neil Storch – Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Georgetown, Grand Cayman  
Dylan Tonjes – Malinta OH  
Mark, Angela & Seth Tonjes – Lake Agnew Ontario Canada  
The Yunker's – The Wisconsin Dells and Myrtle Beach SC  
Mary Lou Zwiebel – Boston, Hopkinson MA  
Angela Sosebee, Nikki Schink, David Zwiebel, Tom Zwiebel, Malory Skiver– Round  
Lake Manitou Beach MI

Most popular spot: Myrtle Beach SC. Now if you want to visit any of these places in the future, you can ask the seasoned travelers the best places to visit!

*from the Congregational Life Board*

### *Caring/Donation Corner for September*

Caring corner for the month of October will be Coats for Kids. All coats of all sizes can be dropped off until the end of October to then be given to Coats for Kids. This can include adult coats as well as children's coats.

### *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Gathering*

We will have our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Gathering on October 30. We will be hosting a potluck luncheon following the congregational meeting. Keep in mind this is Reformation Sunday so let's see how many "red" dishes we can come up with.

### *Nativity Walk*

Due to the construction/renovation that will be taking place in the church, we regrettably have decided to cancel the Nativity Walk for this year. It will definitely be back for the following year.

### *Decorating the Church*

We will be decorating the church for the fall season on October 15. Everyone is invited to help out. If anyone has any decorations that we would be able to use, you can bring them that day or drop them off at the church.

### *Next meeting*

Our next meeting will be October 3 at 7:00 p.m. We are always looking for new ideas so if you have ideas you would like to share, please feel welcome to attend any of our meetings that are held on the first Monday of the month at the church. If you are unable to attend and have some ideas to share, please contact Terri Haase, Carol Castello, or Shirlee Mires Fejes.

## Membership News

*Birth* Congratulations to Matt & Jill Schwab on the birth of a son, Benson Matthew, on August 14, 2011 in Cincinnati. Proud grandparents are Dave & Nanette Schwab; great grandmother is Denelda Rohrs.

*Funeral* Paul Bressler was called home to be with the Lord on September 16. His funeral was on September 19 at Rodenberger Funeral Home. Please remember Paul's family in your prayers.

*New members* Be sure to welcome to our congregation our newest members who are transferring from St. Paul Lutheran Church in McClure:  
Dennis & Norma Ehlers, Christopher & Nicole  
John & Donna Norden

### **WE APPRECIATE HEARING ABOUT YOUR FAMILY NEWS (BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.).**

We would like to include your family's birthdays in our birthday prayers on Sundays, in which case we would need those names and dates. We would also like to know the names of all those family members serving in the military.

## Living by Son-Light

Some of our days seem very dark. Sickness, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job or another struggle overshadows life. In our despair, it can be difficult to sense God's presence. If God were here, we reason, surely he'd be shining his light on our dark circumstances.

When life is bright and joyous, it's easy to sense God; the sun becomes a natural metaphor for God's Son, Jesus, the Light of the world. But even on cloudy days, the sun still shines, its presence not bound by our limited vision. And in the darkest night, the sun remains; the warmth it gave before dusk lingers, enough to preserve us into the dawning of a new day. Sometimes we even catch its reflection in the moon.

"Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:5b, NRSV). Trust in God; even in life's dark times, the Son still shines!

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

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

**Paul Panning** **Alfred "Petey" Ruetz**

**Ted Titgemeyer**

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

**Ruth M. Eickhoff** (#410) **Herman Campbell** (#313)

**Country View Haven** (R858 Co Rd 15, Napoleon)

**Julia Arps** (mailing address: 8271 Co Rd T Liberty Center, OH 43532)

**Golden Center Living Center-Northcrest**

**Ruth Delaney** (240 Northcrest Dr, Napoleon)

### **Church Office Hours**

**8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday**

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

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Congregation President - Gary Bostelman

Women of the ELCA President - Marilyn Fretz

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Worship & Music Coordinator/Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Hugh Schink

Asst. Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Living Spirit Director - Holly Mohring, Marv & Julie Mt.Castle

Parish Secretary - Patricia Mohring

Sunday School Superintendent - Angela Sosebee

Altar Guild Chairman - Barbara Hoffman

Custodian - Jack Robbins

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### **2011 Church Council**

*President* - Gary Bostelman

*President-Elect* - Ron Wiechers

*Secretary* - Jenny Perdew

*Treasurer* - Julie Kohout

*Doctrine & Worship Board* - Holly Mohring & Terry Hershberger

*Congregational Life Board* - Terri Haase & Carol Castello

*Board of Education* - Jamie Glick & Julie Mt.Castle

*Properties Board* - Matt Mt.Castle & Jeff Sharpe

*Finance Board* - Martha Young & Loralee Jones

## *Worship participants in October*

### Acolytes

8:00 - Alie Hernandez & Kenli Dachenhaus  
10:30 - Alex Andrews & Charlee Glick

### Lay Assistant

8:00 - Richard Landversicht  
10:30 - Tom & Beth Jenny

### Altar Guild

Mary DeWit & Laura Yaney

### Ushers

8:00 Leo Clausen, Don Mitchell,  
Jack Ruby, Richard Landversicht  
10:30 Karl Yunker, Alan Storch,  
Bill Panning, Larry Ashbaugh

## *Altar Flowers*

October 2 - Ed & Alyce Oberhaus in celebration of their wedding anniversary  
October 9 - Donna & Ron Meyers  
- Mike & Sandi Borstelman in celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
October 16 - Shirlee Mires Fejes in loving memory of Nelson  
October 23 - Vern Lanzer in loving memory of Joyce  
October 30 - Julie Delventhal in loving memory of Norm Delventhal & Jim Hustwick

### To reserve altar flowers...

**Simply sign up on the flower chart in the narthex or call the church office. Our flowers are done by Ivy League Floral & Design Studio on West Washington Street. The cost is \$20. If you have *special* orders for your flowers (certain colors, a larger arrangement, etc.), they will be happy to serve you. Please contact Cori Ratliff at Ivy League for these special orders. If your order is beyond the \$20, please pay the shop directly.**

**\*\*\* We are recycling the used plastic containers that the altar flowers come in. They can be put in Angela's office. \*\*\***

## Statistics

Thursday, August 18 attendance 42 communed 39

Sunday, August 21

attendance 168

Offerings \$ 4,095.50

40 Building Fund

25 Good Samaritan Fund

Thursday, August 25 attendance 35

Sunday, August 28

attendance 171

Offerings \$ 3,615.80

155 Building Fund

50 Good Samaritan Fund

10 World Hunger

Thursday, September 1 attendance 60

Sunday, September 4

attendance 151 communed 145

Offerings \$ 6,190.00

725 Building Fund

5 World Hunger

500 Partners in Education

125 Good Sam Fd (100 in honor of Tom &  
Barb Hoffman's anniversary)

Thursday, September 8 attendance 25

Sunday, September 11

attendance 122 + 121 (243) communed 89

Offerings \$ 4,033.50

25 Building Fund

5 World Hunger

Thursday, September 15 attendance 26

Sunday, September 18

attendance 76 + 112 (188)

Offerings \$ 5,006.79

160 Building Fund

25 Good Samaritan Fund

30 World Hunger

### *Missionary Sponsorship*

It's that time of the year again to be "thankful" and show our support to the LeMonds who are doing missionary work. The Maumee Valley Conference (which we Emanuel women are a part of) contribute to this sponsorship.

Please place your donation in the enclosed envelope marked "Missionary Fund" and place it in the offering plate. You have the whole month of October to show our support for the LeMonds doing a great job. Thank you, ladies, for your donations.

## Notes from Angela

- Angela Tonjes

### *Adult Choir*

We are off to a great start, learning some new songs and enjoying some old ones. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Beginning on Wednesday, October 5 choir practice will be held from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. You will have a little more time for your Soul Food to settle!! As always, anyone is welcome to join us anytime during the year. We will be working on fall music this month and all the special music for the December cantata.

### *After School Club*

We are looking forward to another year of fun music at After School Club. Be ready for the children to sing soon!

### *Living Spirit*

Living Spirit is practicing every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the chapel. Rehearsals last thirty minutes, and we sing contemporary music. "A Mighty Fortress" by Christy and Nathan Nockels is our song for October 16 at both services. Remember, in November we sing the fourth Sunday of the month.

### *Emanubells*

Emanubells will be starting their season on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Practice will last thirty minutes. We are always in need of new ringers, and there is no experience required. We even have a gig lined up already! Think about joining us!

### *Reformation Sunday*

This year Reformation Sunday falls on October 30. We encourage you to wear red as a reminder of the fire of the Holy Spirit within us.

### *Music of the Congregation*

The chief musical reform of the Lutheran church in the 16<sup>th</sup> century was the establishment of congregational singing as a vital ingredient in worship. It was not enough for Luther for people to simply be present at worship – he felt that their faith should erupt in song.

“God has made our hearts and spirits happy through his dear Son...he who believes this sincerely and earnestly cannot help but be happy; he must cheerfully sing...”

## **WELCA News**

Our last General Meeting was well attended but could have been more. An interesting program was given by Kelli Burkhardt on “Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives” and Terri Sedam, a GED instructor. Thank you ladies for giving valuable information.

The Nominating Committee of Ami Allison, Terri Haase, and Andrea Hoffman is still working on new officers for the coming year.

Our Maumee Valley Fall Retreat is on October 8, 2011 at St. Paul Lutheran in Paulding. Registration slips are on the bulletin board by the church office.

Don't forget about the school kits for Lutheran world Relief. October 9 is the deadline. Janis Dachenhaus is taking care of this project; any questions you can contact her at 419.758.3328.

The Circle meetings are down some in attendance. This new Bible Study is on “The Gospel of Mark.”

Our next General Meeting will be December 1, 2011 with installation of officers and Christmas program with Miriam Circle in charge. Hope to see a good turnout.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 419.592.1771. Until next time, God bless you.

Marilyn Fretz, President

## ***Lutheran World Relief***

Donations needed for LWR:

<b>School Kits</b>	<b>Baby Care Kits</b>
<b>Personal Care Kits</b>	<b>Fabric Kits</b>

- *You may furnish the whole kit or donate items to make up a kit.*
- *Lists are available for items needed.*
- *If you wish to make a whole School Kit, these are available at each church entrance.*

**Correction from LWR on the school kit list – erasers should be included. Erasers were inadvertently left off the original list of supplies. Include 1 eraser approximately 2½ inches long.**

Donations may be placed in the narthex or the overflow area.

Thank you for your support in the LWR ministry.

Deadline is set for October 9, 2011.

Any questions, contact Janis Dachenhaus - Mission Action.

## Northwestern Ohio Synod

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the Northwestern Ohio Synod,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I write you **to thank you for your support of the 2010 Synodical Annual Appeal and to request your enthusiastic support for the 2011 Synodical Annual Appeal.** Last year members of this Synod contributed \$165,000 to this Appeal over and above Congregational Mission Support. Those funds were used to provide scholarships for children to attend Camp Mowana, Lutheran Memorial Camp, Camp Luther and Lutheran Ohio Ministries in Ohio Outreach Camps. Other funds enabled those preparing to serve as pastors, associates in ministry, and diaconal ministers to receive scholarships through the Fund for Leaders effort. Trinity Seminary received a special gift. Grants were provided to ministries that are embraced by this synod included Salem and Redeemer located in communities of poverty; *Threshold*, a ministry designed to embrace young adults who have little experience of “the church;” Tribe One, our Campus Ministry at the University of Toledo, St. John at the Bay, a ministry with those on South Bass Island. Funds from the Annual Appeal have been used to help put roofs on churches in the Dodoma Diocese, our Companion Synod and to provide seed in Zimbabwe. On behalf of all those who have been encouraged by your generosity, thank you.

Our goal for the 2011 Annual Appeal is \$200,000. We will continue to embrace the projects supported by the 2010 Appeal in addition to adding the ELCA Malaria Campaign as a recipient. Over the next weeks you will have the opportunity to learn more about the ministries supported by the Annual Appeal and the difference your gift can make. You also will learn how you can contribute to the Annual Appeal. Most of our congregations will receive contributions and pledges to the Annual Appeal on October 16. Other congregations may choose to identify another date prior to the end of this year.

We know that you and your congregation have embraced many ministries through your generosity, including Mission Support (Benevolence) that supports the ongoing work of this Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is not the intention of this Appeal to undermine any of these ministries. Rather, knowing that God has richly blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are inviting your generous “extra mile” support of these ministries that gives witness to God’s love in Christ in this synod, throughout this nation, and around the world.

As we begin this six week accent, I invite your prayers for the Appeal, for those who give and who will receive, that our Lord’s blessing will rest on this effort.

Together with you in Christ,  
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**Lutheran Social Services  
of Northwestern Ohio**

**celebrating 100 years  
1911-2011**

**In Celebration of the Centennial of  
Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio**

***Capital University Chapel Choir in Concert!***

**Dr. Lynda Hasseler, Director**

**Sunday, October 30**

**3:00 p.m.**

**at**

**Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral**

**2535 Collingwood Boulevard**

**Toledo, OH 43610**

**A free will offering will be received.**

Don't miss this exciting concert on Reformation Sunday! Marcus Mt.Castle is a member of the Capital University Chapel Choir and would most certainly love to see you in the audience!