

Good News

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*Empowered d 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.*

Through Jesus, God loves us exactly as we are and wants to change everything about us. That is a difficult thought to grab hold of, but it is the truth. God's acceptance fo us through our Lord and Savior Jesus is total and unconditional. There is no reason to put on airs, he knows us completely. There is no reason to try to get cleaned up for Him, He washes us completely. He knows every wart, flaw, fear, bit of phoniness, insecurity and inconsistency we have. And yet He loves us and accepts us in that condition.

That is the definition of true love. It is never just "because of", it is always "in spite of" as well. That is the kind of love God has for us. God loves us as if we are already what we ought to be, then tries to help us get there.

"That's just the way I am" we say. In fact, that is how we chose to be, but we do not have to stay that way. Do you know the story of the man who was lost driving around in the country? He stopped at a farm house where he saw a farmer out in his field. He asked how far it was to a certain town. The farmer said, "Well, if you're going how you are going, it is 11,396 miles. But if you turn around and go over here in this direction, it is

only 5 miles." Through Jesus, God wants to and can change everything about us. And that means everything. Even those parts of us that we feel are working just fine, He can adjust and fine tune.

I went to the doctor recently and everything checked out fine. But I need to lose weight. I told the doctor, "for being in bad shape, I'm in good shape." Same in regards to my faith, I suppose. Through Jesus, God offers his unconditional love, his freely given grace. That gives us incredible possibilities and hope as well as being totally life changing now. It puts the past in a different perspective as well.

God loves us exactly as we are and wants to and can change everything about us. There is no better shape in which to be.

See you in church.

Pastor Castello

St. John's Lutheran Church, Ohio City, Ohio would like to invite your congregation to a celebration of Rev. Denise Brown's 20 years in ordained ministry. Worship will be held on October 22, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at St. John's, 202 Dillion St. In Ohio City. Lunch will follow. Bishop Marcus Lohrmann will be the guest pastor.

Emanuel Workday

Saturday, October 14

We'll begin at 8 a.m. with donuts and coffee.
Your help would be very much appreciated!

Wanted:

Adult(s) to enjoy an hour of quality time on Sunday mornings with high school students beginning at 9:15. No experience necessary. Please see a Board of Ed member or Pastor for details.

Need a little relaxing reading? Come browse through the books in the library. Sit a spell, take a load off or grab one on the run – there's plenty there for all to enjoy.

2nd Annual Henry County CROP Walk

On Sunday, October 1, beginning here at Emanuel at 2 p.m., we will be taking to the streets in the 2nd Annual Henry County CROP Walk. Last year, 32 Walkers from Emanuel were part of the effort that raised \$2,636 - - \$659 of which was returned here to Henry County to be divided among Christmas Cheer and five local food banks in the area.

CROP is an acronym for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. CROP events were begun almost 60 years ago, with the collection and shipping of grain contributed by Midwest farmers – central to Church World Service’s work in helping to feed starving people in devastated post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today, CROP Hunger Walks are the only events that raise awareness and funds to address both international and local needs.

This year’s easy 3-mile route in Napoleon will wind across the bridge and down into the southern part of town, with a rest station for restrooms, water and cookies at the Church of the Nazarene. It’s good exercise, good fun, good fellowship, and all for a good cause.

If you would like to be a Walker, please see Carol Castello. If you would like to sponsor any of our Walkers (as of press time), please see John & Maggi Mohler, Janice Rohrs, Laura Ellis-Kruse, Donna Peper, Nancy Schink, David Yunker, Blake, Ed, Tiffany, and Alexandria Biederstedt, Jenni Schink, Meredith Hoops, Stephanie Ruby, Alan Bostelman, Clayton Burken, Theresa Peper, Julie Kohout, Nick Rohrs, Phyllis Kloos, Sam Elling, Danielle Williams, Gayla, Mike, Jessica, Laura, Sarah, and Carl Yaney, Carol Castello, Emily (Castello) Jordan, or Becky (Castello) Aelker.

“Injili” Evangelists Visit on October 25

A team of 12 evangelists (two pastors and 10 lay people) will tour Northwestern Ohio Synod congregations from October 11-31, and two of these special visitors will be here at Emanuel on Wednesday October 25, to share their stories and excitement for sharing the miracles that Jesus Christ has done in the lives of thousands of people in Tanzania. They will be here for “Soul Food” that evening, for which we will have a good old-fashioned American church potluck supper. Afterwards, we are planning a special welcome for them, and they will share their ministry with us in music, drama, and testimony.

On Tuesday evening, before coming to Emanuel, the entire team of 12 will be “performing” together at 7 p.m. in a major gathering for our Maumee Valley Conference at Shomburg Auditorium at Defiance College. Pastor and Carol will be hosting our guests in their home on that Tuesday and Wednesday night.

“Injili” means “good news” in Swahili, and it is certainly good news to be able to share this time with our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ. This trip has been two years in the planning, during which time they have studied English and practiced their music and skits to help make our “cultural exchange” more meaningful. Please plan on helping to welcome these guests from the opposite side of the world. Who knows what we all might learn from each other!

Music Notes

Cherub Choir

Cherub Choir practices will begin on October 4 in conjunction with the After School Club program. Note that we will sing at an earlier time this year, immediately when the children arrive from school.

Adult Choir

We got off to a great start this year with one of our favorite songs, “This Little Light of Mine.” We are glad to have some new faces! During the month of October we will be practicing many songs for the fall and for our upcoming concert event.

October dates to remember:

October 1, 8:00 “Just a Closer Walk” and two songs for communion

October 8, 10:30 “Just a Closer Walk” and two songs for communion

Rainbow Ringers

We have started practicing two Sundays a month and the children are doing great! Parents of first through fifth graders, if you did not receive a sign-up form from your child, please see Angela Tonjes. We need a minimum of 8 children to ring bells for each date this month. The children will ring on Sunday, October 1 at the 10:30 service and on Sunday, October 8 at the 8:00 service.

Living Spirit

Living Spirit has moved its practice time from 7:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings in the chapel. We will be singing the third Sunday of the month and other various special occasions. We would LOVE for you (and your voice!) to join us! As always, if you can't make the practice but would like to sing with us, please let one of us know and we will work out whatever we can with you! Our numbers right now are small, but our will and love of God are **mighty!**

Fall Musical Celebration

Sunday, November 5 has been chosen as the date for our annual Fall Concert by the Bell Choir and Adult Choir. This year's performance will feature songs of many styles: gospel, contemporary, classical, etc. along with quotes by Martin Luther. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. for a fantastic hour of beautiful sounds from the musicians of Emanuel. (Light refreshments will be served.)

SOUL FOOD

Another year of “Soul Food” is underway, with good food and great fellowship provided for everyone every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. There are plenty of opportunities for plenty of help with these meals, too; check out the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board by the church office—we can always use some more cooks, servers, and cleaner-uppers.

Following a suggestion, we will also be offering a “Kids’ Table” weekly, with hot dogs and peanut butter and jelly, for those whose “acceptable appetites” don’t include casseroles or whatever! Upcoming menus include:

Sept. 27 - Grilled Hamburger & Hot Dogs, Mohring’s World-famous Potato Salad & Macaroni Salad

Oct. 4 - Mexican Feast with Tacos & Spanish Rice

Oct. 11 - Chicken & Rice

Oct. 18 - Baked Potato Bar

Oct. 25 - Good Old-Fashioned American Church Potluck as we host the “Injili” Evangelists from Tanzania

We repeat – “Soul Food” is for everyone and for all ages, so come and enjoy a weekly supper that’s good for you, body and soul!

Christmas is coming...

...which means it is time for our Advent devotion booklets! These would be a collection of brief “essays” or reflections on what this most blessed time of year is all about, written by you and for you, the Church Family of Emanuel. We are hoping to have enough submissions for a devotion each day of the Advent Season, which begins with the First Sunday in Advent, December 3. Please submit yours to the Church Office by November 20.

Thank you!

- The need increases each year in the number of families who request help with school supplies. Your generous donation will help! Thank you for reaching out to touch our students' lives.
-Sue Hammer, Principal, Deshler Elementary
- Thank you for the generous donation of school supplies. It was very thoughtful of your church to think of our students. Thanks again. -Mrs. J. Ripke and Patrick Henry Middle School
- On behalf of the students, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of book bags and school supplies. It is so nice to have neighboring communities who care about the education of our children. Thanks again for your generous donation.
-Bethany Blue, Dean of Students, Malinta-Grelton, Patrick Henry Schools
- Thank you to Terry Hershberger and Doug Hoffman for helping set up for our week of photos. Thank you to the Doug Hoffman family for returning our sanctuary and Sunday School rooms back to normal. Thank you to Janis Dachenhaus, Karl & Oneta Wiechers, Janice Rohrs, Diana Zachrich, Betty Panning, Rita Kryder, Ruth Ann Gray and Helen Lange for being hosts/hostesses through the week. Each of you is much appreciated! Thank you also to all of you who signed up to have your photo taken for our pictorial. -Carol Dille
- Thank you to those families who donated the funding for the inflatables and the meat and everything that went along with it for the meal, along with the snow cones and popcorn that we all enjoyed on Rally Day. Because of your generosity, our kids (and adults too) had a great day.

Tidbits from Picture Taking Week!

"BLACK" (the most popular!) was worn by many - young and old! Lime green was the next popular color. Little girls were seen mostly in pink and the young guys in striped T-shirts. The water fountain was very popular by our younger set!

All in all, it was a very good week! Before we began, the Life Studio photographer asked if our members were usually early, late or on time. I told him our congregation was mostly early, and all of you did a terrific job of proving me right! Thanks! There was only one canceled appointment...a couple of re-scheduled appointments...and everyone else coming early made for a busy, fast-paced week.

Thank you to all. -Carol Dille

From the Congregational Life Board

Giving/donation corner

Thank you for your generous donations of school supplies in August. The items were delivered to all four county school systems for them to distribute as needed.

The collection of pieces of fabric for Hospice of Henry County will continue through the end of September.

The October donations will benefit THE CHERRY STREET MISSION in Toledo. Their needs list includes:

Deodorant	Canned fruit
Toothpaste/toothbrushes	Canned soup
Shampoo/conditioner	Cereal
Bar soap	Coffee
Diapers	#10 cans of vegetables
Clothing for men, women & children	Blankets

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED, GENEROUS SUPPORT!

New Member Reception

The congregation is invited to a reception during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, October 8, 2006 to meet the newest members of our Emanuel family who will be recognized during the worship services that day. Our new members include Lenora Satchell, Sam & Mary Behnfeltd, Lexi & Jordan, Scott & Shonda Miller, and Brian & Deanna McCabe. Also being recognized as a new associate member is Elinor Brown.

Please make these new members feel welcome by introducing yourselves to them and joining us for refreshments that day.

Photos are available

All those people who had their pictures taken for our new pictorial directory but did not purchase any photos from LifeTouch, can pick up their free 8 x 10 pictures in the church office.

Anyone who cares to order (or RE-order) photos, can do so just by calling LifeTouch within the next year.

Harvest Home Celebration

The Congregational Life Board and the Doctrine & Worship Board have designated Sunday, October 15, 2006 as Emanuel's Harvest Home Celebration Sunday. Songs and liturgy will reflect our thankfulness for a bountiful harvest and a meal will follow the late service.

To beautify our sanctuary, we are looking for volunteers to bring in their fruits of the harvest. We will be decorating the sanctuary with fruits, vegetables, flowering plants, etc. at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 14. We would appreciate donations of decorations as well as helping hands to make the sanctuary reflect the beauty of the harvest. Please place your items at the bottom of the basement steps by that Saturday morning and label them if you want them returned to you.

The Congregational Life Board will be hosting the meal, but we'll need your help. We'll supply the cornbread, crackers and beverages, and then we are asking YOU to help by making the SOUP AND DESSERTS to share with everyone. Just sign up for how many of you and your family will be attending, then, if you are able and willing, please sign up to bring a dessert of your choice and/or which kind of soup you'd be able to prepare and share. The soup choices will be chicken noodle, vegetable, bean and chili. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next the secretary's office. A free will offering will be taken to benefit WORLD HUNGER RELIEF. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT CHURCH SERVICE THAT DAY AND AT THE MEAL! Everyone is welcome!

On Wednesday, October 25, 2006 we will be honored to have two Tanzanian evangelists with us here at Emanuel. You are invited to join us at Soul Food that evening and bring your favorite All-American/All-Lutheran covered dish or dessert to share and then sit back and enjoy a program put on by our guests. Everyone is encouraged to attend and learn more about their ministry and Catch the Spirit!

Want to help support Jose?

Emanuel Lutheran Sunday School has supported the Compassion International program since March 9, 1999.

Over the years, many Sunday School children have written letters, drawn pictures and prayed for our sponsored child. Our sponsored child is from El Salvador and his name is Jose Javier Moreira Guevara. In return, Jose writes us letters and sends drawings which are read and displayed during our Sunday School temple talk time. You can view a map and a few photos of Jose taped onto the Sunday School Superintendent's door.

Through Compassion International, Jose also receives spiritual and educational material, medicine, one meal and day and clothes, if needed.

Our commitment to Compassion International totals \$385 per year.

Many of you may not be aware of our ongoing support to Jose. He is truly a gracious child who loves Jesus and his mother. He thanks us for our prayers and states how much everything means to him...always.

You can read more about Compassion International at www.compassion.com.

The new Sunday School year has begun. We are preparing to establish our outreach through correspondence and prayers. Would you like to be part of our ministry to Jose?

_____ I would like to pray for Jose.

_____ I would like to correspond with Jose.

_____ I would like to donate funds to Compassion International.

Please return this form to the church office with your name and contact number. Our team of Jose supporters will include you in all our efforts.

Membership News

Baptism We witnessed the baptism of Eric Lee, son of TJ & Amy Hershberger, on September 10. Eric's sponsors are Chad & Robin Hershberger.

New member Elinor Brown has been accepted as an associate member of Emanuel. For those of you who don't know, Elinor is Carol Castello's mother.

Wedding Congratulations and God's blessings to Nelson Fejes and Shirlee Mires who will be married on October 21!

Please let us know of any family birth announcements, etc. so we can celebrate with you!

College address: Mike Rex
190 W 9th Ave Apt D
Columbus OH 43201

Please let us know your college address as soon as possible. And, if you would like to receive the church newsletter via e-mail, please also leave us your e-mail address.

Health Ministry

Only 52% have Pneumonia Vaccine!!

From our Henry County Health Assessment which was completed in late 2005, only 52% of our residents who are 65 years old and older population are protected with the pneumonia vaccine! This vaccine has been available in the USA since 1983 and helps prevent bacterial pneumonia illness and deaths. In Henry County residents, an average of 7 persons die every year from influenza and pneumonia. Bacterial pneumonia is often a complication of influenza.

A one-time dose of this vaccine (PPV 23) should be administered routinely to all adults 65 years of age and older. The vaccine should also be given to persons under 65 years old who have a chronic illness such as heart disease, pulmonary (lung) disease, diabetes, alcoholism, cirrhosis or HIV. If under 65 years old, this vaccine should be repeated every 5 years if the above health care conditions still exist. In addition, anyone with the above conditions who have already had pneumonia disease should still receive this vaccine. This vaccine protects you from 23 different types of pneumonia.

If you do not know if you have been given this vaccine, you should call your doctor to see if it is documented on your medical record. Anyone with the above conditions, especially anyone over 65 years old, who is unsure if they have been given this very important vaccine, should seek this vaccine out.

This vaccine is covered under Medicare. The Henry County Health Department offers adult Pneumonia shots without an appointment, Monday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

-Lana Sonnenberg

Medicare Part D Update

October 24 - 10:00 a.m. at the Henry County Senior Center.
Guest Speaker - Lynn Heskett, Ohio Dept. Of Insurance
Call the Senior Center 419-599-5515 to make an appointment for
Part D comparisons and/or enrollment.

Healing Service

October 22, 2006

4:00 p.m.

Christians know that health and healing are from God, “who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases”. (Psalm 103:3) Such healing may not result in complete health, but it reflects God’s goodness and mercy.

Join us for a time of music, meditation and prayers.

-Judy Hoffman

From the pastor....

Keep in mind that this service will be for spiritual/emotional and mental healing as well as for physical healing. I will offer prayer concerns, both silent and spoken for any special concern I receive. If you would like a petition of prayer for yourself or someone else, please let me know by e-mail, phone, letter, or leave a note on my desk or in my mail box. Let me know if the petition is to be silent (offered in my heart to God) or spoken.

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Bell Choir Director - Hugh Schink
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Parish Secretary - Patricia Mohring
Sunday School Superintendent - Michelle Dille
Altar Guild Chairman - Mary Jo Moden
Good News Preschool Director - Judith Demmel
Custodians - Michelle Dille, Caye Schroeder, Jack Robbins

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Church Council Chat - September 18, 2006

Spending by absolute necessity is still the rule of thumb.

October 1 - CROP Walk. The walk starts here at Emanuel.

October 8 New member reception

October 14 Fall Clean Up Day

October 15 Harvest Home celebration with a Home Soup and dessert luncheon to follow late Service. Everyone is encouraged to join in!

October 22 Bev Ernst will speak at both services on behalf of the Synod.

October 22 Healing Service will be held at 4:00 p.m.

October 25 Tanzanian delegation will join us for Soul Food.

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

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

Margaret Fahy

Marie Heuer

Marge Gathman

Irma Overhulse

Alfred "Petey" Ruetz

Hildegarde Reiser

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

Christine Rath (#412)
(#319)

Miriam Smith (#303)

Reim Eickhoff (#405)

Carl Bockelman

Cincinnati (c/o Steve Wittenberg, 7225 Camargo Woods Dr., Cincinnati OH 45243)

Esther Wittenberg

Date	Attendance	Communed	Offerings
August 27 - Rally Day 10:30 service at fairgrounds	93 + 165 (258)		4,307.12 Bldg Fd - 330.00 Wrld Hngr - 25.00
September 3	123 + 142 (265)	110	5,432.46 Bldg Fd - 400.00 Wrld Hngr - 25.00 Good Sam Fd - 50.00
September 10	146 + 182 (328)	132	11,560.85 Bldg Fd - 7,302.00 Mem/Bldg Fd- 20.00* Wrld Hngr - 5.00
September 13 (2:30)		5	
September 17	112 + 150 (262)		4,521.80 Bldg Fd - 520.00 Wrld Hngr - 55.00

* Laura Moehrman

YAM - Young Adults in Ministry

Synod Worship Services

7 p.m. on Thursday, September 28 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 935 W. Bigelow Ave., Findlay

7 p.m. on Thursday, December 28 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 315 S. College Dr., Bowling Green

These services of Word and Sacrament are being held to gather folks ages 18-30 throughout the Northwestern Ohio Synod and explore spirituality, giftedness and God's mission in the world. Questions? Contact Pastor Cathy Schibler or Rebecca at the synod office: toll-free 866.967-3522; rebecca.conklin@nwos-elca.org

WELCA News

Thank you, Pastor Castello, for leading our September Bible Study.

Once again it's time for our Lutheran World Relief contributions. As of August, our sewing group has made 55 quilts. A motion was made and passed to donate half of the quilts to local charities and to send the rest to LWR.

The Maumee Valley Conference 2006 Fall Retreat will be Saturday, October 7, 2006 at St. John's, Hicksville. Reservations are due by September 30. Forms are available on the bulletin board by the church office.

Thank you to our Nominating Committee, Connie Williams, Betsy Mix and Min Meineke, who presented the following ballot:

Vice President - Nancy Schink

Treasurer - Janice Rohrs

Mission Growth - Martha Young

Filling Guild Representative - Nancy Busby

Nominating Committee - Diana Zachrich, Rita Kryder, Nancy Lange

Altar Guild - Sheila Sosebee, Sandi Weirauch, Jeanette Damman,

Julie Callaway, Andrea Hoffman, Beth Jenny

Without any other nominations from the floor, the ballot was accepted as presented. Thank you to all of our new officers! Installation will be on December 7, 2006 at our General Meeting.

-Carol Dille for the WELCA Board

Lutheran World Relief needs:

Sewing Kits

- Three yards of 44" or 45" cotton or a cotton blend fabric; four yards if 36"
- One package of needles for hand sewing
- One spool of matching thread
- One card of buttons

Wrap sewing notions inside fabric and tie with string, yard, or strip of fabric.

Layettes

- Two shirts
- Four cloth diapers
- One bath-size bar of soap
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two receiving blankets
- One sweater
- Two wash cloths
- Two diaper pins

Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Good used items can be substituted for new ones. Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Preferred sweater styles have buttons or ties down the front. Infant sweatshirts may be substituted for the sweater. Bolt of flannel can furnish a number of receiving blankets, diapers, and gowns. A square cut the width of fabric (usually 36" or 45") easily makes a blanket. Diapers can be made by using a pinking shears to cut pieces 22½" wide x 36" long.

Health Kits

- One hand towel
- One washcloth
- One toothbrush
- One tube of toothpaste, 5-7oz.
- One metal nail file, (no nail clippers with file attached)
- One comb, wide tooth preferred
- One bath-size bar of soap
- Six band-aids, preferably ½" - ¾"

Wrap items in the towel, and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

School Kits

- Pads or notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8½" x 11" containing 150-200 sheets of paper
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One eraser approximately 2½" long
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- One box of 8, 16, or 24 crayons
- One cloth bag approximately 12" by 14" with cloth handles

Pack items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands or tie with yarn.

Yard Goods Kits

- fabric should be cotton or cotton blend (NO 100% polyester) and cut into pieces: 3 yards of 44" or 45" fabric OR 4 yards of 36" fabric

**DO NOT SEND ADDITIONAL ITEMS IN KITS.
We are NOT collecting any clothing this year.
Deadline - October 1, 2006**

Worship participants in October

Ushers

8:00 Terry Hershberger, Ted Rohrs,
Don Mitchell, Tom Hoffman

10:30 Bill Panning, Ed Biederstedt,
Matt Mt.Castle, Rupert
Schweinhagen

Lay assistants

8:00 Carol Castello
10:30 Chris Peper

Acolytes

8:00 Sam Elling & Nick Rohrs
10:30 James Nation & Tyler Nation

Altar Guild

Peggy Bertz & Julie Kohout

Altar Flowers

- October 1 - Mike & Sandi Borstelman in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary
- Ed & Alyce Oberhaus in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary
- October 8 - Charlotte Wangrin
- October 15 - Bob & Dolores Showman in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary
- Ron & Donna Lee Meyers
- October 22 - Lavern Lanzer in loving memory of Joyce Lanzer
- in honor of Jenni Schink's 13th birthday
- October 29 - Bob & Linda Lulfs in loving memory of Joyce Lulfs and Leo Fouty

Altar flowers cost \$20. This amount should be placed in the offering plate and designated for altar flowers. Flowers are automatically ordered from Cattails. If you have a special flower, color or container request, Cattails can customize your arrangement. Price of the arrangement can be increased also. If you wish to make your own arrangements, you should notify the church office a couple weeks ahead of the designated Sunday.

News of the Synod & Community

Give the Gift of Life

The Henry County Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the following locations:

Monday, Oct. 2 - St. Augustine Catholic Church, 12 - 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7 - Harley-Davidson Sales & Service, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 10 - Immaculate Conception Church in Deshler, 1 - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 - NW State Community College, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 - Holgate American Legion, 12:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24 - McClure United Methodist, 2 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25 - Henry ARC Chapterhouse, Napoleon, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

24 hour Candlelight Vigil for Mental Illness

Please join us for a 24 hour candlelight prayer vigil for mental illness at Hope Lutheran Church, 2201 Secor Rd, Toledo, beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30 and ending at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1. Please contact Bonnie Kinschner at 419.841-6506 or bkinschner@bex.net to sign up for a 20 minute segment to pray. You don't need to come to the church for your prayer time although the church will be open and we will be hosting a celebration on the lawn during the Vigil. The Vigil will be followed by a Healing Service at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 1 which will be followed by a free meal at the church. If you would like to learn more about the Mental Illness Ministry, call Bonnie.

Lutheran Home Oktoberfest - Sunday, October 1, 2006

The annual Oktoberfest will be held at the Napoleon American Legion on Glenwood Ave. Barbecue chicken & bratwurst will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bette's Polka Band will provide Polka Music. Proceeds will be used for the development of a Dementia Unit on the Lutheran Nursing and Rehabilitation Center campus.

Filling Memorial Home of Mercy Annual Meeting/Open House

The Filling Memorial Home of Mercy, Inc. will hold the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Association of Congregations at 1:30 p.m. on October 15, 2006. The meeting will be held in the Chapel of the Home. The Annual Meeting of the Filling Foundation will immediately follow. Also on that same day, we will have a naming ceremony for our new Aquatic Therapy Center beginning at 2:30 p.m. Our delegates are Jamie Bostelman & Rupert Schweinhagen.

We will also be holding our Annual Open House on that same day within the hours of 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. You are encouraged to stop by and visit on that day.

Lutheran Homes Society

Lutheran Homes Society and Lutheran Home at Toledo invite you to celebrate with us the 100th Anniversary of ministry to the elderly. The celebration will be held on Sunday, October 22, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Lutheran Home at Toledo, just a few blocks north of I-280 on Wheeling Street. A brief program, refreshments, entertainment, and displays will highlight the afternoon. We hope you can join us in celebrating this centennial event. For questions, contact 419-693-0751.

Filling Fall Fling

The second annual Filling Fall Fling will be held November 4, 2006. We are taking donations for our silent and live auctions. Do you have a collectible collection that you are no longer interested in or don't have room for? Do you crochet, knit, make jewelry, bake pies...all of these items go well at the auctions! Contact Jamie Bostelman, Lois Gerken or Carol Dille if you care to donate or to volunteer to work that day.

Lay Academy for Mission Weekend Retreat ... Adult Spiritual Formation Retreat

What is Your Mission? Are there "Missional" texts in the Bible that can help us to be more effective in the Mission God has given to us? We all have different gifts, but is there only one mission with many ways to accomplish it through our gifts? Come for a weekend retreat on "Mission" October 13-15 at Our Lady of the Pines in Fremont. Experience a "hands on" approach to spirituality as we examine these questions and more. For more information go to: www.nwos-elca.org and click on The Lay Academy for Mission.

Habitat for Humanity

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is a four-year, \$105 million program designed to help families build simple, decent, affordable homes and gain greater economic independence. Through this program, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans® has become Habitat for Humanity® International's largest ally. Together they have created a powerful opportunity for Thrivent Financial members, Lutherans and our communities to work together in the fight against substandard housing, here in the United States and throughout the world.

Thrivent Builds Worldwide gives volunteers an opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture and help build homes in conjunction with the families who will live in them. *Thrivent Builds Worldwide* is based on Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program, which has already been used to build more than 200,000 homes and provide shelter for more than 1 million people.

To encourage Thrivent Financial members and other Lutherans to participate in *Thrivent Builds Worldwide*, Thrivent Financial is offering three types of funding:

\$800 for Thrivent Financial members – On behalf of Thrivent Financial benefit members who own Thrivent Financial insurance or annuities, Thrivent Financial will donate \$800 to the Habitat for Humanity host affiliate to help offset the cost of the trip.

Seed money of \$6,500 for a second house – Thrivent Financial will donate \$6,500 to the Habitat Humanity host affiliate to spark a future home-building project.

Half of the training fee for a team leader and future team leader – To increase the number of people who are qualified to lead trips, Thrivent Financial will pay half the cost of Habitat's required team-leader training.

You have the power to help. There are many ways for you and your congregation, Thrivent Financial chapter or Lutheran organization to get involved. Here are just a few:

Organize a Lutheran Community trip

Encourage individuals to sign up for an Open Member trip
Raise money - host a fund-raising event to help trip participants pay their expenses
Spread the word

To learn more about *Thrivent Builds Worldwide*, call Peggy Kalis at 800-225-8558 ext. 106 or email peggy.kalis@thrivent.com.

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Savior's Signal

A newsletter for Emanuel's youth

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Baptismal Birthdays - October

Tom Aschemeier
Karri Ashbaugh
Sandi Borstelman
Darlene Bostelman
Lynn bostelman
Krista Brown
Julie Busch
John Casteel
Katelyn Casteel
Carol Castello
Taryn Conklin

Mary Cousino
Kathryn Degler
Mary DeWit
Carol Dille
Albert Duquette
Eric Fletcher
Christian French
Nichole Gerken
Trisha Good
Kelda Heitkamp

John Hernandez
Ruth Hershberger
Terry Hershberger
Adara Hildebrandt
Emily Jordan
Hannah Jordan
Barbara Kenning
Steve Kloos
Herbert Koppenhofer
Sandy Long

Dustin Martinez
Natosha Martinez
Betty Middleton
Zachary Overhulse
Arleta Panning
Betty Panning
Shelley Parsell
Eric Rohrs
Abigail Schwab
David Schwab
Larry Wiechers

K. F. C. (Kids For Christ)

No, it's not the chicken place! It's our newly-formed and newly-named Junior High Youth Group for our confirmation-age kids in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades – Kids For Christ! An organizational meeting was held on September 10, and an exciting year of fun and faith-filled activities was tentatively planned. Firstly, we will all (?) be participating in the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 1. Later in October or early in November, we will be finding our way through the Corn Maze at Leader's, and then winding our way to Storches for a hayride and bonfire. More details will be forthcoming on that event – stay tuned!

Club Christ Holly Mohring

We are excited to begin a new year in Club Christ!!

Club Christ had its first event on Saturday, September 9, 2006. With very little notice, we were excited to have two of our Club Christ members accompany us to the second annual YesFest, an outdoor Christian concert in Toledo. While there, we saw four area Christian bands. The first was P150, a Stomp-like group using percussion and beat to worship. We have great pictures of them strapping 8 gallon barrels to their feet to “stomp”! The other three bands we were able to see were a mix of punk

rock, rap and rock 'n roll. We were surprised by the spontaneity of God during the second set when a storm blew through and forced us all under the concession tent (which was not so bad as all concessions were only \$1). Soon, the sun shone again and the witnessing was on. It was very exciting to be surrounded by young Christians, rocking out to music that, first and foremost, is used to praise God. We had a fantastic time and hope to attend again next year!

Our first official meeting will take place on September 24, 2006 following late church, when Marv and the youth will take over the kitchen. Assuming the kitchen and everyone's eyebrows survive intact, we will use the time to further discuss our year and hopefully hear some stories and view some pictures from San Antonio. It's never too early to get excited for the next National Youth Gathering!

After School Club will again collect items and pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child during the month of October. Look for more information coming soon in the church bulletins.

“M-m-m, -m-m, good” for Good News Preschool

The Campbell’s Labels for Education program is a great way to get FREE merchandise for our “Good News Preschool.” Participating is easy—simply save proofs of purchase from participating Campbell products and bring them to the collection box in the church basement by the preschool room. Some of the products eligible for redemption in the program include:

- Campbell’s soups
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- Prego pasta sauces
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- all Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers

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We can work together to help “Good News Preschool” collect these proofs of purchase to redeem for a wide variety of free educational merchandise. Thanks, in advance, for your collective collecting!