

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.**

When I was in high school I did a goofy thing with some friends. (Alright, I did many goofy things, but this is the one I wanted to tell you about.) We would get cleaned up and scout around the area for gatherings on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. We would then crash them. We would join the group as if we had been given an invitation. We were never mean spirited, destructive, rude or unfriendly. We were always very cordial and polite. Often we would even help to clean up or help in any other way we could.

We were only caught once. Even then the people were very gracious and encouraged us to stay. Otherwise we blended in with the gathering, and people assumed we had ben invited by someone else.

I suppose we did it just to see if we could. It was also an interesting psychological test and, frankly, it was fun to talk with everyone and eat the food.

People are welcome here at Emanuel with or without an invitation. But it is our business to try to make it a point that an invitation is extended to one and all. I know that many of you already do that, but here are a few suggestions:

- Invite a friend, neighbor or relative who does not have a church home. If you have invited

them before, do it again, even offer to bring them with you.

- If you are a parent, don't just "bring" your child to Sunday School, but stick around with them. Worship together. Act excited about it and be encouraging. Let them invite a friend or two to join them. If they don't believe this is important to you, it won't be important to them.
- If you haven't seen a member of the church attend services for a while, tell them that they are missed. There are still some members I have never met. There are times when I do not know if someone is a visitor or a member who hasn't been here for awhile. Point out visitors to me. And, of course, always be welcoming.
- Church attendance is, indeed, a habit. It is a good habit, but a habit. Once we are out of the habit of something, it is difficult to reestablish it. The best way to do it is to just start again.

Join us at our Thursday Bible studies. Come to the "Soul Food" meals on Wednesdays.

See you in church!

Pastor Jim Castello



Adult Choir

Adult Choir practices for the fall will begin on Wednesday, September 5 a 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be working on songs for our fall concert, music for worship, and getting a head start on Christmas music. Of course, we will start the season off with one of our favorite numbers!

New voices (of all ages) are always welcome. Come and sing with us all year, or part of the year; whatever your schedule allows.

He who sings prays twice.



Living Spirit

Do you secretly sing in the shower?

Do you rock out in your car when no one is with you?

Do you find yourself tapping your foot or jamming to *Michael W. Smith, Chris Rice* or *Lost & Found*?

If so, we want you!! Living Spirit begins rehearsals on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:15 p.m. in the chapel. Please consider joining us!

Our picture page this month
can be seen on our website,
www.emanuelnapoleon.org

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Altar Guild Chairman - Julie Kohout
Good News Preschool Director - Judith Demmel
Custodian - Jack Robbins

Church Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 21, 2007

125th Anniversary Celebration of
Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School Hour: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Special guests Pastor Jeff Bischoff
Pastor William Winzeler

Door offering for the Building Fund.

Potluck following the late service.

Please join the fall anniversary services filled with special guests, special music and receiving the
Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Council Notes - August 20, 2007

- Good Word for the Day on WNDH begins the day after Labor Day.
- Donation Corner for September: Love Luggage.
- Third annual Crop Walk - October 7.
- Sunday School Rally Day - August 26.
- Bible presentation to 2nd Grade children - September 23.
- Nomination Committee will soon be contacting members for church council positions. Your prayerful consideration is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

- Thanks to everyone who helped with our float in the Tomato Festival parade! In case you haven't heard, we received 1st place in the religious division! Check out some great photos on our website (www.emanuelnapoleon.org). Click on the "What's new" page.
- Our sincere thanks for the prayers, cards and concerns during our surgeries. Our recoveries are going well and it's great to be out again. -Ann & Orville Schnitkey
- We would like to thank all our friends at Emanuel for their prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy during the illness and passing of my sister, Margaret (Panning) Schwiebert. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. -Betty & Ed Panning
- Thank you everyone for your cards and prayers for my recent surgery and words of encouragement for continued recovery. Also thank you for the blanket I received. -Elaine Borstelman

Sunday School

A special activity will be planned for
the children September 2nd
during the Sunday School hour
in the church basement!

Giving/donation corner

Thank you to everyone who supported the giving of body lotions, large print word find books, stamps, and yarn to the Lutheran Home. Your items will be put to good use.

The August collection of school supplies will continue through the remainder of the month. Thank you very much to all who have and will continue to contribute.

The September collection will go toward a program called “**Love Luggage**”. This program, created by a junior high school art teacher from Sylvania, Ohio, collects retired usable luggage for foster care children, women shelters and seriously ill children. Before the luggage is given to the organizations, it is painted by art students and filled with toiletries, school supplies and socks. Although used luggage is still accepted, their biggest need is **toiletries** (*shampoos, toothpaste, soap, etc.*), **school supplies**, and **socks** of all sizes.

Good Word for the Day

Emanuel’s Good Word for the Day: will be returning to WNDH radio on September 4. Bill Panning, Karl Wiechers, Blake Biederstedt, and Emily Jordan can be heard between 6:00 and 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Reim Eickhoff (#204A) **Margaret Fahy** **Marge Gathman**
Alfred “Petey” Ruetz **Marie Heuer** **Irma Overhulse**

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

Christine Rath (#412) **Miriam Smith** (#303) **Carl Bockelman** (#319) **Ruth M. Eickhoff** (#410)

Country View Haven (R858 Co Rd 15, Napoleon OH 43545)

Don Walters

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

Esther Wittenberg

Otterbein Portage Valley (20311 Pemberville Rd., Pemberville OH 43450)

Hildegard Reiser (#313)

Membership News

Birth Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Wagner** (Susie Bostelman) on the birth of a daughter on July 28!

Baptisms August 5, 2007:
Noah Charles Jordan, son of Jason & Emily (Castello) Jordan. Noah's sponsors are James Castello and Gary Jordan.

Zachary Leo Aelker, son of Andy & Becky (Castello) Aelker. Zachary's sponsors are Sherry Marten and Matt & Lina Young.

August 19, 2007:

Charles Malachi Ankney, son of Bart & Candise (Dille) Ankney. Charles's sponsors are Caye Schroeder and Robb Watson.

Funeral **Ann Campbell** passed away on July 24; her funeral was on the 27th. Please remember Herman and their family in your prayers.

Weddings Congratulations to the following newlyweds or soon-to-be-newlyweds:

July 21 - **Nate Busch & Tiffany Hunter**

August 25 - **David Bowen & Ashley Grahn**

September 1 - **Joe Dilbone & Amanda Hoover**

September 29 - **Sean Morris & Audrey Kitchen**

Don & Carolyn Schmidlin are the proud grandparents of twin babies. Ryan and Avery and mother are great. Dad is a nervous wreck. They already have twin daughters 3 years old.

Anley (Rafferty) Oberdick

We recently received notice that Anley Oberdick passed away on Friday, August 10. Many of you will remember Anley, the daughter of George & Hildegard Rafferty.

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

New addresses

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Titgemeyer
415 Cambridge
Napoleon, OH 43545
419/529-0722

Doug Elling
304 Pleasantview Dr
Liberty Center, OH 43532

Megan Jenny
1649 Hillcrest
Cleveland Heights,
OH 44118

2nd Grade Bible Presentation

The presentation of Bibles to the 2nd graders will be held Sunday, September 23rd at the beginning of the late service. Those receiving Bibles this year:

**Madison Ashbaugh
Ethan French
Jalynn Landversicht
Colton Miller
Jordan Moeller
Elizabeth Parsell
Adam Rohrs
Keegan Schroeder
Meghan Skeens**

Congratulations to our recent college graduates!

Congratulations to those who recently completed college degree programs.

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Degree received</u>	<u>Date of graduation</u>
Nate Busch	Ohio State Univ.	Accounting	6/10/07
Michael Rex	Ohio State Univ.	B.S. in Business Adm.	6/10/07

Priorities

Pastor Don Alexander of Oklahoma City tells of a college student who was reported to have put the following message on his answering machine: "Hi, this is Dave. If it's the phone company, I sent the money. If it's Mom or Dad, please send money. If it's financial aid, you didn't loan me enough money. If it's a coed, leave a message; I'll get back to you - And don't worry, I've got plenty of money."

Could it be that somehow we do have enough money for our highest priorities. The question is: Where do God and the church fit in our priority list?

Health Ministry

Judy Hoffman

Life Long Learning – A Virtual Fountain of Youth

Studies have shown that continuing education, even late in life, can help maintain or buffer our physical and mental well-being. Education may very well be the long-sought-after fountain of youth.

Researchers continue to find that people of any age who keep their minds engaged in active education live longer and delay memory loss and lethargy. The *New York Times* recently reported that having money or good health insurance “paled in comparison” to education as a crucial factor in graceful aging.

By state law, all Ohio residents age 60 and older may attend classes at state-funded colleges and universities at no cost. While different schools may call their programs by various names (e.g., Program 60, Senior Audit, 60-plus, SAGE, etc.), the program allows seniors to take college courses for free, with certain limitations:

- They must audit the course and will receive no college credit for the participation.
- Auditing students may not be allowed to participate in all aspects of the course (i.e., exams, labs).
- Participating is limited to courses with available space and is usually subject to approval by the instructor.
- Some costs may apply, such as textbooks, equipment, lab fees and parking.

While an older adult cannot earn a college degree by taking free classes, going back to school does have its benefits:

- Classes offer older adults an opportunity to learn a new skill or trade, or build on skills they already have.
- Classes help older adults meet people who share their interests.
- Taking classes gives seniors a feeling of accomplishment.
- Classes give older adults a new interest that they can share with family and friends.

Statistics

Date	Attendance	Communed	Offerings
July 19 (7:30 p.m.)	55	54	
July 22	93 + 100 (193)		\$ 4,375.00 *Bldg Fd mem - \$50 Good Sam Fd - \$55
July 26 (7:30 p.m.)	55		
July 29	83 + 89 (172)		\$ 4,843.71 Bldg Fd - \$300 *Bldg Fd mem - \$50 World Hngr - \$15 Good Sam Fd - \$55
August 2 (7:30 p.m.)	44		
August 5	100 + 136 (236)	90	\$ 5,636.00 Bldg Fd - \$710 *Bldg Fd mem - \$110 Good Sam Fd - \$30 World Hngr - \$6
August 8 (2:30 p.m.)		2	
August 9 (7:30 p.m.)	48		
August 12	98 + 115 (213)	85	\$ 5,589.00 Bldg Fd - \$575 *Bldg Fd mem - \$248 World Hngr - \$10
August 16 (7:30 p.m.)	35	28	
August 19	78 + 128 (206)		\$ 3,903.00 Bldg Fd - \$45 Good Sam Fd - \$70 World Hngr - \$30

* memorials:

July 22 \$50 Gary Palamara
 July 29 \$30 Ann Campbell; \$20 Herb Eickhoff
 August 5 \$110 Ann Campbell
 August 12 \$248 Ann Campbell

"We walk, because they walk."

The "we" in the quote is us – and our friends, neighbors, and other caring people in hundreds of communities who walk each year in over 1,800 CROP Hunger Walks. The "they" are 840 million people who go to bed hungry every day. They are people just like you, but because of poverty, they must walk to accomplish the most basic tasks:

They walk for food.

They walk for water.

They walk for firewood.

They walk to escape violence.

They walk to seek shelter.

They walk to farm their fields.

They walk to find employment.

They walk to go to school.

A CROP Hunger Walk is fun, but it is also an opportunity to learn what millions of people have to do each day just to survive – they walk. When you walk in a CROP Hunger Walk, you walk with the world.

The 3rd Annual Henry County CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 7, beginning and ending right here at Emanuel. The 3-mile Walk will follow a "southern route" this year, with a rest stop midway at the Church of the Nazarene. To become a Walker or to sponsor our Walkers, please contact Carol Castello (419) 592-0847.

September = Soul Food

Good food, good fellowship, good times – all are a part of our weekly “Soul Food” meals each Wednesday, and “Soul Food” will resume on Wednesday, September 5. Sign-up sheets are still available on the bulletin board next to the church office, to include you in the “count”, to volunteer salads, side dishes, and desserts, and for signing up to help – as “buyers”, cooks and “assistants”, and clean-up crew. “Soul Food” is open to everyone, with the serving from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

“Soul Food” Menus for September:

September 5 - Sloppy Joes, Chili Dogs, & Calico Beans

September 12 - Chicken, Broccoli & Rice Casserole

September 19 - Italian Pasta with Meatballs & Sausage

September 26 - Baked Potato Bar

(* as always, menus subject to change!)

Soul Food Buyer of the Week

In the previous newsletter, we had described this “position” as Buyer of the Month. This can be done on a week-to-week basis if you wish, or you can be the buyer for the entire month! Just let Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or Phyllis Kloos (419-599-5313) know if you are interested!

Job Description:

The **Buyer of the Week** for Soul Food will assume responsibility to check the church refrigerator(s) and freezer to see if the need to purchase certain items is necessary.

Items that need purchased weekly if not found in refrigerator(s) or freezer:

- 1) 1 loaf of bread (for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches)
- 2) bread to go with the meal, your choice, enough for 40 people
- 3) 3 bags or heads of lettuce
- 4) 1 gallon of 2% milk
- 5) 3 8-packs of hot dog buns
- 6) 1 plastic tub of ice cream, flavor of your choice

Please keep your receipt if you want reimbursed and bring it to Elinor Brown at Soul Food.

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

WELCA News

-Rita Schweinhagen for the WELCA Board

Ladies, Thursday, September 6 is a very important date. We will be having our General Meeting and Pastor will be doing our Bible Study – what a treat! Also that evening we will be electing new officers. If someone from the Nominating Committee happens to call you, please say yes. Or, better yet, give one of them a call and make their job easy. They are Rita Kryder, Nancy Lange and Diana Zachrich. The officers work together as a team, so the work is not that much. Please consider this.

Also coming up is the Conference Retreat on October 6 in Bryan.

On September 22 the Annual Filling Home Decorated Table Luncheon will be held. Think about that ... would you like to attend? Would you like to do a table?

Items for Lutheran World Relief will be due in October. You will be hearing from Ami about that. Ami will also be getting the Thankoffering Service lined up for November. And to close out our year, Martha has some great entertainment planned for our General Meeting on December 6.

Wow! Lots of things to do. Please be a part of them. We do have a lot of fun. Join us!

And remember, God loves you and so do we.

WELCA Missionary Sponsorship

Our sponsorship of John and Barbara LeMond began in 1981 at Taiwan. They spent time there learning the language and serving the church. Several years later they returned to the United States for John to get his Doctorate Degree and Barbara a Master's Degree in Special Education. They returned to the mission field and now reside in Hong Kong. They are indeed grateful for our spiritual and financial support.

We are members of the Maumee Valley Conference (WELCA) are encouraged to support missionaries and be faithful to Christ's commission.

Enclosed you will find an envelope for your use. Please continue to give your spiritual and financial support to the LeMonds. You may return your envelope in any offering plate or leave it at the office. Thank you!

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 washcloths
- 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!

The deadline to bring your donations to the church is **October 1**. There are tables set up in the church basement.

Worship participants in September

Ushers

8:00 Kevin Sonnenberg, Dr. Ray Manahan,
Ted Rohrs, Larry Wiechers
10:30 Larry Ashbaugh, Karl Wiechers,
Gary Bostelman, Rupert Schweinhagen

Lay assistants

8:00 9/2, 9/9, 9/23 Nanette Schwab
9/16 Jessica Yaney
9/30 Terry Hershberger
10:30 Shelly Storch

Acolytes

8:00 Stephanie Ruby & Meredith Hoops
10:30 Clayton Burken & David Yunker

Altar Guild

Ruth Hershberger & Jeanette Damman

Altar Flowers

September

September 2 - Joe & Julie Kohout in honor of Ryan's 9th birthday
September 9 - Bill & Sharon Panning in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary on 9/11
September 16 - Jim & Arlene Hershberger in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary
September 23 - Terry & Ruth Hershberger in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary
September 30 - Ed & Alyce Oberhaus in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary

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 from around the Synod and the Community

- Chicken BBQ Dinner on Sunday, September 23, 2007, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Q515 Co Rd 17, Napoleon. Carryouts available. Free Will Offering. Sponsored by Women of L.I.F.E. and St. Paul's Men of God. Proceeds to go towards purchase of new kitchen floor and a new telephone system. Matching funds available by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Bloodmobile Dates

Tuesday, September 4, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Napoleon VFW

Tuesday, September 4, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Curves, Napoleon *

Monday, September 17, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Henry County Hospital *

Thursday, September 27, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Double Red Mini-Blood Drive at HC Red Cross *

* by appointment only

Youth Education Fund Request

The Education Board is currently accepting requests for funds from the Youth Education Fund. Funds are available for the support of youth education. Please submit your request to the Board by Sunday, September 30.

Amount requested _____

Requested by: _____

Purpose: _____
