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*The Good News Newsletter
Emanuel Lutheran Church
April ~ May 2017*



On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' Then they remembered his words." (Luke 24:1-8)

The death of Jesus was devastating and confusing for his closest friends and followers. Even when confronted with Jesus himself some of his followers in disappointment say "but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel." In just a little while longer they would realize that Jesus had redeemed Israel and that, like the scriptures predicted, Jesus had risen from the dead!

Are there things in your life that in the moment seem devastating and confusing? You may be asking the question "Why has this happened?" or "I thought God had a different plan than this?" We can take our hope from that empty tomb. In those precious hours the empty tomb to some meant failure when in reality it meant a new beginning of greatness and life eternal.

There may be some stones in your life that need to be rolled away for the chance of a new beginning.

-taken from 'Old Lutheran'

Easter Message From Pastor Mark Schuring



If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. - 1 Corinthians 15:17

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ of Emanuel Lutheran,

As we prepare for the three days that climax in the Resurrection of our Lord, I think often about how different that first Easter morning was, when there were no hallelujahs, no trumpets, no jubilation. There were only women, how many depends on which gospel version you read, who had come to anoint Jesus' body, because it had not been done before his burial.

Suddenly, they are treated to a great earthquake as an angel of the Lord came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance like lightning and his clothing white as snow. The guards froze in their tracks. But the angel told the women, "*do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. But he is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come see the place where he lay.*"

The angel then encourages the women to go and tell Jesus' disciples that Jesus has gone to Galilee and will meet them there.

But note that even had the story ended there, the fact was proclaimed that Jesus had been raised. The tomb was empty. In spite of the women's awe, death did not have the last word, which explains why others added on to the story.

Good stories, whether we read them in the Bible or hear them told by others, have the power to change lives and change history. We all have stories to tell. As Christians, we have stories about how God changes us, uses us, and blesses us when we worship, obey, and love God. When we tell our stories, we must acknowledge that God is not a character in our story but rather that we are a beloved character in God's story. God asks us to tell God's story and gives us rich material from the Bible, history, and personal experience to help us do so.

This is not the end, it is only the beginning. Go and tell the good news that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



We recently received this message ~ A message of encouragement!

I just wanted to drop you a note to say thank you. You don't know me personally, but I wanted to thank you and your staff for your service, commitment and love for this community. It is making an impact. Your work is bearing fruit. So thank you! Be encouraged :) You are making a difference. Keep it up :)

With Gratitude, anonymous



Better Late than Never

I have an announcement to make from the ELCA that actually should have been made in the last newsletter...belated drum roll please...

In August, 2016 the ELCA Churchwide, by a vote of 811 to 55, approved adoption of the roster of Ministry of Word and Service. What this means is that beginning January 1, 2017, associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers are united in a single, roster of Ministry of Word and Service. Previously these three rosters were separate lay ministries along with the roster of Ministry of Word and Sacrament which continues to be the roster of ordained pastors.

This decision was made after decades of prayerful discussion and discernment. This decision basically simplifies the roster into two rather than four rosters. No changes have been made in regards to ordained pastors, the roster of Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and no real changes have taken place in regards to associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers. Associates in ministry will continue to bring leadership and expertise in a variety of settings throughout the ELCA. Diaconal ministers will continue to focus their ministries by extending the church's ministry of witness and care into the world to address societal needs. Deaconesses will continue to serve much like diaconal ministers though they are distinguished by the specific commitment to serve as an intentional community of women.

The one change that is worth noting is that the name *deacon* is the new title for those who are called to the Ministry of Word and Service. This name was chosen because it is biblically rooted, historically informed, ecumenically related and mission driven. The name or title *deacon* is gender neutral and is used by our full communion partners in the Episcopal and United Methodist churches as well as in many global Lutheran world Federation churches.

So now you will begin to see the title *deacon* with my name and if you wish you may address me as Deacon Kevin or simply as Kevin.

Until next time, may the peace of God be with each and every one of you.

Deacon Kevin

We Offer Our Prayers and Support:

The Confirmation Class will be on retreat at Lutheran Memorial Camp April 28-30.

Synod Assembly is Saturday, May 20 in Bowling Green. Our voting delegates are: Pastor Mark; Deacon Kevin; Harlan & Sandy Needham; Matt Primmer.

Diakonia Classes: Tanyce Addison and Ann Thomas have attended the Diakonia Classes for the last two years. They will graduate on June 3, 2017 at 11a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Galion. The congregation is invited to attend. Congratulations Tanyce & Ann!

Confirmation will be celebrated on the Feast of Pentecost, June 4, at the 10:30 service.

Congratulations to Aaron Suarez & Tom Green, recipients of this year's Mather Scholarship. Thank you to Committee Members: Rae Andrews, Jan McCreary, & Amy Vanderhoff for all your work and dedication to this ministry.



May 7 - 14 - National Music Week - We honor our Music Ministry

Thank You church musicians for all the blessings you add to our worship services. You bless us all year long in every season and occasion with your precious gifts of sacred music.

Thank you, organists. Director of Music, Allan Lust (41 years of service); Sandy Becker (45 years of service); Paul Burnside (1 year of service). You all are amazing. It's hard to comprehend how many hours you have spent in your lifetime practicing. And remember, organists play their instrument with both hands and feet, all four working together in splendid coordination for the outflow of melody and harmony that brings our convictions of faith even deeper into our hearts and lives. Bless you. Please keep it up.

Thank you, choir directors for adults and children. Tanyce Addison-Emanuel Choir (12 years of service) & Bell Choir (17 years of service); Teri Turner-Praise Team & Children's Choir (12 years of service); Carolyn Fox-Bell Choir (1/2 year of service). You combine your skills and education with repetitive hours of picking the right music and directing rehearsals in order to bring the softest syllables and the most inspiring walls of sound to us. All of this helps us perceive the magnificent nature of God and the glory of His Grace in Christ Jesus. And let's be sure to add here your people skills which make it possible for you to take the full range of talent represented in a volunteer choir and somehow minimize the weaknesses and maximize the strengths of all those who sing to the Lord with gladness. Bless you. Please keep it up.

Thank you, Choir Members, adults & children, and Praise Team members. Your faithfulness is astounding. The weeknight of choir rehearsal, the Sunday morning run-throughs, the worship service Sunday after Sunday, over and over and over again. You don't only sing for your anthem, but you also lend your full voice and heart to every note of every part of the liturgy and hymns. Bless you. Please keep it up.

Thank you, instrumentalists. You also bring such a gift and skill into the worship of the Lord, which has been honed to near perfection with so many hours of lessons and rehearsal and practice. From guitars, to drums, trumpets & handbells, from violins to timpani, and every instrument in between, you play for the glory of God and to make music in His Name. Bless you. Please keep it up.

Martin Luther wrote, "I truly desire that all Christians would love and regard as worthy the lovely gift of music, which is a precious, worthy, and costly treasure given to mankind by God...We marvel when we hear music in which one voice sings a simple melody, while three, four, or five other voices play and trip lustily around the voice that sings its simple melody and adorn this simple melody wonderfully with artistic musical effects, thus reminding us of a heavenly dance."

Luther's most famous quote on music is this, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music."

We encourage our church family to extend your thanks to all our church musicians.



by Alicia Mayes

Darlene Schaadt, in the church office, received a letter from Marlene Heimlich wanting to get in touch with me. She knew I was the one that wrote the history pieces in the newsletter. Marlene is Deacon Molly King's mother-in-law. Molly worked at Emanuel several years ago.

I called Marlene and in our conversation I was told that her mother painted a picture that was on the front of the bulletin Christmas Day 1949 and again on the Christmas Eve Day bulletin 1951. As we talked I had more and more questions about this painting. Her mother's name is Adah Click Fricke. She was 40 years old when the painting was finished. It was painted on plywood and measured 8' x 8' and was mounted over the middle stained glass window above the altar in the sanctuary. She painted it from a 6" picture that she enlarged 23 times the size of the original picture. She completed the painting in 23 hours in time for Christmas. After Christmas in 1949 it was removed from the chancel and stored somewhere and has never been found. That was 67 years ago.

In 2009 when our sanctuary and stained glass windows were being refurbished the family heard about it and were reminded of their mother's painting. Adah's daughter, Joanne Mathews submitted articles in the *Marion Star* and the *Columbus Citizen Journal* about the painting and used the bulletin cover for both articles.

There is a box of old bulletins that have been stored away for years and I was going through them and found the 2 bulletins with the painting on them. The picture of the cover is with this article but is very light in color. You can see both bulletins in the Gathering Space on the bulletin board and read what was going on in the church at that time.

Marlene also had the insert that was in the 1949 bulletin which I couldn't find and I made a copy of hers and you will be able to read it also. If anyone remembers this painting I would love to hear about it.

I met with Marlene and her husband, Kenny Heimlich, last month and in our conversation she told me about another of her mother's paintings, Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. She said it had hung in Emanuel's church parlor and then in the choir room. It now hangs in the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cardington. I showed them a picture that we have hanging in the sacristy of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and Marlene said it was similar but her mother's was larger.

Marlene was a member of Emanuel as a child and was baptized by Rev. Schillinger and confirmed by Rev. Hollensen in 1951. She was secretary at St. John's Lutheran Church Windfall for 20 years. Her sisters are Joanne Matthews and Evelyn Long.

When you look at the bulletins you will see that on Christmas Day 1949 there was a wedding at 2:30p.m. that afternoon. It also tells that Rev. Schillinger, the pastor at Emanuel before Rev. Hollensen, had accepted a call from First Lutheran Church at Fairport Harbor, Ohio and was being installed there February 1, 1950.





We would like to introduce to you

Deacon Heather Smith, Interim Family Life Ministry Coordinator

Heather Smith is serving to coordinate our family life ministry while Emanuel works to fill this position more permanently. While she cannot be expected to completely fill a family minister role with her limited time, she hopes to provide some consistency to help make this a smooth transition, with the help of many of you.

Heather and her husband, Blaire, are both originally from Ohio. This was an initial topic of conversation when they first met at the former Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg as they were becoming diaconal ministers.

Heather's first call was to a church in Erie, Pennsylvania as the director of Christian education for several years. Becoming a mother was both helpful and detrimental to her ministry - helpful because she gained perspective and first-hand knowledge of parenting, detrimental because she did not want to spend time away from her children. Heather has been a full-time mom to Phoebe and Stefen for the past 5 years. Some of Heather's favorites are daffodils, goats, cello, Ecuador, and Psalm 139. She believes strongly in the importance of planting seeds of faith in people of all ages, including her own children. You may recognize Blaire, Phoebe and Stefen from their participation in church choirs. They have been members of Emanuel for almost three years, which means there are still many Emanuel members they have yet to meet. Please feel free to introduce yourself to Heather when you have the opportunity.

Sunday School News

Dates to Remember:

On Sunday, April 9 - Children should meet their teachers in the Gathering Space at 9:05a.m. to be part of the Palm Sunday procession. Sunday school will continue as usual after the procession.

April 16 - Easter! No Sunday School. Enjoy crafts and treats in the parlor during breakfast.

May 21 - Last day of Sunday School for the season

Thank you and welcome to Cindy Rinker, who is now helping in the preschool class and to Kathy Mullins, who will be helping with our Sunday School openings!

Youth in grades 6-12 who are interested in helping with the **Easter Sunrise service** and **Easter breakfast** should contact Heather or the church office immediately. We need your help! We will be setting up and rehearsing for the Sunrise Service the day before, April 15.



**Join Us For
Breakfast**

Easter Breakfast

The Jr. and Sr. high students will again be offering breakfast on Easter morning from immediately after Sunrise service until 10:30a.m. This year's menu will be: scrambled eggs, sausage patties, pancakes, coffee cake, juice, milk and coffee. We are asking for donations to help defray the cost. We will need coffee cakes, eggs, sausage patties, juice and milk. I will be at the church from 10:00a.m. till noon on Saturday, April 15 to receive your donations. Monetary donations can be made Easter morning during the breakfast. Please join us for Sunrise Service @ 6:30a.m. and/or breakfast on Easter morning. Linda Hoch [740-360-8399]

PALM SUNDAY SATURDAY SERVANT DAY, APRIL 8

Service projects, continental breakfast, lunch, fellowship. An opportunity for individuals, families, to put in a day of service and help with improvement of the aesthetics of Lutheran Memorial Camp. Service Projects will focus on landscaping, painting, cleaning up winter damage, and other tasks to help improve the facilities' visual outlook in preparation for the spring and summer groups and campers. We'll even feed you continental breakfast on arrival, lunch and even an afternoon snack (delivered to your work site). Of course there will be time of fellowship with members of different congregations in attendance. Pre-registration is encouraged so that we may properly plan and prepare for the projects. Call or email Lutheran Memorial Camp. lmc@lomocamps.org. Teens 18 and under must have a supervisor/leader. All participants must complete a registration/disclaimer form.



Free day of camp! You can experience camp for free at Camp Mowana on April 2 or Lutheran Memorial (LMC) on May 7. Come explore camp. You can meet our staff, sing songs, hike through the woods, roast hot dogs over the campfire, worship, and witness why everyone loves camp. There is no registration required. This is for all ages: Families with children and youth, friends. Time: 11:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. More information: Webpage: lomocamps.org/freedayofcamp



Reformation

Reformation 500 Book Study: The Book Study Together by Grace will meet again on April 3 and May 1. Study guides for sessions two and three can be found in the Gathering Space. The study meets at 10:00a.m and then again at 6:00p.m. You may attend either session.

The Fellowship Lunches will begin in May instead of the usual April start date. Easter is April 16th and we didn't want to start the lunches during Lent. We hope to see you Thursday, May 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the church parlor. The theme for May's lunch is *Kentucky Derby Day*. This is your chance to wear your fancy hats, ladies! Cheryl, Sue, and Alicia

Fellowship Lunch



The Property Board recently made an extensive inspection of Emanuel Lutheran Church accompanied by a building maintenance company representative. Much of the time was spent on the exterior repair needs, as well as interior wall moisture damage. The slate roof needs attention, retaining walls improved, window lintels are in need of sealing and general mason repair. This is a condensed list of needs and we intend to proceed with priority areas as funds are available. We must remember the Sanctuary is nearing 100 years of service to the Congregation. The purpose of this article is to make the Congregation aware of these needs and also ask, if you are able, to continue supporting the Building Renovation Fund using the envelopes in your offering box. Thank you for your consideration of this matter and if you have any questions, please ask a Property Board Member: Ed Baldauf, Director; Bobb Davies, Designate; John Kyle; Michael Phillips; Tom Schifer; or Rich Tubbs.



Dear Emanuel Family,

I have been remiss as to the lateness of this Thank You, but I assure you it is heartfelt. When Don passed so suddenly, the shock was so intense; however, I want to express my thanks for all of you. Pastor Schuring provided a beautiful service, Kevin offered such caring, the ladies of the church provided a wonderful luncheon, Frank Fanello did an amazing job setting the church up for us, Allan offered beautiful music, and with the help of Sound Tech. Doug. In lieu of flowers, Don's instructions at his death were to take care of the little ones. To all who donated to our Childcare Program, we give you many thanks. They were special in his heart and our place to hopefully provide the future of Emanuel. The tapestry blanket from the church is absolutely beautiful and is something he would have loved. Don's love of his Lord and the church was always the places of peace for him. Now he has reached the greatest peace of all, home at God's side. We do not mourn for him but for ourselves. We miss him terribly but comfort ourselves knowing he is no longer in any pain and is with our Savior.

Bless you all for honoring him and us with your love.

Sincerely, Cheryl Schaad & Family

Church Women Notes:

Watch the bulletin for dates & times of our next "Blanket Cutting & Tying Day" for LWR.

We are collecting the following items for the **LWR Personal Care Kits** through Lent/Easter.

A basket is available in the Elevator Lobby for your gifts. **Items needed:**

- Light weight bath towels (dark color);**
- bar soap; toothbrushes; sturdy combs; and**
- metal nail clippers.**

Thanks for your support!



Happy 90+ Birthday

Marjorie Lewis will celebrate her 92nd birthday on May 1.

Jane McMahan will celebrate her 93rd birthday on May 17.

Juanita Hartman will celebrate her 90th birthday on May 18.

Virginia Klingel will celebrate her 90th birthday on May 24.

Donna Key will celebrate her 90th birthday on May 30.

Lucille Almendinger will celebrate her 91st birthday on May 31.

Let's remember them with our prayers & cards.



"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." - Martin Luther

With summer right around the corner, some of you may feel that you have so much to do, you have no time for prayer.

As part of our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we're hoping to make that a little easier for you. If you have not already, please stop by the church office to pick up your Free Indeed Lenten Devotional which features a daily reading from the catechism, a quotation to ponder, a reflection, and prayer. Copies of Luther's Small Catechism are also available to congregation members.

We will continue to show Reformation related videos, add display boards to the Gathering Space and plan other ways to celebrate this historic year. If you would like to share your time, talents, ideas, or otherwise please contact the church office.

Dates for the Fresh Produce Distribution in Waldo have been set for 2017. This food distribution is a combined effort of the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Lutheran Social Services and local churches. Food will be distributed on the first Friday of each month beginning April 7. We collect toilet paper for each of these distributions along with the following items:

April 7 - deodorant; May 5 - soap (dish, body, etc); June 2 - sunscreen; July 7 - first-aid/personal care items (band-aids, Tylenol, nail clippers, comb, etc); August 4 - toothbrush / toothpaste; September 1 - detergent; October 6- gloves & hats. There will be a signup sheet in the Gathering Space if you are interested in helping with this outreach ministry. The day begins around 10:00 with the food distribution between 11 and 2. Donations of cookies are also accepted. In addition, wagons or wheelbarrows are needed to help carry the food to cars.



Diakonia Spring Retreat: Living out the Catechism. Everyone is invited to an overnight retreat designed to be a time for rest, worship and fellowship as we pray the catechism and contemplate what it means for each of us to live out the catechism in daily living.

Time: Friday, April 21 at 7p.m -

Saturday, April 22 at 7p.m.

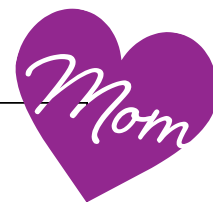
Place: Camp Mawana 2276 Fleming Falls Road,
Mansfield. Cost: \$60 Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-out-the-catechism-retreat-tickets-32409518743>

If you have questions ask Tanyce Addison or Ann Thomas

Pastoral Visits: If you would like a pastoral visit due to illness, surgery, hospital stay, temporary stay at a care facility, or for whatever reason that may come about, please call us and we will be glad to get back to you in a timely manner to make arrangements—Pastor Mark and Deacon Kevin.

Hauling Hope is the furniture ministry of Love In the Name of Christ. Four churches in Marion are involved with this ministry. The churches provide volunteers to either pick up donations or deliver furniture to those in need. Emanuel's months are February, June and October. The two Saturdays in June will be announced in the bulletin. We usually get started about 8:00 in the morning and are finished around 11:00. We can always use volunteers to help move the furniture. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this ministry please leave your name in the office. Because of the nature of the ministry, deliveries and pick-ups are not determined until late in the week so Kevin contacts our volunteers the Thursday or Friday before the Saturday that we move the furniture. Hauling Hope is always in need of good used living room, bedroom and dining room furniture. If you have any to donate please call 740-382-3340 and arrangements will be made to pick up your furniture.





When We Can't Find Easter

Easter is the most joyous Christian holy day...except when it's not. What do we do when our mood isn't what we think it "should" be? The kids are sugared up, we're juggling family gatherings (and maybe conflicts), our everyday challenges remain, and festive hymns-however rousing-fail to lift our spirits. We wonder, *"What's wrong with me, that I can't seem to find Easter?"*

Been there, done that. And it's okay. You're okay. Jesus' resurrection doesn't scoop us out of our troubles, but the death-defying Christ walks through them beside us, on our own Emmaus road (Luke 24) We aren't alone. When we can't find Easter, Easter somehow finds us-if not on this designated Sunday, perhaps two days from now, or next week or mid-May. Watch for it; keep your heart open. Christ is risen indeed-and you shall be too.

-Heidi Mann



Join us ~ Holy Week Worship
Maundy Thursday - April 13-
7:00p.m. Worship
Holy Communion ~
Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday - April 14-7:00p.m. Worship

Christ The Lord Is Risen! Alleluia!

Easter Sunday - April 16

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30a.m.

presented by the Youth of the Church.

Easter Breakfast serving from
following the Sunrise Service to 10:30a.m.

Traditional Easter Worship

8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m.

Contemporary Easter Worship

9:15a.m.