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Praise Team & Children's

Choir Director: Teri Turner

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Carolyn Fox

Sound Technician: Doug Ross

**Emanuel: God With Us ~
Loving Christ - Loving Others**



21st Annual Emanuel Lutheran Thanks & Giving

Join us in the Church Parlor for a traditional
Thanksgiving Dinner!

Our gift to the Marion Community

Thursday, November 22nd
Serving from noon to 3:00p.m.

Open to the public

The following items are needed for the dinner:
(42 needed) Turkey - cooked, carved and frozen
(17 needed) Boneless Ham- cooked and sliced
(15 needed) #10 size can Green Beans
(25 needed) #10 size can Sweet Potatoes
(50 needed) Pumpkin Pie
(40 needed) Cherry Pie
\$ Monetary Gifts

If you would like to volunteer for this Annual
Event, signup sheets will be available in the
Gathering Space. We appreciate your help!



Highlights of our 100th Anniversary Celebration September 9, 2018



Guest Pastor for the morning was Pastor Kent V. Wilson. He is the Northwestern Ohio Synod Director of Leadership Development and Congregational Vitality. Everyone enjoyed the 'selfie' he took at the beginning of the service.



Pastor Mark Schuring and Deacon Kevin Kehn Assisted in the service.



Former Associate Pastor Henry Seibert and Son of Emanuel, Craig Lewis enjoyed the festivities.



Sharing their Gift of Music: All of Emanuel's Choirs performed during the celebration. Along with special music by organists Allan Lust and Paul Burnside.



The Anniversary Banner, signed by members of Emanuel, was on display.



Last but not least a 'boxed lunch' and fellowship were enjoyed by all!



Thanks to EVERYONE who made this special celebration possible.



*My little children, of whom I travail in birth again
until Christ be formed in you--Galatians 4:19*

These are the words Saint Paul used as he described his prayers for the Galatians. Then in the dark days following World War II a revival on the Scottish islands known as the Hebrides was inspired by this verse. What those in this Scottish community called *travailing prayer* led to an awakening of spirituality and this was investigated by Pastor David R. Thomas as he wrote an article for the March 2018 issue of Christianity Today. The Hebridian Revival may very well have been the last genuine awakening in the western world and Pastor Thomas travelled to this community and was able to meet with eleven eyewitnesses who shared their reflections on this revival.



A general observation that he made in regards to prayer is very simply that most of us pray way too casually. Our prayer comes often from our mouths contrasted with the prayer that we hear about in the Bible which is prayer from the heart. Travailing prayer, which was common during the Great Awakenings in America, can be described as importunate, engaging, persistent, urgent, bold, obstinate, grappling, holy love, Gethsemane love, empathetic, and tenacious. As one engages in travelling prayer one could be considered to be groaning in prayer. Pastor Thomas urges us to seriously consider praying from the heart--the very type of prayer that is presented to us in the Bible and in the travelling prayer of the awakenings.

Pastor Thomas offers three suggestions for us on how to pray less casually:

1. *Becoming more concerned and less concerned--Pray first about your prayers, seeking the Spirit's assistance to voice the desires of God. Don't worry about what others may think.*
2. *Praying bigger and smaller--Recognize how casual our prayer become when our request is actually attainable by human means. Pray big! Travail is what prayer can feel and sound like when the intensity of our expression matches the vastness of our need...but be specific in your prayer.*
- 3 *Taking on chosen desperation--We need to recognize our desperate need and be gripped by it. What matters is that honest assessment of our times moves me to seek God for a share in his holy love for the world, voiced first not in a pulpit, blog, magazine article, or tweet, but in a closet.*

As we pray, let us not become too casual in our prayer and let us continually ask for the Holy Spirit to be with us. Until next time, may the peace and healing of God be with you all.

Deacon Kevin



Confirmation Class will be meeting on the fourth floor on the following dates during the 9:15-10:15 Sunday School Hour: September 30, October 7 & 28, November 11 & 18 and December 2.

Fresh Food Distribution in Waldo - Donations:

Friday, October 5 at St. Paul's in Waldo--hats, scarves, gloves and toilet paper

Thursday, November 1 at All Occasions--lip balm, lotion and toilet paper

Thursday, December 6 at All Occasions--socks and toilet paper

Hauling Hope, the furniture ministry of Love in the Name of Christ is in need of a facility to store furniture. Our attempts to secure a short-term storage solution and long-term facilities for our furniture storage have come up empty-handed so far. In the short term, we need to find space equivalent to a two-car garage. This will allow us to continue to deliver any furniture that we may have remaining. In the long term, we are looking for space to become a more permanent home for our furniture ministry. Preferably, this would be classroom or basement type space in a church in Marion or could be in a warehouse around town as we have done previously. If you have any leads please contact Deacon Kevin. Thank you.



New Member Class will meet in the Gathering Space on the following evenings at 7:00 pm: October 15 & 29, November 12 & 26. This class is intended for anyone who wishes to join Emanuel Lutheran Church and anyone who wishes to brush up on their Lutheran Basics.



Consecration Sunday Is Coming - October 14

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

There is no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship Pastor Mark will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. We will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

On behalf of the Board of Stewardship, Paula Burnside - Director; Rex Parrott - Treasurer

Emanuel's Popcorn Festival Float



Thank you to everyone who helped with this POPCORN FLOAT project! It had its challenging moments - BUT it was well worth the efforts! And a very special thank you to Ralph Coffman, (Bob Coffman's younger brother!) for providing the truck and wagon! Also thank you to Bob and Betty Jo Lill for the straw! As we drove the parade route - the people waved at us, clapped for us, cheered us on! We had a great time! Many people mouthed the words - God's Work, Our Hands! I heard a "YAY GOD"! We have so many people to thank for making this possible. God always makes it work when we are doing all of this in His Holy Name!



Family Ministry News....Tanyce Addison

Thank you to all who participated and helped with Rally Day! May we have encouraged you to walk in your faith farther and deeper this coming year!

The Benton Harbor Mission Trip - continued!

In the last newsletter, I shared some of our experiences from our mission trip with Youthworks last summer. The wonderful thing about a mission trip is that the memories and activities you participated in stay with you forever. The lessons learned are worth sharing!

The first night we arrived in Benton Harbor, each one of us had to decorate a brown paper lunch bag and hang it on a clothesline. We were encouraged to place notes in these bags throughout the week encouraging and uplifting each other. It was a great way to build a relationship with people we didn't know very well. And for the people that we did know well, it was very easy to say "Nice job today!". Each day I would see the bags being checked to see if they had gotten any new notes and messages. We were all very intentional about writing these messages. "Intentional" is the word I want to stress. The lesson I learned from this is that we did not want anyone to be left out. We made sure everyone got a note of encouragement. Maybe - each of us can be more "intentional" with our encouragement to others in our faith walk. I'd love to hear from you about ideas you may have to accomplish this!

You are invited every 3rd Sunday of the month to our SERVICE SUNDAYS! It's not only for kids! We will be in the parlors with new projects every month! Please join us!



Mark your calendar..... Sunday School Christmas program, December 9 at 9:15!

We would like to let you know where we are with writing the book about **Emanuel's History Over The Past 25 Years.**

The reason we didn't hand out the book on Anniversary Sunday was we wanted to put memories from that day in the back of the book. We want to have it ready by Reformation Sunday, October 28. A story is being written about Anniversary Sunday and we will have pictures from the day in the book also.

Dee Rinehart, Kevin Strohl, and Alicia Mayes



Martin Luther will be at Emanuel, Sunday, October 14 portrayed by Kenneth Hammontree. Ken has his own production company, *Living History Productions*, in Ashland, Ohio. He portrays Generals Eisenhower and Patton, Daniel Boone, Tecumseh, and President Warren Harding, just to name a few.



The evening will begin at 5:00p.m. with a potluck, so think about what you would like to share. Martin Luther will be attending the potluck along with Richard Wiener, the accordion player, that we enjoyed last October when we welcomed Katie Luther, (Raylene Hlavaty). Mr. Hammontree has informed us that he will remain in character throughout the event (even during the dinner). Please keep in mind that Dr. Luther

wasn't the most diplomatic when speaking to others. After the potluck we will go into the sanctuary to hear more from Martin Luther. If your last name begins with A-P we are asking you to bring a main dish or salad, Q-Z we are asking you to bring a dessert. We hope to see you there.



Did you know that Emanuel is part of the Southeastern Conference of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, Evangelical Church of America?

Upcoming activities of our Conference:

The Southeastern Conference Bishop's Fall Gathering will be at Nevada Lutheran Church in Nevada on Tuesday, October 16. You are invited to a night of worship, fellowship, and learning. The gathering will start at 6:30p.m. with worship, followed by the Bake-Off, and a time of learning. Bishop Daniel will kick-off the evening with the introduction of the Year of Scripture, after which attendees can choose to attend one of two presentations: *People, Purpose, Parish, and Perspective: Resourcing for God's Call* with Sherry Krieger or *Removing the Barriers to Generosity in your Congregation: A Systematic Approach, Step 1* with Kent Wilson.

All are invited to participate in the Bishop's Bake-Off! Here's how:

*When you register, indicate that you are interested in bringing a dessert. Our dessert flavor is apple. Find your favorite recipe. We're also looking for your favorite Bible verse and/or a prayer that you would like included in the cookbook.

*If you want to share your recipe, please use the link below or bring it with you to the Gathering. Please make sure all recipes are legible! ([Submit Recipe Online](#))

*Recipes will be collected for our "NWOS Fall Gathering Cookbook", which will be available on the synod website or via email by request.

Please email media@nwos-elca.org with any questions. You may register at <http://nwos-elca.church/fall-gatherings/>.

Fall Retreat: How Did the Scripture become Our Book of Faith?: Reflections on the Biblical Canon - Saturday, October 13 at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Bexley, from 9:00a.m.- 4:00p.m.

The Northwestern Ohio Synod Diaconia Program invites you to this Fall Retreat on scripture. Dr. Joy Schroeder will present on "How Did the Scripture become Our Book of Faith?" The cost of the retreat is \$30.00 and includes lunch. You can register through eventbrite by going to: <https://scriptureretreat18.eventbrite.com/>

Convocation and Call to Prayer Retreat For Rostered Ministers and Lay Leaders

Join us for a special "**Convocation and Call to Prayer Retreat**" with the NWOS Prayer Team and presenters Daniel Wolpert and Trey Everett. This is a retreat for all who want to learn hands on about prayer practices and how to introduce them in your small groups or congregations.

Retreat Information:

Convocation: (\$15, includes lunch) Wednesday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Celina, OH. This includes worship, two presentations, group discussion and lunch.

Creative Prayer Retreat: (\$60, includes meals) Wednesday, November 7, 4:00 p.m. - Friday, November 9, 12:00 p.m. at the Montezuma Retreat Center, Montezuma, OH. This is an interactive exploration of silent prayer, creative prayer, and walking prayer.

Introspective Prayer Retreat: (\$30, includes meals) Friday, November 9, 4:00 p.m. - Saturday, November 10, 3:00 p.m. at the Montezuma Retreat Center, Montezuma, OH. This is an interactive exploration of silent prayer, sacred reading of scripture, and examine prayer.

Additional information is available at <http://nwos-elca.church/>

From Crookston, MN, **Daniel Wolpert** is the author of "*Leading a Life with God: The Practice Spiritual Leadership*", and **Trey Everett** is the artist of "*Holy Doodles*". They will teach and lead small group discussion on how we model, practice, and equip spiritual leaders to practice prayer together. Daniel Wolpert writes in his book, "People today long for, crave, the peace that comes from being free of constant worry. As members of the community relax into the presence of God, they become conveyors of this peace. This kind of leadership has nothing to do with activity or skills. People naturally are drawn to individuals and groups who seem able to live lives according to the promise of God's salvation. And these individuals and groups become leaders by the very nature of their being."

Thank You Veterans! On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services. On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era. Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).





Let's remember the following members with our birthday wishes, cards, and prayers:

Happy 91st to Frank Fanello on 10/24! (4747 Baer Rd., Marion)

Happy 96th to Bob Ferguson on 10/30! (1084 East Church St., Marion)

Happy 90th to Donald Hall on 11/3! (511 Mt Vernon Hts. Blv. Marion)

Happy 94th to Oscar Hartman on 11/21! (906 Villandry Dr. Marion)

Happy 96th to Lucylle Zieg on 11/22! (Kingston #234, 464 Jamesway, Marion)

Please Note: The Celiac Support Group will be meeting on October 11 at 6:30p.m. in the Gathering Space. All are welcome, and help us spread the word!



Wow, what a great 96th birthday I had. So many cards and all the rest that goes with it, you name it, I got it. I have really been blessed with family and good health and many friends and may God bless each one. Thanks to all, Mary Danner.

Thank you so much for all the lovely birthday cards that I received. Getting to 92 was a special blessing. Judy Stroble

Dear Friends in Christ, **Thank you** so much for the dozen or more cards for my 94th birthday. May Jesus bless you all spiritually and physically. Pastor Earl & Donna Key.

Thank you for the beautiful cards I received from church members for my 90th birthday. (I can't believe I'm that old!) It was an awesome day, one to be remembered. Many Thanks, Dorothy Taylor

We Wish To Thank our Emanuel family for all their prayers and cards during Dan's illness and surgeries. Special thanks to Pastor Mark and Deacon Kevin for their calls and visits. Dan & Vonda Riddle

Thank you to all who helped with the planning and execution of our annual Luke 14 Dinner. A wonderful time was had by all. Norma Ward.

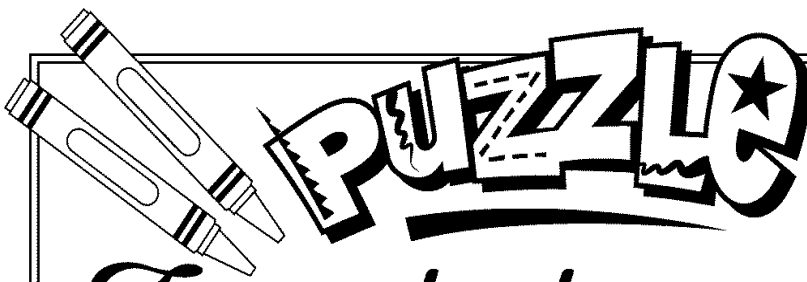


**God's work.
Our hands.**

To The Emanuel Lutheran Congregation, **Thank you** for your extremely generous donation of school supplies to McKinley Elementary. You are a blessing to our school and our city. The children and families will be so excited to receive the supplies.

Please keep McKinley in your prayers. God bless! Matt Holsinger, McKinley Elementary Principal

Thank you to all who volunteered and donated to the Neighborhood Outreach event that was held on July 28. The turnout of neighborhood families was lighter than past years but our community neighbors had a variety of fun things to do: games, free books, lunch and snow cones, child ID cards, lice checks and free haircut coupons, and of course each school age child was able to select their own school backpack. Marion City Police were on hand to greet families and children and give out frozen treats and the Prospect Street Fire Department also brought over Engine 22 for families to view and take pictures. Emanuel surpassed its goal by a large margin of collecting 75 school supply sets, which were delivered to McKinley Elementary School in time for opening day of school. We also donated the 48 left over backpacks to McKinley. This year congregation members donated \$419.00 that will be used to purchase additional needed supplies. The need is great and we offer a huge thank you for your support of our neighborhood children!



From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

D	E	F	I	R	N
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to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
A friend					



Organ Recital:

Join us on Sunday,

October 7 at 3:00p.m.

Paul Burnside will be playing works by
Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, Manz,
Langlais and others.

This recital will be in celebration of the
100th Anniversary Of Emanuel's House
Of Worship and will be presented in
conjunction with the Marion Music Club.

Paul's good friend Brian Hesselbart
will be assisting him.
Hope you will join us.



November 4

Answer: F R I E N D; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and
the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs
27:9, NIV



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Join Us In Worship:
Thursday Praise Service
7:00p.m. (Chapel)
Sundays:
8:00 or 10:30a.m.
Traditional Worship
9:15a.m. Contemporary
Worship
Sunday School @ 9:15a.m.



October is Clergy Appreciation Month and the perfect time to commit to praying for and encouraging our ministry team on a regular basis.

God's word calls us to support clergy.

¹²*But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you;*

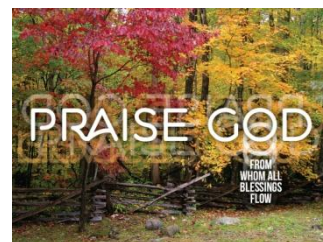
¹³*esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.*

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Pastor Mark Schuring and Deacon Kevin Kehn,
we thank you for all you do!



A Note From The Board of Evangelism:
Watch the bulletin for information about our
Annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween
October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30p.m.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00p.m.
Following worship the Board of Fellowship invite
you to our **Annual Pie Social**.
Bring your favorite pie to share.