

Emanuel Lutheran 's February - March 2020

Good News Newsletter

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Tanyce Addison;

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

Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."

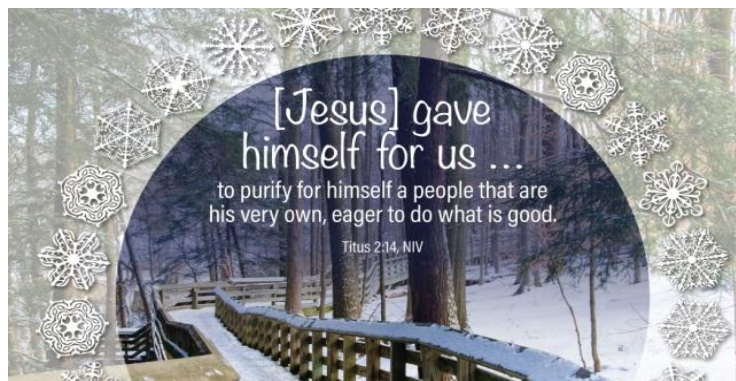


Lent begins February 26 with Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00p.m. We will worship on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. throughout Lent concentrating on the *Book of Acts* bible study that Bishop Beaudoin has prepared.

Our **Lenten meals** will be served from 5:30-6:30 in the parlor, before each Lenten Service. Freewill donation.



First Communion Classes will be offered during the Lenten meals on Wednesdays. Children in pre-K through the fifth grade are invited to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion and then receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday. If you are interested in having your child attend these classes please let the office know so that we will have enough teaching materials for all grade levels. If you have any questions contact Pastor Mark or Deacon Kevin.



"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8, NRSV

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*

This year the Northwestern Ohio Synod is celebrating the **Year of Mission**, so let me share with you a few of Bishop Beaudoin's thoughts. Our focus this year will be on the Mission of God. God has a mission, and God's mission has a church. In Scripture, we encounter the Triune God working to restore and renew all things. The Bible begins with creation and ends with the promise of a new creation. The Triune God is working to renew everyone and everything and invites us to participate. The mission of the Northwestern Ohio Synod is a participatory mission:

Sent by the Crucified and Risen Jesus to Make Disciples, Equip Leaders, Strengthen Parishes, and Launch New Communities for the Renewal of Northwestern Ohio and the World.

The faith community that formed out of the Jesus Movement was formed to be a "Sent Church". No sitting still for those early followers of Jesus. They had the power of the Holy Spirit and a commission for mission. On Pentecost Day, the Holy Spirit arrived in spectacular fashion, and descended on the gathered community of Jesus followers. The Holy Spirit empowered this community to boldly and courageously proclaim the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, these "witnesses" were led to share the Gospel in sequential and ever widening circles. This spread of the Gospel is both geographic (from Jerusalem to Rome), and ethnic (from Jews to Gentiles).

As Jesus stated in Acts 1:8, the Gospel will first be shared in Jerusalem (Acts 1-7), through the witness of Peter, John, and Stephen, the first Christian martyr. From Jerusalem, the Gospel will spread into all Judea and Samaria (Acts 8-12), through the witness of Philip, Peter, and a newly converted Saul. The third and final phase of the Book of Acts will trace the spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth (Acts 13-28), through three "witness trips" (mission trips) of the Apostle Paul and his traveling companions. The Book of Acts concludes in the capital city of the Roman Empire, with the Apostle Paul preaching and teaching "...with all boldness and without hindrance" (Acts 28:31b).

The *Book of Acts* highlights the characteristics of a "Sent Church", which is why *Acts* has been selected to be to our Bible "Book of the Year".

During 2020: The Year of Mission, we will aspire to fully participate in God's Mission through three distinct practices:

1. To **discern** the Mission of God through prayer, Scripture, and sacred conversation;
2. To **align** the identity and work of God's people and parishes with the Mission of God;
3. To **participate** in the Mission of God for the renewal of Northwestern Ohio and the world.

To guide us through this Year of Mission, we will be utilizing the following resources:

1. Bible Study: The Book of Acts (Participating in God's Mission)
The 2020 Bible Study will help us and our community dive deep into the Book of Acts. Here at Emanuel we will be using this 6-week study during the season of Lent on Wednesday evenings.
2. Book of the Year: A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation This book by Rick Rouse and Craig Van Gelder is a practical guide that helps parishes embark on a journey of transformation. Moving beyond the theoretical and into the practical, A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation will be an excellent resource as we journey through the Year of Mission together. We will be using this as a yearlong book study with Parish Planning Council.

As we are sent to be followers of Christ, until next time, may the peace and healing of God be with you all.

Deacon Kevin

Updates from Vicar Tanyce



A **Mission Trip** is being planned for **July 5 - 8, 2020** at the Howell Nature Center in Michigan. The emphasis will be learning about Heifer International Global Village. We will be involved in mission projects at the facility as well. This is open for ages 12 -???. The Howell Nature Center is a wildlife rehabilitation center for all kinds of animals. If you have questions or are interested - contact me.

A **Weekend Women's Retreat** is being planned for Spring or Fall. We will be experiencing the life of women in Africa. Ladies, please let me know if you are interested.

The Sunday School will be having Service Sundays on the 3rd Sunday of February and March, at 9:15a.m. We are always looking for hands to help with Mission Projects! Come join us!



March 6 - 7 is the ANNUAL YOUTH LOCK IN! Come ready to stay awake!



SHROVE TUESDAY PARTY! February 25 from 5:00- 7:00p.m. We will be burning the palm branches from last year and preparing the ashes for The Ash Wednesday service. Then we will FEAST! Pancakes and more to prepare for our FASTING for LENT! Donations for the meal will benefit MISSIONS!

YOGA CONTINUES! We have a great turnout for Wednesday Night YOGA. or as we like to call Yield, Offer God All! We have followed our exercise with healthy meals with donations going towards Missions! We are **FIT! FOCUSED! and FAITHFUL!** Come join us. 6 p.m. Wednesday nights on 4th floor! Thank you to Mary Thomas, our leader!



Dinner and a Show! **Saturday, February 15, 2020**

Presented by:

Emanuel Lutheran Mission Team and Youth Group

"The Love Event"

Bring your friends, your family, your children!

DELICIOUS DINNER AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMEDY SHOW FEATURING:

THE SHOVEL CITY IMPROV GROUP AND A SILENT AUCTION!

WHERE: Emanuel Lutheran Church – 1st Floor Parlors

WHEN: Dinner will be served at 5:00p.m. **COST:** Freewill Donations (\$10.00 suggested)

CALL: 740-383-2184 OR Pick Up your Tickets in the Gathering Space



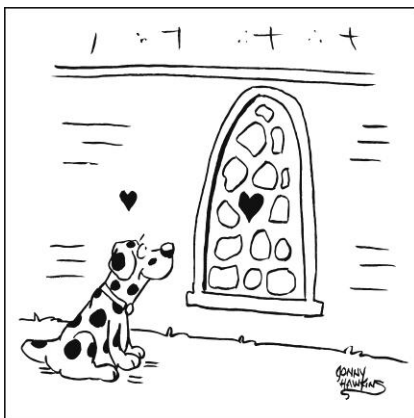


New Members Class has been scheduled for February 10 & 24 and March 9 & 23.

We will meet in the lounge at 6:00 p.m. and each class will last about one hour. This class is intended for anyone who wishes to become a member of Emanuel and also any member who wants to brush up on their Lutheran basics. If you have any questions contact Pastor Mark or Deacon Kevin.



Fifth Sunday Worship is scheduled for **March 29**. We will have **one blended worship service at 10:30**. The service will follow a breakfast potluck in the Gathering Space that will begin at 9:15. More information will be in the bulletins.



Emanuel's LGBT and Allies fellowship group has been meeting monthly in the parlor for food and fellowship since October. This is not a political group, but a group to provide a safe space and fellowship for LGBT people and Allies.

Each meeting begins with the reading of our church's Welcome and Prayer by a pastor. Over 20 people have attended each of the meetings, several from other local churches, including St. Paul's Lutheran – Marion, Prospect Street United Methodist, Epworth United Methodist, First United Church of Christ and Crosswood Methodist Church. A few of the pastors from some of these congregations have attended the meetings as well.

The next two meetings will be held on Sunday, February 9th and Sunday, March 8th both starting at 6 p.m. If you are LGBT or an Ally please plan to attend the potluck and fellowship during one or both of the upcoming Sunday evenings.

For additional information please email LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com or text/call 740-262-2655.



God's work. Our hands.

In her Epiphany Sunday sermon Vicar Tanyce spoke about being FIT in the New Year on the inside. The Social Ministry Board as part of the God's Work our Hands Projects in 2020 is exploring a way to help you with that personal inner fitness. The board is seeking the interest level of our congregation membership to form an on-going volunteer group that can be called upon to do minor tasks or chores for both our members and the community. None of these tasks would involve a lengthy time commitment, but could be an hour or an afternoon. The vision is to establish a pool of potential volunteers that could be called upon to fulfill a short term need. Examples could be raking leaves, taking someone to a doctor's appointment, or cleaning up a flower bed. We would not be doing weekly or repetitive tasks such as cleaning a home, mowing a lawn or babysitting. If you are interested in working on your inner fitness, looking to dip your toe into the volunteering pool or feel called to share some of your skill sets with others than please contact any member of the Social Ministry Board: Betty Jo Lill, Cindy Schifer, Kelli Hundley, Chris Kehn, Carolyn Bailey or Barb Russo. Thanks in advance for sharing a little bit of yourself and extending the reach of **God's Work Our Hands**.



Update on Trip to the Holy Land!

Three members of Emmanuel are heading to the Holy Land from January 12-21, 2021. Christy and Brian Penrod and Joyce Buttermann are going on this trip led by Jim Lichtenberger. Jim is the brother of Joyce and is a retired ELCA pastor. The cost is \$4197, which includes air fare out of Columbus, hotel, tips (except for lunches), two meals a day, and present fuel costs. Recommended travel insurance is extra. This will be Jim's fourth trip to Israel, seeing sights such as Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Qumran, Masada, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem. More than a trip, this experience is a pilgrimage to the heart of our faith. Besides seeing the various sites, there will be time for reflection and meditation as we walk where Jesus walked. If you are interested, please contact Jim at 765-476-1318 or talk to Christy, Brian or Joyce. If you want to see a video about this trip, go to this link. <https://youtu.be/TQgvSMYNFnA>



Thank you to all my church family for thoughts, prayers, food, and support that you gave Adam & I. The Lord's Prayer blanket was a beautiful memorial gift. Thanks to All, Jeff & Adam Isler

Thank you to Pastor Mark Schuring, Allan Lust, Tanyce Addison and the Emanuel Choir for the special contributions to the service for Pastor Earl Key. It was a wonderful celebration for him and the family. Special thanks also to the Emanuel 'chefs' who served a wonderful lunch. Blessings to all of you in the New Year.

Thank You Emanuel Church Women and helpers, we appreciate the fruit plate and cards we receive. May each and everyone have a Merry Christmas! Galen & Grace Teel.

Thank You for your prayers, many kind remembrances, and to the Church Women for the delicious Christmas Cheer Plate, John Schaadt.

Dear Ladies, **Thank You** for the lovely Cheer Plate! You are doing God's work very well. Much love, Judie Thompson.

Thank You for the Cheer Plates. Wishing you beautiful winter moments and a New Year of Peace, Oscar & Juanita Hartman.

Many Thanks to the Emanuel Lutheran Church Women for delivering the Cheer Plate and to Kevin Kehn for offering us communion. Carlton and Cheryl Williams

Thank You to the Women of the Church. The plate of goodies you just can't beat! Yum, Yum! Mary Danner.

Thank You Emanuel Church Women for the Christmas Cheer Plate. I worship with you on the radio. Thank you! Thank You! Naomi Duprey

Thank You: You are wonderful, and I'm grateful. Thanks so much, the Cheer Plate was delightful. Judy Stroble.

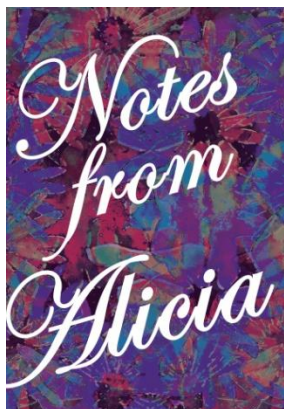
Dear Ladies, thank you for the delicious Cheer Plate. It made my day. Thank you for remembering me and for taking your time to visit me. Love to all and God's Peace, Jeanette Mawer.

Thanks to everyone for the birthday cards and phone calls. Also, thank you to the Women of the Church for the Christmas Cheer Plate. Wishing you blessings in the new year, Betty Smith.

Dear Friends at Emanuel. Thank you for all the cards, prayers, visits, and the fruit plate during my knee surgery. Thanks Again, and God Bless! Frank Fanello

I know that You are with me was the only prayer I could utter the days before my surgery. I want to thank my Emanuel family for filling in the words I couldn't say. You prayed for my surgery team, my care staff, Kevin and my family, and for a successful outcome and speedy recovery. These prayers were answered; and your cards, notes, well wishes, foods, and more were so appreciated. It's nice to be back home with you. Love Chris.





The last 2 sets of banners I want to tell you about are the Baptism Banners and the Lenten Banners.

The Baptism of Jesus and a modern baby are hung in front. Unique and United are next. The pieces of Unique all fit into the pictorial scene of the United Cross. If you remember from the October Banners Unique and United represent our unique talents and personalities and we are made United in Christ.

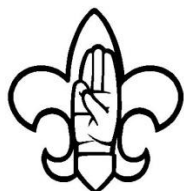
The last two banners are a representation of Emanuel Lutheran Church outlined in purple and the city of Marion is outlined in varied colors.

The first Lenten Banner is Christ hanging on the Cross with the Crown of Thorns on his head showing he was the King of the Jews. The second is the bowl and towel Jesus used to wipe the feet of the disciples. Then there are the nails used in Jesus hands and feet. The fourth banner is Abraham ready to sacrifice Isaac when God provides a lamb for the sacrifice. The last two banners are a man in modern clothes and a man dressed in clothes in Jesus day.

I thank Ann Thomas for allowing me to use the information she wrote so you could learn about the banners hanging in our sanctuary.

High school seniors and current college students are encouraged to apply for the Robert and Margaret Mather Scholarship Fund, Agnes Baldauf Scholarship Fund, and The Hollensen/Dennis Fund if you plan to attend or are already attending an accredited ELCA college or you are pursuing a career in Christian ministry or social services. This scholarship is open to any young and confirmed Emanuel Lutheran Church member. Applications may be picked up at the church office.

The application and other support information are due no later than Monday March 2, 2020 to the chairperson, Rae Andrews at 379 Brightwood Dr., Marion, OH 43302.



Emanuel is the Charter Organization of Boy Scout Pack #26. The Scouts would like to invite our Church Family to their **Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 29**, serving from 8:00 to 11:00a.m. in the first floor parlor. They are raising money to help scouts who cannot afford the scout fees, etc. **Stop by and support our Scouts!**



Joan Chapman - 92nd birthday on 2/11

Kay Atkinson - 99th birthday on 2/15

Nellie Cahill - 92nd birthday on 2/18

Maxine Marshall - 92nd birthday on 3/8

Happy Birthday Ladies!! Remember them with your prayers and cards.

February 2020-January 2021 Parish Planning Council

President: Rick Varner

Vice President: David Strzalka

Secretary: Betty Anderson

Treasurer: Rex Parrott

Board of Child Care:

Director: Linda Hoch; Designate: Sue Rakow
Stephanie Bosh; Amy Pirnstill; Ann Thomas

Board of Finance:

Director: Paula Burnside; Designate: Steve Musser
Randy Gilbert; Kathy Sherman; Treas. Rex Parrott

Board of Christian Education:

Director: Cindy Rinker; Designate: Dianne Schuring
Jennifer Valentine; Jean Smith; Vickie Tackett

Board of Properties:

Director: Mike Phillips; Designate: John Millisor
Denise Spires; Tom Schifer; Carol Hoch

Board of Communication/Evangelism:

Director: Dee Rinehart; Designate: Donna Thomas
Carl Emigh; Christy Penrod; Daniel Bradshaw

Board of Social Ministry:

Director: Barb Russo; Designate: Carolyn Bailey
Kelli Hundley; Betty Jo Lill; Cindy Schifer

Board of Fellowship:

Director: Matt Primmer; Designate: Daryl Kraner
Rosalyne Rush; Debbie Phillips; Vonda Riddle

Board of Spiritual Life:

Director: Cindy Strzalka; Designate: Lynne Conway
Rick Lyon; Michele Rankin; Kevin Davidson

2020 Synod Assembly Representatives:

Tanyce Addison; Donna Thomas; Rick Varner



Thank You to those who served in 2019!
Sharing of your time and talents is appreciated!



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*Help us update our membership records. Please send us your current phone number and email address.

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* Emanuel's e-mail is: emanuel1@emanuellutheran.net

* The Sunday bulletin and newsletter are on our Website along with other 'news' @ www.emanuellutheran.net There is also a WMRN Radio link so you can listen to our 10:30 service, just by clicking on the link!

*Our Sound Tech, Doug Ross, does a great job of recording our worship services on a CD. If there is a service you would like to watch just stop by the office and borrow the CD! Thanks Doug

* Have you seen our Facebook page? Check it out today. @emanuellutheranchurch

We are here to serve you and share in God's ministry at Emanuel.

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Join us in Worship Service:
Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 Traditional
9:15 Contemporary
Thursday Praise - 7:00p.m.
(No Thursday Praise during Lent)
10:30 service broadcast on WMRN

A Lenten History Lesson

Though the date of Easter varies, the majority of the Lenten season occurs during March. In fact, the word *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon words *lenctentid* (meaning "March") and *lencten* (meaning "spring").

The first reference to Lent dates back to 325 AD, in one of the 20 canons decreed at the council of Nicaea. By the eighth century, Christians started observing Lent, and a 10th-century monk named Aelfric connected the use of ashes and "the Lenten fast" to the pre-Easter period.

FORTY
Days
OF LENT

Lent lasts 40 days to represent Jesus' time in the wilderness, when he was tempted by the devil. The six Sundays that occur between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday aren't counted as part of Lent; instead, as the traditional day of worship, they're considered "mini-Easters."



**February 17 -
Church Office Closed**



March 8