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



Vacation Bible School! June 9 - 12

Join us on Sunday, **June 9**, from
5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

for a

Corral Cookout and VBS Kick Off.

This is for **all ages!**

Bring your family and friends!

Good Food, Games, Fellowship!

VBS continues June 10, 11 & 12

from 9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.

for children age 3 through Grade 5.



Registration Forms are available on our website, church office, and in the Gathering Space.

Sunday School News.....

We have completed another year of Sunday School



teaching for our youth ages 3 - grades 12. This is only possible with the dedication and commitment from our Sunday School Staff.

We give thanks for
Sunday School

Superintendent, Darlene Schaadt; Teachers: Chris Kehn, Heather Smith, Lesley Conway, Dee Rinehart, Kathy Mullins, Tanya Vela, Rob Valentine; Substitute Teachers: Ashley Varga, Jen Valentine, Dianne Schuring.

We thank all adults who join us on Service Sunday to assist in helping do projects! We are thankful for Ann Thomas and the adults in the Berean Bible Class!

On May 26, we celebrated our Sunday School Year with certificates for our children, teacher appreciation, and fun and games! Watch the bulletin for more Summer Sunday School News.

← BE STRONG and COURAGEOUS →

[God said to Joshua:] "I hereby command you: **Be strong and courageous; do not be rightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.**" [Joshua 1:9]

Joshua 1:9 has long been one of my anchor verses. Joshua 1:1-9 was read at my ordination at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Dayton. So it was somewhat providential that Joshua 1:1-9 appeared as one of my devotional readings one morning this month, as if to remind me of the day the Holy Spirit called me to serve in this office.

What I've learned in these 37 years of ordained ministry is that exploring the unknown can be an adventure. To lead a church, no matter the size, presents a multitude of challenges, just as to be asked to lead a nation of many thousands was a great challenge for Joshua. God set a great adventure before Joshua when God chose him to lead the people of Israel from the wilderness into the land of Canaan.

Moses had just spent forty years leading the Israelites through the wilderness. He was a great leader and man of God, but his time was up. He was to pass the reins to a new leader who was to lead God's people to the Promised Land. That man was Joshua. At first Joshua wondered whether he could handle the job. So God encouraged this servant who would succeed Moses. The first 9 verses of Joshua Chapter 1 can be characterized as God giving him a pep talk in preparation for his task.

As you read these verses, note that there is one phrase God mentions over and over, "**be strong and courageous.**" God doesn't tell Joshua to take it slow and to fuss over every little detail. God doesn't tell him to seek the advice and counsel of others before making every decision (although it would be appropriate in some cases). God tells him to be "strong and courageous."

God already had a purpose for Joshua, and God wanted him to accomplish it. In a related story in the book of Numbers, we read of 12 men who were sent on a spy mission into the Promised Land. Upon returning from their mission, Joshua, along with Caleb, were the only two who said God could help the Israelites take the Promised Land. The other 10 were afraid (Numbers 13:30).

What this points out is that there is no such thing as courage apart from mission. Likewise, there is no such thing as faith apart from challenge. One is not just courageous to be courageous, but one is courageous for something.

As Christians, we can often spend much time trying to discern God's will for our lives. This plays itself out in us stopping at every intersection in life to cast our lots or waiting for a voice from God. How many times has God given us this pep talk and told us to be "strong and courageous," and we become timid and cowardly upon advice from those around us.

Courage doesn't mean that I am not afraid. It means that I fear God more than I fear my environment. It means that I trust in divine resources more than the resources of man. "**Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.**" The task was tremendous, yet God assured Joshua, as God assures us:

"The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

At any point in our lives, both as individuals and as a congregation, God can call us to do great things as it was with Joshua. Putting our trust in God, we can go on our way unafraid. God promises strength when strength is needed. God gives courage when courage is needed. God confirms our faith in Jesus, our Savior. His power and His presence in His Word and sacraments support us as we face the challenges and opportunities ahead of us. We don't know what God may require of us in our future. But whatever God requires, we will be able to perform because God will be with us always.

Be strong and courageous, for God is with you.

Easter Blessings,
Pastor Mark



Year of Scripture Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"

Bishop Daniel Beaudoin of the Northwestern Ohio Synod declared 2019 to be the *Year of Scripture*. With the focus this year on God's gift of Sacred Scripture we are reminded that the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by the Holy Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them the Holy Spirit creates and sustains Christian faith, life and fellowship for service in the world. During this year Bishop Beaudoin has suggested that we aspire to grow as Christian disciples through three distinct practices:

1. **Bible Reading** to form us through daily discipline and habit--some of you have begun the plan to read the Bible in one year. If you are on schedule--Congratulations!! If you have become fatigued or haven't started yet you can pick up wherever the schedule is and maybe take on a more modest goal and read the Bible in two years or maybe three.

2. **Bible Study** to lead us to know who God is and what God does. During our mid-week Lenten services we studied the Sermon on the Mount. You can find this study in its entirety on the synod website, nwos-elca.church.

3. **Bible Reflection** to help us to become fluent in the language of sacred scripture.

To facilitate our Bible reflection Bishop Beaudoin has recommended a book for our study, *A Compact Guide to the Whole Bible: Learning to Read Scripture's Story* edited by Robert W. Wall and David R. Nienhuis. It is fairly easy read--only 176 pages total--in which the ten contributors, who are all faculty members of Seattle Pacific University, argue that their "...students must be *introduced* to the Bible, for it is a huge book incorporating a rich and complex story" (pg. 7). As a result, they produced a short "guide" to provide just enough information to prepare students to read the Bible itself (hence the sub-title).

The book is divided into eight canonical sub-units:

1. The Beginning of the Story (*Genesis - Deuteronomy*)
2. The Story of Israel in (and out of) the Land (*Joshua - Esther*)
3. The Witness of Israel's Poets and Sages (*Job - Song of Songs*)
4. The Witness of Israel's Prophets (*Isaiah - Malachi*)
5. Israel in Waiting (*The Time Between the Two Testaments*)
6. The Story of Jesus (*Matthew - John*)
7. The Story of the Church (*Acts and the Letters*)
8. The Story's Conclusion (*The Revelation to John*)

These canonical sub-units are drawn together by a *metanarrative*, which the book's glossary defines as, "A grand, overarching story that takes a group of smaller, different stories and provides a framework for understanding how they all fit together" (pg. 166) The contributors would argue that in order to read (and teach) the Bible well one needs to understand how all the books of the Bible are connected to one another.

Each of the eight chapters that are devoted to large canonical sub-units follow the same structure:

1. The Story: Contribution to the Metanarrative
2. The Shape of the Story: Arrangement and Placement
3. The Style of the Story: Literary Features
4. The Specifics: What to Watch For (followed by three theological questions)
 - A. What do we learn about God?
 - B. What do we learn about being God's people?
 - C. What do we learn about God's world?

Beginning in either August or September I will be leading a study of this book. If you wish to get a head start you can order the book online. I will also be providing copies of the book through a Thrivent action grant.

Until next time, may the peace and healing of God be with you all.

-Deacon Kevin

Notes from Family Life Ministry Continue:

Parish Deacon Tanyce Addison



I have so many God sightings to share with you this newsletter! We have been celebrating this spring!

- **Our Mission Team** welcomed people in the Gathering Space to share our hopes, dreams and expectations for our upcoming mission trip to New York City this July. We are teaming up with 17 people from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waldo; 4 people from Peace

Community Church and with our Emanuel 16 people. We will board a bus early on Sunday, July 7 and work with the mission group, Youth Service Opportunity Projects for a full week and return to Marion early Saturday morning, July 13! Please keep us in your prayers for safe travels, good health, and for the Holy Spirit to guide and help us in this outreach that we may experience sharing God's Good News!



- **With Sincere Gratitude:** We give thanks for all of you who have helped to make our **Mission Trip Possible!** Your prayers, your words, your gifts are greatly appreciated. On behalf of the entire mission team, we say **Thank You!** Your faith in us to do God's work is deeply appreciated and well invested. We will keep you updated!



A Note from Emanuel Choir Director, Tanyce:

We give thanks for the dedicated musicians who serve in the Emanuel Choir, our accompanists, and instrumentalists. They started last summer preparing for the 100th anniversary! In Advent and Lent we introduced two new liturgies. In every worship, we prepare our songs to follow the Scripture of the day. The 5 steps of a disciple is the best way to describe these wonderful people. 1) They claim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior 2) They worship every week 3) They are involved in mid week study of singing the Scriptures 4) They give generously with their time, money and possessions 5) They share God's news with others! We will enjoy special music during the summer months while these faithful servants rest! Thank you, choir!



A Huge Thank You From Your Church Family to members of the Emanuel Choir & Director Tanyce Addison; Bell Choir & Director Carolyn Fox; to members of the Children's Choir & Director Teri Turner. Thanks to our organists: Allan Lust; Sandy Becker, and Paul Burnside. We look forward to the Emanuel Choir; Bell Choir and Children's Choir returning at the end

of the summer break.

And a **thank you would not be complete** without thanking our Praise Team & Director Teri Turner for providing music for the 9:15 service throughout the year! **Thanks to Everyone!**



On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, at the 10:30 worship service the following young Christians will make public affirmation of their baptismal vows:

Brody Conway "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31

Kathryn Jordan "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved" Psalm 55:22
"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Brayden Parrish "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Let's remember Brody, Kathryn, and Brayden with our best wishes and prayers as they continue their Christian Journey.



CARDINAL CHORALE RETURNING TO MARION!

Through the combined efforts of Emanuel Lutheran Church and PSUMC, The Cardinal Chorale, under the direction of Mr. Charles Snyder, will be returning to Marion for a concert as part of their Summer Tour. This year the concert will be held at Emanuel Lutheran on **Saturday, June 15th, at 7:30p.m.**

This will be the 4th summer for the choir to sing in Marion, and all in attendance at the past concerts would agree it's a program you will not want to miss. The musical quality that this talented group of young singers produces is amazing. Using the theme "Dream a World", the Chorale is sure to inspire the audience for the future. Ten youth from Marion are members of this years' Chorale, including Pleasant HS graduates Kalyn Kubbs (from PSUMC) Ben Morris, Macray Brown (who has been part of Emanuel's Praise Team), Darren Sites, and Harding HS students Tanner Wink, Owen Russell, Madisen Schenk, Nash Randall, Robert Mackay, and Kanisha Williams.

HOST FAMILIES are needed Saturday night after the concert for 50 youth singers and 5 staff members. Please consider opening your home to these youth after the concert, providing them a snack and an opportunity to visit with you; a bed, shower, and breakfast in the morning before returning them to the church for their next performance. Please contact Ed Stofcheck, 740-383-2184 or Julie Kubbs, 740-225-3003 if you are able to help with housing. **THANK YOU!**

Members of the First Communion Class were: Audra Kollas; Katie Valentine; Owen Bosh; and Maggie Bosh
We pray for these children as they continue their Christian Journey.



News from our Parish Planning Council Boards:



The Board of Social Ministry is once again participating in a local **School Supply Drive**. This year we are joining Marion Police, Marion area churches, and community organizations to provide backpacks and school supplies to Marion area children. MPACT (Marion Police and Community Together) The School Supply drive will begin on **July 27** with a voucher sign-up from **1pm to 4pm** at three locations: Mt. Zion Baptist Church on E. Fairground Street, Prospect Street United

Methodist Church for the downtown area, and United Church of Christ/St. Paul's Lutheran on Harding Memorial Parkway-providing North, Central, and Southern locations. *Children attending with their parents/guardian will be issued a numbered voucher and will be able to pick up their backpack with their name on it filled with school supplies at their school on the first day. The Marion City Schools will provide 100 lunch packs at each of the 3 locations on a first come first served basis. On the same day the Center Street Community Clinic along with numerous service partners will host a *Touch-A-Truck Family Event* from 11am-2pm. Emanuel Lutheran, First Presbyterian and Prospect Street United Methodist will **work together** again this year to staff the voucher event on July 27 for our neighborhood children. We will also help with the backpack stuffing and school delivery on later dates.

Volunteers will be needed for 1-2 hour shifts from 1 to 4pm at the voucher sign-up on July 27; to set up school supply stations on August 8 at the Rec Center (behind the Police Station)-time not yet determined- backpack stuffing from 5pm until finished; and delivering backpacks to schools before August 19, the first day of school.

Emanuel congregation generously donated school supplies and money to the annual Neighborhood Outreach in past years. We have \$1024.50, some of which may be used to contribute to this year's MPACT School Supply drive. We are also accepting donations if you wish to contribute to this cause and other local needs. You may send a check before July 26, 2019 to Emanuel Lutheran Church noting "Neighborhood Outreach."

To sponsor a child, \$25.00 will furnish a backpack filled with the complete list of school supplies. Please consider giving your time to volunteer on one of the dates to help carry out this community wide outreach project and watch for update information to follow in Sunday bulletins. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Space beginning Monday, June 24. *God's Work - Our Hands*

Board of Fellowship: 2019 Ice Cream Social - July 21 at 5:00 P.M. in the church parlors. Menu: shredded chicken sandwiches, hot dogs with fixings, potato salad, baked beans and SHOWALTER HOMEMADE ICE CREAM. We are asking for donations of pies or cookies. A signup sheet will be in Gathering Space and Narthex for these donations. The evening will end with games for adults and children.

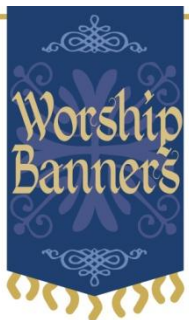
Mark Your Calendar!



The Board of Spiritual Life would like to **thank everyone** who has participated in VISION 2020. This program has been engaged in ongoing prayer and conversation for almost three years. We promised in the beginning of "VISION 2020" that we would keep you informed and up-to-date. We have listened to you and put together a plan of what you have been most outspoken about. It is finally time to put ideas and thoughts into motion. Please be sure to get the latest "VISION 2020" update in the back of the church and the Gathering Space and make sure you read both sides. We will keep you updated as new ideas are implemented whether it be permanently or on a trial basis. If you have any questions or thoughts please feel free to ask any of the Board of Spiritual Life members: Cindy Strzalka 740-360-0828, Kevin Davidson 740-360--2121, Lynne Conway 740-360-5119, Michele Rankin 740-360-4621, or Rick Lyon 740-360-7751 (Rick will be on vacation from June 07-24) How exciting for Emanuel Lutheran Church!! **ONWARD**

The Board of Spiritual Life is inviting you to be a part of the Usher/Communion Assistant Team!!

This is an awesome way to be a part of the worship service and enhance your worship experience. We continue to struggle with having enough help and ask you to prayerfully consider joining us. There will be a refresher/training course on either Saturday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m. or Sunday, June 23 after the 10:30 worship service beginning at 12:00 noon. You may contact either Cindy Strzalka, 740-360-0828 or Bruce Showalter, 740-360-9357 to let us know which session you will be attending. We will only take about 45 minutes of your time. Onward



Church Banner History Facts by Alicia Mayes

I've never talked about the banners hanging in the sanctuary and thought that you might be interested in learning about them.

Ann Thomas has made all the banners and has taken many hours and a very talented person to make them. She heads the Comfort Quilters and is a Parish Deacon at Emanuel. She has written a description of all of the banners. There are 54 and 6 are put up at a time. I learned something that I didn't know, the banners are changed nine times a year. They are stored in a cabinet in a 4th floor closet at the church.

I will start with Pentecost. Sunday, June 9 is Pentecost. It is also Confirmation Sunday. The banners for Pentecost are as follows: a red cross with red and yellow flames (2), cross and flame against a flowered background (2), and red and purple flames (2). All these banners are versions of the tongues of fire representing the Holy Spirit coming into our lives. They are then changed in July.

The basic description of the July Banners are as follows: frogs, horses, grass hoppers, flies, and the Red River with fish. These banners represent Matthew 25:35-36. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me." The banners were done in shades of gray, black, and beige. There is one small item of color in each one. A flower, red lips, a three dimensional jacket, a red house, and blue water. The father and child are from a real photo. In that family three daughters have had a debilitating disease. Two have died and the 3rd is still alive although she cannot see, hear, communicate, or walk. Two other children survive unharmed because of the disease. (I have gotten permission from Ann to write about these banners.)

Next time I will tell you about the banners for August and September.

News from The Comfort Quilters: We want to thank the congregation for supporting the quilts we make for Lutheran World Relief. Because of your generous donations, we were able to purchase 10 roles of batting at 60% off the price.

We have slowly been sorting thru the material in the garage and reorganizing the space. Eventually we will store as much material as possible in plastic containers that we were given. We are using some of the material for the backs of quilts because we do not have sheets available. We would appreciate clean sheets, if you are doing spring house cleaning and have any sheets available. Thank you to Christy Penrod for bringing bath blankets that the nursing home was throwing away.



The Hour of Prayer Group was formed after the prayer bible study was over. Those who attended the bible study decided to meet once a month for prayer. There is a 10-11a.m. group and 6-7p.m. group. This Hour of Prayer is open to anyone who wants to come at any of the times listed above.



The dates are as follows:

June 3: the 10:00a.m. group will meet at the church in the grassy area north of the church (chairs will be provided) and the 6:00p.m. will meet at the Tall Grass Trails on Holland Road (bring a folding chair).

If there is rain we will meet at the church.

Other dates are July 8, Aug. 12 and Sept. 9. A sign will be posted if the group needs to move from the Gathering Space due to circumstances beyond our control. For more information contact Parish Deacon Ann Thomas.



This & That.....

Waldo Fresh Food Distribution will be held on June 7 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waldo. We will collect toilet paper and toothpaste & toothbrushes. Food distribution will begin at 11:00 and finish up at 2:00; workers need to report around 10:00. For the July 5 distribution we are collecting toilet paper and deodorant.

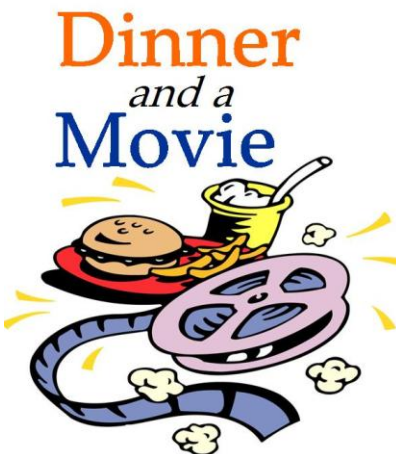
June 13, 11:30a.m. Fellowship Lunch: Tanyce Addison is the speaker and her topic is "Immersion into Discipleship!" Menu: hamburgers; chips; baked beans; and banana pudding. Register by circling the L on your yellow attendance slip and number attending or contact the church office. 740.383-2184

Happy 90+ Birthday To: Betty Miller will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 23. Peggy Caserta will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 26. Naomi Duprey will celebrate her 93rd birthday on July 31. Let's remember Betty, Peggy, and Naomi with our prayers and cards!

Congratulations to Chris Kehn and Gary Hinaman - Diakonia Graduates ~ Their Graduation Service will take place at St. Paul Lutheran, Waldo on June 8 at 11:00a.m. All are invited!

Women's Social Group

Attention all women 18 years and older: A new social group for the women of Emanuel is being organized and YOU are invited. Our first event will be a dinner and a movie. This event will be held on **July 19** at the home of Dee Rinehart (689 Summit St, Marion). **We will begin at 5:00 and end at approximately 9:00.** We will prepare the meal together, watch a movie entitled Enchanted April, and follow with a discussion of the movie as it applies to biblical tenets. The theme will be joy. Since the movie is set in 1920's Italy, feel free to dress the part. The only thing you need to bring is a place setting and a story to go with it. If you don't have a place setting or story, no problem. Come as you are. We look forward to seeing you. Any questions... contact Chris Kehn, Dee Rinehart, Dianne Schuring, or Ann Thomas





We had a beautiful day on May 18, for **Emanuel Child Care's first Spring Cleaning Sale!** The children planted flowers to sell, church members and daycare families set-up sale tables, and we all enjoyed great food. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered their time, or purchased items. We raised over \$700 for Emanuel Lutheran Child Care.
Your support helps our children GROW!



The following Graduates were honored Sunday, May 19:



High School Graduates: Brenden Bosh; Olivia Detweiler; Riley Grills; Aubree Hoch; Hayden Houpt; Caleb Hundley; Tristan Penrod; Aaron Pirnstill; Parker Sloan.



College Graduates: Kathleen Gates; David Schuring; Sarah Murray; and Tanya Vela.

Congratulations everyone! And Thank You to Parish Deacon Tanyce Addison, the Board of Education and the Board of Fellowship for making this celebration happen!



Thank You So Much for the card shower for Eileen Buttermann's 97th birthday. She was so surprised and pleased. She is doing very well and enjoying her great great grandson who is 7 months old. We are a five generation family! She looks forward to the newsletter with all the news of Emanuel.

I would like to thank all of you at Emanuel for your kindness, prayers, and cards for my 90th birthday. Your thoughtfulness is a gift I will always treasure. Joan Blank

Thanks to Bobb Davies, Bill Lambert, John Kyle & Daryl Kraner for designing and planting the beautiful flower bed between the office and church, and flowers around the office. **Thanks also** to Carol Hoch for planting flowers by the church sign. They are enjoyed by many!

Thank You for the many cards and prayers I received during my recent surgery, Frank Fanello.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Last October when our LWR projects were shipped, we attached "Tracking" labels on the School Kits boxes that the Sunday School and Women of the Church packed. (thanks to your donations and those who helped sew the school bags). We received word that our School Kits had been shipped to Nicaragua and the Commonwealth of Dominica in February! We have made the school bags at a recent Service Sunday for 2019 and will be collecting school supplies in the near future. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that "this is our Father's world" and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair.

Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, "O let [us] ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet." Amen.

-Sandy Hyland



Join Us In Worship:

Sundays:

8:00 or 10:30a.m.

Traditional Worship

9:15a.m. Contemporary

Worship

Thursday Praise Service:

7:00p.m.

