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

February ~ March 2018 Good News Newsletter



Ash Wednesday Worship - February 14 - 7:00p.m.

Ash Wednesday Prayer

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

—Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

The service will include the Imposition of Ashes, Holy Communion and music by the Emanuel Choir and Bell Choir.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays February 21 - March 21 @ 7:00p.m.

Emanuel will be serving a mid-week Lenten Supper from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Parlor. Worship will follow at 7:00p.m.

We are told that each Sunday is a mini-celebration of Easter and that Lent is a time to grow in faith, but I'm eager for the full joy of Easter Day! Walk with me, Jesus, as I strive to walk with you. Amen.

Palm Sunday Worship - March 25 @ 8:00, 9:15, & 10:30

Hosanna! — that is, "LORD, save us!" (Psalm 118:25, NIV). We need your salvation not only from sin but from fear, hatred, despair, worries, apathy, fatigue. Through worship, may we sense your saving power. Amen.



Maunder Thursday Worship - March 29 @ 7:00p.m.

Like Peter, I beg you, Jesus: Wash not only my feet, but all of me! (see John 13:9). Most of all, cleanse my heart and teach me how to love. Amen.

Good Friday Worship - March 30 @ 7:00p.m.

My Savior, like the thief I entrust myself to your complete care: "Remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). Amen.

Easter Sunday Worship - April 1 Schedule:

**6:30a.m. Sunrise Service; 7:30-10:30a.m. Easter Breakfast;
8:00a.m.; 9:15a.m.; and 10:30a.m. - Easter Worship**

You greet me by name, risen Jesus, as you greeted Mary outside your tomb. I proclaim you my Teacher, my Savior, my Lord, my God. Amen.

2018 "The Year of Prayer"



"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

At the annual rostered leaders retreat this year Brent W. Dahlseng was one of our two presenters. He is currently a pastor in Illinois, having previously served in the Churchwide Office in Chicago. He is the author of Grounded in Prayer, a small group training guide for congregational prayer. I would like to share with you a few of his main points about prayer.

- Prayer is both communal and personal, but not private.
- Prayer is both intellectual and experiential.
- Prayer is linked to other disciplines.
- Prayer should always be connected to the mission of God.

Dahlseng presented that the spirituality of Jesus was both with God, his Father, and with his neighbors. He listed three theological lenses through which we need to view prayer.

1. It all begins with God, God seeking us as in the stories of Abram, Moses and Mary.
2. It all is about relationships as we play out the Great Commandment of loving God and loving our neighbor.
3. God works through people in the church and in the world just as God worked through Rahab, Cyrus the Great and Lydia.

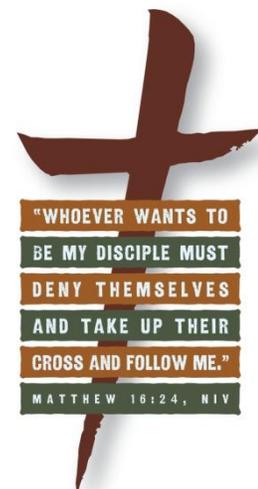
Finally, Dahlseng pointed out the spiritual practices of Jesus;

- Jesus prayed.
- Jesus taught the Word of God.
- Jesus was responsive and compassionate as he served people.
- Jesus was hospitable.
- Jesus was a healer.

As followers of Christ we need to examine some of these points in regards to our prayer life as we model the MVP (Most Valuable Pray-er) Jesus the Christ.

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

Deacon Kevin





Alicia Mayes
Needs Your
Help!

This past November the Church Office received in the mail a box from a woman in Alliance, Ohio. It was a recipe box. In the lid of the recipe box was an index card that had the words: *The Luther League Recipe File, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Marion, Ohio.*

The woman stated that her mother had bought the box at a Goodwill Store in Canton, Ohio and thought we might like to keep it and spent \$8.00 in postage to send it to us.

I have talked with several women at Emanuel and they remember that it was a fundraiser for the Luther League but couldn't tell me exactly what year it would have been and no details about the fundraiser. Two members have them and one woman said that she had found a recipe that she put in her box out of a magazine and it was dated 1965. That gives me an idea of when it might have been. Another member stated that she had received her recipe box from Ilene Gast. The recipes are color coded, typed, and the person submitting the recipe is on each recipe card. I recognize many of the names and a lot are names of deceased members.

After all these years the recipe box has come back to us and I would like to know the story behind it. Please let me know if there is anything you remember about this fundraiser and the recipe boxes.

First Communion Instruction for youth will take place during the Wednesday Lenten meals(5:30p.m.) beginning February 21. Parents, if you would like your child to participate please let the office know so we will be sure to have enough materials available. Communion instruction is also offered during confirmation



***All Women** who are members of Emanuel are also members of the Women's Circles.

*We are going to start work days for making double fleece blankets soon. Watch for dates and time in the bulletins and also check the Women's Bulletin Board in the Parlor.

*The Spring Assembly for all women is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at Good Hope, Bucyrus. The program is "Swingin with The Saint's" presented by Raylene Hlavaty. She is the lady who portrayed Katie Luther at our Reformation celebration. Registration is at 9:00a.m.; lunch at noon; and closing service at 2:00p.m. The cost is \$10.00. A signup sheet will be posted on the Women's Bulletin Board in the Parlor or call the Church Office (740.383-2184); or Joyce Baumgartner at 740.389-3575 to register.

*More information regarding Lutheran World Relief. In the past we tried to collect all needs for the LWR Kits the last few weeks of September. But we are trying a new time line hoping to make it easier on your costs. We will list the special needs starting in April or May. Watch the Sunday bulletin or check the bulletin board in the Parlor.

*Thank you for all of your efforts and if you have some ideas please let us know!



Sunday School News from Tanyce



Service Sundays have been a "Leap Of Faith"; a "Builder Of Faith", and strengthened the belief in the "Community Of Faith!" With less than an hour, we work on simple projects that connect us, ignites creativity, and grows our abilities in seeing other people's gifts. It is the action of *God's Work, Our Hands!* Even though the projects are intended to be completed in this short time, there is nothing simple about the planning and the many hands that go into making all of this happen on the third Sunday of the month!

But before I go any further, I want to share with you a story of my childhood.

I remember every Spring my parents planted a large garden! It was a big deal: a lot of planning and purchasing for the best kind of seed to plant, when to plant them, how to till the soil; how to arrange the seeds so they were compatible; time spent reading the Farmer's Almanac to follow all instructions, etc! For the first few weeks, watering, pulling weeds - perfectly done! Then life got a little busier for everyone. Weeds started to grow. It needed watered everyday! My parents made it a FAMILY PROJECT! I remember those days when pulling weeds and working in the garden wasn't what I wanted to do, but I remember my mom looking very serious at us kids (and sometimes even yelling), "Get out here and help!" without saying please! (I'm sure all of you have stories that can relate to this!)

The truth is this, those times in the garden are some of my favorite memories of growing together as a family. They were some of my best lessons on work ethic. We learned to love working! We talked as we worked, we knew we couldn't quit, and we would spend so much time laughing and joking that the time went by fast! It was always better when there was someone working with you! Our parents planted a strong seed of faith in us.

Only God could make the seed grow, and God watched all of us grow helping each other and working together! THAT IS WHAT A SERVICE SUNDAY IS.

We have been so fortunate with people sharing their time, talents and possessions. We didn't and still don't have a budget item for these Service Sundays. But, the donations, the talents and the time shared is overflowing with your generosity. It is a testimony of our faith based on our scripture verse for this year: *Philippians 4:6-7 New Living Translation (NLT)*

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

I'm always listening, watching and open to new ideas - so please share! And COME AND SEE

Before I build your expectations too high for a picture-perfect day, this is what you must look for when you watch Service Sunday in action. You will see ---- Seeds being planted. Relationships being built. Conversations starting between generations. Messiness that requires clean up! A little bit of confusion that needs direction. People stepping up to help when they see a need. And watching, listening, evaluating

and experiencing people dreaming about what else we might try. - Maybe that does describe a PICTURE PERFECT DAY!

So let's plant more seeds! What else could we try without having fear or worry that it might not work?



Let's help each other grow believing and building our faith that God does all the work as long as we know we are there gathered in His name.

- Let's plan a family mission project or trip for all ages. We don't have to go far. Will you go?
- Let's do an overnight retreat for adults. What about a lock in? Camp Mowana? Will you commit?
- Let's go to the movies together and then talk about it over a cheeseburger or salad. Will you come and follow?
- Let's take a walk on the Tall Trails together? We just need to take that first step and keep walking!

And as disciples in Christ - Oh! The places we can go!

Upcoming Opportunities

- *Comfort and Joy Lunches will continue once a month! Would you like to be a part of this ministry?
- *MISSION TRIP to Benton Harbor, Michigan fundraising continues!
- *The Youth will be leading worship at Easter Sunrise. Breakfast will follow. Would you be willing to help?
- *Plans for Vacation Bible School are beginning. Let me know if you can contribute!

Confirmation Dates for 2018 are February 4 & 25, March 4, 18 & 25, April 15 and May 13.

We will be on retreat at LMC April 20-22 and Confirmation will be on the Feast of Pentecost Sunday, May 20 at the 10:30 service.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Mitten Tree. 238 items were collected and divided between Marion Christmas Clearing Hours and Turning Point. We received wonderful "Thank You" Cards from both.



Mather Scholarship: High school seniors and current college students the deadline is approaching for your Scholarship application. The deadline is **March 1, 2018**. Forms are available in the church office. Please return them to the chairperson, Rae Andrews at 379 Brightwood Dr., Marion, OH 43302.

Hauling Hope is the furniture ministry of Love In the Name of Christ. They currently are in need of useable living room, dining room, and bedroom furniture. If you would like to donate please contact Love INC at 740-382-3340, office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9-11:30a.m. Emanuel will be delivering and picking up sometime in February.

Waldo Fresh Food Distribution -Thursday, March 1. Distribution will be from *The Barn* at All Occasions south of Waldo. We will collect toilet paper and shampoo and conditioner. Food distribution begins at 11:00 and finish up at 2:00; workers need to report between 9:30/10:00. Beginning in April distribution will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waldo and will be on the first Friday of the month.



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First Communion Policy

Realizing that admission to Holy Communion is by the invitation of the Lord, children of Emanuel are welcome to the table providing they and their parents have met with the Senior Pastor and it has been determined that the child has an understanding that the love of God is presented to us in the following ways:

1. God has created everything.
2. Jesus, the Son of God, sacrificed his life on the cross for our sins.
3. Jesus rose from the dead on Easter earning for us eternal life with God.
4. The Holy Spirit continues to sustain us.
5. We receive nourishment by receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

In order for the Senior Pastor to determine that the child understands the significance of Holy Communion the parents and child need to attend a workshop in which the sacrament will be discussed at various depths. Sunday School staff may also be consulted in regards to the child's readiness for the sacrament. Parents and children will be encouraged to continue discussion about Holy Communion and follow-up workshops will be scheduled yearly.

**It will be the responsibility of the ministerial staff and the Board of Education to see that the instruction and evaluation occurs.

Dear Emanuel Church Family, Thank you all for the support and kindness this congregation has given our entire family. The Lord's Prayer throw is beautiful. It was one of Phil's favorite scripture. Pastor Mark, the service was done beautifully. So eloquent and truly honored Phil's life. Deacon Kevin & Chris, your support, kindness, and Phil's last communion will always be remembered. Love, Kelli, Jacob, Luke, & Caleb Hundley.



Thank You: How wonderful to receive so many birthday greetings from our church members and friends on my 92nd birthday. Thank you, thank you! Betty Cocherl.



Remember the following with your Birthday Wishes and Prayers:

- Happy 90th Birthday to Joan Chapman 2/11
- Happy 95th Birthday to Bill Hoffman 2/12
- Happy 90th Birthday to Nellie Cahill 2/18
- Happy 90th Birthday to Dane Greashaber 2/23
- Happy 92nd Birthday to Becky Cornelius 2/27

Happy 90th Birthday to Maxine Marshall 3/8

Happy 94th Birthday to Mary Stafford 3/28



The Bible Study for the Seven Faith Practices led by Tanyce Addison will resume on Monday, March 5 at 10:00a.m. and 6:00p.m. This 4 week study will focus on the Faith Practice of Worship - Living Faith in Daily Life. Please plan to attend!



Lily/Monetary Gift Form

Please fill out this order form to dedicate an **Easter Lily or Monetary Gift** in honor or in memory of someone near and dear to you.

Make checks payable to: *Emanuel Lutheran Church*. Payment must accompany orders. Bring or mail your order form to the church office. (241 S. Prospect St.)

The deadline is March 18 to be recognized in the Easter Booklet.

Lilies may be picked up after the 10:30 Easter worship, April 1 or Monday, April 2, by noon. Those left will be given to our shut-ins.

Name _____

Phone _____

of Plants @ \$9.00each _____ enclosed \$ _____

(and/or)

Monetary Gift \$ _____

To _____ Fund

Given in memory of:

Given in honor of:



PSALM 116:16



A special thank you to those who served on the Parish Planning Council and Boards in 2017. **Thank you** also to those serving Emanuel and our Lord in 2018!

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PUZZLE

A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ ABCD...

F	L	S	Y	F	K	Y	X	E	I	Q	B	V	O	O	J	F
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J	N	U	C	L	M	C	Z	K	M	S	F	B	Q	W	P	H

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JOHN 13:34, NIV

PUZZLE

Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A = E = I = O = U =

“L__RD, __r L__rd, h__w
 m__j__st__c __s y__r
 n__m__n __ll th__
 __rth!”

Ps__lm 8:1, N__V

Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV

Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1, NIV