

## Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Adult Choir Director:

Tanyce Addison

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Choir Director: Teri Turner

Bell Choir Director:

Carolyn Fox

Sound Technician: Doug Ross

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



Notes from Pastor Mark:  
Join us on our Lenten Journey...

### Ash Wednesday - March 6

Worship begins at 7:00p.m. and the service  
will include the Imposition of Ashes  
and Holy Communion.



Wednesday Lenten Worship ~ 7:00p.m.

"Sermon on The Mount: A Call to Discipleship"



The Wednesday evening services will be a series aimed  
toward directing our hearts to God and deepening our  
understanding of the events that led to Easter.

**March 6:** *To Be Like Jesus - To Shine Like Jesus*

**March 13:** *Disciples Reflect on Scripture*

**March 20:** *Disciples Praise God through  
Spiritual Practices*

**March 27:** *Disciples are Single Minded in  
Their Devotion to God (1)*

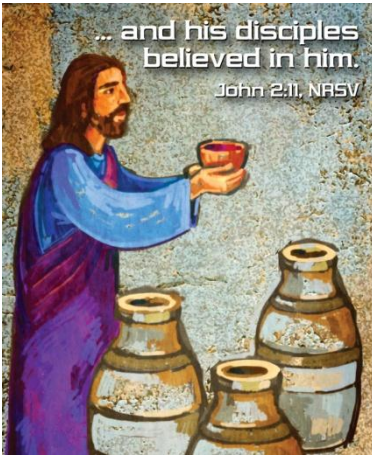
**April 3:** *Disciples are Single Minded in  
Their Devotion to God (2)*

**April 10:** *Disciples Do the Will of God*



Lenten Suppers will be served from 5:30 - 6:30p.m.  
before each service. Suggested Donation: \$5.00

***They have no wine...What concern is that to you and to me? (John 2)***



At the wedding at Cana in Galilee the mother of Jesus and Jesus exchanged some words and as I read and studied this familiar text of Jesus turning water into wine it occurred to me that a theme of prayer existed in this story. The mother of Jesus recognized that there was a problem, so she approached Jesus about it and she trusted in him that he would solve the problem...Isn't that what we do when we have concerns? We pray to our Lord.

In this story we then hear Jesus reply, somewhat harshly to his mother, wondering what concern the giving out of wine was to him. Nonetheless, after creating a bit of distance between himself and his mother, establishing his freedom from all human control (not even his mother had a privileged claim on him), Jesus answered his mother's request.

Though the central act in the story of the wedding at Cana is the miraculous transformation of water into wine, there is more to the story than the miracle itself. Part of the message in this story is for us to strive to be like Jesus' mother, having the faith and confidence that Jesus has the power to act on behalf of our concerns even as we yet give Jesus the freedom to act however he deems best.

Brent Dahlseng, in his book Grounded in Prayer that we are studying on Mondays, emphasizes the importance of prayer in many ways in his book. He quotes 18th century Methodist pastor E.M. Bounds who wrote...*God needs prayer...It is indispensable to God's work in the world...Prayer is the great, universal force to advance God's cause; the reverence which hallows God's name; the ability to do God's will, and the establishment of God's kingdom in the hearts of the children.*

And Dahlseng adds to that by writing, *The will of God is clarified on earth through our prayers and accomplished through our actions and service. While we pray for God's will to be done, God may call us to act on that will.*

A quote from Jane Vennard in the book Intercessory Prayer: Praying for Friends and Enemies continues along this line of thinking as she wrote, *By entering into intercessory prayer, we give God opportunities that God did not have before. As more people open themselves to God in prayer, God has more possibilities for responding to our needs. If God is to intervene in human affairs, if God is to continue to bring the creative power of love and justice into our lives, God needs us to pray and to act.*

So just as the mother of Jesus voiced her concern to Jesus, it is necessary, not only from our viewpoint but from God's viewpoint, for us to voice our concerns to God. Just as Jesus' mother had faith that her son would somehow attend to the problem of running out of wine at the wedding in Cana, so too when we pray we must believe that God will attend to our problems. Also, just as Jesus, after a momentary lapse, decided that his time had come to show God's glory through his life and ministry, so too will Jesus give us glimpses of his ultimate moment of glorification. As we engage in prayer we will indeed share in Christ's glory, we will indeed share in the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus and so too as we engage in prayer Jesus the Christ will be manifested to this world as we let his hour come, as we let the hour of Jesus come into our world today taking care of our concerns!

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

-Deacon Kevin



**THANK YOU** For 'SOUPER BOWL' Sunday!  
We collected \$470.41 for Emanuel's Food Pantry!



**The Family Life Activities At Emanuel** will keep you busy if you wish to partake of them! From Sunday School Lessons and Service Sundays to Love Events and the Mission Trip!

The most important thing in all these activities, is that they are pointing to God! When that is the purpose, it is worth the time involved, the talents that are being shared, and the lessons that we are learning! We need everyone at Emanuel to be involved in our "family life".

Here are some ways that we are inviting you join in!

**PRAY FOR US!** Pray for our families, our children, our Sunday School teachers, our mission team, those we are going to serve that we have not met yet! Pray for how you can share the Great Commission! Pray for our leaders! Pray for new ideas and creativity that deepen our faith!



**Sunday School** - We are looking for people to participate in our openings for Sunday School! If you would like to read a book, tell a Bible story, lead a song, share your talents with the kids, contact Tanyce.

**Sunday School Service Sundays** - February 17 and March 17. All ages welcome! Join us in the parlors! We will have care packages to assemble, letters to write, stories to share! In March, we will be introducing the Pillow Case Dress Ministries and sewing our backpacks for Lutheran World Relief!



**Our Mission Trip** activities we have planned have these criteria: God centered! Educational! And Fun! Here's a list of activities planned!

**February 16:** *The Love Event:* Italian Dinner, Silent Auction, & Shovel Improv (get your tickets today!)

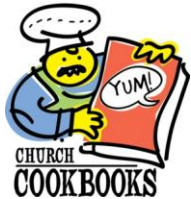
**February 24** Mission Team will be meeting at St. Paul Waldo @ 5:00p.m. Team Building!

- March 5** SHROVE TUESDAY! Freewill Donation! All you can eat "Pancakes" & Sausages!
- March 8-9** Mission Team Mandatory Lock In!
- March 31** Mission Team Building @ 5:00p.m.

**Youth Events:**

- April 20** Easter Sunrise Service setup and rehearsal 10:00a.m.
- April 21** The youth will be leading the 7:00a.m. Sunrise Worship Service on Easter morning and serving breakfast in the parlors!

God's Work, Our Hands in Action!  
Tanyce



by Alicia Mayes

I wrote in the February-March 2018 newsletter asking if anyone could help solve the mystery of the recipe box that was sent to the church office by a woman in Alliance, Ohio that her mother had found in a Goodwill Store in Canton, Ohio. In the lid of the box was a card with the words, The Luther League Recipe File, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Marion, Ohio. Over the weeks after my writing I heard from many of you remembering a recipe box being put together by the Luther League but not remembering exactly when. Some of you even have one but there is no date. About a month ago Linda Hoch came to me on a Sunday morning and handed me a bulletin she found at home dated October 30, 2005. In it the Luther League is asking for recipes for a fundraiser to earn money for a trip to the National Youth Gathering the following summer which would have been in 2006. I looked up the ELCA National Youth Convention in 2006. It was held at the Alamo dome in San Antonio, Texas. There were 24,000 youth, volunteers, and chaperones at the convention July 12-16. This answers some of the questions I have about the recipe box. It would be interesting to hear from any of the youth or volunteers involved in this fundraiser and the trip to San Antonio.



### Thank You Everyone for Serving!

#### 2019 Parish Planning Council and Boards

**President:** Donna Thomas     **Vice President:** Rick Varner

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**Pastor** Mark Schuring     **Deacon** Kevin Kehn

#### Boards:

**Fellowship:** Director: Andrea Ciola

Designate: Matt Primmer; Janice Campbell;  
Rosalyne Rush; Zach Varga

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Tom Schifer; Denise Spires

**Social Ministry:** Director: Betty Jo Lill

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Chris Kehn; Cindy Schifer

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Rick Lyon; Michele Rankin

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**Christian Education:** Director: Dianne

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

**Communications/Evangelism:**

Director: Daryl Kraner; Designate: Dee  
Rinehart; Carl Emigh; Kevin Strohl;  
Ann Thomas

**Parish Planning Council, Directors, and Board Members SAVE THE DATE - February 23.** We will gather at 9:00a.m and enjoy breakfast together, followed by a time of getting to know each other, share our thoughts and ideas for Emanuel's 2019 Ministry.

## Vision 20-20



## VISION 2020 UPDATE

**Thank you** for taking the time to speak with us and giving an amazing amount of comments and suggestions. The last two weeks we have handed out a packet with all of the comments along with an instruction and information sheet that tells of our next steps. If you didn't receive a copy they are on the counters in the back of the church and the gathering space. You can't miss it, the cover sheet is in **RED**. In a couple weeks we will once again begin meetings to continue with the next steps of VISION 2020.

Onward, Board of Spiritual Life

**Creative Prayer Retreat:** On Saturday, **March 30** you are invited to a Creative Prayer Retreat here at Emanuel Lutheran Church. The retreat will begin at 9:00a.m. and conclude at 3:00p.m. The day will include worship, sacred reading, time for solitude and silence and artful expression. All are invited--lay and rostered. Please register by March 18 calling the church at 740-383-2184 or contact Kevin at [kevin.kehn@emanuellutheran.net](mailto:kevin.kehn@emanuellutheran.net).

There is no cost for this retreat and lunch will be provided.



**To The Congregation of Emanuel Lutheran Church,** the Church Tour Committee would like to personally Thank You for again participating in this event. You are part of the Heart of Our Tour and it only happens because of you. Deb Cooper, Co-Chair.

**Thank You** for your donations to the Mitten Tree. 168 items were donated! The gifts were taken to Marion's Christmas Clearing House.

**Thank You** for your kind thoughts, prayers, the Lord's Prayer throw, and the delicious funeral meal. I thank you, my church, Joyce Hall.

**Thanks** to everyone for the nice birthday cards I received. I appreciated them very much. Betty Smith

**Thank You** for the beautiful cards I received this Christmas. They mean so much to me! Blessings to you all, Mary Stafford.

**Emanuel Church Family, thank you** for the beautiful throw you provided our family. Your kindness and sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance of our mother, Karen Snyder, by her family.

**Thank You** all so much for your prayers, lovely cards, and your concern during my recent surgery and therapy. It is most gratifying to know you have so many Christian friends. God be with you all. Thank you, Bobb Davies.

**Happy Birthday to:** Joan Chapman will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on 2/11; Kay Atkinson (John & Carol Hoch's Aunt) will celebrate her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on 2/15; Nellie Cahill will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on 2/18; Maxine Marshall will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on 3/8; Mary Stafford will celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on 3/28.

**Let's remember Joan, Kay, Nellie, Maxine, and Mary with our prayers and cards.**

## Notes From the Office

- \* If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email just let us know by sending the office your email address. (darlene.schaadt@emanuellutheran.net)
  - \* Help us update our membership records. Please send us your current phone number and email address.
  - \* The office phone number is 740.383-2184.
  - \* Emanuel's e-mail is: emanuel1@emanuellutheran.net
  - Did You Know????**
  - \* The Sunday bulletin and newsletter is on our Website along with other 'news' @ [www.emanuellutheran.net](http://www.emanuellutheran.net)
  - \* 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.**



### Easter Lily/Monetary Gift Form

Please fill out the order form below 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.

The deadline is April 8 to be recognized in the Easter Booklet.

Lilies may be picked up after the 10:30 Easter worship, April 21 or Monday April 22 by noon. Those left will be given to a shut-in.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of Plants @ \$9.50each \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(and/or)

Monetary Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ Fund

Given in memory of:

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Given in honor of:

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**Set Your Clocks Ahead - March 10**

**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 Friday, **March 1, 2019** to the chairperson, Rae Andrews at 379 Brightwood Dr., Marion, OH 43302.

**Food Distribution @ Waldo:** A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted in the Gathering Space for the March 7 Fresh Food Distribution in the Barn @ All Occasions in Waldo. Donations needed for March are toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner. A basket is located in the Elevator Lobby for your donations.

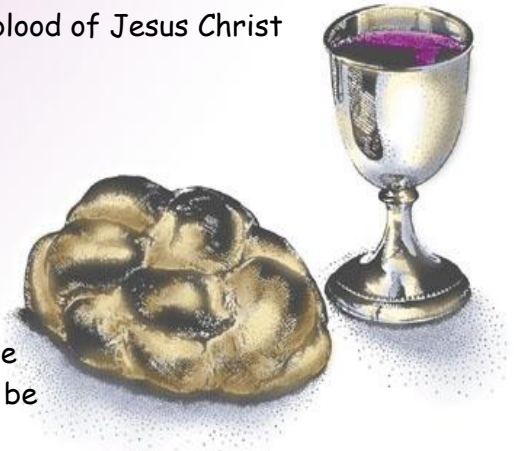
First Communion Instruction for youth will take place during the Wednesday Lenten meals beginning March 13 at 5:30p.m. Parents, if you would like your child to participate please let the office know so we will be sure to have enough materials available. We use materials that are appropriate for pre-K--K, grades 1-3 and grades 4-6. Materials are also provided for parents to use with their children at home. Communion instruction is also offered during confirmation class.

### 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.



**2019 Confirmation Schedule**--meeting on Sundays 9:15a.m. - 10:15a.m. Updated 2/10/2019  
February 10, 17, 24; March 10, 31; April 7; May 5; May 12

April 12-14 **Confirmation Class Retreat** at LMC--more information about this later.

June 2 After the 10:30 service - a short practice for confirmation

June 9 **Confirmation** at the 10:30a.m. worship service for the five second year students  
the five first year students will assist with the service

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Look inside for information about our March 6 Ash Wednesday Service and our Lenten Worship Schedule.



**"The Love Event"**

Saturday, February 16 at 5:00p.m.

Join us in the church parlors, enjoy a delicious Italian dinner with family entertainment by the Shovel Improv Group.

Get your tickets in the Church Office or on Sundays in the Gathering Space.

Support those going on the Mission Trip to New York this Summer.

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