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The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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Where is God Calling Us to Go?

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

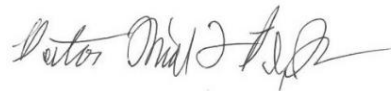
1 Peter 2:4-5, 9

We continue to look at, "Where Is God Calling Us to Go?" In 1 Peter, we hear that the "where" question isn't always a location. In this passage, we are reminded that this journey is an internal one as well. We need to go where God calls us as far as our behavior, our words and deeds, our faith life: whether we are living in the darkness or in the light. God calls us to travel to the Light!

During Lent, we came face-to-face with the Seven Deadly Sins. We are called to journey from the darkness of sin into the Light of repentance, confession, and a righteous life. The Apostle reminds us that we are living stones. We are called to become a holy people, that the world sees as God's own people. And we become a place that others want to come, just as we have come to this place of faithfulness.

As we celebrate our 150th year, we continue to discern what God has in store for us in the next 150 years. Let's keep this question in our minds: Where Is God Calling Us to Go?

Peace,



Pastor Mike

Community Meals

"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..." Matthew 25:35-36

Previously, Emanuel Lutheran was a participant church in what was referred to as the "Soup Kitchen." Post Covid, meals for the needy were very few for a period of time. After many discussions by concerned and interested individuals, a proposal to start Community Meals at Emanuel was presented to Parish Planning. It was passed to pursue the venture, the 2nd Thursday of each month. In order to keep Childcare participants safe, a strategic plan was completed.

The meals were started in January and February, and attendance was doubled from January to February. We pray the numbers will continue to increase each month.

Along with the meal, we decided to have a variety of donated clothing items available for any individual. We have large amounts for XL and XXL in both men's and women's clothing. We could really use both men's and women's clothing in sizes small through large. There will be a tub near the elevator. Just as an FYI, we have no outer wear whatsoever. Instead of coats, sweatshirts and sweatpants could be an option.

I am so impressed and very thankful with the number of volunteers who have given of their time and talents with this program. Pastor Mike has mentioned in more than one sermon, "What is Emanuel doing to assist our neighbors and community?" Well Pastor, we've started the Community Meals journey. We've decided to help feed and clothe them, and we pray that this outreach continues to grow.

Janet Musser,
Coordinator Community Meals



You Know You Are a Steadfast Lutheran If...

- ... You continue to search for the word "coffee" in the Bible.
- ... You think it goes without questioning that the Lutherans are the "Chosen Ones."

Musings from the Church Mouse...

There are a lot of changes goin' on. Just lookin' around, things are looking different. There is a lot more action happening around here. Things are brightening up. It looks like there is something big going on! There is a lot of excitement. I hope you all are feeling it too! It looks like we are almost ready for Easter. I can't wait till all them pretty flowers show up!

See ya' at worship!

Church Mouse

Congratulations Frank!



This month our own Frank Fanello will be celebrating 30 years as a staff member of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Frank retired after working 30 years for the GM assembly plant in Mansfield, and started working on the maintenance staff here at the church on April 7, 1994.

Frank and Norma were married here in the church on June 27, 1953 by Reverend Hollensen. They have two daughters; Vikki (Tom) Danner, and Kristi (Jack) Felgenhauer, three grandchildren, four great grandchildren and another on the way. They have been active members of Emanuel since the early 1950s.

Frank has served on many boards during his years here, as well as serving as a head Deacon several times. A lot of the wooden cabinets found throughout the church were built and donated by Frank and Norma, he is an avid sports fan, loves golf, was an exceptional baseball player in his youth, and was a proud member of Emanuel's bowling team.

Frank continues his work here at the church, and is always quick with a smile or a snappy one-liner. He is very popular with the day-care staff, and especially the children. And if you happen to sneak into the church on a week day, you might even hear his lovely singing voice echoing through the halls.

We would like to congratulate Frank and thank him for his years of dedicated service keeping the church maintained and clean.

Sunday School News



This spring we are collecting personal hygiene products for families without homes. Products suggested are : shampoo, liquid bath soap, combs, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wash cloths, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, and bags to place items in. Donations can be placed in the blessings basket by the elevator on first floor.

Trip to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering

We are planning on taking a group of youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. The group has several ideas for raising funds for the trip. We are also looking forward to getting together to do some group building prior to the trip. We are combining with group from St. Paul's (Waldo) for this trip.

A big "Thank you" to the congregation for your support for the Improv fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering this summer. It was our most successful event so far, raising over \$2,150. Thanks for donating items to the Silent Auction, attending the lunch, and participating in the auction. Special thanks to our impromptu auctioneer Dave, and to SHOVEL CITY IMPROV for providing the entertainment.

News from the Board of Communications



Summer Jesus

Communications and Evangelism is bringing "Summer Jesus" to Emanuel. You may ask, "What is "Summer Jesus?" Summer Jesus is a way to keep Jesus with us all summer long and to help remind us to spread God's love and word everywhere we go. Here is how this will work.

1. During the month of May supplies will be made available in the gathering space (before 8:00 service through the end of 10:30 service). You can stop by and make (or pick up a premade) "Summer Jesus."
2. You then travel everywhere with your "Jesus." Take pictures of you and/or your family with Jesus. Send the pictures back to us (more info later) and we will post these.
3. Sometime in Sept. we will have a Bar-b-cue. During this event we will share our stories of Jesus' trips with us. Who did we meet? How were we able to share Jesus' love and his story?

This event is for everyone. We will invite anyone involved with the church to carry their Jesus with them and spread the word and love of our Lord and Savior!

"Back to School Blessings" News

The team met again in March. We are trying to implement new ideas and make this event even better, but we can't do this alone. Let's try for 100% participation from the congregation! Our goal as a congregation is to be community minded and to reach out. Here are some ways YOU can be involved:

- Pray for the committee as they plan. Ask for guidance, so that we can do God's will.
- Pray for our students in the community. Ask for safety and learning.
- Donate socks by the "giving tree" in the gathering space.
- Make a financial donation, so all the supplies can be purchased.
- Attend a meeting and give your input.

Our next meeting will be held at the church at 5:30 on April 18th. All are welcome!

What Are Your Prayer Needs?

The Communication and Evangelism Team is excited with the interest in the Holy Week Prayer Journal Project. So far 20 journals have been taken and we need to put out more! How exciting! We have some other ideas and would like to know what YOU, the congregation, need. After holy week, the committee will have a survey in the gathering space on prayer needs. We originally wanted the people who took a prayer journal to do the survey. But, now would like anyone to take the survey. Its anonymous, so no worries. Just add it to the offering plate once it is completed.

Swag bags

The visitor bags, "swag bags," are now full with goodies. Anyone can give one out to visitors or visitors can help themselves. We want visitors to know that they are important to us. In the gathering space there are other items that might interest visitors (or you)...Year of rest calendars, prayer venture calendars, bookmarks on reading the Bible, and welcome statements. Watch for more items to come.

News from the Board of Social Ministry

It's Spring, and Emanuel's **Free Laundry Day is Saturday, April 27th**. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Space starting April 7th. We have adequate supplies for this special day.

The Board of Social Ministry has decided to turn the Gathering Space Christmas tree into the Giving Tree! It will be decorated seasonally all year-round and advertises different social ministry opportunities at Emanuel. They will also add baskets for collecting donations. Stop by the Giving Tree and see what we have going on!



Emanuel is joining Aspire Ministries (formerly Love Inc.), Epworth Methodist, and Leapin' Ministries in expanding our **Medical Equipment Ministry**. This ministry will facilitate the loan of walkers, crutches, hospital beds, bath chairs etc. Epworth will be housing the equipment and providing a Team Lead. Leapin' Ministries has donated their medical equipment. Emanuel will be donating our supply of medical equipment and providing a Team Lead. The Team Leads will be coordinating the supply of medical equipment through Katie Williams, Aspires' Connection Center Coordinator and will work in a similar fashion as the Hauling Hope Furniture ministry that Kevin Kehn coordinated. We are looking for a Team Lead from Emanuel. If you are interested, please call Donna Thomas 740-262-0930 for more information.

Renovations in Progress!



Have you noticed some changes around the church? The Anniversary Committee is working closely with Mike Phillips and the board of Properties to update many areas of the church in preparation of our 150th Anniversary Celebration! The Parlors have all new ceiling tiles and fresh paint on the paneling, the Gathering Space is being painted from top to bottom and up next is the Martin Luther Library. Plans are in store for updating the kitchen as well.

Thank you to everyone who is working hard to beautify our space!

Emanuel LGBT Fellowship Group



The LGBT & Allies Group meets the first Sunday of each month at 6:00p.m. Upcoming meetings are: April 7 – May 5 – June 2

All are welcome! This is a potluck format, so please bring a dish to share. Beverages (iced tea, lemonade, water & coffee) as well as table service will be provided.

Questions? lgbt.emanuel@gmail.com or call/text 740-262-2655



Pastor Poole's Pins

Pastor Poole has several pins from educational institutions. He graduated from Columbus State, and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa (an international honor society) while he was there. He made the Dean's List several times while at Capital University. And he has two Masters Degrees from Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

Faith Journeys

One of the disciplines that God calls us to do is continue our Faith Journey. We all need to keep on this learning journey. Our Faith Journey events are meant for all ages. In April, we will have an introduction to the Bible for our Faith Journey event.

Future Faith Journey Events:

Saturday, April 6th – BIBLE'S BIG STORY OUR STORY – 8am-4pm

MAY – CONFIRMATION PRACTICE - TBD

JUNE – CONFIRMATION CAMP – TBD

Bible's Big Story – Our Story

For our April Faith Journey event, we will work through the Crossways program, “The Bible’s Big Story Our Story.” It is an overview of the Bible. There is a student workbook for the program. If you would email Pastor Mike and let him know you are interested in attending. That way we can order enough books for everyone. For more information, feel free to go to www.crossways.org. We will meet on Saturday, April 6th from 8am – 4pm.

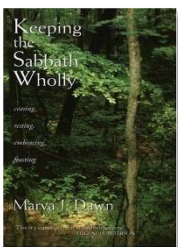
Journey through the Bible Together

Pastor Mike still has a Bible study on Sunday afternoons. We are taking time to read the entire Bible together, from Genesis to Revelation, from cover to cover. It is interesting that the vast majority of Christians have not actually read the entire Bible once. This is the book that we confess to be the rule, source, guide and norm of all that we think, say, and do. Maybe we should actually read it.

We began with Genesis and take one to three weeks working through each book, depending on the discussion and conversation. Pastor Mike has notes and handouts to guide us through this journey. This has always been an enjoyable journey for Pastor Mike in all his congregations. We meet on Sundays from 2p – 4p. We meet most Sundays. You don't have to attend every single week to benefit from the study. We will let everyone know where we are in the Bible from week to week. So, join us when you are able. We have just started the New Testament. So if you'd like to join us for the second half, feel free! We are currently in 1 Timothy.

All Creation Sings - a workshop for Rostered Leaders, Church Musicians, and anyone excited about the Church's song! Saturday, April 20th at 9:00a.m. at Community of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitehouse. Register at <https://nwos-elca.church>. A pew edition of the ACS is included with the \$25 registration fee.

Book Study



Bishop Daniel has stated 2024 will be the Year of Rest. To join in this process, we will work through “Keeping the Sabbath Wholly – Ceasing, Resting, Embracing, Feasting” by Marva J. Dawn. This book is more about living a holistic spiritual life, and goes far beyond just keeping Sabbath. We will be working through this book for most of 2024. We have in-person gatherings on Thursdays at 11:30a and 5:30p. We will also have a virtual session on Sunday nights at 6:30p. If you would like the zoom link for the virtual session, send an email to Pastor Mike.

Bishop Daniel responded to Pastor's Mike invitation to join us here at Emanuel for a conversation on rest and Sabbath. Bishop Daniel will join us on Thursday, April 25th. Pastor Sarah and Deacon Sherry will also be with us for the day. They will take the book study time (11:30a and 5:30p) to discuss rest and Sabbath. All are welcome to the discussion, even if you are not participating in the book study. Bishop Daniel will also preach and preside at worship that evening at 7pm. Bishop Daniel and the Assistants to the Bishop will have time for a conversation with the PPC during the afternoon.

Part 9 of Emanuel's history

Ed Baldauf came to me recently with a bulletin from January 24, 1954. In it were the names and military addresses of several of our servicemen that were in the military at that time. Some of the names you may remember. Pvt. Lloyd Johnston, stationed in Dothan, Alabama; Fred Keener, stationed in New York, N.Y.; James Nesper was on the USS Bremertown with an address in San Francisco and of course, Ed had an address in San Francisco also. Ed was in the Army in the Engineer Construction Battalion. When I talked with Ed about this, he said that if you were in route to another country you usually had a San Francisco address. He was on a Navy ship in route to Korea at that time.

As I have been reading through different papers, I read that for the 100th Anniversary Celebration in 1974 Church Council approved the purchase of 300 each of the sterling silver tie tacs and charms from the Stan Speer, Inc. Some of you might remember that business here in town. As of this writing the tie tac and charm that I had on the display table in January are the only ones I have found.

I was reading the minutes from 1977 and it was stated that Columbia Gas had sent Emanuel a letter telling us that our gas service was being curtailed 30%. Some of you may remember that happening the 70's.

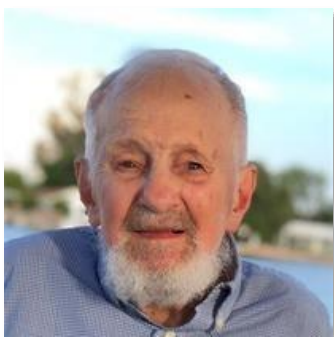
I was looking at the list of members of Church Council back in 1977. There were 19 members. Three of the 19 are still alive and Don Davis is the only one that is still a member of Emanuel and is the president of the congregation currently.

In September of 1977 it was reported at church council that new lighting in the Martin Luther Room had been installed by Roy Mash, Richard Howard, Ralph Kaelber, Jack Lewis and John Lodwig.

In the fall of 1977 the handbell choir began. The start-up money came from the estate of Harley Mayers, a long-time member of Emanuel.

In October of 1977 there was an Outdoor Ministries Appeal from the Ohio District of the American Lutheran Church to make money to extend the ministry of our church by providing funds to purchase additional land, to improve and develop the present facilities and programs, to provide additional trained leadership, and to build retreat centers for adults at Camp Fulton (Lutheran Memorial Camp and now HopeWood Pines) and Camp Frederick so that a creative and effective outdoor ministry program can be available to the Ohio District congregations. It was decided by Emanuel to make a commitment of \$43,000 to the Outdoor Appeal to be spread out over a period of three years. This would be a free will offering.

It was also stated at the October 1977 council meeting that there were only five boards on council. The Trustees told at that same meeting that the current value of our church property was \$1,847,643.



Chaplain Carver Williams

In November of 1977 Church Council meeting the Board of Trustees reported that there had been a water leak in the roof over the organ and plaster had been falling on the organ. A new section of the roof was installed at a cost of \$4,200.

It was reported to Church Council at the December 1977 meeting from a letter sent to Emanuel from Rev. James Urquhart informing us that the work was proceeding very well at our two hospitals with the chaplaincy program. Some of you might remember Rev. Urquhart. He was the Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at that time. There was also a letter from Chaplain Carver Williams, the first chaplain at the two hospitals explaining his ministry and the additional services he would like to provide in the future for that program. There is no copy of either letter with the minutes.

The first that I have read about the Red Cross asking to use our facility for their blood drive was in December of 1977. They were given permission and the drive would be held in 1978.

It was decided by Church Council in December of 1977 that all the choir directors and accompanists be volunteers. There was not enough money in the budget to pay all of them.

In January of 1978 Church Council approved the recommendation to submit to the congregation a Venture/Capital campaign to raise money to build a nursing\science complex and a building to house the law school at Capital University. Capital was the recipient of a \$2,000,000 challenge grant from Battelle Memorial Institute. Capital asked the Ohio, Michigan, and Eastern Districts of the American Lutheran Church to contribute \$2 ½ million toward the total goal of \$6 million. Our Church Council asked that the congregation participate in the challenge. Our goal for this challenge was \$30,000 to be reached within three years. This appeal was voted on and approved by the congregation at the congregational meeting in January 1978.

In February of 1978 Church Council had taken more measures to conserve energy in the church. The parking lot light trippers were pulled and the lights would only be used for evening services through Lent, lights in the sanctuary were reduced during services, the wing was not used for Wednesday night services, and the piano was used at the eight o'clock Sunday services and the Wednesday night services instead of the organ. All this was done to help until the energy crisis was over.

The annual meeting was held on February 5, 1978. The blizzard had been on Thursday, January 26th. Pastor Rave made the comment at that meeting that he was thankful to God for being able to have our Annual Meeting especially in light of the weather of the previous week. A lot of you remember that blizzard. The weather was still so bad on Sunday, the 29th that our church services were canceled and Pastor Rave and Pastor Seibert went out to WMRN to do the service live from the radio station.

It was reported to Church Council from the Board of Trustees (what is now Board of Properties) in February of 1978 that new lighting had been completed in all of the Sunday school rooms, Ken Spear had located scaffolding for the cleaning of the lights in the chancel and that the deacons at that time would do the work, and Bob Combs had purchased 10 yards of material for the balcony seats. Bob stated that he would be recovering the seats himself.

Also in that Trustee Report it was stated that Kates Plumbing and Heating would be the church's primary plumbing contractor. Elton Kates had that business for many years and you may not know that Elton was Betty Anderson's father. It was reported that Wilmer White was quitting as our janitor and the Trustees would be hiring a new person. It was also reported the possibility of hiring a woman to come in to the church 2 days a week to help with the cleaning.

The minutes from the March 14, 1978 meeting of Church Council stated that Emma Reardon was hired to work twenty hours a week to do custodial work.

The first mention that I have read about a doorman was in these same minutes from 1978 stating that Truman Buchanan had replaced John Sycks as doorman. I remember Truman, such a nice man. His full time job was at Marion Correctional.

In the April 11, 1978 minutes of Church Council it was stated that the new green Lutheran Book of Worship would be available for order this year. The congregation would have to vote to accept this new hymnal.



Luther League hosted the Hope Anew Youth Choir from White Bear Lake, Minnesota in July of 1978. The choir gave a concert in our sanctuary and the Luther League found housing for this group.

This is what I read about the starting of Trinity Seminary. The first Lutheran seminary was started in Canton, Ohio in 1830. It was relocated to Columbus in 1831. The seminary became part of Capital University in 1850. It was permanently located on National Road east of Columbus in 1876 where it was named Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary. In 1959 the seminary separated from Capital University and on September 1, 1978 merged with the Hamma School of Theology of Wittenberg University and took the name Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Some of our members went to Trinity on September 1st to attend that merger celebration.

The November 14, 1978 minutes stated that the congregation voted to purchase the new green, Lutheran Book of Worship. The cost would be \$7.80 each and that cost included putting "Emanuel Lutheran Church" at the bottom of the front of the book in gold. Nine hundred hymnals were ordered.

Pastor Rave distributed copies of the proposed draft for the brochure for couples who wished to be married at Emanuel at the November 14 council meeting. Council voted to accept this brochure. That is the first mention I found of this brochure.

As I have been looking through old items that were stored in a closet outside the lounge in the church, I found the old altar candles that were used each Sunday for many years. These candles are not as wide as the ones we use now and have a metal outside. There was a small wax candle inside that had to be switched out every week. There was a spring inside under the candle that pushed it up as the candle burned down. The new oil candles were introduced in 1996. I will have a sample of the old candles that were used on the display table in April.

It was reported in October of 1978 that Bob McCombs from the Board of Trustees had contacted the Marion Fire Department to use the city snorkel fire truck to inspect our bell tower for lightning damage and measure broken stones for replacement. It was so nice of the city fire department to help us out.

More history to come, Alicia

Introducing Guest Pastor Jim Fogle



Pastor Jim Fogle and his wife, Heather, will be at Emanuel on Sunday, May 5th as part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration. I had a phone conversation with him recently and this is what I learned:

Pastor Jim was born in Marion on February 29, 1956 to M. Jane and James Fogle. His father, Jim, died May 2, 2009 and his mother, Jane, is still living in her own home here in Marion. She is 93. Many of you, I'm sure, remember Jane as our church secretary for many years. He joked that he is only 17 years old now since he was born on the 29th of February he only has a birthday every 4 years.

Pastor Jim was raised at Emanuel and was baptized and confirmed by Rev. Hollensen. He left Marion when he went to college after graduating from Harding High School.

He was telling me that his wife, Heather, is now retired and they will be taking a cruise in June for their 30th wedding anniversary. They will travel to Europe, landing in Vienna, Austria and end up in Prague in the Czech Republic.

He also told me he has a huge record collection.

The rest of this piece is from the biography he sent me from his church website.

Pastor Fogle was born and raised in Marion, Ohio. After high school, he attended Capital University in Columbus, Ohio as a vocal performance major. After he left Capital, he was employed in a wide variety of settings, including: serving as a

prison guard, working for almost 10 years as a hospital registration supervisor, he was a business manager for a physical therapy firm, he managed a drug and addiction recovery center, and worked for the Department of Development for the State of Ohio in the Civil Service testing area.

While working at Grant Medical Center in Columbus he was mentored by the hospital chaplain, and with his encouragement, it was there that he first contemplated a call to hospital chaplain ministry.

He eventually completed his Bachelor of Arts degree at Ohio Dominican University, and immediately began studies for his Master of Divinity at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, both in Columbus, Ohio. He spent his internship year at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Delaware, Ohio, where he determined he felt called to congregational ministry rather than hospital chaplaincy.

Pastor Fogle's first call was to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Marquette, Michigan. In addition to serving his congregation, he was involved in many activities, including serving for two years as the President of the Marquette Ecumenical Clergy Council, instructor for the Northern Great Lakes Synod Lay School for Mission, chairperson of the Synod Worship Committee, serving on the board of Northern Michigan University's Lutheran Campus Ministry, was a member of the Marquette Arts and Culture Commission and as an on-call hospital chaplain.

While in Marquette, he assisted in the development of a nationwide support system for "after-pastors" (pastors in parishes where the previous pastor was removed for inappropriate activities). Pastor Fogle was heavily involved in the first two After-Pastor conferences, writing and leading the closing worship service, as well as giving the keynote speech for the second event as well as serving as a chaplain for the event.

Pastor Fogle was called to the Southeast Michigan Synod in March 2003, serving as pastor to Messiah Lutheran Church in Swartz Creek (Flint), Michigan and later as intentional interim pastor at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc, Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Marysville, and in 2006, called as an interim to Christ the King Lutheran in Livonia, Michigan. While living in the Flint area, his local and cluster involvement has included serving as president of the local Kiwanis, vice-president of the Greater Flint Council of Churches, and as an on-call chaplain of Hurley Medical Center. He has also served as the dean of the Flint Cluster, the Synod Worship Committee as well as the Synod Council.

After serving as Christ the King's interim pastor for one-and-a-half years and its ensuing growth during this time, Pastor Fogle was called to serve Christ the King as its long-term pastor.

In January of 2011, he was asked to guide the closure of the former St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford, Michigan. Over the course of a couple of months, St. John's decided to merge with Christ the King for the purpose of continuing mission and ministry instead of an outright closure. This merger concluded in late July of 2011. At the same time, Pastor Fogle began also serving the former Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland, Michigan, so for a time he was serving Christ the King, Prince of Peace and St. John's at one-third time each.

Pastor Fogle also began discussions with all the congregations about consolidating into one congregation for the purpose of future mission and ministry, with a new name, a new location, and a new future together.

On August 1, 2013, Celebration Lutheran Church was formed, and Pastor Fogle was then called by this new congregation to serve it as its pastor.

In January 2017, Celebration moved into its new home at 39375 Joy Road in Westland, Michigan, the site of the former Divine Savior Roman Catholic Parish.

Pastor Fogle has been married to Michigan native Heather Burke-Fogle. They just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Heather was a Dental Hygienist by profession.

Now in his 25th year of ordained ministry, as well as being deeply involved in ministries within the Southeast Michigan Synod, Pastor Fogle is serving as President of the Board of Jubilee Ministry, a non-profit food truck ministry serving the

food insecure. He concurrently serves on the Board of the Wayne-Westland (Michigan) Health and Welfare Advisory Council, as well as being involved in the Wayne-Westland Ecumenical Clergy Council.

As you can see Pastor Fogle has been a busy man over the 25 years of his ministry.

We look forward to Pastor Fogle and his wife, Heather, coming back to his home church, hearing him preach, and greeting them during the meal after the service.

Until next time, Alicia

Steeple Sightings

Hello everyone, again! Up here my family and I are enjoying the milder weather meaning lots more food (aka bugs). Spring also means more meals here at Emanuel. Again, more food --- is there a pattern? Maybe Church Mouse can explain it to me next time we meet over crumbs.

But I digress. Who is on my sonar screen this month? Cindy deWeber. Everyone knows her husband/choir director, Steve, so it's time to get acquainted with the other half of our dynamic duo of music. Yikes, another bat reference!

Cindy was born in Kansas, but was raised in southern California; graduating from El Monte High School and Point Loma Nazarene University; and rounding out her academic work with choirs, flute, organ work and adding drama club for good measure. It was at college she met Steve while living next door to his cousin. Marriage followed a year later.

They are proud parents of 3 children: Adam, Eric, and Amy who are all now also involved in ministries. Ten grandchildren aging from 18 down to 3 years old complete the family.

Cindy has worked as a legal secretary and in the county recorder's office and in her down time enjoys reading, sewing, singing and, of course, shopping for her grandkids. Although cooking isn't her most favorite activity, she loves to feed her family paella and carbonara and the little ones' favorite---tacos. What a grandma (since mine gave me just gnats and mosquitos)!

Before settling down in Marion, she has lived in all four time zones at one time or another adding to her flamingo collection as she went from one place to another. Two years ago, they transferred here from the Marion Church of the Nazarene when Steve became Emanuel's choir director. Cindy is on the Board of Finance and supports the many activities offered to the community.

We're proud to have you in our family!

Big Blessings to all!

Batina Belfry



Happy Birthday to Nancy Mash!

Nancy celebrates her 94th birthday on April 25th.
Let's remember Nancy with our cards and prayers.
(contact the church office for addresses)



Welcome to this month's Music Notes!

*"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
"live as ones I died to save."*

The above quotation is the Refrain to a new hymn, "Touch That Soothes and Heals", that we will sing together on April 14, the Third Sunday of Easter. The hymn invites us, like Thomas, to see Jesus' hands and feet and sends us to be Christ's hands and feet. The hymn writer, Mary Louise Bringle, issues a challenge, that if we profess to be Jesus' disciples, we are to live our lives following Him in our deeds and actions, by showing love and serving others.

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| 1. Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,
hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the weary,
bearing burdens in their stead. | 2. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
visit ones in need of care,
give the homeless warmth and shelter:
Christ will find a welcome there. |
| 3. Love and serve without distinction
all earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness
hope and wholeness are increased. | 4. Hands that beckon little children,
Bind a wound, prepare a meal,
feet that rush to share good tidings,
Christ arisen, still reveal. |

The last few months have been difficult for me, as I have been experiencing physical ailments that have been both frustrating and exhausting. I've been working with a team of doctors to ease my burden, but relief is still a few months away, always just out of reach, it feels. I've been blessed, though, to be living proof of the words of this hymn: "Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased." Those who have been aware of my difficulties have been, through their kindness and support, part of my coping and healing.

I ponder this hymn and I think of the many good things that are happening at Emanuel. We are demonstrating that community is not just within the four walls of the church, but within the surrounding neighborhood, indeed wherever there is a need. Emanuel has been a support through not just my trials, but is providing support for the surrounding community as well. "Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least."

As Easter continues throughout the month of April, we will sing a new hymn of Baptism, "To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold", on April 28, the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The New Testament reading for that day is Acts 8:26-40, where Philip baptizes an Ethiopian, sharing the Good News of the Risen Christ. I will take leave with words of the Good News from this hymn.

Baptized into the death of Christ,
with Christ from death we rise,
drawn through the night by dawning light
into abundant life, into abundant life.

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul

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31 8:00am. - Worship 9:15 - Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 2pm Bible Study	1 5pm Bd. of Fellowship	2 8:30 - Quilters 6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionnaires	3 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 C&A Choirs 7:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Cottage Meeting	4 11:30 Book Study 5:30Book Study 7:00 Worship	5 Waldo Fresh Food 12pm Altar Guild 5pm Celebrating 30 Years Dinner	6 8am - 4pm Faith Journey Bible Overview 12-2pm Shoe Drive
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We Want to Hear from You!

The Board of Spiritual Life is hosting Cottage meetings for members of the congregation to discuss the worship schedule for the coming future. These meetings will be held in the Martin Luther room. The dates and times are:

April 3 at 7PM with Christy Penrod & Scott Inskeep

April 9 at 11:30 AM with Judy Lehner & Sandy Needham

April 25 at 12:30 with Deb Yager

Everyone is invited to come to a meeting and share your thoughts.

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