

The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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Passion Sunday (4/13) – We will participate in Walt Wangerin’s “Cry of the Whole Congregation.” Holy Communion will be at both services. We will collect coats.

Holy Wednesday (4/16) – We will have our midweek Lenten service continuing with the Fruit of the Spirit. Dinner begins at 5pm and worship begins at 7pm.

Maundy Thursday (4/17) – We will have Holy Communion at worship at 7pm.

Good Friday (4/18) – Worship will be at 7pm.

Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter (4/20) – Worship at 9am and 11am. Breakfast will be served in the parlor from 8am – 10:30am. Holy Communion at both services.

Easter Breakfast Please join us from 8am – 10:30 in the Parlor on Easter morning for egg bake, pancakes, sausage, coffee and OJ. We are also asking members to bring along their favorite coffee cake to share. If you are interested in helping cook or serve that morning, please contact Dodi Mawer at 740-262-0251 or dodirt@gmail.com. Thank you!

He is Risen

New Life in Christ

From Miletus he (Paul) sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace.

Acts of the Apostles 20:17-24

With April, we finally reach real spring. We had fake spring in March. Now we have reached real spring. We will start to see the signs of new life. We will start to see more activity. We will start to be more active.

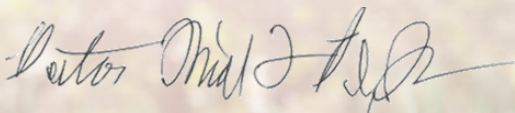
The same thing occurs as we transition from Lent to Easter. With Easter, we have the real resurrected Jesus. With Easter, we start to see new signs of the faithful life. With Easter, we are called by God to be more active.

In Acts 20, we have people writing letters and meeting with some of the faithful. He says to them that he does not count value to his life. The only thing he counts is that he finishes his call from God and completes the ministry he has received from Christ, which is testifying to the good news of God's grace. This testimony occurs through his words, his deeds, and his actions.

We to are called to place value in our call from God, being disciples of Christ, and following the Holy Spirit. We do not always know what will happen. But we are to place value in Kingdom work and not our own work.

Easter gives us a new chance to re-orient ourselves toward the Kingdom. We have come through the challenges of Lent. Now we have a new life and a new chance. Enjoy the new life of spring in your faith life, and may your testimony give value to God's Kingdom.

Peace,



Pastor Mike

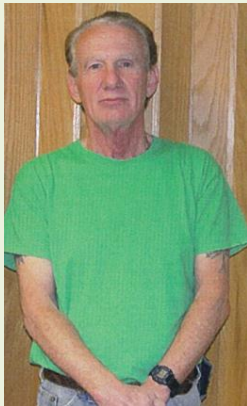


“So they took Jeremiah and put him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king’s son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud.” -Jeremiah 38:6

The prophet Jeremiah was compelled by God to denounce sin and pronounce judgement on the people of Judah. The people had started worshiping other gods and refused to obey the Lord God Almighty. Jeremiah wrote on a scroll what God told him to write about the coming disaster because the people refused to turn from their wicked ways. Jeremiah was arrested and put into a cistern that had no water in it. He sank into the mud.

Have you ever felt like you had fallen into a dry well and were sinking into mud? Maybe you have looked at the circumstances around you and feel there is no hope. You have tried to do what is right, but things do not turn out in a positive way. You have health issues, financial issues or tried to help someone and it turned out to be a messy situation. Maybe you look at the bad stuff that is going on in the world and wonder where God is in all that messy mud. Jeremiah had followed God’s orders and here he was stuck in all that mud! There seemed to be no hope in all that mess.

Jeremiah called out to God for help and God responded, “I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11). “Call to me and I will answer you and I will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.” (Jeremiah 33:3). Another prophet Isaiah says, “The Lord will guide you always. He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.” (Isaiah 58;11). Jesus promised that “Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, from his heart will flow rivers of living water.” It is the Easter story. There may be mud around us, but Jesus will clear the mud away and rescue us as he promised. We are surrounded by the clean water of our baptism. There is hope. Hallelujah! Jeremiah was also rescued. Hallelujah!



Thank you, Carl!

Thank you to Carl Jones, our Building Superintendent and then Maintenance Support person, for his 14 years of service to Emanuel. He retired as of Thursday, March 6th. Carl was hired in February 21, 2011 and worked as custodian under Perry Brammer who was the Building Superintendent at that time. After Perry retired in April of 2015 Carl took Perry’s position as Building Superintendent.

Carl’s desire is to spend more time with his family.
God’s blessings to Carl as he starts this new chapter in his life.

Do You Believe This?

This year, 2025 is the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea, from which we received the Nicene Creed. The Lutheran congregations in the area will be gathering on a monthly basis do have discussions around the Nicene Creed and what we believe to be true. Emanuel hosted the first session. We had a good turnout and a fantastic conversation. For our next session, we will gather on Sunday, May 18th from 3p-5p at First Lutheran in Upper Sandusky (601 N Sandusky Ave. Upper Sandusky OH 43351). Come join others to continue this wonderful discussion. Bishop Daniel has made this year the Year of Listening. We are hoping these sessions allow us to listen to what we as Christians of the Lutheran tradition believe and what others might believe as well.

Social Ministry Updates

Our next Laundry Initiative Day will be Saturday, April 12th from 11am-2pm. There are registration forms in the Gathering Space for those who would like to volunteer that day.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Lutheran Disaster Relief Comfort Kits! We were able to put together several kits that will help children in going through tough times after disasters.

Below is information for a couple opportunities coming up this month:



United Way of North Central Ohio and Marion Matters Inc. have teamed up to bring Bridges Out of Poverty training to the region in April, with two professionally-led workshops for participants to choose from.

Bridges Out of Poverty is a nationally recognized training model designed to help community members – employers, organizations, agencies, and individuals – understand the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty. A certified Bridges trainer leads workshop participants to a deeper understanding of the obstacles faced by those living in poverty and encourages collaborative efforts to remove barriers and build strong and sustainable communities. We thank our community partners at First Citizens National Bank, Graphic Packaging, Ohio Mutual Insurance Group, and Alluvial Tax & Planning for sponsoring this event. A limited number of sponsorships are still available; please call us at 740-383-3108 for info.

The April 24 Marion workshop will be held in the Greg Swepston Gymnasium at the Alber Student Center. Many thanks to The Ohio State University at Marion for donating the use of this venue.

The \$25 registration cost includes the full-day workshop and lunch. **Emanuel will cover the registration costs for the first 10 people who call the church office to register.** Please call Ashley in the office, 740-383-2184 to register today!

Gathered to Scatter – Zion Lutheran Church, Sandusky – April 25-26

Our neighborhoods are aching for the good news of Jesus Christ.

God wants to empower everyday churches to proclaim the Kingdom in everyday places. Learn how regular congregations are reimagining and reorganizing to bring hope into the cafés, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and the common places we spend our days.

At *Gathered to Scatter* you will learn how:

- Regular churches are reaching people who might never come to a traditional "Sunday" church
- You can unleash your church's pioneering leaders without destroying your established congregation
- Develop powerful leaders even if you don't have a big staff

While many leadership events are oriented around well known speakers, "Gathered to Scatter" is led by practitioners deeply experienced in leading small and mid-sized congregations. Join us for a new vision of what an everyday Church can be! For more information visit: freshexpressions.com/g2s



Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd... And Every day!

Earth Day reminds us to take a moment and appreciate the beauty of nature and the detail God put into creating our planet. It should also remind us that we are called to be stewards of the earth; it is our responsibility to care for God's creation, protect it, and not just own or exploit it.

We have all heard the phrase, "**Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.**" At Emanuel we are looking for ways to start living this motto and do our part in caring for God's creation – and not just on April 22nd, but every day!

You may have noticed new ceramic mugs in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings. These help to eliminate single-use plastics and Styrofoam (which can take over 500 years to decompose!) that trash our landfills, pollute our water, and devastate wildlife.



And, if you prefer to take your coffee on the go, consider a travel mug! The Board of Fellowship will be selling Emanuel Lutheran coffee Tumblers in the Gathering Space beginning April 6th for \$5/each. Take your mug everywhere with you! Both of these new **Reusable** mug options let us **Reduce** our use of single-use cups.



We are now also emphasizing the importance of **Recycling** our bulletins. We have a **recycling** basket located in the Gathering space that is emptied weekly. We have also added a **recycling** bin to the main Kitchen off the parlor. So, while we are helping feed those in need, we are also helping **reduce** waste on our planet.

Thank you to everyone who has helped put these initiatives in place and to those who use and support them! You are making a difference.

Important Newsletter Distribution Updates!

We are saying good-bye to bulk mailed newsletters! Don't worry, we will still be publishing our monthly Good News Newsletter and there are several options for you to receive it – email, online or printed. This will hopefully result in a reduction of paper use, as well as decreasing our carbon footprint for delivery.

Sign up to receive the newsletter through email If you would like to sign-up for our email list, please email Ashley at the church at ashley.koehler@emanuellutheran.net or emanuel1@emanuellutheran.net. **Otherwise, newsletters will be passed out during worship on Sunday mornings, available in the Gathering Space, the office, and online at our website and Facebook page.** If none of these options work for you, and you would like to continue receiving a printed copy in the mail, call Ashley at 740-382-0257.

"Lord, Creator of all living things, help guide our daily actions and thoughts to become better stewards of the earth. Guide us to act responsibly, care for the earth you gave us, and make wise choices in our everyday living."

You Are Invited To Share Your Faith Story

In November 2024, the Northwestern Synod staff shared a resource called, "The Great Thanksgiving Listen" a Story Corps project that encourages people of all ages to create an oral history of our time by interviewing someone in their life. "Truly listening to someone reminds them that their life matters and reminds us all of what matters most," says the Story Core Team. The memory verse for the Northwestern Ohio synod is, "Incline your ear and come to me; listen, so that you may live...." (Isaiah 55:3a) When the Bishop suggested that this year's theme was the year of Listening, it gave me the idea to interview our church family about their faith stories. My goal is to get as many members as possible to share their stories. To do this I put together a Faith Story Core Team of Jean Smith, Carl Emigh, Randy Gilbert, Dee Rinehart and myself (Parish Deacon Ann) to develop this project. We have a list of questions that you can select from to share your story. Some of our church family will be asked to be interviewers and help write the stories. The interviewers will have 7 months to interview people from April to October. The goal is to publish the stories in booklet form by January 2026.

It is important for us to listen to each other as we share our stories. It helps us to learn how to share our stories with each other and to reach out to other people in the community. I hope you will help us with this Faith Story Project by being an interviewer and being willing to tell your faith story. May you be open to the Holy Spirit working in you to share the gospel in this way. Questions or suggestions you have can be referred to any member of the Faith Story Project Team.

GOOD Friday Day Camp

Friday April 18, 2025
10 A.M. to 3P.M.

Children ages 5 and up are invited to come and learn about the last days of Jesus and the events leading up to his Resurrection. We will focus on the Last Supper and the time Jesus spent praying in The Garden of Gethsemane.

Children will participate in music, crafts, skits and learn about different forms of prayer. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Please find and complete the registration form at the back of this newsletter then turn it in to Cindy Rinker, Abby Chase or the church office. The deadline for registration is April 14, 2025.

Help is needed on this day, please let Cindy know if you can help with lunch, crafts or anything else that needs attention.

The February Community Meal was hosted by a group of volunteers representing the Marion City Police Department, Marion City Schools, and the Richwood Bank. The meal prepared consisted of Chilli, baked potatoes with the works, cornbread and an orange fluff for dessert. There were 37 individuals served.



Looking Back with Alicia Mayes

As I read through the minutes of what little I have, there was the Annual Meeting on January 28, 1996 to vote on the budget and such, the big discussion was if we should implement a 3rd worship service, a Contemporary Service. It was a long meeting with many questions and comments. After the discussion it was decided that since the congregation was informed enough about what the ins and outs of what the Contemporary Service would be and all questions had been answered there would be a 2nd Session Annual Meeting Sunday, February 11, 1996. This meeting was held to vote for or against having a Contemporary Service. The vote would be to adopt the 3rd service at 9:15A Contemporary or 9:30A Contemporary, or a No vote on the Contemporary and stay with 8A and 10:30A Traditional services.

With the 1st vote there was not a clear majority as to add the Contemporary Service. So there was a 2nd vote with the option of adding a 3rd service or stay with the 2 Traditional Services. It was clear that the vote was so close that at that time we stayed with the 2 Traditional Services and no on adding the Contemporary Service. The meeting was adjourned. As we all know there is more to this story.

In the February 1996 Newsletter I read a greeting from Matthew A. Smuts. I don't remember him but some of you do, I'm sure. He was at Emanuel as an Interim Youth Director. He was a senior at Trinity Seminary and would be graduating in the spring of 1996 with a Master of Divinity degree. He couldn't have been here more than a few months. The piece said he was from San Diego, California and had his undergraduate degree from California Lutheran University. He was married to Mariel.

He stated in the piece that it was a little daunting coming to Emanuel and stepping into Festival in Faith for his first time but was impressed by our organization and commitment as a congregation.

I went looking on the internet to see if I could find Pastor Smuts. I found him currently at Grace Lutheran Church in Palo Alto, California. I read that he took a sabbatical in 2023 and went to Europe.

I found this to be very interesting – I read that in February of 1996 at a Trustee meeting, (Board of Properties now) there was a discussion about the 10' conference table in the Martin Luther/Library. It belonged to the church but it was decided that it was too long for our use years ago. So, it was decided to sell it to George Rutherford, a long-time member of Emanuel, for his Century office. If I remember correctly George worked in insurance, please correct me if I'm wrong. His office was closing in 1996 and it was decided to accept the table back and put it back in the Martin Luther/library. It is still in use for meetings to this day in that same room.

The Trustees also reported that H & H Decorators had been hired to electrostatically paint the metal kitchen cupboards for \$1,050. That is using a magnetic field to spray paint. Remember, we are talking 1996. I'm sure it costs much more today. This type painting is still being used.

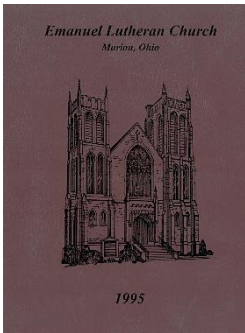
The kitchen received new countertops at the same time that were installed by Baldauf Lumber. Many of you know Ed Baldauf, one of the original owners of Baldauf Lumber. The bathrooms on the first floor were made handicap accessible. Again, we are talking almost 30 years ago.

In 1996 our Childcare was growing. The Toddler Room opened. There was a building inspection done and licensing was granted. The Toddler Room opened the 1st of April. At that time Childcare had 4 rooms in use. The Infant Room age went up to 18 months and was licensed for 5 infants. The Toddler Room was ages 18 months to 3 years and was licensed for 7 children. The 3-5 year old room was licensed for 24 children and the 3rd floor school-age children was licensed for 10-12 children. If you remember I wrote last month about the church having a van at that time that took the school age children to and from school. A much needed help for working parents of those children.

I was reading about Pastor Don Abdon that did Christian Leadership Seminars. March 23 and 24 in 1996 there was a seminar at Emanuel that served as the Church Council Retreat and the congregation was invited also. At that seminar Pastor Abdon talked about what we could do at Emanuel incorporating these leadership ideas for the long term. This was when we were deciding on a new constitution at Emanuel and this was the new concept of structure that our leaders were planning to propose at the congregational meeting in January 1997. Don Abdon is a Lutheran Pastor from Indiana. I looked

him up and found that he is now retired living in Clayton, Indiana. He is 84 years old. Some of you may have gone to this seminar and been a part of this effective strategic planning.

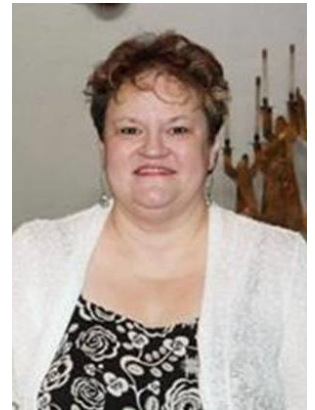
As many of you know there is more to this story. I will be writing more about the new constitution as I read on after the congregational meeting in the next newsletter.



In the April 1996 Newsletter it was announced that the 1995 Church Pictorial Directories came. I was looking through it and there were a lot of short sleeves so I figure the pictures were taken in the spring or summer of 1995.

June 9, 1996 there was a reception held for Rev. Martin Hollensen to celebrate 65 years since his ordination. Rev. Hollensen was pastor at Emanuel for 35 years, 1937-1972. Pastor John Kerr, one of the young men that Rev. Hollensen ordained June 13, 1965, was asked to come to Emanuel and preach the sermon that day. Rev. Hollensen died April 14, 1998 in Marion at the age of 91 and Pastor Kerr died February 1, 2021 in Otsego, Minnesota at the age of 81.

There was a special congregational meeting held October 13, 1996 to tell the congregation about Pastor Dawn Spalding the candidate church council had chosen to be called as a Youth Pastor for Emanuel. The congregation had many questions answered and the vote was taken. The final vote was 195 for extending a call, 39 persons voted against the call and 2 abstained. A letter of call was extended to her and she had 30 days after receipt of the call to make a decision and then 30 more days to make the arrangements for her to arrive if she decided to accept our call.



As many of you know Pastor Spalding accepted the call extended to her by Emanuel and she was installed by Bishop James Rave on December 1, 1996.



Robert A. Gordon
Associate Pastor

At the Church Council meeting November 12, 1996 Pastor Bob Gordon stated that he planned to take a year-long leave of absence (Sabbatical) beginning in June of 1997. He would be involved in Maritime Ministry and Marina Chaplaincy during that time. He stated that he would be returning to Emanuel at the end of the leave of absence. John Badenhop was president of council at that time stated that the Board of Elders (Executive Board now) had given him their blessing. The church council and congregation would now have to vote for approval of Pastor Gordon's plans. As many of you remember Pastor Gordon took the leave of absence and returned to Emanuel after his year away.

More history to come. Alicia

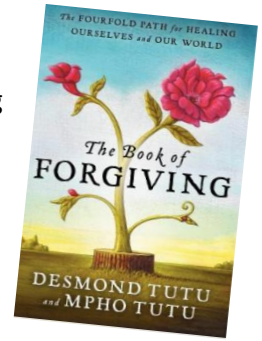
Usher Gathering

We will have a gathering for all who currently serve as ushers as well as anyone who might be interested in serving as an usher. We will be gathering between services on Sunday, April 27th, in the Sanctuary. We will briefly discuss the duties of an usher. We will talk through what functions ushers accomplish during worship. Being an usher is open to all ages. The more ushers we have, the smaller the commitment is. Prayerfully consider serving.



Book Study

The first book study for 2025 will be "The Book of Forgiving – The Four Fold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World" by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. Feel free to grab a copy. We will meet on Thursdays at 11:30am in the Martin Luther library. If you would like to participate in the Zoom session on Sunday nights, let Pastor Mike know and he can send you the link to join.



Faith Journeys

Looking ahead at Faith Journeys in 2025:

April – Lenten Midweek, Holy Week and Easter Sunday services.

Sunday June 1 at 9am worship – confirmation of three of our confirmands.

June 22-27 – Confirmation Camp at HopeWood Pines at LMC

Steeple Sightings



A WARM greeting to you all. While flying around here, I've noticed more changes, like people coming in earlier than usual, grumbling about something they call the "time change." What's with that? Another human quirk, I suppose. One gal in particular has come to my bat-tention, spending more time in my lofty regions, doggedly searching through all the papers and files that have been stored in my guest quarters...Alicia Mayes. After many clandestine visits to the lower levels, I have learned she is gathering information about the history of Emanuel. She's perfect for the task since she's been here wa-a-ay longer than I have. Having observed her for many years, I knew she wouldn't be happy being faced by a bat---harmless that I am. I was in no danger since she had encountered my family members stranded on the floors (we can't fly if we're grounded) and humanely had them moved. Still, I called to her from a safe distance and we established a mutually acceptable "no-fly zone".

Alicia has been in Marion her entire life, graduating from Harding where she participated in choirs and plays. She began working at Probst Supply during her senior year where she met Larry. Once they began dating, they were married 2 years later. She continued working there for a total of 7 years before leaving Probst to care for family members. Larry and Alicia's marriage lasted 33 years until his death.

Eventually, Alicia went to work at Marion General Hospital at the ER registration desk becoming an unofficial connection between patients and the pastoral staff. Later she transferred to what was formerly known as Smith Clinic to register patients being seen by the radiology and the laboratory departments.

Finally, in 2017 she retired to a quiet home life relaxing with yard work and doing home improvements, occasionally taking bus trips to many parts of the country. She takes daily walks and also is a supporter of the Marion Palace.

Due to her longevity at Emanuel and a very good memory, Alicia is regarded as THE resident resource person (seems like there was a song about her: *Go Ask Alicia* -- okay, so it was "Alice"). Add to that the fact that she has served in the areas of Altar Guild, Education, Day Care, Properties, Feed the Need, 150th anniversary committee, wedding coordinator, choir member, and contributor to the newsletter with articles of histories of the church and pastors. If that doesn't make her our #1 fact finder, I'll give up my diet of insects.

Alicia feels blessed to be a part of Emanuel and we are equally blessed by her presence and dedication. Thank you for everything.

May His grace and peace be with you all.
Batina Belfry

WEAPONS POLICY UPDATE

The February PPC Meeting, Emanuel's leaders discussed and approved a Weapons Policy for Emanuel. Here is a summary of the current policy:

"We believe that our Church should be a safe place of worship and fellowship, free of weapons and related distractions. We also acknowledge that certain exceptions are necessary in this day and age so as to mitigate any and all immediate and life-threatening danger to the clergy, staff, members or visitors in the unlikely event of an attack by an active shooter or any individual with malicious intent.

Except with regard to specific exceptions which may be set forth later in this policy, Emanuel Lutheran Church prohibits weapons of any type on it's property and at any and all Church related events. This provision includes any and all activities. This policy shall apply to any and all Emanuel Lutheran Church pastors, members, employees as well as any contractors, vendors and visitors. Anyone with a weapon will be requested to leave the premises, with a welcome to return without the prohibited item that may be in question.

Emanuel Lutheran Church does permit active and retired law enforcement personnel, authorized security company personnel contracted for special events with prior approval. Certain members of Emanuel Lutheran Church who have been approved by the Executive Committee in writing may also be approved for conceal carry.

As noted, Emanuel Lutheran Church hereby adopts a policy that prohibits individuals from carrying or possessing weapons on its property unless they are specifically authorized to do so under the following conditions.

LEVEL 1: Current active law enforcement officers who are visiting and/or worshipping at Emanuel Lutheran Church. They are requested to but not required to notify the Pastor. If the current law enforcement officer chooses to carry a concealed weapon, they are encouraged to assist with any mitigation of an active shooter or life-threatening event.

LEVEL 2: Retired law enforcement officers who are visiting and/or worshipping at Emanuel Lutheran Church. They are requested to but not required to notify the Pastor. If a retired law enforcement officer chooses to carry a concealed weapon, they are encouraged to assist with any mitigation of an active shooter or life-threatening event. Any current or retired law enforcement officer is required to maintain possession of any concealed weapon at all times.

LEVEL 3: Any employee of a security company that may be contracted to provide security for Emanuel Lutheran Church must adhere to this policy and provide the security company weapon policy to the Pastor and/or Executive Committee prior to providing security.

LEVEL 4: Emanuel Lutheran Church members may be permitted to conceal carry only after approved by the Pastor and Executive Committee. The Church member being granted this approval must also prove competence in safety, handling and discharging any weapon they are requesting to conceal carry. Any Ohio Revised Code or local ordinance must also be understood prior to approval.

ENFORCEMENT OF THIS POLICY

To ensure that weapons and any prohibited items are not present or in possession of anyone within the property and/or activities of Emanuel Lutheran Church and if a reasonable suspicion of possession occurs, Emanuel Lutheran Church Pastor, Congregation President, door attendant or other authorized person shall have the right to inspect but not limited to packages, purses, backpacks, lunch bags so as to ensure the safety of the Church."

To see the policy in it's entirety, please pick up a copy in the church office or visit our website.

Welcome
Spring

FEARLESS FORECASTERS!!

A Minneapolis TV weather forecaster received the following letter from a faithful viewer:
"Dear Sir: Enclosed is \$200 for some new eyeglasses. I just finished shoveling six inches of 'Partly Cloudy' off my sidewalk."

(from Lutheran Brotherhood's Newsletter Nuggets Dec. 95)



Happy Birthday to Nancy Mash!

Nancy celebrates her 95th birthday on April 25th. Let's remember Nancy is our cards and prayers!
(Contact the church office for address)

Kilts for a Cause!

Aspire Ministries is holding a "KILTS FOR A CAUSE" charity dinner fundraiser on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Tri-Rivers Giacucque Auditorium at 6:00 P.M.

You can expect a FUN and LIVELY evening dedicated to supporting the critical work we provide for families and organizations in Marion County. This night of food, fun, fashion, and philanthropy will include a catered Scottish-themed dinner served by our community's "kilted men," live entertainment, silent auction items, and a brief live auction for a full-size Nectar adjustable bed and locally handmade quilts. The dress code for the evening is your favorite Celtic or semi-formal attire.

Tickets for Reserved Seating are \$50 each. We hope you will want to join us by becoming a "Friend of Aspire Ministries." This category of sponsorship is for those who wish to help Aspire Ministries a little further as we support the Marion community with compassion, resources, and connections.

A "Friend of Aspire Ministries" sponsorship is available for a donation of \$150 which includes special listings in the program and in our newsletter as well as two complimentary tickets to the event. If you prefer to buy a table for your family and friends to join you, our tables seat 6 and a full table is \$300. Seating is limited so consider ordering your tickets early! Thank you for thinking of us. We would be honored to have you as a "Friend."

We are excited to celebrate the impact of our collective efforts and share inspiring stories of those whose lives have been touched by our work!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>30</p> <p>9 - EWL Service 10 - Education 11 - Praise Worship</p> <p>6pm Luther League</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:30 - Quilters</p> <p>7pm Marionnaires</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 11am Feed the Need 5pm Lent Meal & Fellowship Bd. Mtg. 6pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Lent Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:30 Book Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Waldo Food Distribution</p> <p>6pm Board of Properties Mtg.</p>	<p>5</p>
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<p>13</p> <p>9 - EWL Service 10 - Education 11 - Praise Worship</p> <p>6pm Luther League</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5pm Bd. of Communication Mtg.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 - Quilters</p> <p>6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionnaires</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 11am Feed the Need 5pm Lent Meal 6pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Lent Worship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:30 Book Study</p> <p>7pm Maundy Thursday Worship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10-3pm Good Friday Day Camp</p> <p>7pm Good Friday Worship i</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8-10:45 - Breakfast 9 - EWL Service 10 - Education 11 - Praise Worship</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>4-6 WIC Baby Shower 6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionnaires</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 11am Feed the Need 6pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Bell Rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:30 Book Study Bridges Out of Poverty (OSUM)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9 - EWL Service 10 - Education 10:15 Usher Training 11 - Praise Worship</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7pm PPC Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionnaires</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 11am Feed the Need 6pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Bell Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

Good Friday Day Camp Registration, Health & Permission Form

Please print legibly. Parent or guardian is to complete this form in pen. Thank you.

Camper Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Gender: _____ Grade Completed _____ Birthdate: ___/___/___
Home Church: _____ City: _____ Pastor: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

First & Last Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Additional Parent/Guardian Information:

First & Last Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Additional Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Name: _____ Phone: _____

The following person(s) is/are permitted to pick up my child from Day Camp:

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____

List any disability or recurring illness: _____

Note any activities to be limited: _____

Specify any dietary concerns: _____

Include any current medication or treatment:

Name:	Dosage
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Note: All medications sent to camp must be in the original containers and given to the Church Coordinator.

Note all allergies: ___Bee Stings ___Aspirin ___Penicillin ___Peanuts ___Other: _____

Release: I hereby give permission for the camper, previously named, to participate in all day camp activities and off-site field trips, except as previously noted. I also consent to the use of any photograph or video recordings of my child or family in future ELCA publications.

I understand that every effort will be made to contact me if my child needs emergency medical-surgical treatment. But if it is important to do so, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by Camp Staff to secure proper treatment, to hospitalize, to order injection, anesthesia, x-ray, or surgery for my child as named above. I further authorize the church coordinator, or their designee, to administer over the counter drugs and medications as needed.

Date: _____ Printed Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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\$150 - Includes (2) Reserved Seating Tickets, Special Listing in the Program, Special Listing in our Printed Newsletter

DRESS CODE: You're encouraged to wear your favorite Celtic or semi-formal attire.



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