

The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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NWOS 2022 Imagining Renewal Microgrant

Two representatives from Emanuel Lutheran Church attended the NWOS Microgrant Award Program to accept grants on behalf of their boards:

Matt Primmer for the Board of Social Ministry and Cindy Rinker for the Board of Education.

Read through the newsletter for more information on the grants awarded and the boards' plans for the funds.

Congratulations to all the microgrant recipients!

A Note from Pastor Mike...

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have received the Holy Spirit that heated us and spun us around with a violent rush of wind at Pentecost. We have centered ourselves on the Triune God that creates, redeems and sustains. And now with the second half of the liturgical year, we turn our focus to the Church. This liturgical season is known as The Time of the Church. The story changes to us, and what is expected from us.

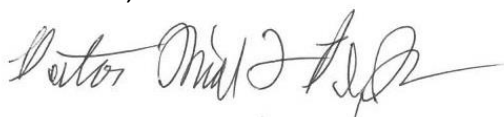
Who is the Triune God calling us to be? What have we learned about who God calls us to be individually? What conversations have been sparked by the Holy Spirit in our small groups? As we gather as a congregation, with Christ present, who are we being called to be?

The world continues to change very rapidly. If we are to be effective in our ministries, we need to be rapidly changing to meet the needs of the world. We are called to constantly ask ourselves who God is calling us to be in the here and now, and to try and project a few steps farther down the road.

The first step is asking the question. The next step is listening for answer. And then, we have to become who God is calling us to be. What is God saying to you, about you and us? Hopefully these conversations continue as we re-emerge in a new direction.

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and happy summer.

Peace,



Pastor Mike



Pastor Poole's Pins

Pastor Mike has been a fan of IndyCar racing for a long time. He grew up watching the Indy 500 on television (the Greatest Spectacle in Racing!) Attending the Indy 500 in person was on Pastor Mike's bucket list. When Pastor Mike was a police officer, the Race Shop for the TrueSports IndyCar Team was in Hilliard. Bobby Rahal, Scott Pruett, Bryan Herta and others raced for them. That shop is the shop for Rahal/Lannigan/Letterman Racing. Tasman Racing was also in Hilliard. Tony Kanaan and Helio Castroneves and others raced out of that shop. The police department had good relationships with both of the teams. So Pastor Mike's interest continued. In 2010, Pastor Mike was finally able to attend the race. The Hard Rock Café in Indianapolis had a commemorative pin. Pastor Mike wears it each year on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend in honor of the race that day!

GREAT NEWS!!!!

This past May, Emanuel's Board of Education applied for and received a \$1000.00 microgrant from the ELCA Imagining Renewal Committee.

Jen Valentine wrote the grant and submitted it for the board. This money will be used to show Neighbor Love in our community. Together our board and our youth will feed the neighborhood, from the church, in a drive through setting. Watch for updates as we finalize our plans!



ANOTHER SUNDAY SCHOOL???????

Last month Mrs. Rinker began teaching Sunday School on Tuesday to our Daycare students. The children come to her classroom to hear a story, do a craft, play games, sing songs and learn about God's love. Please pray for teacher and students as we plan to make this a permanent opportunity to live and learn about our Gracious God.

DON'T FORGET.....

There is no Sunday School in August. Our last day for the summer will be July 31. We will return to Sunday School on September 11.



Teachers Still Needed!!!!

Please prayerfully consider helping to teach Sunday School this summer. No experience needed except to love the Word, love your Lord and love Emanuel's children. Please call Mrs. Rinker for questions and details.

There is still time to donate to the Sunday School's Summer Service Project!

Items to help homeless pets in Marion County can be placed in the Blessings Basket by the first-floor elevator until July 9th. Our Sunday School class will deliver our donations to the Humane Society on **July 9th at 10:00 A.M.** We will then move on to the Exploratorium for fun, fellowship and lunch. There will be no expense to families for this adventure.

Communication and Evangelism Board Notes

- I know...Where's the pictorial directory? Let's just say nothing is as easy as it seems. The directory is at the printer and should be ready sometime in July. We are working on this behind the scenes.
- Sound System - Important parts are still not in. The company is looking to install what they can until the essential parts come in. It's a process.
- We are still looking for people to help with the sound/audio system for broadcast days and times. The same people continue to step up and we thank you for your service. We have a 9-year-old member "interning" on the sound system. As Teri Turner said, "It's so easy a 9-year-old can do it."
- We continue to seek ways to reach out to non-attending members. Ways to help:
 - Call and check on these members. We want to make sure that they are ok and know that we care about them
 - Send cards/letters/emails.
 - Attend our Welcome Back Event in July. More information below.

Welcome Back Event – Saturday, July 17



Your Communication and Evangelism Board with the help of the Fellowship Board are sponsoring a Welcome Back Event on July 17 at 6:00p.m. at the church (location to be determined). This event is designed to encourage members to reconnect. It will take the form of an ice cream social. Due to COVID levels and the ever-changing restrictions, Bruce will not be making the ice cream. Should something change at the last minute, we don't want him to be stuck with a freezer full of ice cream! We will have games, including Emanuel Bingo, thanks to Alicia Mayes. Encourage everyone to attend. We'll all learn a little about Emanuel and each other. Please check Facebook and weekly announcements, in case we need to make changes.

Thank you to all of you at Emanuel who offered me well wishes upon my retirement. I especially thank the members of Parish Planning Council and boards that attended my exit interview. Your affirmation is so greatly appreciated. Thank you for all the kind words, cards, even the hugs, and the more than generous monetary gift. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have been overwhelming. As I mentioned in my last sermon, Emanuel Lutheran Church will be with Chris and I always and we are so thankful that we can say that. God's blessings to you all--Deacon Kevin.

Musings from the Church Mouse...

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At the Ascension worship service, Pastor Mike talked about the three different Creeds. Do you wonder why we say one Creed or another? I do! The three Ecumenical Creeds we use are the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. All three were in the green BLW. In the new cranberry ELW, they only printed the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. And, they only put them in Setting One, and not in all the settings.

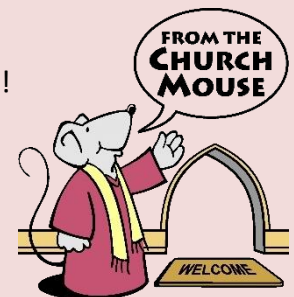
The Apostles' Creed comes to us as an ancient baptismal Creed. If we look at the questions and answers in the baptismal liturgy, we see that some of the answers to the questions are the three petitions of the Apostles' Creed. The Apostles' Creed gives us the three persons of the Trinity. The Apostles' Creed is also used typically when the color of the season/day is green.

The Nicene Creed explains the interconnectedness of the Trinity a little deeper. The Nicene Creed is typically used when we have a Feast/Festival of Jesus (when the color of the day is white); during the seasons of Advent (blue), Christmas (white), Lent and Holy Week (purple), and Easter (gold and white); on Pentecost and other days when the color of the day is red; and on other days when the color of the day is white (i.e. All Saints Day, Holy Trinity Sunday, ect.).

The Athanasian Creed is a long Creed that is a deeper explanation of the Trinity being a perfect loving relationship. The Athanasian Creed is not used very often. The one occasion we may use this Creed is on Holy Trinity Sunday.

Take some to time to look at these Creeds and proclaim our faith in the Triune God!

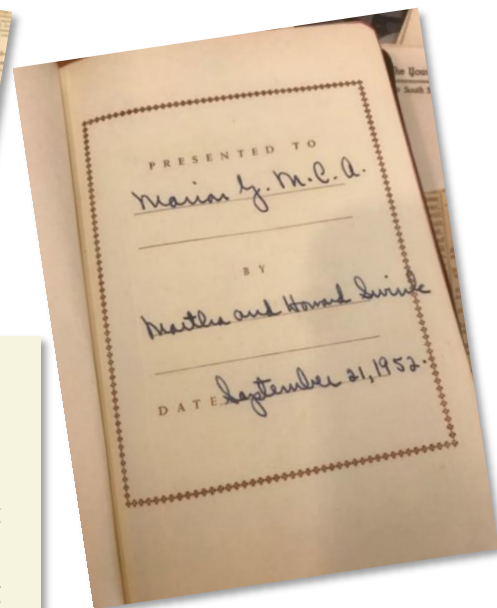
Church Mouse



News from Love Inc.

After much prayer, the Board of Directors of Love INC Marion believe there is a new direction for their ministry. While still an incredible organization, participating as an affiliate of the Love INC National Movement no longer meets the current needs of the Marion community. Consequently, at the beginning of next year, Love INC Marion will transition to the new Aspire Ministries to allow greater opportunities to tailor programs to the Marion area. They will continue to partner with local churches and develop gap ministries. In the coming months, they will be changing their name, logo, board structure and even their location. If you have questions or would like to be involved in forming Aspire Ministries, reach out to executive director, Jenni Hypes at 740-751-6554 or jenni@loveincmarion.org.

Looking back with Alicia Mayes...



YMCA Cornerstone Laying

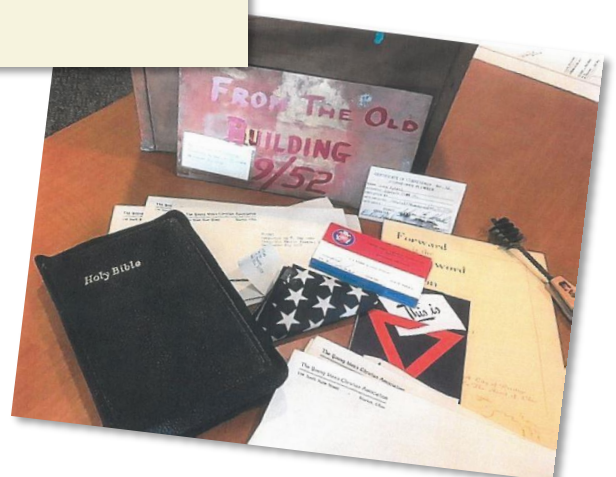
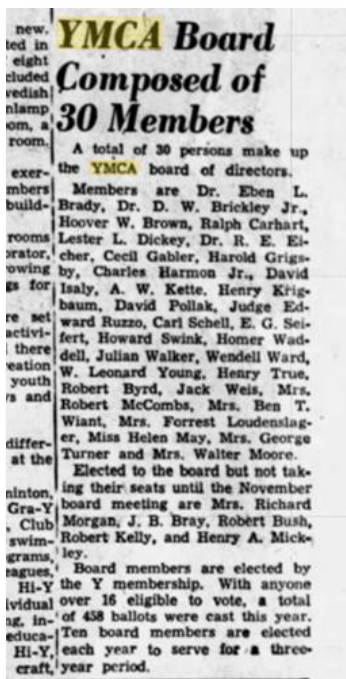
In September of 1952 a letter was sent to Rev. Martin Hollensen, the pastor of Emanuel at that time, and the congregation from Al Kette, President of the Board of the YMCA, inviting everyone to the cornerstone laying of the new YMCA being built on E. Church St. This was to take place September 21, 1952. Emanuel was asked to place a copy of the Bible in their cornerstone.

In researching this I talked with Matt Primmer, since he is on the board of the YMCA now. He in turn took pictures of the contents of that cornerstone.

When the new YMCA on Barks Road was opened the contents were taken from the cornerstone on Church St. and are now at the new YMCA.

You can see the Bible and it is signed by Howard Swink and his wife, Martha, and dated the day the cornerstone was layed. Matt also sent me a copy of a newspaper piece that tells the names of members of the YMCA board in the 1950's. Howard Swink and his wife were members of Emanuel and he was a member of the board of the YMCA.

Thank you, Matt, for helping me with this piece.





Thank you to everyone who helped bring the Cardinal Chorale to Marion on June 11th. This is a collaborative effort with Prospect Street United Methodist Church. The concert rotates yearly between our two churches, and the members from both churches are needed to provide meals and housing for the 50+ singers/staff for the night.

Special thanks to those that provided housing on behalf of Emanuel this year including Rex & Carolyn Parrott, Ed Stofcheck & Matt Primmer, Dee & Darren Rinehart, David Fitkin, Steve Andrews & Scott Inskeep, and Gary Branson; and to those who sponsored the event, the Pleasant Music Boosters, Lynette & Jeff Burris, Marla Vance, Ed Stofcheck & Matt Primmer, Louise Vance, Emanuel LGBT & Allies Fellowship Group, and the Kubbs Family.



2022 Provider of the Year!

Emanuel Child Care & Preschool was recently named the 2022 Provider of the Year by the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Agency based in Mansfield.

"I am so proud of where we are today. I work with an amazing staff. We are dedicated to our profession and truly love the work we do. We are committed to providing the best care possible to the children in our community. This award is a testament to our hard work. Our staff is so deserving"

– Abby Chase, Child Care Director





Welcome to the July Music Notes!

This month, as we celebrate our nation's founding, I would like to highlight the July 3rd opening hymn which we will sing at the 8:00 and 10:30 services. "This Is My Song" (ELW 887) is a wonderful hymn with an interesting background. The first two verses were written by the musician and poet Lloyd Stone (1912-1993). Intending to become a teacher after graduating as a music major from USC, Lloyd

instead joined a circus on its way to Hawaii! Although he left the circus soon after, he remained in Hawaii, where he became a highly regarded musician and poet, and was named the Poet Laureate of Hawaii (Ka Haku-Mele O Hawaii) in 1951. His poem "This Is My Song" was written during the time of peace between the two world wars, and was a song of hope for all nations. In fact, in his poem he acknowledges not only the love he has for his own country, but the love of other nations by their citizens as well.

Lloyd's poem, set to Jean Sibelius' tune "Finlandia" (more on that later), was first published as "A Song For Peace," and by the late 1930s became a favorite of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church. In order to give the poem a more Christian character, the Guild asked Georgia Elma Harkness (1891-1974), a prominent Methodist theologian and philosopher, to give the poem a more Christian character. Thus Harkness wrote two additional stanzas, one of which is commonly included as the 3rd and final verse of the hymn. Note how this stanza ties into the Lord's Prayer ("your kingdom come, on earth your will be done."), and states how all peoples will be united to serve God and to "learn to live as one."

The tune "Finlandia," by the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius (1865-1957), was originally a part of a larger work written in 1899 as a protest against Russian oppression. Sibelius revised the work in 1900 into a stand-alone symphonic tone poem, and later a song and choral work. The tune is also commonly sung with the hymns "Be Still My Soul" and "We Rest On Thee." Although "Finlandia" is not the official anthem of Finland, it is perhaps the country's most important and well-known national song.

If you have the opportunity, take a few moments to read the words of the hymn. It is truly an inspiring reflection on the beauty of God's creation, and of the hope that all peoples could come together as one, in peace, to celebrate God and what God has provided.

To help lead us in the singing of this hymn on July 3rd, we will welcome to the 10:30 service as special musical guests the Marionaires, with Emanuel's John Hoch and Dennis Swartz! They have been entertaining Marion and surrounding counties since 1980 with their distinctive barbershop harmonies, and we are delighted that they will be lifting their voices to the glory of God in our wonderful house of worship that morning!

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul Burnside



LGBT & Allies

Emanuel's LGBT & Allies Fellowship Group met on Sunday, June 12th for the monthly pot luck, with 29 in attendance. June is pride month so there were many rainbow themed decorations.

At the beginning of each meeting, we read Emanuel's Welcome. Parish Deacon Ann Thomas provided the prayer. After the meal and some around the table fellowship, we enjoyed dessert and began several rounds of BINGO.

The Next LGBT & Allies Fellowship event will be July 11th at 6pm.



The Northwest Ohio Synod's Imagining Renewal Microgrants are intended to offer support and resources to individuals, congregations, and organizations with the desire to engage in an original community-based project that uniquely meets a need of the community, encourages social engagement, and furthers the gospel.

The Spirit of the Grant is to make disciples who recognize the needs of their community and are encouraged to respond with creativity and a passion to serve, equip leaders with the resources to be imaginative in outreach, strengthen parishes through original projects that reach beyond our church buildings and address the needs of our community in this time, and nurture new and adaptable ways for the people of Northwestern Ohio to be in community.



This year, Emanuel Lutheran members applied for and received two grants. The board of education is working on a way to get the youth involved in a project to feed our local community and the board of social ministries is using their grant funds to further the Laundry Initiative. Congratulations to the microgrant recipients!

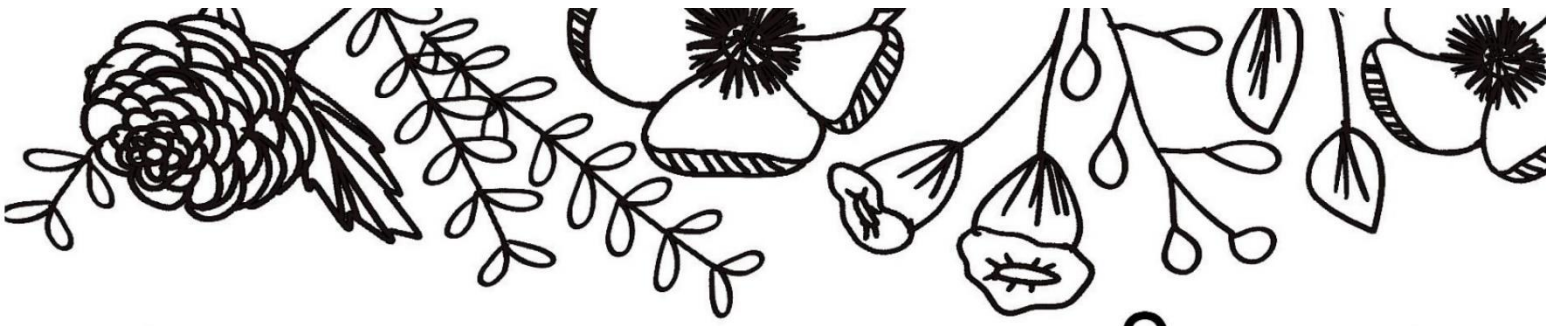
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Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
2 Corinthians 3:17

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 8:00am – Worship 9:15 – Worship 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship	4 Independence Day Office & Childcare Closed	5 8am – Quilters 6:00 - Communication 6:30 – Praise Team Rehearsal	6 7am – Men's B.S. 9:30 Bible Study	7 11:30 – Book Study 5:30pm – Book Study 7pm - Worship	8 11am - John Walker Funeral	9 10 – Sunday School Service Project (humane society & Exploratorium)
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Welcome Back Event! Please Join us:

Sunday, July 17th at 6:00p.m.

Ice Cream, Games, and more!



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