

The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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Our Journey Continues...

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Acts of the Apostles 1:8

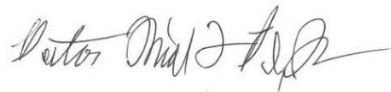
The Anniversary Committee has been led to the theme of our anniversary as, “150 years – Our Journey Continues.... Reflect, Renew, Rejoice.”

We here at Emanuel will begin our 150th Year in September. The Anniversary Committee hopes we are able to spend the year celebrating our journey. We will look back at where we have been, as we look forward to where we are going. Our Journey Continues...

As part of our celebration, we want to take a look at a variety of areas of ministry. We are asking you to give us your stories, photos, and memories. In July, we will take a look at Festival In Faith. Feel free to write down your thoughts and memories. Feel free to forward those thoughts along with and photos and such to Alicia Mayes.

It is exciting to start this part of our journey, as we look back and look forward.

Peace,



Pastor Mike

I see Emanuel growing....

I see us growing! I see members attending Faith Journey events, ongoing Bible studies, and thought-provoking book studies. I see the growth of new ideas, such as rethinking spaces like the library, Martin Luther room, and Chapel. I see us actively addressing hunger issues in Marion and, more broadly, in Ohio. We're providing meals for our hungry neighbors by contributing to the Peanut Butter Jelly truck. We're also helping by creating and donating meals to distribute, using surplus food from funeral meals and other gatherings. (It was such a tiny idea at first!) Our children are growing, knowing God's love by singing, learning, and reaching out. They've donated to hungry and needy children in Marion, and also in central Ohio by collecting coins and socks. (LOTS of socks!) I'm seeing our teens growing their faith, and becoming more visible in services as readers, puppeteers, singers, and soloists. I see Emanuel friends reaching out to involve us in our growing choirs and showing us ways to participate in, and donate to, our Childcare. We're growing through our Boards, who offer us a variety of programs to gather in Christian fellowship when giving our time and resources. We're growing! Reread our newsletters.....Look around. Let me know what else you see!

In Christ's Love,

Sandy Needham, Mutual Ministry member



Photos from Acolyte Training

You Know You Are a Steadfast Lutheran If....



- You judge the purity of the congregation by the color of its hymnal.
- You often wonder why they are called mission "fields" when it is apparent from viewing film strips at Family Night that there are no fields, and not even crops.
- You support all the missions you can but you don't think it is necessary to witness at the County Fair to the carnies because it won't do any good, especially to those whose earrings are bigger than their short shorts.

Sunday School News

PETS UNLEASHED.....God is the perfect creator.....Jesus cares for us
“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

We will study creation and love for all creatures. We learn about Jesus' big amazing love for us and we celebrate the light of our world.

Our Service Project for summer is to collect stuffed animals to donate to Turning Point. Again, we are also collecting cat and dog food for the shelters in Marion. Our children loved doing this last year and your donations were awesome.

Our summer Sunday School begins on June 4 at 9:15 and ends on July 30.
We will meet in the third-floor classroom. **Please remember there is no Sunday School in August.**

On SUNDAY, JULY 16, we will have a pet blessing during our ice cream social, look for details in the July newsletter.

On SATURDAY, JULY 22, we will make our deliveries of pet food and stuffed animals and then picnic at McKinley Park and Playground. If it rains, we will picnic at The Exploratorium.

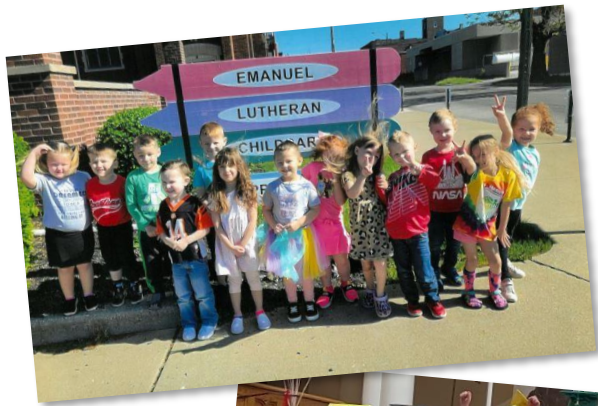
Donations of pet food or any size of stuffed animal is appreciated. These gifts can be left in the blessing basket by the first-floor elevator.

Last day of Summer Sunday School is July 30
Sunday School resumes on September 10.

We're
ThankFUL
for
YOU!



Thank you to Mrs. Teri for a wonderful year of Children's Choir!



Congratulations Graduates!!

On May 18th we celebrated as 14 of our Preschoolers head off to kindergarten! The child care board hosted a reception in the parlor after the children sang and received their 'diplomas'.



Childcare Parking Lot Sale – Saturday, June 10th

Please join us for our annual Child Care Parking Lot Sale! The date is Saturday, June 10th from 9am – 3pm. You can rent a table to sell items or just stop out that afternoon to do some shopping and grab lunch! We hope to see you there!

Rock the Block

Emanuel sits at the very edge of the Marion neighborhood known as the LoDo (Lower Downtown). The neighborhood that we “live” in has had many issues that can make life difficult for the residents...flooding, sewage in their basement during floods, condemned buildings... The list goes on. As good neighbors, we need to act. On June 14 and 15 the perfect opportunity has arisen. The LoDo Neighborhood Association is hosting two “Rock the Block” clean up evenings.

They are asking Emanuel members to:

- get clean-up volunteers on both evenings (5:00 meal, 6:00-8:00 clean-up)
- serve a meal at 5:00 on the night of June 15th.

If you would like to help or if you have any questions contact Donna Thomas, Daryl Kraner or Dee Rinehart.

Looking Back with Alicia

I was given this writing about a dandelion by Barb Bosh recently and thought it might change the way you think about what most people think a nuisance. You have to remember it is one of God's creations.

"Hello, I'm a dandelion. A lot of people call me a weed but I'm a friend and come to help you! My flowers are the first food for insects after hibernation and unlike most other plants, I have pollen and nectar, not merely one or the other! And I am generous with them!

When you see me, remember that I'm the only one who wants and can grow in that particular spot. Because: Either the soil is too compact/hard/stomped and I want to loosen it for you with my roots. Or there is too little calcium in the soil- don't worry, I will replenish that for you with the dying of my leaves. Or the soil is too acidic, but will also improve that for you if you give me the chance. Or a mixture of the above reasons, of course.

I'm here because your soil needs my help so best you let me grow without disturbing me! When everything is fixed, I will disappear again, I promise! Are you trying to remove me prematurely with my root? However meticulous you are, I will return 2 times as strong! Just until your soil is improved. You can even tell by my growth at which stage my help is at. If my leaves are flat on the ground then I'm far from ready, but if they all reach up then I'm already a long way on my way.

Something completely different is that I am one of the first bloomers in spring so I will announce spring/summer for you. During the day when it's hot, I open my flowers but, in the evening, when it cools off, I close them again quickly. In fact, if it's not hot enough during the day I won't open them at all!

My flowers are even delicious for you people, by the way, did you know? I used to be called 'honey (or gold) of the poor' because my flowers are so sweet in e.g., jam, sauce, or salad! The internet is full of recipes – check them out.

But wait until the end of May or later before you start picking and even then, don't pick everything yet! The biodiversity and bees will be very grateful!"

Maybe reading this you have a different view of a dandelion.

Until next time, Alicia

Faith Journeys

We want to encourage our confirmation students going to camp, as well as other youth from our congregation who will be encountering God at camp.

Our book study this summer focuses on attempting keep the commandments. During the summer and fall, we will journey through the Ten Commandments on Thursday evening worship. Join us to hear God's Commandments in a new light.

Future Faith Journey Events:

Sunday-Friday June 25,26,27,28,29,30

Confirmation Camp

Thursday nights during summer

Ten Commandments

Social Ministry News

June is our last month of collecting yarn to benefit the Oak Unit Creative Crochet Therapy program at Marion Correctional Facility. Drop off your unwanted yarn in the basket marked YARN in the Gathering Space or stop in at *The Stitch and Skein* at 144 West Center Street as they will collect yarn for us throughout June as well. Dropping off yarn at that location will earn you a 10% discount on your next purchase.

We are looking for recipes for the July **Fresh Food Distribution** that include bok choy, sweet potatoes or mushrooms. Have a favorite but lack a computer or printer? If you have a cell phone, just take a picture of the recipe and send it to Barb Russo at russofarm3@gmail.com. We will convert your picture to a written document and include it with the July produce. Recipes must be submitted by June 22. Thank you for supporting this mission.

As we approach the summer months there will still be activities and opportunities for service. Here's a snapshot of what we are working on.

- **Christmas in July** to showcase a display of nativity scenes. Want to work on this project or have a nativity scene you would like to display; contact Donna Thomas.
- Work with Aspire Ministries and Epworth Methodist Church to launch the **Medical Device Lending Ministry** has begun. Going forward we will be looking for volunteers to help in various roles with this on-going ministry. Watch future bulletins and newsletters as more information becomes available.
- Of course we are also working on **God's Work Our Hands** projects with a couple of new ones to choose from this year. This project rolls out in September and concludes in October.

We hope you will be able to join in the fun with any or all of these opportunities for service.

Communication and Evangelism Team

It's been a quiet winter and quiet early spring, but the team is gearing up for some excitement. We have two large events that we are working on:

- Bar-b-que/card making event
 - We are teaming up with the Fellowship Committee to host a church bar-b-que and card making event. We will be having this event sometime in late June early July. There will be bar-b-que, fellowship, fun, and card making. The cards will be patriotic and will be sent to local veterans.
- Blessing of the book bags
 - On Aug 13th we are going to host a church/community blessing event.
 - We will have a blessing of the bookbags that will focus on our members, the daycare families and staff members. Of course, everyone in the community will be welcomed as well.
 - Then at 12:00, after church, we will move outside for food, fun and faith (blessing). We hope to make this a community-wide event. There will be food, give aways, blessings, and fun things to do.

In order to make this an impactful event we will need YOU!
All are welcome, even kids who are willing to help! For more info call Dee at 740-215-0440.



Welcome to the June Music Notes!

Summer is icumen in! Thus begins the 13th century round about the coming of Summer and how nature celebrates its arrival. At Emanuel, this means the choirs are on hiatus until the Fall, and your choir directors, Steve, Teri, and Carolyn, are beginning to make plans for the Fall festivals and the next Church year. Thank you to all who participate in the musical life of Emanuel! In the sharing of your time

and talents each one of you brings so much to Worship with your songs of praise and thanksgiving!

I would like to highlight the upcoming performance by the Cardinal Chorale at 7:00 PM on Sunday, June 11th. This year we are fortunate to be hosting the concert at Emanuel, so I hope everyone will come out to support them. If you have not previously attended one of their performances, you will be in for a treat! They always say that the Marion audiences are the best on their tour, so let's show them once again how much we appreciate them and their musical gifts! We will see you there! (more information on how to get involved on the next page!)

One of my favorite Sundays, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, falls on June 4th this year. It has been celebrated in the Western Church on the Sunday after Pentecost, the 50th day after Easter, from as early as the 10th century. Perhaps this day is special to me because as a child, my favorite hymn was "Holy, Holy, Holy." It is a perfect blend of words and music, and simple enough for a young worshiper to grasp a rudimentary understanding of the Trinity. A first brush with theology, perhaps!

A more recent hymn to the Trinity is "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" (ELW #412). Perfectly coupled with the tune "Kingsfold," this hymn brings a modern sensibility to an ancient view of the Trinity, with its roots in the Church Fathers. One of the first words to describe the relationship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit was *perichoresis*, which is Greek for "rotate" or "to go around." If you change one letter, the meaning changes to mean "dance around." Think of a Circle Dance at a Greek wedding, in which multiple people dance in a circle, faster and faster, becoming a singular blur while still retaining their individual identities. Relate this to the concept of the Trinity – three divine persons of the One God forming a single, complete Unity.

The text of "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" (written by Richard Leach (b. 1953), a former UCC Pastor, and now a layperson of the ELCA) beautifully articulates the distinct role of each member of the Trinity, while drawing out how each intertwine, or dance, together. Verse 1 is based on Genesis 1, and tells how the Trinity spurred the beginning of creation. Verse 2 is centered on the life of Jesus, from birth to death. The third Verse tells of the Spirit, "as wind and tongues of flame set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name." The final verse is a celebration of the Trinity and a petition to raise our voices and join in the Dance. Indeed, the entire hymn is an invitation to interact with and join in the Dance – "Come, join the dance"; "Come, see the face"; "Come, speak aloud." Join in and share the good news!

Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul Burnside





Mark Your Calendars!
THE CARDINAL CHORALE,
Sunday, June 11th, at 7:00p.m.
Emanuel Lutheran Church



We are joining again with our neighbor, Prospect Street United Methodist church, to bring these 40 talented youth singers to Marion. We are asking for your help again!

FIRST - Mark the date on your calendars. We need to fill the church for this beautiful musical performance. INVITE FRIENDS. Share this on social media. It is FREE. A freewill offering will be taken to help cover the expenses.

SECOND - We need HOUSING for 41 people. You can take as many as 2 - ???. These high school to college age kids are willing to sleep on beds or couches! There will also be a few adults. You provide blankets, shower, and a light breakfast for the morning. You will need to pick them up after the concert and bring them back in the morning. If you have hosted in the past or want to help this time contact Ed Stofcheck in the church office.

THIRD - We need money to help pay for their traveling tour. An account for donations is set up here at Emanuel. Donations of any size are truly appreciated. We will acknowledge donors at the June 11th Concert. These donations need to be made by Wednesday, June 7th, to the Emanuel Church Office.

HEAVY METAL



Hi from the high rafters! It's hard to believe that Spring is almost over and Summer is fast approaching. And also, time to highlight another of our outstanding ringers here at Emanuel...Heather Smith!

She comes to us from around the world, first by being born in England but not staying there for long, then gracing North Dakota and Illinois before graduating from Buckeye Valley High School in Delaware county. She attended Valparaiso majoring in chemistry and Spanish which helped her tremendously in her work in Venezuela and Ecuador. She has spent time with youth encounters and volunteering along the New Mexico border ministering to the homeless children and adults.

After marrying Blaire, they lived in Erie, PA where she was the director of Christian Education in the church and school and coordinated Bible studies for adults, the Care Squad for the middle schoolers, and many service projects to Hospice and the Lutheran Retirement Home. Can you tell she loves getting into experiences and service projects that draw others closer to God? Music has always been an important part of her life and her offerings of talent include beautifully performed cello numbers (they would bring a tear to my eyes, but bats don't cry). Throughout high school she has participated in orchestra, organ, bell choir, and vocal groups.

Her Christian education has been evidenced by her service to Emanuel on the Board of Education; Bell choir; teaching Sunday School; assisting with the worship services; and at the synod level the Learners Academy to identify the needs of the community and where and how to best minister. She has also been instrumental in the Hike and Seek program, showing that God is EVERYWHERE!

And if the above isn't enough to keep her busy she has Phoebe, and Stefen to home school (and that probably includes Blaire sometimes). Any other free time? Yep, she's out there with the goat 4-H projects and enjoying her cats and kittens. Heather has been a true blessing to God's world and work. Thank you from the bottom of my little bat heart for being here and now for us.

Peace and love be yours from the heights! BB

Musings from the Church Mouse...

I keep wonderin' what the weather is??
One day it is in the 70's and the next day
it snows and then the next three days
cause me to be lookin' for that ark!

Someone said that other day, "It's Ohio, if
you don't like the weather, wait a minute,
it will change!"

Isn't that crazy?

Well, I hope everyone has a wonderful
summer. Add don't forget to keep your
boots, and parkas, and raincoats and
shorts and flip-flops and...

See ya' at worship!

Church Mouse

Pastor Poole's Pins



Pastor Poole has been studying martial arts for over thirty years. He studies an integrated system that includes Okinawan Karate, Okinawan Kobudo, Judo, Groundfighting, Iaido (Sword), Tai Chi, Qigong, and Hung Gar. As he has gotten older, he has spent more time with Tai Chi. Pastor Mike teaches classes in all these styles. Currently, most of his classes are tai chi. For the last two years, he taught Instructors Courses in Tai Chi for the Ohio Department of Health. Last fall, he had the privilege to work with the Communications Technicians at the Marion County Sheriff's Office. He also teaches agents from the United States Secret Service. For the last four years, he was part of the teaching staff of an international tai chi / qigong workshop. He is a Senior Trainer with the Tai Chi for Health Institute, based out of Sydney Australia. And he was recently elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Tai Chi Community.



Emanuel LGBT Fellowship Group

2023 Schedule
First Sunday Each Month At 6PM



June is Pride Month Join us June 4th



July 2nd
October 1st

August 6th
November 5th

September 3rd
December 3rd

These will be a potluck format, so please bring a favorite dish to share. Beverages (iced tea, lemonade, water & coffee) as well as table service will be provided.

If you are LGBT or an ally, you are welcome to attend. Questions: email at LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com, calling or texting 740-262-2655



June 13 – Shirley Clark celebrates her 91st birthday!
June 23 – Betty Miller celebrates her 94th birthday!
June 26 – Peggy Caserta celebrates her 94th birthday!

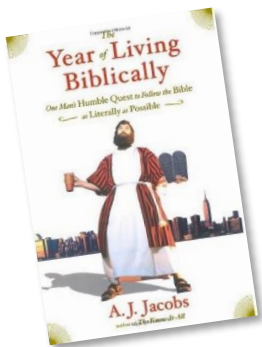
Let's remember Shirley, Betty, and Peggy with our cards and prayers!

Journey Through the Bible Together

Pastor Mike has started a new 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 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 will 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 have about 18 people gathering for this study, but there is still more room for you to join us.

We meet on Sundays from 2p – 4p. We will meet most Sundays. You don't have to be at every single week to get 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 completed Psalms, so you can still jump in!



Book Study

The summer book study will be "The Year of Living Biblically – One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible", by A.J. Jacobs. A year or so ago, there was a television series (very short lived) that was based on this book. We will be starting up the first week of May, so go ahead and grab your copy of the book. We will 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.



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Confirmation Camp June 25 - 30

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