

The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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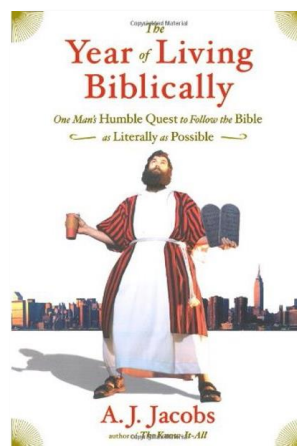
Join us for Summer Book Study!

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.m. and 5:30p.m. We will also have a virtual session on Sunday nights at 6:30p.m.

If you would like the zoom link for the virtual session, send an email to Pastor Mike.

We hope to see you there!



Gift of Speaking in Tongues

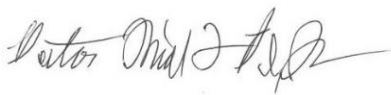
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday May 28. Part of that celebration will be the confirmation of faith for four of our members. This text from Acts is the one appointed for Pentecost every year. We hear that the Holy Spirit descended upon the followers as they had gathered to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost. The spirit descended upon them like tongues of fire! And then they began to speak in languages that they previously did not know, in order that others might hear in their own language, and come to faith.

We live in a world where many languages and means of communication are in play. Many times, our younger generations are communicating in ways that we OWLs (Older, Wiser, Lutherans) don't understand. My hope is that these younger members will teach us how to speak in their language, so that we might be faithful to our baptismal promises, to proclaim the Gospel to others, in languages that the others understand. We OWLs need to learn how to speak in the languages of the world if we are going to make any difference in the world.

So often, we believe people should use communicate in the way we want, and if they don't, we refuse to listen. That is not consistent with scripture, not consistent with the Gospel, not consistent with the Kingdom of God. As we gather at Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit descend upon us once again, to light our fires, to open our hearts to learn new things, and send us out into the world so that others may hear in the own ways, so that they may come to believe.

Peace,



Pastor Mike

**Thank you to everyone who made Lent, Holy Week,
and Easter so meaningful and special for our congregation!
From the midweek meals, to stripping of the altar,
foot washing, sunrise service, and more!
He is Risen!**



PD Ann's Corner

"Very early in the morning while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place where he prayed". (Mark 1:35). When was the last time you got out of the house and went to a solitary place to pray and explore God's creation? As we begin to see the signs of spring it is a good time to stop all your activities, shut off your phone and go out to observe nature. The Psalmist says "Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, let the seas resound and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant and everything in them: let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice before the Lord for he comes to judge the earth." (Psalm 96:11-13)

If you are not an early riser than choose to watch a sunset or take a walk in the middle of the day. Look at the beauty of a daffodil, a tulip or a Forsythe bush. Spend time praising God for all he has created. Recall a hymn of praise. Some hymns that I thought of are "When Morning Gilds the Skies (LBW 853) and Morning Has Broken (LBW 556) Spend time in prayer. Pray for farmers and agricultural workers who prepare, plant, and tend field and orchards. Pray for teenagers who care for animals as part of 4-H projects. Pray for a bountiful harvest that will feed the world. If you cannot walk, find a place to sit and let God work in you a renewal and rest. Be open to the Holy Spirit speaking to you. Enjoy the presence of God as you explore nature.

Marion County has some wonderful parks to explore: Marion Tallgrass Trail, Pleasant Township Park, Quarry Park, Sawyer Ludwig Park, Terradise Nature Preserve, and OSU Prairie. Thank God for the people who have made these places available to the public.

There is something else you can do. If you are able help a neighbor, friend, or shut-in by pulling weeds in their flower garden. Pick up branches that have fallen in their yard. Take some real flowers to a shut-in or neighbor. Surprise someone with a bouquet of flowers or potted plant.



Tallgrass Trail



Terradise Nature Center



Quarry Park

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



- You are almost positive that when Salome danced before the king it must have been the Chicken Dance.
- You learned what words like beseech, besmirch, backbite, stricken, smitten and afflicted mean and they still produce guilt in you.

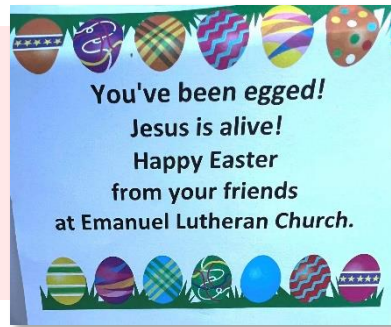
Sunday School News

I am so proud of everyone who participated in our Easter “egging,” thank you to all who donated candy, plastic eggs, and baskets.

Our Sunday School kids worked extra hard to fill hundreds of eggs to put in the baskets. This year we included some of our Daycare families to receive an “egging,” a big thank you goes to Heather Smith for organizing and recruiting people to deliver. We did 45 “eggings” during Holy Week!!!!

There will be no Sunday School on May 28th which is Memorial Day Weekend.

Summer Sunday School will begin on June 4th. The children and I have had lots of discussion regarding service projects, bring a friend day and events held away from the church. Watch for updates on “PETS UNLEASHED”



Social Ministry News

April's Laundry Day was another success. It was a beautiful day which may have helped the attendance, but we know everyone went home with clean laundry. We had a lot of very grateful people. A huge thank you to everyone who donated, this outreach is not possible without your considerable support. Also, a big thanks to our onsite volunteers Becky, Carolyn, LouAnn, Pat, Greg, Dodi, Joe, Dee, Darren, Betty, Lori, Janet, Barb, Linda, June, Carl, Christy, Steve, Scott, and Gary. We could not have completed today's outreach without your smiles and pouring skills! We also had 2 women from St Paul's Bucyrus who came down to experience Laundry Day and gather information so they can start their own Laundry benefit. Seeds have been planted; how awesome is that!

Store	Bellefontaine	N. Main St.	Total
# Washes	66	102	169
lbs. washed	2450	3960	6580 (3+ tons)
Wash money	\$448.00	\$753.75	\$1201.75
CCL Dryer \$	\$143.25	\$165.00	\$308.25

During the months of April – June we will be 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.

During the month of May, we will be collecting empty liquid laundry detergent bottles to benefit Lumpy Loads of Laundry. This group provides homemade laundry detergent to those in need through the Salvation Army, Leapin' Ministries and other groups. If you use liquid laundry detergent and want to donate the spent bottles instead of recycling or throwing them in the trash, bring them to church in May. Bottles must be dry, clean inside and out, but labels do not need to be removed. Look for the tote marked LAUNDRY on the first-floor elevator lobby.

We are looking for recipes for the June **Fresh Food Distribution** that include avocado, strawberries or string beans. If you have a favorite but lack a computer or printer but do have a cell phone, just take a picture of the recipe and send it to Barb Russo at russfarm3@gmail.com. We will convert your picture to a written document and include it with the June produce. Recipes must be submitted by May 22. Thank you for supporting this mission.

From the Northwestern Ohio Synod

It cost just twenty-six dollars, 104 quarters a week. The coins would clink into the machines in a suffocatingly warm laundromat, after we dragged what seemed to be mountains of clothes, and loaded them into large industrial machines. For me it was a new inconvenience, but for others this routine is a way of life.

My grandmother spent every Saturday morning at the laundromat. My aunt and mother would play jacks on the floor while she washed and folded her family's clothes. My mother would be in college before my grandparents had saved enough money to build their first home, and move into a space where they could own a washer and dryer. Her granddaughter, would be 40 before she understood what it was like to not have laundry amenities within reach. Life transitions will teach you unexpected lessons.

It doesn't seem like that much money, but it adds up. \$26 a week becomes \$104 in a month, then \$1,248 in a year. My family's first washer and dryer lasted for 11 years, that is \$13,728. Not all the costs are so easily calculated. What is the cost of the time and convenience? How can you put a number on the opportunities that were delayed or missed? While my grandparents saved and waited, I invested in other things. I bought food and gas. I made payments on a car and a home. I had experiences that they never would have been able to afford. I didn't do anything to earn this privilege. I inherited this convenience. In fact, it took me 40 years to even notice the gift. That is how privilege works.

I have begun to pay more attention to laundromats and the people who gather in them. No one hangs out in a laundromat unless they must, but I believe Jesus would have. Jesus gravitated toward marginal places and the people who gathered there. You can't live by clean clothes alone, but clean clothes help, and this space provides time for relationships to grow. Perhaps this is why laundromat ministries are popping up across the United States. Some churches buy their own washers and dryers, and others pay for loads at an existing laundromat. While the clothes tumble, volunteers care for people and listen to their stories.

Emanuel Lutheran, in Marion has used Microgrant funds to experiment with this kind of ministry. They laundered 7,150 pounds of clothes in one event, bringing needed relief to families. Yet I believe that as this ministry continues, the more transformative gift will be the relationships that grow. Everyone who comes into that laundromat is like my grandmother. They have dreams, struggles, setbacks, and families. If you sit with them long enough, they might just share their stories.

What is the laundromat in your life? What small convenience have you taken for granted? Don't be surprised if you find Jesus in those spaces. The one who linger by seas, and wells, and lakeshores knows what water can do.

In God's Peace,
Pastor Sarah Schaaf



Welcome to the May Music Notes!

LISTEN!

I will be the first to admit that I do not like the Summer, the hot and humid weather, the lazy, hazy, crazy days, as goes the song. But as I write this, Spring is beginning to blossom, and the flowering trees are starting to beautify our world, contrasting nicely with the grass that is getting greener every day. The birds flocking to my birdfeeders are enjoying the cuisine at Cafe Burnside, meeting and greeting from Sunrise to Sunset, engaging in their wondrous behaviors and rituals, filling my days with beauty and song. And eating me out of house and home...but that's okay, there's plenty for all!

Thinking about the songs of birds brings to mind my own musical philosophy that has guided me since I was a teenager. I was very fortunate to study piano with Dr. Charles Keller, a professor of music history at Ohio Wesleyan from junior high through high school. In him I found a kindred spirit, one who never rested comfortably within the confines of what music was "supposed" to sound like, or what was considered "normal" music. Our lessons were my own personal master class in the history of all genres of music, and full of subliminal life lessons as well.

He showed me that to be a well-rounded musician, I should continually work on broadening my musical language, to continuously challenge myself, and to step outside my musical comfort zone. Through Dr. Keller I learned and experienced what would be the guiding principles of my musical story for the rest of my life. In that sense, his influence led me to become an adherent to one of the composer John Cage's major philosophical tenets – that "everything" is music. I remember being intrigued by this concept, and over the years it has not only helped to expand my musical language, but it has also been a source of great comfort and joy in nontraditional and unexpected places.

I used to walk with our beloved dog Ella at the Marion Tallgrass Trail on a regular basis – together we would enjoy the changing of the seasons and communing with nature. Music was all around us – the Peepers in the early Spring, the Redwing Blackbirds, the Canadian Geese – these were just a few of the melodious treats. The splash of a frog jumping into the water. The rustle of the wind through the trees, especially as a cold front was coming in, or whipping off the lake in late November and December. I would see other people walking with earbuds in their ears, oblivious to nature's chorus. I would so want them to remove their earbuds so they could hear what they were missing!

So now you know why I am often eager to introduce new hymns to Worship. It's not just to expand our musical boundaries, but to hear and experience what we would otherwise be missing. If we stop exploring, stop expanding our musical landscape, we will miss the gifts that the hymn writers and composers have bestowed upon us – an increasing vocabulary to describe the wonders of God's Love and Creation. One that is rooted in rich tradition, but can still speak to us in this modern age. LISTEN!

I will leave you this month with the first verse of Carl P. Daw Jr.'s great hymn of Pentecost, ELW #403, which we will sing together on May 21, the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Holy Spirit, come.

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul Burnside



HEAVY METAL



Glen & Lori Campbell

Ah! The month of May! Truly spring has finally arrived and new growth appears. It's no different with our wonderful bell choir with the newest member: Lori Campbell.

She joined the bells at the beginning of the season with little experience playing the lowest sounding bells, but being a brave, adventurous person, she filled the opening at Table #2 and learned to read the bass clef music. Not an easy feat, since especially as a bat, I can't read any music, much less hold a bell that is several times my size.

Lori was born in Akron, Ohio, but raised in Marion County. She attended and graduated from Ridgedale with her later-to-be-husband, Glen. Off to college she went, graduating from Bluffton College with a degree in Food and Nutrition. (*People with food ALWAYS get my attention*) She earned her graduate degree from Winthrop University and became a Registered Dietician. One of her early jobs was in the public health sector assisting new mothers and handicapped children. She has worked in Spartanburg S.C.; written for pharmaceutical products; and kept track of information concerning medications and nutritional items. Now she has joined the ranks of the retired from Marion General Hospital.

Back to Glen. They met in 4th grade, dated in high school, and went their separate ways only to later find each other again. They married in 2004 after previous marriages that created a family of 4 children. Now they have 10 grandchildren. The family has been completed with the addition of Theo, a 1-year-old beagle/ black lab mix.

Lori's hobbies include sewing and especially quilting. (Joining the quilters is on her bucket list.) Her main focus, though, is on assisting and caring for several elderly family members.

She grew up singing at the St. Paul Episcopal Church beginning in the children's choir. Later at First Lutheran in Galion she began playing handbells. Music has always been a love of hers and the camaraderie of our bell choir and adult choir makes an enjoyable evening especially more fun.

Service to our Lord has also led her to participating with Home Communion, book and bible studies, and of course both choirs.

Lori, you are a blessing to Emanuel.

Well, it's back to the rafters for another month and oh, yes:

Happy Mother's Day to all!

Batina Belfry

**The Quilters are in need of sheets to use as backing.
Any donations are appreciated!**

Cardinal Chorale returns to Emanuel



Emanuel and Prospect Street United Methodist Church will be hosting THE CARDINAL CHORALE, under the direction of Mr. Charles R. Snyder on Sunday, June 11th, at 7:00p.m.

This year the concert will be held at Emanuel, next year Prospect Street United Methodist Church will host the concert.

This is a Christian Hospitality Opportunity! We are joining again with our neighbor, Prospect Street United Methodist church, to bring these 44 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. It is FREE. A freewill offering will be taken to help cover the expenses.

SECOND - We need HOUSING for 48 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 and want to help, again 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.

Marion has had many people in the past perform in this unique ensemble. Kids from all over Ohio audition to be a member of this elite group. Marion members that have had the opportunity to be a part of this amazing group are: Macray Brown, Kalyn Kubbs, Ben Morris, Darrin Sites, Lauren Nelson, Tait Palm, Daniel Bradshaw, Jeremy Bradshaw, Jami Addison Rawlins, Jared Howard, and Tyreece Harris. Caroline Heading, the accompanist, is also a Marion native. I'm sure if you ask any of these people, they would all say that being a member of this group, under the direction of Charles R. Snyder, influenced their character as well as their musicianship.

If you have questions, please contact Ed Stofcheck or Julie Kubbs.



Musings from the Church Mouse...

I overheard of conversation where people were talking about needing confirmation on Pentecost. Do they need to confirm that Pentecost is comin'? Well..... I can neither confirm nor deny that fact. That sent me wonderin' what they were talking about. So, I started checking in those books in the seats about confirmation. Apparently, it is a time when people will stand up and "confirm" the promises that were made at baptism. When we are baptized as babies, we are not able to confirm these promises for ourselves, so other people promise for us. So, there comes this time when we are asked to stand up and make those promises for ourselves, to "confirm" them. Huh... how about that. Also, as I looked, we actually use this same thing when people join the congregation. The new person stands up and "confirms" these same promises. Is it required to be confirmed in the church? Well... it looks like even if you don't go through this confirmation process, that God still loves you, that Jesus still walks with you, that the Holy Spirit still watches over you. It looks like a person can stand up later in life and "confirm" these same promises. I asked a smarter mouse who told me that God gives us all the promises at baptism, so it is not required, because God has already acted for us. We do this so that we can take our own responsibility.

I hope there is cake at confirmation, cuz that means I may eat well that day.

See ya at worship!

Church Mouse



Pastor Poole's Pins

Pastor Poole has been a member of the Emerald Society of Columbus for approximately fifteen (15) years. The Emerald Society is an organization for active and retired law enforcement of fire service personnel, of Irish descent. He has served as the Chaplain for the last ten. He served as secretary the year his father served as President. He has also been the Vice President for the last year. They have many activities throughout the year, the biggest being the Lenten Fish Fries on Fridays during Lent. While Pastor Poole was in NYC, he became an Associate Member of the NYPD Emerald Society.

For more information on the Emerald Society of Columbus: <http://www.emeraldsocietyofcolumbus.org/>

For more information on the NYPD Emerald Society: <https://www.nypdemeralds.com/>



(The Emerald Society of Columbus is open to any active or retired law enforcement or fire service personnel, of Irish descent, serving in the State of Ohio. If you know of anyone who might be interested, have them contact Pastor Poole. They also have associate memberships open to anyone. If you might be interested in an associate membership, contact Pastor Poole.)



Emanuel LGBT Fellowship Group



2023 Schedule

First Sunday Each Month at 6:00p.m.

May 7 · June 4 · July 2 · August 6 · September 3 · October 1 · November 5 · December 3

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

Faith Journeys

Our Faith Journeys event for April will be the Mission/Vision/Identity Workshop. We will be looking at what the Bible says about mission, vision and identity of the church. Other topics during the day will be mission / vision statements, context, and how do we get started.

Future Faith Journey Events:

Monday	May 22	6p-7p	Confirmation Practice
Sunday-Friday	June 25,26,27,28,29,30		Confirmation Camp

Training for Ushers and Communion Assistants in Worship

We will have a short training session for all who would like to serve in this very important leadership role. The role of usher, as well as communion assistant, is open to people of all ages, one through one hundred. We are just asking that if the person is a younger youth, that an adult be with them at worship to help them out a little. We will gather in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, May 21st. If this is a ministry you might want to try, feel free to join us.



- May 3 – JoAnn Blank celebrates her 94th birthday
- May 9 – Jean Roecker celebrates her 94th birthday
- May 16 – Shirley Jerew celebrates her 91st birthday
- May 19 – William Van Riper celebrates his 95th birthday
- May 30 – Donna Key celebrates her 96th birthday

Happy Birthday JoAnn, Jean, Shirley, William, and Donna!

Graduate recognition will be Sunday, May 14th at the 10:30 service. Please contact the office if you are a graduate of any level, so we can include you that morning!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 8:00am. - Worship 9:15 - Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 2pm Bible Study 6pm - LGBT & Allies	1 6pm Communications 6:30 Spiritual Life (offsite)	2 8:30 Quilters 6pm Praise Team	3 9:30 Bible Study 6pm Adult & Children's Choirs 7pm Bell Choir	4 11:30 Book Study 5:30 Book Study 7pm Worship	5 Waldo Food Distribution	6 Austen Valentine Graduation Party
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Journey Through the Bible Together

Pastor Mike has started 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 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 20 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 Ezra/Nehemiah, so you can still jump in!



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