

The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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A Time to Give Thanks

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

November is the month of Thanksgiving. We begin with All Saints' Day. This is the day we set aside to give thanks for all of those who have contributed to the Kingdom of God. All of those who have come before, all of those with us now, all of those who will come that are already known by God, all the heavenly beings whose voices we join.

We have Thanksgiving Day. A day set aside to give thanks for everything that has occurred over the last year. We give thanks for the ups and downs, the successes and failures, the good and the bad. It is through all of this that we learn about ourselves, our neighbors, and our God.

The final Sunday in November is Christ the King Sunday. A day set aside to give thanks to Christ, who offered himself for us to enjoy all of the promises of his Kingdom. We give him thanks for making us members of his Kingdom. We give him thanks for trusting us to be his servants and commit to the work of his Kingdom. This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. We give thanks for the story we have heard over the previous year. We give thanks for being part of God's story.

Take time this month to give thanks... give thanks for everything... give thanks to everyone... give thanks to the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains throughout all eternity.

Peace,



Pastor Mike

GIVE
Thanks

Honoring a Faithful Servant – Thank you Norma Fanello!

Colossians 23:23-24, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

When Ann Thomas was asked to coordinate the Comfort Quilters in 2002, Norma Fanello and Gail Helwig were responsible for preparing the quilts to be tied. Laying out the quilts involved laying a sheet first. The second layer is the batting and the third layer is the colorful top. The sheet is larger than the rest of the layers so it can be turned and pinned for the binding. In two hours, Norma and Gail would lay out 12-24 quilts! They also spent time at home preparing the sheets and making tops. When Gail could no longer help, Ann Thomas took over working with Norma. During covid, Norma took all the materials home and continued to prepare the quilts by herself and she has continued working on quilts at home in the four years since! Then in September of this year, Norma decided it was time to retire from laying out the quilts. We want to recognize the work that Norma has done for more than 20 years! Norma has been a faithful servant of God all these years. Matthew 25:23 says, “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things...Come and share your master’s happiness.” We have been blessed by Norma’s quiet, behind the scenes service. Norma, thanks be to God for being a role model for us to follow.



Do you remember the refrain from this hymn? “I love to tell the story, twill be my theme in Glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His Love.” Are you singing these words yet? What will your theme in Glory be? We all know the fantastic story of Jesus and His Love. On earth we share God’s Love through Jesus in the lives we live. Each day we see our theme at Emanuel. Your theme in Glory could be as simple as a hand shake or a good morning smile. Maybe your theme is being the door attendant, singing in the choir, being in the kitchen preparing a meal, keeping the church building maintained or making sure of our financial stability. As we are currently learning in Sunday School, we all have Spiritual Gifts. We just need to figure out sometimes what our Spiritual Gift is. Start each day knowing God’s Love for us in Jesus Christ is a theme in Glory. We all should strive for that, remember our daily lives and what gifts we can share with others, are always for the Kingdom.

Don Davis, Congregation President

What Can I do? (from “Bread for the World” by Arthur Simon)

“Begin Now! If you wait for a better time to come along, it probably won’t.
So, start on some things you can begin to do at once. One step leads to another.”

Sunday School News

Help Needed – Seeking Adult Sunday School Leaders

The Board of Education is looking for Adult Sunday School Leaders. Your commitment would be 4-6 weeks and curriculum will be provided to you. Our goal is to offer short, but meaningful, classes to our congregation. Please prayerfully consider this and if interested call Steve Laird at 904-507-1101 or Cindy Rinker at 740-225-8068.

New Opportunities – Bringing the Arts to Emanuel

Together with Abby Chase and Cindy Rinker, we are forming an arts and movement program. This would be an outreach to members, our Learning Center families, and the public.

We would like to form a committee to help launch this exciting project. There are so many talented artists among us, like musicians, quilters, and painters. We want to offer movement classes for everyone.....maybe yoga or martial arts and dance classes, too.

We are looking for people to help get this started, be part of the planning process, help recruit instructors, schedule classes and build a great new program at Emanuel.

Please call Cindy Rinker at 740-225-8068 if interested or have any questions.



Save the Date

Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday December 8th

10:00 A.M.

Sanctuary

Please come and be part of our celebration of the Birth of our Savior and hear the greatest story ever told.

Our children will be in costume singing their hearts out in praise. Our choirs and music will be glorious and....the congregation gets to sing too!!!

After the program, we will meet in the gathering space where we will decorate birthday cupcakes for Baby Jesus.

Musings from the Church Mouse...

There has been a lot of cleanin' out happenin' round here. Things are movin'! I was scurrying around, and I slid across the floor on a piece a paper. I read it, and it caused me to think. It was a quote from a guy. Maybe it will git you thinkin' as well...??

"... that everything the church is and does comes to focus in the liturgy. It is the place where the church is realized and is visibly seen doing its thing. It is the place where the reality of the Kingdom of God and the eschatological presence of Christ is known. Thereby altering our perception of the rest of life and the world around us since we have seen it redeemed in the sacramental celebrations. It is the one place where the fruits of evangelism, education, social ministry, and stewardship are collected, offered, transformed, and activated – simultaneously." Frank Senn (author, educator and expert on things worship)

I hope to See ya' at worship!

Church Mouse



You Know You Are a Steadfast Lutheran If...

... The last few pews are roped off in the sanctuary so that the front isn't empty.

... You hear something really funny and smile as loud as you can.

Faith Journeys

Our Faith Journeys program continues. Our next gathering will be on Sunday, November 24th at 12noon. We will be focusing on Holy Communion. This would also be considered instruction for First Communion. So, if there are youth or adults who would desire to join the community in the celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion, contact Pastor Mike before Nov 24th to let him know of your intention to go through the training. Remember that Faith Journey gatherings are not just open to confirmation students, but also includes parents, congregational leaders and all members, visitors and guest who might be interested to continue their own Faith Journeys.

Pastor Poole's Pins

This month we look at Pastor Poole's pin that are his service to law enforcement as a chaplain. Pastor received his certification as a Police Chaplain in 1999 through the International Conference of Police Chaplains. Pastor completed training as a Lutheran Emergency Service Pastor in 2006, and his Level 2 Lutheran Disaster Response Chaplain through Ohio LDR in 2007. Pastor received certification as a Crisis Intervention Spiritual Care Provider through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation in 2015, and as an Emergency Services Spiritual Care Provider through ICISF in 2020. Pastor completed his National Disaster Spiritual certification through the National Disaster Interfaiths Network in 2017. Pastor has been a member of the Emerald Society of Columbus for about 20 years. He has served as the chaplain for the last ten years (he has also served as the Secretary, Vice President, and President).



Social Ministry Updates

The Mitten Tree is up and ready for your annual donations. Mittens and hats can be placed under the tree in the Gathering Space, or in the donation shelves by the 1st floor elevator.

The Good Gifts ELCA project is displayed in the Narthex. "As members of the ELCA we believe that love in Jesus is a gift. Choose Good Gifts to share that love with others."

Laundry Day will be Saturday December 7. Donations of laundry detergent (pods would be appreciated) and fabric softener (dryer sheets are preferred) along with monetary donations are needed. Last spring we had our most successful Laundry Day and our supplies were depleted. Donations may be placed on the shelves by the 1st floor elevator.

Thanks and Giving Plans are in full swing for our 25th Annual Thanks & Giving Meal! Please check out our list of needed items on the next page. There are also volunteer sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space if you would like to help on Thanksgiving Day. You can sign up for everything from welcoming guests, to cooking, serving food, bussing tables, and more!

No Room in the Inn: A new project concerning Homeless Awareness called "No Room in the Inn" will be featured during the Aspire Ministries "All is Bright" Christmas Church Tour on December 14. We will be asking the community to share their Nativity Scenes in a display in our Gathering Space. There will be a "People's Choice" award determined by donations to the Homeless Shelter and Turning Point. You can find a registration form on the back page of this newsletter!

Communications & Evangelism Updates

Here are some main events past and present:

- Summer Jesus was concluded with a breakfast. Approximately 35 people attended. The team thanks everyone for their participation in Summer Jesus. (Pictures below)
- The prayer station will be making an appearance in the gathering space. Between the hurricanes, the election and social unrest in the world, we thought it was a good time to bring out the prayer station. Just fill out a slip and add it to the wall. All prayers will be placed on the altar during a Sunday Service.
- Thanksgiving and Christmas cards are now available in the gathering space.
- "All is Bright" Christmas open house team is beginning to plan. We will need volunteers on the night of the event. Look for more information to come.



All Is Bright

Again, we will participate in the "All is Bright" Christmas open house, sponsored by Aspire. We will still have music, food, and give aways, but plan on adding one more thing. It's called "No room at the Inn" and we will need your help. We are asking members to loan us your nativity sets to display at this event. Guest and members will vote for their favorite display with a monetary donation. This money will go to the local Marion area homeless shelter and to Turning Point. See the registration form at the end of this newsletter for more information.

25th Annual Emanuel Lutheran Thanks & Giving

Join us in the Church Parlor for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner!
Our gift to the Marion Community

Thursday, November 28th
Serving from noon to 3:00p.m.

The following items are needed for the dinner: 25 Turkeys (cooked, carved, and frozen); 10 Boneless Ham (cooked and sliced); 18 #10 size can Green Beans; 22 #10 size can Sweet Potatoes; 30 Pumpkin Pies; 25 Cherry Pies, and Monetary Gifts. Canned items can be dropped off in the Church Kitchen anytime. Pies, Turkey, and Ham need to be delivered closer to the event.
Listen for Temple Talks about this in November.

Volunteers are needed! Sign-up sheets are available now in the Gathering Space!

Community Meal Ministry

What can I do? (From "Bread for the World" by Arthur Simon)

"Don't get discouraged. If you throw yourself into the cause with great enthusiasm but give up when you encounter obstacles or when the newness wears off, you won't help much. But if you stick to the monotonous tasks that have to be done, you can be a mover. Start small, if necessary, but stick to it."

When I saw this in last month's newsletter, it brought to mind the journey thus far with the Community Meal Ministry. With the meal planned, volunteers in place, and the excitement of a new and much needed ministry, we opened our doors and served a total of 5 community individuals in January....talk about the bubble bursting on the new project! But instead of enthusiasm fading, we as a group continued to plug away, supporting not only the ministry, but each other as well. This month on October 10th, we served 64 community guests, and we proved we are indeed "Movers!"

A huge thank you for the support of our congregation, and acknowledgement to the "Movers": Betty Anderson, Steve Andrews, Barb Bosh, Dave and Stephanie Cook, Kevin Davidson, Don Davis, Nancy Dunnigan, Scott Inskeep, Roger Kerr, Daryl Kraner, Connie and Tom Pannett, Dee Rinehart, Jean Smith, Sue Sowers, Donna Thomas, Deb Yager, and Jean Yake. A very special thank you to all who have donated food items, and blessed us with encouragement and prayers for this ministry. The clothing locker donations have been a blessing, your kindness is so very much appreciated. Looking ahead for fall and upcoming colder weather, we are in need of the following clothing items: Male and female coats, hoodies, scarves, socks, gloves, and boots. Sizes may run from S to XXL for both men and women.

We encourage you to join us as either volunteers or guests at the upcoming meals scheduled for November 14th and December 12th.

Blessings,
Janet Musser



High school seniors and current college students are encouraged to apply for the Robert and Margaret Mather Scholarship Fund, Agnes Baldauf Scholarship Fund, and The Hollensen/Dennis Fund if you plan to attend or are already attending an accredited ELCA college or you are pursuing a career in Christian ministry or social services. This scholarship is open to any young and confirmed Emanuel Lutheran Church member.

The Rita Herbst Scholarship Fund is now available and it is open to any Emanuel member furthering their education in any field or at any educational institution.

Applications may be picked up at the church office. The application and other support information are due no later than Saturday, March 1, 2025 to the chairperson, Rae Andrews at 379 Brightwood Dr., Marion, OH 43302.

Rae Andrews
740-387-5432

Book Study

Bishop Daniel has stated 2024 will be the Year of Rest. To join in this process, we worked through “Keeping the Sabbath Wholly – Ceasing, Resting, Embracing, Feasting” by Marva J. Dawn. This book was more about living a holistic spiritual life, and goes far beyond just keeping Sabbath. We learned quite a bit about what Sabbath keeping is truly about. We also learned how to live a Sabbath life every day. We will begin a new book after the first of the year. Stay tuned for more information.

These are 2 thank you notes we received from Robin Milner, a long-time member of Emanuel, and her brother, Pastor Todd Milner, that left Emanuel and became an ordained pastor and is pastor of Providence Lutheran Church in Holland, Ohio that participated in our service on Anniversary Sunday.

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church,

Your “150th” Anniversary Celebration Service was so amazing and powerful! It couldn’t have been more perfect. You all did so much work to prepare it and it showed. Loved the music, the sermon, seeing all the Pastors and people from Emanuel. The luncheon was lovely! I am so glad I made it home for it!

Thank you for a lovely celebration! Blessings and Peace, Robin Milner Houston, Texas.

Dear Alicia, Pastor Mike, and the Anniversary Committee,

Many thanks for inviting Dawn and I to your anniversary weekend. It was an honor to be with the people of Emanuel celebrating 150 years of ministry.

The worship service and meal were both wonderful and thank you for the keepsake ornament. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide the people of Emanuel. Blessings and peace for continued ministry in making God’s love known.

In Christ, Pastor Todd and Dawn Milner

Looking Back with Alicia Mayes

There is very little information in the mid 1980's about the life of Emanuel so I am starting with Pastor James Rave leaving after being our Senior Pastor since 1973.

Many of you, I'm sure, remember Pastor Rave, his wife, Carol, and their children Krista and Mark.

Pastor Rave wrote a letter to the Emanuel congregation in November of 1985 stating that he had received a Letter of Call to be an assistant to the Bishop of the Ohio District of our American Lutheran Church. This call was issued by the Ohio District Council. He took several weeks to make his decision.

Pastor Rave had been Emanuel's Senior Pastor for 13 years when in January of 1986 he took the position with the Ohio District Office in Columbus to serve as assistant to the new bishop, the Rev. Robert W. Kelley. Bishop Kelley assumed his new position on January 2, 1986. Pastor Rave was selected by the new bishop to be one of four assistants engaged in working at the District Office. Pastor Rave would be responsible for the area bordered by Delaware, Mt. Vernon, Sandusky, Fremont and Marysville. He would have a "hands-on" relationship with the Pastors in this area.

There was a reception held on January 12 in the church parlor to honor Pastor Rave and his family.

I found a newsletter from February of 1986 with a letter from Pastor Arnold Wulff that was our Associate Pastor at that time. He was taking over the duties at Emanuel with the transition between Pastor Rave leaving and finding a new Senior Pastor. I will write a portion of what Pastor Wulff had to say:

Dear People of God: I am so very grateful to many of you for the verbal and written comments and notes regarding my pastoral ministry during this interim period in Emanuel's history. Your expressions of confidence, your offers of help and your prayers are most encouraging and give me the strength and assurance I need for the added responsibilities to which I have fallen heir.

If you were here at Emanuel at that time and knew Pastor Wulff you will remember how humble and kind he was.

The same newsletter told that our intern at that time, Bill Beckwith, would also be assisting Pastor Wulff with the church duties. Many of you may remember Bill.

The call committee made their recommendation to call J. Weston Jones. A vote was taken by the congregation and a call was sent to Pastor Jones. He was installed as our Senior Pastor November 2, 1986. He came from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Worthington, Ohio. Pastor Jones and his wife, Donna Marie and their daughter, Jacquelyn, became members of our church family.

I know a lot of you remember Pastor Jones and his family. He and Donna Marie were here at Emanuel for the kickoff of our 150th Anniversary Year in September of 2023.

After Pastor Rave left Emanuel in 1986 he served two years as Assistant to the Bishop for the Ohio District. On Sunday, December 6, 1987, at First Lutheran Church in Findlay, Pastor Rave was installed as the Bishop of the Northwestern Ohio Synod of the newly formed Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He and Carol moved from Marion to Findlay where the synod office is located. Bishop Rave and his family transferred their membership from Emanuel to First Lutheran Church in Findlay.



Bishop James Rave brings greetings from 113,000 baptized Lutherans in the ELCA's Northwestern Ohio Synod to Pope John Paul of the Roman Catholic Church. The meeting took place at the Vatican in Rome.

In my searching through papers, I found a picture of Bishop Rave shaking hands with Pope John Paul in 1995. He was among a dozen bishops and church wide staff that spent 4 weeks traveling to 5 countries participating in conversations with leaders of different churches. The group traveled to Rome where Bishop Rave met the pope. He served as bishop for eleven years and announced his retirement in September of 1998.

He and Carol eventually moved to Ormond Beach, Florida. Pastor Rave died February 17, 2021 and a memorial service was held at Emanuel. Carol still resides in Ormond Beach. We received kind notes from Carol during our 150th Anniversary Year.

In May of 1987 an organ committee was organized to get quotes and plan for a new organ. Members of the committee were as follows: John Walker, James Anderson, Edwin Baldauf, Sandra Becker, Jack Bull, Harold Denzer, Jr., Linda Dietrich, Carolyn Fox, James Gast, Allan Geyer, Marcia Geyer, Pastor J. Weston Jones, Allan Lust, Burke Ries, Thomas Schifer, George Stanforth, Richard Straub, Wanda Straub, Vivian Unroe, Pastor Arnold Wulff and James Zarzyczny.

The new organ was dedicated November 18, 1990. It is a Casavant Opus 3688 with 3 manuals, 34 stops, 50 ranks, and 2900 pipes which includes the antiphonal organ, placed on the balcony rail. This is our present organ.

The cost of the new organ (our present organ) was \$356,820. The renovation of the sanctuary, including stripping and refinishing the pews, refinishing woodwork and ceiling, new chancel hardwood floors, interior painting and gold leaf, new aisle carpets, new chancel lighting and a new sound system placed the total project cost at \$500,000. Many of you may remember when this renovation was being done. If you can believe it, that was 34 years ago.

In the April 12, 1988 Church Council minutes it was reported that the Board of Directors of Johnston Supply voted to pay for the fans to be installed in the sanctuary. The installation of the fans began on October 12. Those fans are still used today to circulate the air in the sanctuary.

In the annual report for 1988 the Board of Elders reported that Pastor Arnold Wulff had retired from being our Associate Pastor and was now our part-time Visitation Pastor for the homebound and shut-ins. A call committee was formed and we called Pastor Rob Carlson to be our new Associate Pastor. Pastor Carlson, his wife, Dianna and their daughter, Erin came to Emanuel in late August. He was installed September 11, 1988. He and his family transferred to Emanuel from St. Luke's in North Baltimore, Ohio.

In the minutes of the February 14, 1989 Church Council meeting the Latch Key Program that had been talked about for several months had been approved by the congregation. This program would begin at the start of the 1989-1990 school year. This was a ministry of service to parents whose children needed supervised nurture and care during the after-school hours. This was what Emanuel offered before the Daycare program started.

The 1989 Annual Report stated that a new worship service and style on Thursday evenings, was started. That is when the Praise Service started. The congregation voted on July 28th to end that service after 35 years.

In the 1990 Annual Report it was stated that 1990 had seen many changes that took place. The old Moehler Organ was sold and removed from the church, the Sunday services were changed to the parlor while the sanctuary renovation was being done and then back to the sanctuary and the installation of the new Casavant Organ. The new organ was built by the Casavant Organ Company in Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada. The company was founded in 1879 and is still in business today.

More history to come, Alicia



Welcome to this month's Music Notes

Many people know that my favorite Sunday is the First Sunday of November, for several reasons. First, I get to play one of my favorite hymns, "For All the Saints," as it is All Saints Sunday. The second reason is I get to play one of my favorite hymn tunes, *Laudate Dominum*, in the ELW with the hymn "Rejoice In God's Saints." Lastly, and arguably the most important reason, is we get an extra hour's sleep, as daylight savings ends and we put our clocks back an hour! What a great day!

I've mentioned before how inspiration for this column will strike at unexpected times. This month I intended to discuss All Saints hymns, but as I sat down to write, a song came on that led me in a different direction. My wife and I recently spent a wonderful week in Vermont, enjoying the beauty of God's Creation, getting away from the hustle and bustle of "city life." In the mighty Green Mountains, you feel like you are enveloped by nature, and the simpler life that comes with it.

My love of nature naturally draws me to the music of many British songwriters, musicians, and composers, as much of their work reflects the beauty, wonder, and mystery of nature and the natural world around them. It is ingrained in their culture through their myths, legends, and folklore. So as I began to write, "A Glimpse of Heaven" by the British folk rock group Strawbs came on.

The hillside was a patchwork quilt
Neatly stitched with tidy hedge
And crumbling grey stone wall
The trees were bare, but Spring was near
To conjure up its endless strings
Of green magic handkerchiefs
Marveling at the beauty around him, the singer has an epiphany, and senses God's hand at work:
Could you only see what I've seen
You would surely know what I mean
I think I must have caught a glimpse of heaven.

How many of us take the time to really admire and appreciate the world in which we live? To catch that "glimpse of heaven?" I have a particular love of trees, and am blessed to gaze at two beautiful large maples outside my window right now. I love all the trees on our property, but I especially love the hickory on our property line. It started producing nuts for the first time a few years ago, and during the summer I stand under its branches and admire the growing bounty that is feeds my beloved squirrels. I've been known to just stop and reflect on the beauty and grandeur of a tree, its leafy branches a paradox of symmetry and chaos.

This morning while walking the dog, I helped a worm that was struggling on the sidewalk find its way back to the grass. It made me think of how all of God's creation is important and deserving of love and kindness. "How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well."

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul Burnside



Steeple Sightings

Wow! As much as I love my little nest up here in the rafters, there are times when I feel the need to get cozy in a safe warm corner and snooze until the weather changes to something more comfortable. Since it seems like each part of the country is sending us samples of their experiences, and wondering how different time zones are affected, I thought I'd swoop down after a Wednesday night rehearsal to question someone who's served in each of the four---Steve deWeber. But I learned it's more north to south rather than east to west that truly is the deciding factor.

So, after I got his attention,(I 'cause that's what a TALKING bat does) I asked him about himself while trying to assure him he was really talking to an understanding flying mammal.

Steve has indeed lived and worked in all four time zones of continental United States beginning with being born in Walla Walla, Washington then down to Los Angeles so he could grow up in Southern California where he played piano and sang in school and church choirs.

After high school he attended the Nazarene University and eventually graduated from Bartlesville in Oklahoma with a major in music and vocal performance. But he wasn't through travelling (remember, he had a couple more time zones to go) before settling down.

Finally, he left the student world to teach and raise his family with wife Cindy.

He added to his career history with full-time positions in California, Oklahoma, Idaho before coming to Ohio's Marion City and Elgin school districts, working in music, and with teens and outreach programs. Settling into the Marion music scene he directed "How Great Thou Art" 8 of its 15 years and performed in "Christmas at the Palace" in the men's tap line.

Steve and Cindy have family in Indiana and Florida whom they visit often. After serving for 4 years at All Souls Reformed Church in Green Camp, Ohio, they joined Emanuel in 2022 where he is the choir director and on the Worship Committee.

Retirement affords him time to enjoy yard work, music, reading, and dinner dates with Cindy who also enjoys just driving around, too.

We're blessed to have the deWebers as members here at Emanuel.

Yippee! I have found a warm corner to hang around in. So Good Night y'all!

Blessings from above,
Batina Belfry

HAPPY
Birthday

Doris Decker celebrates her 90th birthday on November 3rd!
Janet Brown celebrates her 90th birthday on November 7th!
Bill Barnhart celebrates his 92nd birthday on November 27th!
(contact the church office for addresses)



Thank you for your support and donations to the much-needed Feed the Need Ministry! Here is our current list of meals we make EVERY WEDNESDAY. We are currently making 67 hot meals and 67 cold meals to feed families in need - families in our backyard, in our community and in our childcare.

Our current needs are: chicken patties, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, grapes), individual peanut butter cups, spaghetti noodles & sauce, canned or frozen green beans, peas, and corn, ground beef, French fries, and lunchmeat. Donations can be dropped off in the kitchen.

November 2024



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Aspire Ministries “All is Bright” Church Tour
“No Room at the Inn” a display of Nativities to benefit the homeless
Emanuel Lutheran Church
December 14, 2024

If you are interested in displaying a nativity, please fill out this form and mail it to:

Emanuel Lutheran Church
241 S. Prospect Street
Marion, Ohio 43302
Attn: No Room at the Inn Committee

Forms **must be received by December 1, 2024** if you wish to display.

Registration Information

Name: _____ Phone No. _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

ST

Zip

Description of Nativity: Please include interesting historical information, country of origin, unique features, material composition, etc.
(attach additional sheets if needed)

Nativities should be delivered to Emanuel Lutheran Church on

Friday, December 13th, 6pm – 8pm or Saturday, December 14th 12pm – 2pm.

We prefer that you set up your own nativity, but there will be help available upon request.

Nativities must be **picked up on Sunday evening, December 15th 12pm-1pm or 3pm-5pm.**

If you need more information, please call Donna Thomas at 740-262-0930.

Liability Wavier

The No Room at the Inn Committee does provide monitors during exhibit hours and overnight security for the displays, however we can assume no liability for damage, theft, or other loss at any time that your items are not in your immediate possession (please check your homeowner’s insurance policy for possible coverage).

Therefore, we need your signature on the following statement:

Since it is my desire to display my nativities, I agree to assume full responsibility for any loss or damage caused by vandalism, theft, fire or any other cause while at the display site. If the nativity is lost or damaged I further agree that I shall not see damages from anyone or any group of persons or any church and/or other religious organization associated with the display.

Signature Date: _____

Please print your name



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