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The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Let's take this time to honor Pastor Mike and Parish Deacon Ann
with our prayers, support, thanks, and cards.

Dear Pastor

Thank you, Pastor, for all you do!

For your faithfulness and kindness, too.

You teach us God's Word. You love our church well.

For that and much more, we think you're just swell.

Thank you, Pastor!

A Note from Pastor Mike...

Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Latin phrase *Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda*, was one of the prevalent phrases coming from the Reformation. It means “A Church Reformed Is Always Reforming Itself.”

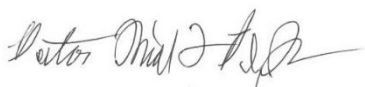
We lift up our being a church of the Reformation Tradition this month. So, we should take a look at this core of the Reformation movement. As we look at Martin Luther, his intent was not to break away and form a new church. His intent was to change the church from within. His desire was for the church to accept this call, which had been with the church long before the Reformation. Luther, and the other Reformers were calling the church to continue to reform to meet the needs of the world in their time.

Reform does not mean that how it was before was somehow wrong. Reform is the understanding that change is constant in the ever-changing world. And the church should reform itself to meet the change.

As a church of the Reformation, we are called to embrace this nature of continual reformation. How are we changing as individuals to meet the needs of the world? How are we reforming, as small groups, to reach out to a rapidly changing world? How are we as a congregation always reforming to do the work of the Kingdom of God?

As we work through this process of discernment, these are theological questions we need to answer. Who is God calling us to be now, is a reformation question. Allow the Holy Spirit to encourage us to always continue this journey of Reformation.

Peace,



Pastor Mike

Pastor Poole's Pins



This particular pin has the Luther Rose on it. What does the Luther Rose mean?

Here are the words of Martin Luther describing it:

“First there is a black cross set in a heart of natural color to remind me that faith in the Crucified One saves us. This heart is mounted in the center of a white rose to show that faith brings joy, comfort and peace. The rose is set in a sky-colored field to show that such joy of the spirit and faith is the beginning of the heavenly joy to come, present already in our joy now and embraced by hope, but not yet made manifest.”

- Martin Luther

Jesus League/Sunday School News

Through a grant from our Synod we are offering a free meal to our Daycare families and surrounding neighbors. We are calling the event, "Feed Our Neighbors". STATE of The SANDWICH and the Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck will be in Emanuel's parking lot Thursday, October 13th. They will begin serving at 4:30 and end at 6:30 or until they run out. We are serving 100 meals including a cookie and water.



Sunday, October 9th – Service Sunday

Join us to label cookies for our " FEED OUR NEIGHBORS " event. We will also be making and signing cards for our shut ins.

Please come to the parlors at 9:15 on October 9th.

We hope to start making invitations for you to pass out for:

"BRING A FRIEND TO SUNDAY SCHOOL"



Thank you, Sunday School Volunteers!

We have some extra helping hands this year to be grateful for. Please take a moment and thank them for their service to our children and families. Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Hoch, Mrs. Ishida, Mrs. Kollas, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Rinker, and Mrs. Valentine.

Save the Dates.....

NOVEMBER 13

BRING A FRIEND TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 18

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We are planning our Christmas program for December 18th at the 10:30 worship service and we are serving a meal after the program. All are welcome! More details in the next newsletter.

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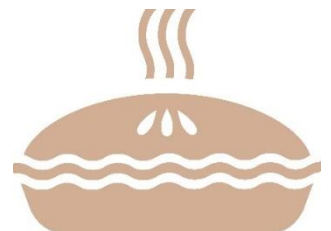
JAMMIES AND DOUGHNUT DAY.....More information coming soon!

Preschool & Child Care News

With the return of Thanks and Giving, Child Care will once again host their Fall Pie Fundraising Sale! Pies and Cinnamon rolls can be purchased for yourself or you can purchase them to donate to the Emanuel's Thanks & Giving meal. Fundraising sheets will be sent home with students to be returned by the end of October.

A member of the Board of Childcare will be in the Gathering Space with sign-up sheets October 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Pies will be available to pick-up Thursday, November 17th.





**23rd Annual (except covid) Emanuel Lutheran
Thanks & Giving**

Join us in the Church Parlor for a traditional
Thanksgiving Dinner!

Our gift to the Marion Community

Thursday, November 24

Serving from noon to 3:00p.m.

Dining Room Only - Open to the public

The following items are needed for the dinner:

(25 needed) Turkey - cooked, carved, and frozen

(10 needed) Boneless Ham- cooked and sliced

(16 needed) #10 size can Green Beans

(15 needed) #10 size can Sweet Potatoes

(30 needed) Pumpkin Pie

(25 needed) Cherry Pie

\$ Monetary Gifts

If you would like to volunteer for this Annual Event,
signup sheets will be available in the
Gathering Space. We appreciate your help!



Social Ministry News....

God's Work Our Hands is in full swing through the end of October. Heartfelt thanks to the numerous members who have already selected projects. However, it is not too late to make a difference in someone's life, see what speaks to you in the Gathering Space. When you sign up it's a win, win proposition for both the giver and the receiver.

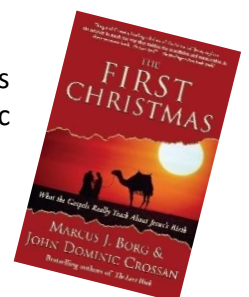
Social Ministry Board is working alongside our youth for a Service Sunday project on October 9. Come join us as we prepare cards for our homebound members and fill cookie bags for the upcoming neighborhood meal.

Comfort Quilters...Calling all quilters

We know many of you work and are not able to get to our quilting sessions. You can still be a part of this ministry...remotely. Some of our team already work on cutting or sewing at home. They then bring their work into us. We need people who are willing to cut quilt blocks using a rotary cutter. We use 5" squares and 10 ½ inch squares. We also need people who can piece tops. If you are interested in helping contact Ann Thomas, Dee Rinehart, or Carol Hoch. This is such a valuable ministry, but it takes many hands. By the way, we continue to need donations of cotton fabric. Thanks for supporting us in this endeavor.

Fall Book Study

Pastor's next book study will begin in October. We will be reading through "The First Christmas – What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth," by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. This book is easily available on Amazon. We will again have two in-person meetings and one virtual. The book study will begin on Thursday October 13th, at 11:30am and 5:30pm. The virtual session will begin on Sunday October 16th at 6:30pm. Email Pastor Mike if you would like to receive the virtual link – pastormike@emanuellutheran.net





Did you miss me last month?? Some sneaky cat ate my article and it didn't make the final cut! So here is what you would have had last month....

Have you ever wondered why we light the Big Candle sometimes, and not other times? And when should it be lit? What does it stand for? I have wondered the same thing!

It is called the Paschal Candle, and it is a sign of the presence of the risen Christ. Traditionally, it was lit at the Easter Vigil, as the liturgy for that service begins with the lighting of the New Fire. The Paschal Candle would burn continually (theoretically 24/7) all through the Easter Season, until Pentecost. The Paschal Candle represents the Light of Christ during baptismal services. So it is lit whenever there is a baptism in worship, and during Baptismal Festivals. Baptismal Festivals lift up the centrality of baptism in the entire life of Christ, and its importance in the church. The Baptismal Festivals are: Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism of Our Lord, Transfiguration of Our Lord, Ascension, All Saints Sunday, and Christ the King Sunday. Along with the Sundays of Easter, these are the days that the color of the day is white. It is from the Paschal Candle, that the baptismal candle is lit during a baptism. The Paschal Candle is lit during funerals, as this worship service is a celebration of baptism, and the color of the day for funerals is white. The Paschal Candle should not be confused with the white Christ Candle of the Advent wreath. The Christ Candle represents the birth of Jesus in the Advent candle story. These should be two different candles.

The Pascal Candle is also lit during the times that the liturgical color of the day is red. The liturgical color red presents witness/martyrdom as a living out of the baptismal faith. Pentecost is red because Jesus promised a baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire. The Feast Days of the Apostles are red, because they were all believed to have been martyred for their faith. Reformation Day is red, as a focus on baptismal calling, and the offering of the lives of the Reformers and their witness and sacrifice. Commemorations of other martyrs will also have red as the color of the day, as a remembrance of their baptismal sacrifice.

The color of the Day for Passion/Palm Sunday is red, as well as the rest of Holy Week, through the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday. At the end of the service on Good Friday, the Paschal Candle should be recessed out of the sanctuary for a short time. This is symbolic that there was a time when Christ truly died, and was no longer present in the world, for a short time. The Paschal Candle should then be returned to the sanctuary before the service is complete.

I hope I'm right about all that! And if we light the Paschal Candle at other times, is it so bad to remember the presence of the risen Christ? I don't think Jesus will mind!

Church Mouse

Welcome Signs Updated - As most of you know, throughout the church we have a welcome message. The message is in the bulletin, in the pews on a card and posted throughout the building. The signs posted in the narthex and in the Gathering Space had become worn and didn't "feel" very welcoming. With the help of a donor the Evangelism Team was able to purchase two beautifully framed and matted welcome signs. Believe it or not, these signs have caught the eye of many non-members. There have been many positive comments. We want to say thank you for your donation.

Greetings from your Communication and Evangelism Board

Here are updates on what we have been up to in August:

- We held our first card making event.
- We are beginning to add more community-based information to our Facebook page and bulletin boards.
- We installed 2 framed Welcome signs by the entrances to the sanctuary.
- Distributed directories between worship services and on Thursday night.
- In order to make a stronger connection to our daycare staff and families, we will begin to send our monthly newsletter home with them. We want them to feel that they are part of the Emanuel family. We are also trying to find other ways to make connections with all the people involved who come into this building.

Card Ministry

Our card ministry is getting a facelift! The cards will now be displayed according to type in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to continue to take and use these cards. Another branch of this ministry will be the card *making* ministry. The Evangelism Committee will have a card making event on the second Thursday of every month between 5:30 and 7:30. (If you need a ride, we'll get you here!) All the supplies for making cards will be available. Each month there will be helpers to help you make and design beautiful cards. These cards will be sent to community members, shut-ins and people in need around the country. We hope to expand these events and more bring joy and **Jesus** into the homes of some of the neediest.



Emanuel + Love Inc. + LoDo (Lower Downtown Association)

The Communication and Evangelism Team is working on building a closer relationship with Love Inc. (soon to be Aspire) and LoDo. We are in the beginning stages of this, and we don't know exactly what this will look like in a year. One change that you will see is more connection to our community through advertising. These up-coming changes will help Emanuel and our church family become a bigger presence in Marion. With more knowledge of our community, we can reach out, help, and stand beside our brothers and sisters in need. One of our team's goals is to encourage more prayer. Love Inc. wants to start a prayer team associated with their organization. With God's help and this church body we hope to have something up and running by the new year.



We have had good attendance at our meetings, approximately 30 people each meeting - enjoying food and fellowship, along with Bingo. The meeting schedule for the rest of the year will be: **6 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Emanuel (Oct 9th – Nov 13th - & Dec 11th)**

Each meeting will be a potluck format, so please bring a favorite dish to share. Beverages (*bottled water, lemonade, iced tea, and coffee*) and table service will be provided, with fellowship during and following dinner.

If you wish to bring someone who hasn't attended before, let us know (*so that we can be sure to have enough seating*), by replying to: (LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com), or calling/texting 740-262-2655, by Noon that day.



Welcome to the October Music Notes!

What a great summer we have had, full of special music and musicians! I would like to acknowledge all of those who have blessed us with their time and talents during our worship services so far this year. They have spent their time rehearsing and performing for us out of friendship and the Love of God and His Church. In no particular order, we recognize: MacKenzie Pryor, Bethany Rice, Heather Smith, Rick Lyon, Carolyn Fox,

Nicole Holman, Dennis Witsberger, Ryan Swartz, Daniel Lama, Luke Stewart, John Heisel, Gary Flach, Lauren Frank, Lois Lust, Beth Cumbie, and The Marionaires. Each soloist, instrumentalist, and ensemble has added so much to our service(s), and we cannot thank them enough. On a personal level, it gives me a chance to work with musicians on an individual level, which broadens my experience, and deepens friendships. Or, it gives me a chance to just sit back and enjoy the music!

The adult and children's choirs resumed their season on September 11th with a bang(!) as we celebrated our Anniversary Sunday with celebratory music! A special thank you to Brian Penrod for providing the narration during the choir anthem. The bell choir will resume before the end of September, and all ensembles will continue through Pentecost in 2023. If you have thought about joining one of the choirs, it is never too late! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, and it is a great time of music, faith and fellowship. If you have any questions, or are just not sure, see or contact any of the music staff. All of us are open and eager to talk to you and answer your questions! Your presence will be welcomed and appreciated.

Before we know it, the church calendar will be ending with Christ the King, and the new church year will begin with Advent on November 27th! Planning has already begun for the Christmas Season, and we are all looking forward to the wonderful, inspiring music this season brings. The ELW has wonderful Advent and Christmas sections, and I often wish there were more weeks available to sing more of the great hymns and carols! Unfortunately when choosing hymns for weekly services and other occasions, there are only so many slots to fill. This naturally means that we will fail to choose someone's favorite. We do our best to choose favorites while mixing in a couple new favorites. I hope each worship service leaves you uplifted and prepared to face the day and week ahead.

I will leave you with the final verse of "When Long Before Time (The Singer and the Song)", ELW 861, which we will sing together on Sunday, October 2nd.

To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory forever, through life and through death.

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul Burnside

Faith Journeys

The Faith Journeys event this month will be a movie day! We will have a screening of the movie *Luther*, starring Joseph Fiennes that was debuted in theaters in 2003. The second feature will be *Bonhoeffer – Agent of Grace*, starring Ulrich Tukur that was shown on PBS in 2000.

These films will give us a glimpse into how the Reformation came about. As well as what it means to be a Reformation Church later in history. These films will assist in our discernment of “Who Is God Calling Us To Be Now?” as a congregation of the Reformation tradition.

The agenda for the day is to begin with *Luther* at 9am; have discussion on the film; enjoy a soup lunch that will be prepared for us; watch *Bonhoeffer*; and then have discussion on that film.

So bring some movie snacks and beverages to enjoy and share. Feel free to come for one movie, or the other, or both! And enjoy a discussion of what it means to be Lutheran, as we prepare to remember our Lutheran heritage, and the Reformers whose shoulders we stand upon; on Reformation Sunday October 30th, 2022.

Future Faith Journey Events:

Saturday	October 22	9a-4p	Luther / Bonhoeffer movie
Saturday	November 19	9a-4p	Mindful Christian Conversation
Thursdays	December 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 25		Advent / Christmas Eve / Christmas Day worship
Saturday	January 21	9a-5p	Prayer Retreat
Fri/Sat/Sun	February 10, 11, 12		Confirmation Retreat – LMC
Wednesdays	March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 4/5		Lenten Lord’s Prayer worship
Saturday	April 15	9a-5p	Mission / Vision / Identity Workshop
Monday	May 22	6p-7p	Faith Journey Questions
Sunday-Friday	June 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30		Confirmation Camp

A Journey Through the Bible Together



Pastor Mike will be starting a new Bible study on Sunday afternoons. We will take 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 will start with Genesis and 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 will begin our journey on Sunday October 2nd, from 2p – 4p. We will meet most Sundays. You don’t have to attend 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.

Looking back with Alicia Mayes...

Did you know that we had a missionary from Emanuel in 1950? I found a bulletin that tells all about it.

Willis Nye was a member of Emanuel and was commissioned as the General Manager of the India Mission Field of the American Lutheran Church at a service at Emanuel August, 27, 1950. The Rev. T.P. Fricke, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the American Lutheran Church and Rev. Charles A. Weishaupt, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the American Lutheran Church were at Emanuel that day to commission Willis. There was a dinner in the church parlor after the service for the Nye's given by the women's missionary society.

Willis Nye was born in Marion on April 16, 1909, he was 41 when he started this adventure. He was married to Wanda and had a daughter, Susan. Willis worked for Huber Manufacturing in the sales department. From May 1942 until May of 1945 he lived in Washington, D.C. where he served as Huber's liaison representative with the government. He became manager of Huber's newly formed export department in August 1945. This is the position he left to go to India.

He and his family sailed from New York for India on September 27 where they made their home for his work there. While in India the Sunday School Mission Fund was started at Emanuel and used to help the Nye's. The money was used for a milk pasteurizing machine for the Nye's to use in India. Also given a gift of \$100.00 was sent to the Nye's for household needs and money for a school in India. Money was also given for mission work in Ohio.

Our Sunday services were recorded on wire and sent to the Nye's so that they could keep up with life here at home. They in turn sent back recordings of their work in India.

Wanda, Willis, and Susan came back to Emanuel when his commission was over and lived in Marion. They were neighbors of ours in the 1980's and were very kind, loving people.

Until next time,
Alicia

HEAVYnly METAL

Ever wonder about what goes into making music with our hand bell choir? Well, I'm Batina and will be your guide through the world of the hand bell choir here at Emanuel. We're blessed to have such dedicated ringers that I wanted to give you a chance to meet each one. First, you should meet the bells themselves. They were cast in bronze by Schulmerich Carillons, Inc. which is why ringers must wear gloves to handle them. We usually use the 3-octave set, but more are available if required for a particular piece of music.

Handbells are usually played by using a forward/back motion, but other methods are hitting the bell on the WELL-PADDED table, striking with a mallet, plucking, swinging in a circular motion, etc. The sound can be stopped (damped) also by various techniques, such as pressing the bell against the shoulder or the table, using the thumb against side, or just letting the sound fade. Our experienced ringers are familiar with each method.

Next time, I will begin introducing each of our ringers. So, until then, enjoy the music!

Batina Belfry



Consecration Sunday Is Coming - October 16

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

There is no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship Pastor Mike will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. We will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

On behalf of the Board of Finance,
Rick Varner - Director
Rex Parrott - Treasurer





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No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:37

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00am – Worship 9:15 – Worship 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship 12:00 – Mutual Ministry 2:00p.m – Bible Study	2 9:30 – Altar Guild 6 – Communications 6:30 – Spiritual Life	3 8am – Quilters 6:30 – Praise Team Rehearsal	4 9:30 – Bible Study 6pm – Children's & Adult Choir 7pm – Bell Choir	5 9:30 – Bible Study 6pm – Children's & Adult Choir 7pm – Bell Choir	6 7pm - Worship	7 8:30 am – LWR loading quilts
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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 (Capital University or Wittenberg University) 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 March 1, 2023 to the chairperson, Rae Andrews at 379 Brightwood Dr., Marion, OH 43302.

Rae Andrews
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