The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will quard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

It is this time of the year that we focus on thanksgivings. It is a time for us to take an inventory of what we should be thankful. What we see in this passage is that our thankfulness should be directed to God. It is God, through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit that we enjoy anything.

In Philippians, the Apostle tells us to always rejoice in the LORD, especially in our thanksgivings. We are to not be anxious about anything, and gentle in everything. We rely on this passage to help us define our prayer life. In our constant prayer to God, we need to offer joys, prayers, supplications, requests, thanksgivings, and confessions.

Take time, not only this month, but always, to inventory our lives, and give thanks to God for all things. God continues to offer us the peace, that we are not able to fully understand. With that peace, we guard ourselves from the world. We are to bear the mind of Christ in all our doings. And the Holy Spirit will always be present to remind us of who we are.

I give God thanks for allowing me to be a part of this place, and the wonderful things we are doing for God's kingdom.

Peace.

Pastor Mike

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Proverbs 18:4 "A person's words can be life giving water; words of true wisdom are as refreshing as a babbling brook."

How long has it been since you sat next to a waterfall in nature or by a manmade fountain? As I was writing this, I pulled up the "Sound of Trickling Forest Creek" on YouTube. I could hear the sound of water falling over the rocks in the stream. In the background I heard the sound of the birds singing. It created a memory of sitting beside a real stream. It was a calm sound and I wanted to close my eyes and just listen as my body relaxed. Today's scripture from Proverbs reminds us the importance our words can make to calm and inspire others. We live in a culture that bombards us with negative, hurtful words. As a Christ-centered people we need to practice saying words that give hope and life to the people around us.

There are some positive phrases we can use when there is conflict:

Help me understand your point of view; I appreciate your perspective; Let's work together to find a solution; How can we make this work?; What do you need from me?; I think we may have a misunderstanding; I really appreciate your being willing to discuss this with me; What goals do we need to achieve together?; Can I have some time to think about this and get back to you?

There are some positive words to help lift someone up:

Thank you; I believe in you; You are brave; You're doing great; I am proud of you; This is a bad day, don't give up; This is tough, but you are tougher; I am here to support you; Forgive me; What can I do to help? Let's take break; You have faith in a great God who can help you.

Sometimes we hear people sharing rumors about something or someone. How can you respond to rumors:

I need to check with ____ to see if this is true; Have you checked with ____ to see if it is true? Do you have permission to share this information?

Choose to make your words as refreshing as a babbling brook. In baptism you and others have been forgiven, redeemed, and loved. Go and do likewise.



A Message from Don Davis...

We are blessed with what we have at Emanuel Lutheran Church. A few weeks ago, the choir sang, "Same God," and that song brought so many emotions as the words resonated in the sanctuary.

When our Dad fell in the office one Saturday morning with a heart attack in 1994, I thought part of my world had come to an end. A few years later, as Mom suffered from that often-dreaded Alzheimer's and was on her last breaths, my sister and I said, "Mom, it's okay, Dad is waiting for you." Brother Dan called from Arizona and talked with Mom as well. It was the same God who took a part of my world away when Dad died, who blessed us by ending Mom's suffering.

I often have stopped at the cemetery and talked with Mom and Dad. I wished that they could have met Lannette and their first great grandson, Von.

Remember, the same God that blesses us every day, is the same God that adds a few trials to our lives.

I remember many, many years ago a sermon saying, "God will never put a ten-ton load on a ton and a half truck." God will always be there to help bear that load. Romans 8:18 says to us, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us." Remember Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, those who are called according to His purpose."

Your faith in Jesus and his Saving Grace will always be with you every day and allow you the peace and understanding of His Love.

Special Congregational Meeting - Sunday, November 16th

The Parish Planning Council has called a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on a candidate to call for the Associate Pastor position. The candidate will lead both worship services that morning and be available for meet and greets between services in the Gathering Space. The meeting will take place immediately following the 11am worship service. We are excited for this opportunity. Please plan to attend worship and the meeting on Sunday, November 16th. Voting is open to confirmed members of Emanuel Lutheran and you must be present to vote.

Worship Times Discussion — At the congregational meeting in July, it was decided to postpone the vote on worship times until January in order to give the new schedule more time and also to allow members a chance to have their opinions on worship considered in the process. To this end, the board of Spiritual Life will be hosting three cottage meetings in November to discuss worship times. Please plan to attend a meeting and have your voice heard. Cottage meetings will be:

- Sunday, November 9th at 10am in the Sanctuary
- Wednesday, November 12th at 7pm in the Gathering Space
- Tuesday, November 18th at 7pm in the Gathering Space





Join us for Family Advent Camp! Sunday, November 30th 10 A.M. to 3P.M.

Advent is the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event. In our beliefs it is the arrival of our Savior Jesus Christ.

November 30th is the first Sunday of Advent and we are beginning the season with lots of fun, family time and fellowship. You may send children or attend with them. Please fill out a registration form for children so we have emergency contacts and allergy concerns on hand. Adults and families, please let Cindy Rinker or the church office know how you are attending.

We will meet at 10A.M. in the lounge for registration and gather in the Chapel to learn ways to watch and get ready for the Newborn King and hear everyone's favorite part of the Christmas story. At 11A.M, we will attend the worship service where we'll light the Advent Candle together.

Lunch will be served at 12P.M. in the parlors followed by Special Music with Steve deWeber.

This will be followed by an afternoon of crafting in the library. Young and mature will have several to choose from.

Bring a Styrofoam cone, fabric to cover it, large head straight pins and your button box. This makes a beautiful and nostalgic Christmas tree. If you have plenty of buttons, please bring some to share.



We're making Christmas cards, gifts for the homebound and nativity gingerbread stables.

Also, we are collecting packaged treats to send to Feed the Need kids for Christmas. This could include Welch's gummy fruit pieces, small bags of cookies, chips or pretzels etc.

Creative Arts - Cooking Class!

Please join us on Thursday November 6th at 5:30 P.M. in the parlor kitchen. Scott Inskeep will be demonstrating the art of preparing beef and noodles from scratch. We'll then sit down together and enjoy a delicious meal that all of you made. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space and you may also call the church office to sign up. We are limiting this class to 12 happy cooks....sign up quickly!

Introducing the Creative Art's Loop Troupe



Attention everyone who is interested in setting aside time to knit, crochet or embroider projects you want to start but never make time to complete. You are invited to meet the 1st Thursday of every month in the church lounge from 6-7:30 pm to work on your knitting, crocheting or embroidery project. Bring your project for a time of fellowship, solving project problems, and supporting each other. This is sponsored by <u>The Loop Troupe</u>: Jean Smith, Dee Rinehart, Ann Thomas and Sheri Haver. We look forward to your joining us for some fun. We will meet **Nov.** 6 and Dec. 4. We will skip Jan.1 to celebrate New Years Day. We will begin again on Feb 5, March 5 etc.

Looking Back with Alicia

As I was looking through pictures I ran across the Junior Choir in 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972 that I have extras. I have several extra copies of the 1962 Senior Choir. I know that was a long time ago, if you would like to have any of these pictures, please let me know.

In the Parish Planning Minutes there was a Special Congregational Meeting held on April 22, 2007 to consider expansion of our present church building. Church council had determined that due to the importance of this endeavor a quorum for the meeting was to be 300 confirmed members. It was reported that only 259 members were present that day. A quorum had not been met. The meeting could not go forward.

Another Special Congregational Meeting was held on June 10, 2007 for the same reason as before to decide to proceed with planning to expand our church building. A quorum was met with 359 members attending. It was explained that this vote was whether to proceed with <u>exploring</u> the expansion of the church building, not a vote saying yes we want to expand. The results of the vote were 240 in favor and 119 opposed. I'm sure many of you remember that vote.

A Feasible Study was done by Kirby-Smith Associates to determine the congregation's views on the renovations or expansion of Emanuel. It was determined that a 3-year Capital Funds Campaign would be the next step in fulfilling the master plan.

At the Congregational Meeting held Sunday, January 27, 2008 it was reported that there had been a study done to determine what the consensus was from the congregation as to just do updates in the church and educational building or updates and expand the church building. The study showed that the consensus was to restore our current facility and not expand at that time.

The Living the Legacy Today and Tomorrow Campaign started in 2008 and raised \$1,200,000. This money was used to renovate the sanctuary. The improvements made were plaster repair and painting, floor repair and refinishing, pew reupholstering, sound system upgrades for sanctuary and parlor, stained glass window repairs and Lexan covers for the stained glass, electrical repairs and upgrades and organ pipe removal and reinstallation for protection of the organ during the renovation. If you remember these repairs and upgrades took a long time and all was completed in 2009. Church services were held in the parlor during the renovation.



Work being done in the Sanctuary and chairs set-up for church in the parlors in 2009







I read in the Board of Social Ministries September 11, 2008 minutes that the board was having a Feed the Furry campaign for the Marion Humane Society. The collection of food and supplies was started on September 7 and would run through September 14th. The supplies were then transported to Lynn Lynn, the Humane Society director at the time. She was very appreciative of the donations and sent a thank-you letter to the congregation.

Looking through some old bulletins I found a bulletin from the Baccalaureate Service for the Harding High School Class of 1921. It was held at Emanuel, Sunday, May 29th, 1921 at 8:00 P.M. Rev. Schillinger was the pastor at that time and Emanuel's choir sang. On the front of the bulletin, it shows Emanuel's address as 231 South Prospect St. The address for Emanuel now is the office (house) address which is 241. You don't hear about baccalaureate services much, but it was a religious service to celebrate high school graduations. Emanuel had one for my class in 1970 and Harding High School had one that year also.

I was curious about where Harding High School was located in 1921. It was located on West Church Street built in 1915. It then became Eber Baker Junior High and then the Harding Freshman Building. It was torn down in 1996. The next Harding High School was built on what is now Presidential Drive and the first graduating class was in 1954. The newest Harding High School in located on Harding Highway East and the building on Presidential is now Grant Middle School. A lot of changes with schools over the years.

In the Parish Planning Minutes dated September 16, 2008 it was stated that Kathy Stroupe would then be Emanuel's librarian.

Also, in these minutes Cindy Rinker stated that Children's Church attendees were working on a fund raiser for the windows in the sanctuary, they were making stained glass Christmas ornaments to sell. Maybe some of you bought one of those ornaments. In the January 2009 Parish Planning Minutes Cindy Rinker stated that the Christmas Ornament sale raised \$800 and plans would be made to sell these ornaments again at the end of 2009.

In the Parish Planning Minutes dated December 16, 2008 Pastor J. Weston Jones, senior pastor of Emanuel at that time, read a letter from The Marion Civic Chorus thanking Emanuel for hosting its 67th presentation of the Messiah.

I found a bulletin from Emanuel dated July 16, 1944 that has a symbol of St. James, the Apostle on the front. It explains on the back about the symbol. It reads: The escallop signifies pilgrimage and the cross-hilted sword, martyrdom. This zealous missionary preached Christ even at the time of his execution. Just before he was beheaded, a soldier who had testified against him before Herod, impressed with the Apostle's courage and faith, fell before him, confessing his sins and asking for forgiveness. The Apostle replied, "Peace, my son, peace be unto thee, and the pardon of thy faults." The soldier stood, confessed his faith in Jesus Christ. Later he also was beheaded.

On a personal note, that same 1944 bulletin had the announcement of the marriage of my aunt and uncle in it. They were married July 10, 1944 in the parsonage that is now the church office. Also, in the bulletin from 1944 it told that the birthday offering in Sunday school amounted to \$2.93. How things have changed.

I will have the bulletin in the archive cabinet for you to see the symbol of St. James along with the bulletin about the 1921 Baccalaureate service. Most of the bulletins I have found have been in really good condition for as old as they are.



Kathy Stroupe and her late husband Jim



Cindy Rinker and her husband Mike



Pastor Weston Jones

More history to come, Alicia

26th Annual Emanuel Lutheran Thanks & Giving

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

Our gift to the Marion Community

Thursday, November 27th
Serving from noon to 2:30p.m.

Donations needed for Thanks and Giving:

18 Turkeys
10 boneless ham rolls
16 #10 size cans Green Beans
16 # 10 size Sweet Potatoes
14 Pumpkin Pies
10 Cherry Pies
and Monetary Gifts.

Canned items can be dropped off on the dedicated table in the Parlors anytime. Pies, Turkey, and Ham need to be delivered closer to the event. Listen for Mission Moments in November. Sign-up sheets for food and volunteers will be available Nov. 2 in the Gathering Space.

Bridges Approach

When we look at how each of the different socio-economic classes value love and acceptance, we find that those who live in poverty, believe love and acceptance are conditional, based on whether the person is liked. For the middle class, love and acceptance is conditional and based largely on achievement. And for those who have wealth, love and acceptance is conditional and related to social standing and connections.

Save the Date
The MVNU Treble Singers
under the direction of Sabina Anderson
and the Emanuel Choir
under the direction of Steve deWeber
will present
an evening of song on
November 9, 2025
at 6:00 pm
in the church sanctuary

Marion Correctional Christmas Play 2025 Come enjoy a festive evening at the Marion Correctional Institution! In this special event, the incarcerated adults will showcase their talents in a heartwarming Christmas play. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to support the rehabilitation efforts of the incarcerated adults and enjoy a memorable evening filled with entertainment and joy. Get your tickets by Nov. 23, 2025! Find Tickets here:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marion-correctional-christmas-play-2025-tickets-1513153525929

Faith Journeys

We are working with the HERE WE STAND curriculum from Augsburg Fortress. As in previous years, we are encouraging parents and family, congregational leaders as well as all members to join us on this year's journey. We will spend time looking at the Bible with the Here We Stand workbook and the Crossways Bible overview book. There will be a light lunch served. If you are interested in an overview of the Bible, please come. You are more than welcome to purchase the Student Book from Augsburg to join us, or just come and join the conversation.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 15, 2025 9a-3p Bible Overview (Here We Stand – Crossways)

Sunday, December 14, 2025 12noon-2p Here We Stand

March 2026 TBA Confirmation Retreat at HopeWood Pines

June 2026 TBA Confirmation Camp at HopeWood Pines

Book Worm

There has been a significant amount of conversation about Christianity and the political climate in our country. A book that was written in 2008 may still provide some centering conversation around this topic. "Jesus for President" by Shane Claiborne gives us all some things to think about. Shane's bio says he is an evangelical Christian, author, activist and recovering sinner – a Tennessee Hillbilly with a love for bluegrass music. He's a little rusty on his circus skills but has been known to do a little juggling and fire breathing on occasion. Shane is the founder of The Simple Way (a neo-monastic emerging Christian community) in Philadelphia PA. Shane believes in living a radical faith. www.thesimpleway.org

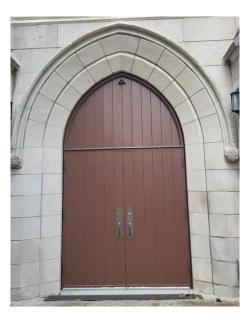
News from the Board of Properties

- 1. Cummins contract for cleaning was not renewed. Tabby Keirns was hired to clean the Daycare and portions of the church.
- 2. The dome covering the fan on the elevator tower has been fabricated and Owens installed it and repaired the fan motor. The tower roof is leaking and will need replaced. In process for bids.
- 3. B + B has started piping on the hot water heat. The boilers have been started and the Parlors and Sanctuary are connected and have run with cleaner.
- 4. The parking lots are finished.
- The board frowns upon placing signage other than church or religious organization info on boards.
- 6. A discussion was held on selling the 2 vacant lots on Pearl. We decided to proceed.
- 7. We will be conducting interviews for a part time (special occasion) door person

As they come in.

As you can see, it has been a very busy 2 months! Emanuel is on the move! I would ask that you check out the door behind the office. The stone has been refinished and after years of deterioration, it looks like new!





Steeple Sightings



Now is my almost favorite-est time of the year: the weather is cooler, the nights are longer, and the festivals/feasts are beginning. School is in full swing and here at Emanuel we have many members involved in all phases of the upcoming seasons. It's not surprising how many are teachers, either current or retired, as is my Member of the Month: Michele Rankin.

A graduate of Harding High School, she received her degree in Education and after teaching for 4 years in Springfield, Ohio, returned to Marion to finish her career in elementary education at Pleasant. Now she is a substitute teacher at Pleasant and Tri-Rivers Career Center.

In 1999 she married Mike and she has written and published several books. An avid reader, she is a member of 3 book clubs. Other activities away from the classroom include traveling to Maine, Florida, Savannah and Traverse City, Michigan, therapy dog training sessions with her Labrador, and growing flowers and tomatoes.

A lifelong member of Emanuel, Michele was baptized by her uncle, Rev. John Dennis, who was a son of the congregation, confirmed by Pastors Rave and Seibert, and married by Pastor Jones. She has paid it forward by serving as a Luther League advisor with Kathy Mullins; as well as serving as a member of the boards for Child Care, Spiritual Life, Stewardship, Mutual Ministry, and call committees; Parish Planning Council, Feed the Need, Thanks and Giving, choir, and of course, teaching.

As a very familiar face here at Emanuel, we have greatly benefitted from her talents and dedication. Thank you, Michele!

Blessings to all... Batina Belfry

Oh, by the way, Happy Thanksgiving to all and please don't forget to drop some extra crumbs for us and Church Mouse.

Creation Care

Reduce – Reuse – Recycle! These are all great things to consider when talking about Creation Care. One way to reduce overall consumption is to share what we already have. When we are able to share the *stuff* that we no longer use or need, that *stuff* gets reused by someone else.

So, next time you're cramming something into storage thinking, "I might use this someday," think instead, "Who could use this *right now*?" Do you have craft supplies you'll never get through? Clothes you'll never wear again? Furniture you inherited, but you really just don't use?

Nowhere in the Bible does it say, "Hold onto items you might need someday."



No, in fact a few things the Bible *does* say are, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven..." Matthew 6:19-20 and, "...If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven..." Matthew 19:21.

I'm sure we all have stuff we could let go of in our personal lives, and I know we as Emanuel have stuff that needs let go of as well! Give the stuff new purpose and open spaces for new ministries – neither our church building nor our homes were built to be storage units.

I challenge you to take some time today and think of what you might be able to donate to others – either at home or stored somewhere in the church building. It is easy to store things away for another day and forget about them. Let's take some time to give those things to people who can use them today.



Kilted for a Cause Update! Two of our own kilted men won awards for their efforts during Aspire's Kilted for Cause fundraiser in April. Glen Campbell for Raising the most money and Scott Inskeep for being the best dressed for the event. Thank you again to everyone who helped make this a success!





Doris Decker celebrates her 91st birthday on November 3rd!

Janet Brown celebrates her 91st birthday on November 7th!

Bill Barnhart celebrates his 93rd birthday on November 27th!

(contact the church office for addresses)



On behalf of The Boyd Funeral Home, we are honored to invite you and the members of your congregation to our 10th Annual Service of Remembrance on November 30, 2025. The doors open at 12:00p.m. and the service starts at 1:00p.m. at the Boyd Funeral Home.

The holiday season is a time of celebration, but it can also be a season of grief for those who are missing loved ones. This service provides a space for reflection, comfort, and hope, while offering families the opportunity to honor and remember those who have gone before them.

Prior to the start of the service families will be invited to place an ornament with their loved one's name on one of our "Trees of Remembrance" while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and live music. The service itself will give words of encouragement and an opportunity for those to share with others as well. Finally, a candle lighting service in remembrance of loved ones will be held.

Anyone who may be blessed by this time of remembrance is welcome to attend, whether Boyd Funeral Home was involved with the funeral arrangements or not.

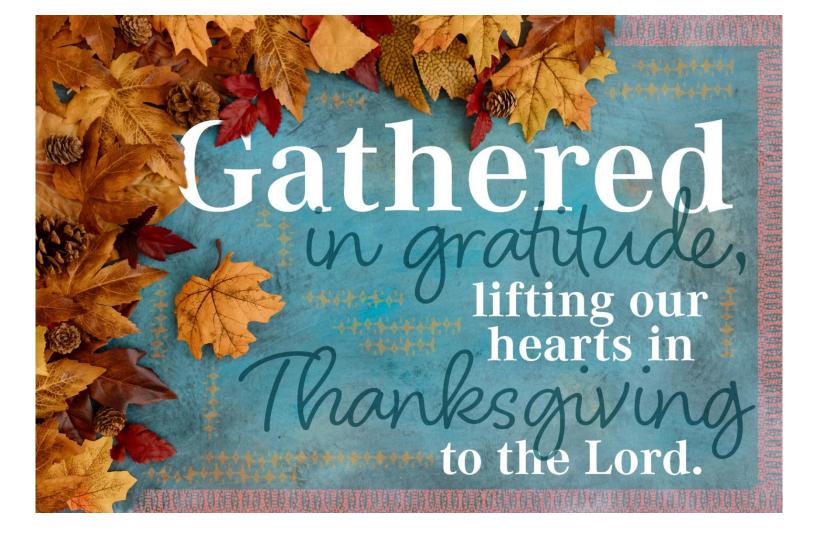
Scholarship Opportunities

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 Monday March 2, 2026 to the chairperson, Rae Andrews at 379 Brightwood Dr., Marion, OH 43302. Rae Andrews, 740-387-5432.



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