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The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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We Are Called to Be Stewards of All That God Has Created

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." What God Requires "With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:1-8

Every year, we have to fill out a report that goes to Churchwide offices describing our year of ministry. The numbers that are required to reflect the extent of ministry are worship attendance and giving/spending. I have always said those are not reflective of what ministry is actually happening within a congregation. I have had conversation with many bishops that our reporting needs to change.

Pastor Ian, PPC President Glen Campbell and I have been attending gatherings of Lutherans and Episcopalians from Northern Ohio for the last several months. At this month's meeting Pastor Adam said they have been discussing keeping track of all ministry mission contacts as a way to better show the impact of their congregation in the community, beyond just worship attendance and giving/spending.

The group covenanted to keep track for the next few months. We should be embracing our abundance, not focusing on what we perceive as a scarcity. So, for the rest of the year, we want each group to just let us know of the number of contacts that happen. How many meals were made; how many quilts were prepared; how many people attended a study; how many people attended an event; how many people were touch by God through our efforts. Just send a quick email to Ashley letting us know what ministry and how many contacts.

What does the Lord require of us – do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Let's celebrate meeting the Lord's requirements with the abundance of love we share.

Peace

Pastor Mike

A Note from Pastor Ian

The other week I had the privilege of going to Hopewood Pines, formerly known as Lutheran Memorial Camp, for a week of camp. Three of our youth were there as campers and I served as the Camp Chaplin. The campers all had a wonderful time as they stayed in cabins, shot archery, went hiking, climbed a rock wall, swam in a pool, went down waterslides, and explored their faith in a camp setting with their peers.

As the Camp Chaplin I had three jobs. First to run a morning gathering called Alpha with the support of other volunteers in the morning. This is where we introduce the day's theme and upon request I do a cartwheel. The second is to host the daily worship experience with help from campers. The third is to be generally available for any pastoral needs. One of the beautiful things that emerged from the campers was the questions they would ask. It was a privilege to have them trust me with their questions and curiosities. It was my hope that they would understand that curiosity is a holy thing that can and does draw us closer to God.

I wonder if those of us not in a camp setting are also curious?

What questions do we have about the bible, about God, and about faith?

Questions are holy and wonderful things and church and camp are the perfect places for questions.

-Pastor Ian



PD Ann's Corner - Our Journey Through God's Name

This month we will look at two names for God. The first is one you should be familiar with called Immanuel. Immanuel is translated "God with us". Matthew 1:18-23 is about the birth of "Yeshu" Christ. "The virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel" which means "God with us."

The name Immanuel first appears in Isaiah 1:14. Isaiah spoke to King Ahaz of Judah when the southern kingdom of Judah formed an alliance with Israel the northern kingdom in an uprising against Assyria. Isaiah wanted the king to trust in the Lord. He invited Ahaz to ask the Lord for a sign but Ahaz refused. Isaiah proclaimed "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. Jesus became Immanuel, God with us to rescue, redeem and restore our relationship with him. When have you struggled to believe that God is with you? When have you experienced God with you in your life?

The second name for the messiah is "light". Jesus is called "the light of the world" – **To Foss Tu Kosmou** (if you go to your computer or phone you can ask for the correct pronunciation). Read John 1:3-9 and John 8:12. Jesus ("Yeshu") spoke to the Pharisees again. He said "I am the light of the world". The Hebrew scriptures are full of images that link God with light—pillars of fire, burning lamps, consuming fires. The phrase "to phos tou kosmou" appears three times in the New Testament--- Matthew 5:14, John 8:12 and John 9:5. Have you ever lived through a time of darkness? What was it like? How have you experienced Jesus as light? In Matthew 5:12, Jesus said "you are the light of the world". In what ways are you the light for people to see Jesus in you. Read I John 1:5-7. Ask God to shine his light into the deepest and most hidden places of your light. Pray that he will bring his light and truth into those places. Pray that you can be a light to others.

There is one more reference to God as the light. Read Revelation 21:22-27. It tells about the city that does not need light because the glory of god gives the light. All who have their names written in the lamb's Book of Life can enter the city. We can live forever in the light of God.

Thank You Quilters

I Peter 4:10 “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”. We have a gifted group of people who work with thread and fabric. Saturday June 13 this group shared their skills with eight people in the quilt class. The people who attended made a quilted table runner. They came from Delaware, Marion, and Morango, Ohio. Thank you to: Lori Campbell, Diane Schuring, Barb Bosh, Cindy Bentley, Carla Compton, Carol Hoch, Dee Rinehart and Ann Thomas. Thank you to Pastor Ian for lunch.



Bridges Approach

When we look at the topic of education among the various social classes, we find that those who live in poverty believe the value and reverence of continued education is not available to them. Those who find themselves in the middle class believe education is crucial for climbing the ladder of success and making money. And when it comes to those who live with wealth, they believe education is a necessary tradition for making and maintaining connections.

Book Worm

There are many myths about what the three Abrahamic, monotheistic religions believe, and how they are different. Karen Armstrong’s “A History of God – The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam”, is an excellent volume to help us dispel the myths, see the differences, and realize our similarities as God’s children.

Hauling Hope Furniture Ministry

Emanuel Lutheran Church currently helps with the Aspire Hauling Hope Ministry. This is a ministry that collects furniture donations and delivers them to people in need. We are looking for a member from Emanuel to take over coordinating this important ministry. Emanuel currently participates with other churches, so the commitment is only a handful of days each year. You can also direct questions to Rick Lyon at rlyon61@gmail.com.

Monthly Ministry Missions

Emanuel's leadership has decided to create Monthly Ministry Missions to help us focus on those in need and social ministries above and beyond our walls. These are opportunities for you to be involved in helping others outside of your regular offerings. In May we collected funds to purchase Prison Prayer Books for a women's prison in Colorado, in June we offered financial assistance to Trinity Lutheran as they work on repairing Steeple damage to their building sustained during a fire, and in July we are going to support the family of Eva Moran:

Supporting the Moran Family



Last month we shared that Learning Center teacher Eva Moran passed away in a tragic car accident. Eva was a bright light who radiated kindness, joy and happiness.

As her family mourns this loss, we ask that our church family continues to lift Eva's loved ones in prayer. Please remember her parents, Derek and Alena Moran, as well as her three younger siblings, who are navigating the deep grief that accompanies the loss of a daughter and sister.

Monetary donations will assist with immediate expenses and be utilized however the family feels is most helpful as they walk through the days and months ahead. Those who feel led to give may do so by designating 'Moran Family' on your giving envelopes or check memo.

Thank you for joining us in surrounding the Moran family with prayer, love, and generosity. May they find comfort in God's presence and strength in the support of their church family.

Feed the Need July Wishlist & Menu:

7/1 – Pot Luck

7/8 – In-a-Hurry Hot Dog Dinner w/ Apple Slaw

7/15 – Takeoff Shepherd's Pie with Vegetables

7/22 – Ramen Noodles with Vegetables

7/29 – Sloppy Joes with Tator tots and Vegetables

Our wish list for July includes hamburger meat, noodles, large jars of peanut butter, chocolate chips, pork gravy packets and Bob Evans 2# Sausage rolls. Thank you for continuing to support this important ministry!

HAPPY
Birthday

Beulah Owens celebrates her 93rd birthday on July 10th!

Let's remember Beulah with our cards and prayers.

Contact the church office for addresses.

**Chair Yoga will take a break through July.
Please plan to join us when we resume in August!**

Looking Back with Alicia

I'm still looking through boxes that were stored in the attic of the house and ran across a large envelope that has minutes from Vestry Meetings (our Parish Planning Council today). The meetings are dated starting October of 1913. I think what I have been reading is really interesting and hope you will think the same.

The first thing I noticed in the first report were the utility bills that the church had paid. The gas bill was only 22 cents for the month. The gas company was called Marion Gas Company at that time. The water company was Marion Water Company and the bill was \$2.50 for the month. The United Electric bill was \$7.95 for a month. So I added up a year of gas bills and found it averaged out to be \$1.25 a month. As I read on, I found that at a congregational meeting in 1913 it was decided to use coal to heat the church so that explained why the gas bill was so cheap.

Every month the church paid Columbus, Delaware and Marion Ry Company. I went back in history and found that this was an interurban electric streetcar system that operated in Northern Ohio. In 1915 it served as a primary passenger and freight "people mover" connecting downtown Columbus through Worthington, Delaware, and up to Marion over approximately 60 miles of tracks.

Marion had a city streetcar (trolley) network within Delaware and Marion. This explains the bills the church paid, this was transportation. The bill in October of 1913 was \$3.04.

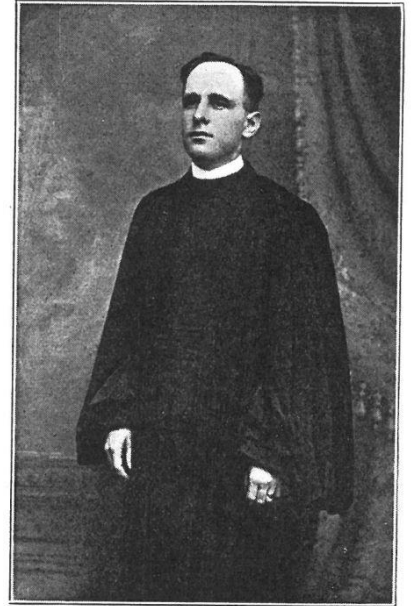
I also found that William Winder was paid to keep the organ tuned. The first bill I see that the church paid him was \$14.00 in October of 1913. In January of 1914 he was paid \$12.50 and July of 1914 also \$12.50.

I'm assuming that W.J. Thibaut was the janitor for the church in 1914 since in the Vestry minutes of February of that year it was stated that a motion was approved to pay him \$1.00 for each week day funeral that was held at the church.

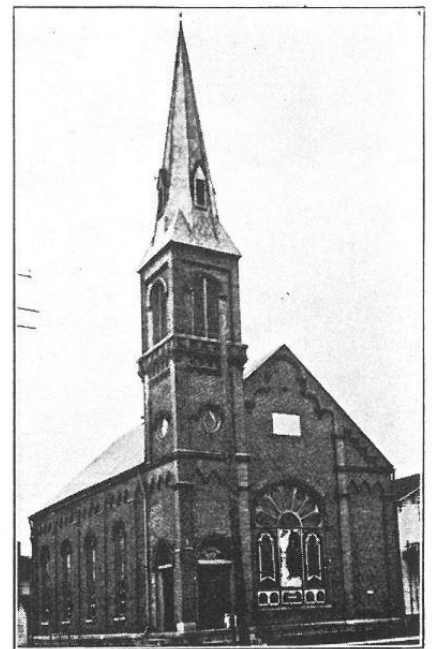
In March of 1914 it stated that Vestry voted to purchase a vacuum cleaner for use in the church. Also, in the minutes of Vestry in October of 1913 it stated that Mrs. Phoebe Twigg, Miss Mabel Twigg and Mabel's 2 brothers, Ralph and Delmar were received as members into the church. Phoebe was Mabel's mother. If you remember the piece I wrote in May of this year about Mabel's family and I wrote that all of these people were family of Dorothy Twigg. The information I received for that piece was from Debra Twigg also a family member.

At the April 1914 congregational meeting it was recommended that to raise the Church Building Fund the aim was to get every communicant member of the church to give \$1.00 each month for a year. That is the time that the church on the corner of S. State and Columbia Sts. was preparing to find land to build our present church.

In the minutes of the August 1914 Vestry meeting a resolution was passed to instruct the Trustees of the church to comply with the request of the Deputy State Inspector to make all of the outside doors of the church to swing out as best as can be done under existing conditions. I looked up what the reason was behind the State Inspector making that request. Here is what I found: Deputy State Inspectors pushed for outward-swinging doors in public assembly buildings to prevent crowd crush tragedies during fires or panics. If a panic occurs, a crowd pushes against inward-opening doors, jamming them shut. Out-swinging doors naturally pop open with the pressure of escaping people.



*Rev. J. W. Schillinger
The Present Pastor*



*The Old Church
State and Columbia Streets*

In the November 1914 Vestry minutes a hand rail was to be placed on the steps to the south entrance to the church. I wonder if that is the same hand rail that is there today.

In the March 1915 minutes of Vestry it was decided that no more persons outside of the church be allowed to practice on the church organ and no more lessons were permitted on the organ.

Back then the church had a congregational meeting every 3 months so the members would always know what was going on. At the April 1915 congregational meeting it was stated that Paul Gast would no longer be the choir director and William Winder would no longer tune the organ.

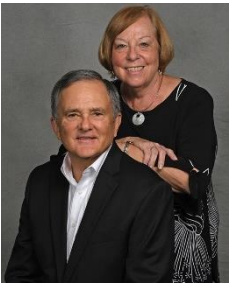
In July of 1915 minutes of the quarterly congregational meeting it was decided to discontinue evening services during July and August except for the Sunday evening services. Sunday morning services were in German and Sunday evening services, I understood it to mean, were in English.

At that same meeting I thought it interesting how it was worded for Rev. Schillinger's vacation. It was worded as follows: A motion was made and adopted to allow the pastor a vacation.

There is much more reading of these minutes for me to do and I will be passing on more information as I find it.

More history to come, Alicia

Steeple Sightings



AHHHH! Summer is officially here with its warm nights, hotter days, more bugs (yummy yum yum) and more golfers. On my way back to our steeple I flitted over a course and echolocated one of them at the 9th hole for a squeaky chat. I knew he was friendly 'cause he's a member of Emanuel—Rex Parrott! I literally hung out in the tree beside him and got more familiar.

Rex was born in Greenville, Ohio, but moved to Marion at the age of 5. At Harding he drummed in the marching band and participated in the debate club. Before graduating he worked at Kroger's and played baseball. After leaving Harding High, he attended Miami University, majoring in Business / Finance and was in the Navy ROTC. After he finished his active-duty assignment on the aircraft carrier JFK in the Mediterranean, he worked in Columbus for a year then returned to Marion as an employee of Tecumseh and finally retired after 31 years at Wyandot, having climbed that corporate ladder in Human Resources to Purchasing, Operations, and President.

He met his future wife, Carolyn, on a high school blind date, dating throughout college and then marrying after leaving the service. They have 2 sons who attended Pleasant and now the family has grown to include 7 grandchildren.

During his well-deserved retirement he and Carolyn have travelled the world with cruises to Alaska and the big rivers, and Ireland. Winters will find them in Florida (and maybe next year I can stow away and keep them bug-free as payment).

Even though he enjoys golf, his favorite past-time is reading. Not to be mistaken as a couch potato, Rex has served Marion General Hospital, Marion Tech, OhioHealth, and the Palace Theater in various positions.

Rex and Carolyn have been members of Emanuel since 1975. Their wedding was presided over by Rev. Hollensen. Since then, he has been active on many boards including: Spiritual Life, Evangelism, and Properties plus being an Elder, Treasurer (twice) and President. He especially enjoys the traditional liturgy and the many good pastors who have been here.

Your services are greatly appreciated (and even more so if I can sneak down to taste the Florida delicacies).

Blessings and Peace to all y'all.
Batina Belfry.

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**EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2026**

*July 20th-24th
Noon-3:30pm*

*Event is free and lunch is provided
Open to all youth
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