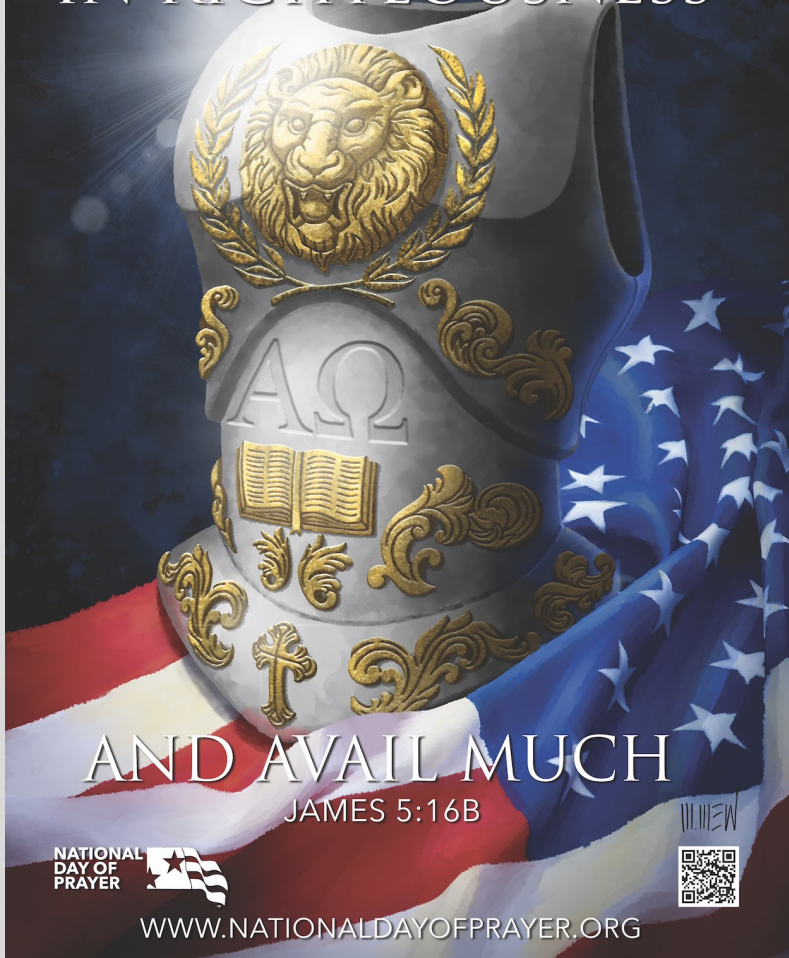


THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS



AND AVAIL MUCH

JAMES 5:16B



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Charm is deceptive, and beauty
is fleeting; but a woman
who fears the Lord
is to be praised.

PROVERBS 31:30 NIV

Wishing you God's unending
favor, kindness and love this

Mother's Day
and always.





L.W.M.L.

Our unit met on March 15, 2023. We will meet again on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Thank you to all members that attended the Easter Breakfast. Everything was delicious! Thank you, also, for all that gave food for the breakfast, served the breakfast and cleaned up afterward.

JoAnn Eckler is sending cards to the sick and shut-ins in April and Karen Wilson will send cards in May.

The election of officers was held at our March meeting. Serving as officers for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 will be: President – Mary Behnfeldt; Vice President – Marilyn Dachenhaus; Secretary – Karen Wilson; and Treasurer – Mary Behnfeldt.

The hostess at the May 3 meeting is Leone Huner and Mary Behnfeldt will give the devotion.

**We would like to congratulate all of the 2023 Graduates
and wish you all a very blessed future!**



“For I know the **PLANS**
I have for you”
declares the **LORD**
“plans to **PROSPER** you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”
Jeremiah 29:11



PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Registrations for 2023-2024 are now being accepted. Children who will be 3 years old by June 1, 2023 (T/TH 2-day class), and those who will be 4 years old by August 1, 2023 (M/W/F 3-day class or Monday through Friday 5-day class), may register for their respective classes to begin this Fall. Please call the preschool at 419-337-8471 or email any questions to emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com.



Thank you to those who ordered from our Spring Fundraiser! Product pickup day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2 from 12:00 to 12:30 pm here at our preschool.



Muffins with Mom—May 5 at 11:00 am

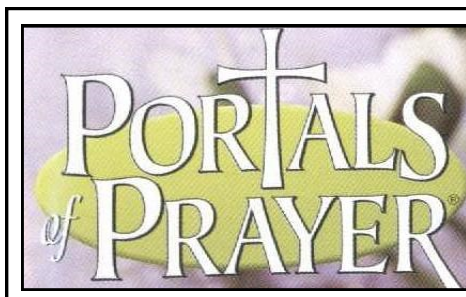


Last Day of Preschool—May 19



Preschool Graduation—May 19 at 6:00 pm

Visit us at:
emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com
emmauschristianpreschool.webs.com
www.facebook.com/EmmausChristianPreschool



The April to June 2023
Portals of Prayer
are available in the church hallway.
Please pick up your copy today.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—April 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with 9 members in attendance.

Bev Schlosser read the daily devotion from *Jesus Calling*.

March Minutes were reviewed.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve minutes as written.

Congregation Chair (Larry Neuenschwander):

Pastor's Report:

- Membership Numbers- Baptized: 261, Communicant: 208

Administrator's report (Tricia Zesing):

- Worship services complete through June.
- April newsletter will be printed on April 27th.

Financial Officer's Report (Bev Schlosser):

- \$9,575.72 March offerings
- \$9,042.37 March expenses
- \$533.35 in the positive for March
- YTD income/offerings \$37,261.32 less expenses of \$25,972.18 = in the positive \$11,289.14.
- General Fund Operating Budget Balance \$13,516.11 (this figure is reduced by memorial funds, food pantry, Education fund and outstanding payable bills.)
- \$78,660.30 Edward Jones investment (as of 3/31/23)

Education Team:

- No report

Elders Report (Roger Behnfeldt)

- Roger and Harold approached Pastor Ted Rellstab if he would have an interest or willingness to be our part time Pastor.
- Supply preaching- the next several services are covered as follows:
 - May 7- Rev. Ted Rellstab
 - May 14- Rev. Ted Rellstab
 - May 21- Rev. Terry Cripe
 - May 28- Rev. Terry Cripe
- Funerals for: Norma Kurth 3-17-23
 Sue Brock 3-20-23

Discipleship Team (Sue Boysel):

- The next food pantry will be next Thursday.

Trustee Team (Leo Raabe):

- Leo obtained a quote for a storage shed. The quote is for \$950. The shed is 11.2X8.4 and would not have a floor. The floor will be made of ground asphalt. Discussion on where the shed will be placed.
Motion made to purchase and build storage shed passed unanimously.
- Leo worked on cleaning and shining the handicap rail in the men's restroom.

Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):

- 2022-2023 Registrations – 4 for Tues/Thurs class; 7 for Mon/Wed/Fri class; 5 for 5 day class
- 2023-2024 Registrations – 3 for Tues/Thurs class; 3 for Mon/Wed/Fri class; 6 for 5 day class
- Playground compliance – New playground is ordered and paid for from Herron's Amish Furniture in Napoleon. \$8,886.00 delivered and assembled. Will sell existing playground for \$,1500.00
- Spring Flower Fundraiser – Delivered April 6th.
- Contracts for Tricia Zesing and Jennifer have been signed.
- Students visited Wauseon Primary.
- Kitchen flooring estimate of \$1,823.44 from Gearig Floors in Wauseon. Approx. 4-6 weeks for installation.
- Jordan Villanueva was asked for a quote for the kitchen updates.
- Acct. balance \$47,477.68

Call Committee (Beth Flory):

- Beth shared the elders have contacted Pastor Ted to offer him a part time position.

Unfinished Business:

- Nominations were not made in time for District President

New Business:

- None

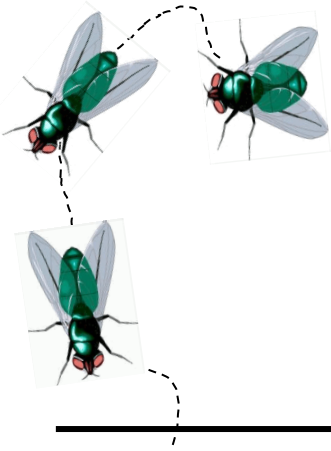
7:20pm meeting adjourned; Lord's Prayer recited in unison.

Next meeting: May 9, 2023 at 6:30pm

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary



Anyone who has suggestions or concerns and want to email a church team, please use the email: emmauswauseon@gmail.com to send your message to. The subject line should contain the "specific team" as of to who's attention you are sending your message to.



FLY ON THE WALL

Thank you to the couple who donate sheets to the sewing ladies monthly.
They are used for the backs of the beautiful blankets
that are created by these very talented ladies.

Thank you so much to all of the people who worked on getting
the lawn looking beautiful, rolling and mowing.
Thanks for helping to keep Emmaus beautiful!!

Stewardship minute....

Stewardship Is Faith in Action

Through faith, we express our gratitude for God's love and grace through our stewardship. With the help of the Holy Spirit, our lives are devoted to doing God's will and pleasing Him with how we use our time, talents, and money.

God is the one Who entrusted us with everything we have. He is the rightful owner, and we are merely stewards. As stewards, we recognize God as the owner of all things—including our very lives. That means all choices concerning our money, possessions, time, family, relationships, and tasks are really spiritual decisions lived in response to our relationship to God. The more we get to know God, Who owns all things, the better we can manage life according to His will. That knowledge of Him and that relationship with Him develop by reading and studying His Word and receiving His Sacraments. Working through that Word and God's Holy Sacraments, the Holy Spirit does His work of sanctification, changing us into the likeness of our Savior. We follow His ways rather than the world's. We look at life differently and no longer live for ourselves but for Jesus, Who took our sins upon Himself so we can live as forgiven people and be His faithful stewards.

With God's wisdom, we learn to distinguish between needs and wants in order to live faithfully within the financial means entrusted to us. We should ask, "Is this what God, Who has entrusted me with my resources, would want me to do with these resources so that my life might fulfill His will?" In the end, we long to hear Him say, "*Well done, good and faithful steward*" (Matthew 25:23).



This is a reminder for all members involved in the PRAYER CHAIN.

When calling be sure they get the message and passed on. If they don't have an answering service, please try again another time. Also, if you are at the end of the line, PLEASE call Leone Huner at 419-335-5617 so we know they have been contacted. Thank you very much! ~Leone



Prayers for our Emmaus Family:

Grace Clair
 Jeff Flory
 Barb Franklin
 Jamie Hanson
 Scott Norris
 Roseanna Parsons
 Joyce Plassman
 Tiffany Prayter
 Linda Prather
 Barb Shannon
 Nancy Zesing
 Our Emmaus Family
 Our Emmaus Preschool
 Our Call Committee
 Our Inactive Members

Prayers for Relatives and Friends of Emmaus

Rodney Kurth (*Norma Kurth's Son*)
 Ted Mirabal (*Jennifer Rodriguez's Father*)
 Ken Prater (*Bev Schlosser's Friend*)
 Sharon Prather (*Don Prather's Sister-in-law*)
 Jim VonDeylen (*Leone Huner's Brother*)
 Derek Wilson (*Karen Wilson's Son*)
 Ted Wright (*Roseanna Parsons' Brother*)
 Wesley Wright (*Roseanna Parsons' Brother*)
 Tammy & Rick (*Darl Beachy's Friends*)

Prayers for our District Pastors:

Pat Kramer (*Pastor Kramer's Wife*)
 Rev. Logan Scheiwe

Shut-Ins

Margaret Detter
 Linda Prather
 Barb Shannon

Darrel Garmenn
 Irene Rabe
 Chris Tuckerman

Annabelle Leupp
 Larry Rabe
 Nancy Zesing

Gerri O'Brien
 Gladys Rue

MONTHLY MEETINGS
 BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023
6:30 pm
 Preschool Team

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
5:30 pm
 Discipleship Team
 Elders Team
 Trustees Team
6:30 pm
 Emmaus Council

OUR Newsletter DEADLINE is

EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY
Thursday, May 18
5:00-7:00 pm

Items needed
 Brown Paper Bags

Tuesday
 May 16, 2023
 Please get your
 information to the church
 office for next month's
 newsletter.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Beth Flory
- 4 Jeff Flory
- 4 Ed Eyer
- 6 Zachary Villanueva
- 9 Leone Huner
- 10 Charlotte Wakefield
- 11 Derek Schuette
- 14 Darl Beachy
- 17 Lee Huner
- 19 Richard Brown
- 19 Adriane Baldwin
- 20 Kaydence Beachy
- 21 Keigen Beachy
- 26 Tante Lovins
- 29 Emilie Rabe
- 31 Tracey Schuette



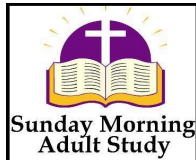
MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 Jeff and Beth Flory
- 23 Bruce and Julie Bickle



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to provide the altar flowers to commemorate a special occasion or in someone's memory, please sign the flower chart on the hallway bulletin board. The cost is \$30. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and turn check into the office prior to the date.

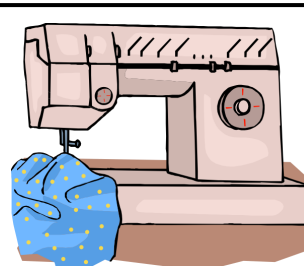


SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Sunday mornings at 8:30 am
Please join us!



We are collecting empty ink jet and toner cartridges (big and small) to trade in for office supplies. If you have any empty cartridges, please bring them to the church and place them in the box located in the hallway.



The Tuesday's with Arlene's Emmaus Quilters meet every Tuesday @ 9:00 am

FREE FOOD

Senior Commodity Box @ Fulton County Fairgrounds 4th Monday of each month from 10:30 am to Noon. **You need to be 60 years or older to receive free healthy food and vegetables.**

OFFICE HOURS

Fall-Spring Office Hours are
Monday—Friday
8:00 am—2:30 pm
Administrator will be in the preschool as the aide daily from 9:00 —11:30 am