

SUMMER
OFFICE HOURS



Summer church office hours
Monday—Thursday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Closed on Fridays



Voters Meeting

SPRING VOTERS MEETING

**Is June 4, 2023 after morning worship in the sanctuary.
Agenda Items: Election of Officers, Finance Update,
Team Reports, Call Committee, and Parsonage.**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



LWML News



Our unit met on May 3, 2023 and will meet again on Wednesday, July 5, at 1:30 p.m. The devotion will be given by Leone Huner and the hostess will be JoAnn Eckler.

Karen Wilson sent cards to the sick and shut-in during May and Marilyn Dachenhaus will send cards in June.

The Fall Retreat will be Saturday, September 16, 2023 at St. John's Stryker.

Have a good summer!



EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY

Thursday, June 15

5:00-7:00 pm

Items needed
Brown Paper Bags



PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



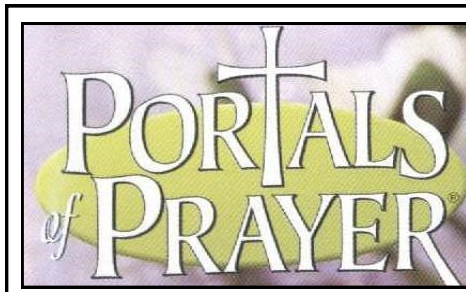
Registrations for 2023-2024 are now being accepted. Children who will be 3 years old by June 1, 2023 (T/TH 2-day class), and those who will be 4 years old by August 1, 2023 (M/W/F 3-day class or Monday through Friday 5-day class), may register for their respective classes to begin this Fall. Please call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



Preschool graduation from May 19th can be viewed on YouTube. Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and type in Emmaus Lutheran church Wauseon Oh. Scroll down to locate the program.

Visit us at:

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

PRAYER



CHAIN

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—May 9, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:27pm 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):

- Larry announced that he has been approached about an interest in renting and/or purchasing the parsonage. Council discussed the pros and cons of this opportunity.
A motion was made and passed unanimously to present the opportunity to sell the parsonage to voters at a meeting to be held on Sunday June 8 following the 10am service.
- Larry addressed recent feedback from congregation members concerning messages on the new electronic sign. Larry appointed members to the Sign Committee to review messages before being displayed on the sign. Appointed members include: Tante Lovins, Ginni Neuenschwander, Don Prather, Adriane Baldwin, and Darl Beachy. The committee will meet to establish guidelines and determine a process.

Pastor's Report:

- Membership Numbers- Baptized: 261, Communicant: 208

Administrator's report (Tricia Zesing):

- Worship services complete through August.
- June newsletter will be printed on May 25th.
- Tricia's role as a preschool aide will conclude on May 19 and will resume in the Fall. Summer office hours are Monday to Thursday 9am-1pm, closed on Fridays.

Financial Officer's Report (Bev Schlosser):

- \$9,422.37 April offerings.
- \$7,755.43 April expenses.
- \$1,666.83 in the positive.
- YTD income/offerings \$46,683.69 less expenses of \$33,702.72 = in the positive \$12,980.97.
- General Fund Operating Budget Balance as of 5/9/23 is \$24,968.26 less food pantry \$1,333.27, memorials \$7,821.32, education fund \$119.48, unpaid payables & 1,725.84 for a current net balance of \$13,968.35.
- \$79,068.11 Edward Jones investment (as of 4/30/23).

Education Team:

No report

Elders Report (Harold Boysel)

- Harold Boysel, Roger Behnfeldt and Beth Flory (Call Committee) met with Pastor Rellstab about potentially filling the role of part time pastor for Emmaus. Pastor Rellstab needs some time to think about it and will let the elders know by the end of the week.
- Supply preaching- the next several services are covered as follows:
June 4- Rev. John Schinkel
June 11- Rev. Ted Rellstab
June 18- Rev. Terry Cripe
June 25- Rev. Ted Rellstab

Discipleship Team (Karen Grieser):

- The next food pantry will be Thursday May 18th.
- The team is working on welcome packages for visitors to Emmaus.

Trustee Team (Leo Raabe):

- Leo obtained a quote for the replacement of the exterior kitchen door in the fellowship hall. The quote was from Dean Schuette in the amount of \$4,300.00
A Motion was made and passed unanimously go ahead with the purchase and installation of the door.

Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):

- 2023-2024 Registrations - 3 for Tue/Thu class; 3 for Mon/Wed/Fri class; 6 for 5 day class
- Playground- New playground is installed. The previous equipment has been sold. Will look into more new equipment for playground in future due to not being able to save the merry go round.
- Fencing for the playground will be installed 5/2/23.
- Last day of class will be May 19. There will be a theme week the last week of classes.
- Graduation will be May 19 @ 6pm. There will be a program and ice cream sundae bar.
- Johnstons Fruit Farm- Will call to schedule field trip for next year. Spots fill up fast.
- Kitchen flooring- gave the go ahead to Gearig's to install flooring.
- Kitchen counters/cabinets- Jordan Villanueva was asked to give an estimate on painting both the cabinets and countertops.
- Acct. balance \$44,294.61

Call Committee (Beth Flory):

Nothing new to report

Unfinished Business:

None

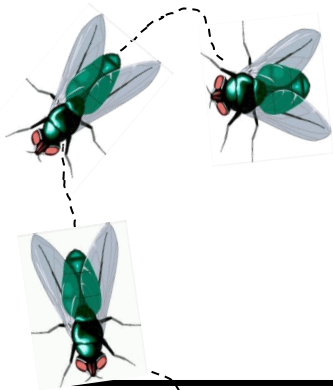
New Business:

None

7:10pm meeting adjourned; Lord's Prayer recited in unison.

Next meeting: June 13, 2023 at 6:30pm

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary



FLY ON THE WALL

Thanks to Gearig's floor covering for the new kitchen floor.

Thanks for all who donate to the food pantry.

Easter breakfast was well attended and very tasty. Thanks also for all who donated casseroles, fruit, donuts, and bagels etc.

Stewardship minute....

We Are Stewards

Many individuals, groups, and organizations have defined stewardship in different meaningful ways over decades and generations. The following definition, out of possibly thousands, is focused on for this article because it captures the primary purpose of stewardship which is to use all that God entrusts to us for His purposes to care for both man and creation:

"A steward is more than a servant, slave, or trustee. A steward is one who, having received a trust from God, is in partnership with God through Christ for the working out of God's purposes for man and the world" (Joseph F. Jones).

To deepen our understanding of stewardship, we will expand on the meaning of a few key words in the above definition. God's Word tells us that one of the first responsibilities He gave Adam and Eve was to be His **stewards** (Genesis 1:26; 2:15). As stewards, they were to protect and take care of God's creation. Adam and Eve heard directly from God as to how they were to care for all that He had created out of nothing. As stewards today, we receive our direction from God's Word found in Scripture.

In this definition, the word **trust** is used to reference all the gifts and blessings that come from God's loving hands. The first stanza from the hymn "We Give Thee But Thine Own" helps us understand what is meant by trust. "We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; For all we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee."

In Philippians 1:3-5, we find one of the three times that Scripture uses the word **partnership**. "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." God not only wants us to receive and believe His gospel, but He expects us to share the life-saving gospel with others.

In our stewardship definition, we are called to be about **God's purposes**. 'God's Word is very clear about His purpose. In Luke 19:10 we read, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." The Apostle Paul wrote, "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3-4). God invites us to use our God-given time, talents, and money in ways that help others come to know and believe in Jesus.

God honors us with the privilege and responsibility to be His stewards. Through our faithful stewardship, God receives the honor and glory that He deserves.



Prayers for our Emmaus Family:

Roger Behnfeldt
 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

Geri O'Brien
 Gladys Rue

MONTHLY MEETINGS
 BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023
6:30 pm
 Preschool Team

Tuesday, June 13, 2023
5:30 pm
 Discipleship Team
 Elders Team
 Trustees Team
6:30 pm
 Emmaus Council

OUR Newsletter DEADLINE is

Tuesday
 June 20, 2023
 Please get your information to the church office for next month's newsletter.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Kayleigh Alvarado
- 6 Parker Baldwin
- 7 Marian Hurst
- 18 Anna Norris
- 20 Karen Wilson
- 21 Jeri Seibel
- 22 Nancy Zesing



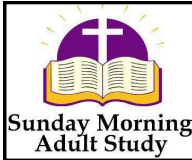
JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Leo & Emilie Rabe
- 9 Jeff & Vickie Oberla
- 18 Harold & Sue Boysel



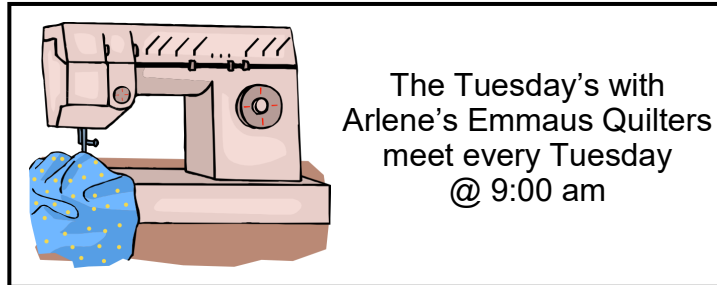
ALTAR FLOWERS

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!



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



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.

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.**