


EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY
Thursday, July 20
5:00-7:00 pm

Items needed
 Brown Paper Bags



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

Closed on Fridays

July Schedule
Office Closed Monday July 3, but open on Friday July 7
Office Closed Monday July 10, but open on Friday July 14th

You're Invited

Wings of Change & Emmaus Lutheran

841 N Shoop Ave (across from Chief Mkt)

Wauseon, Ohio 4567

2nd Annual Pork BBQ

Mark your calendar now!!

JULY 22nd at 5 pm

Smitty's Pork BBQ & the Fixins

\$10 Donation to local charities

Live Music

Please join us for fun & fellowship!

Bring your lawn chairs!!

We are in need of volunteers.
Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin
board. Thank you!



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.

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L.W.M.L. NEWS

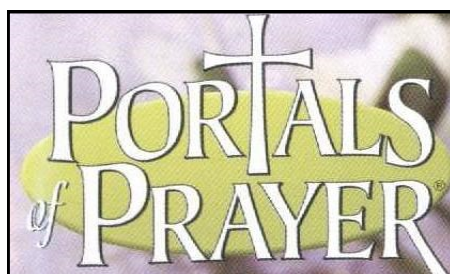


Our unit will meet on July 5, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The devotions will be by Leone Huner and the hostess will be JoAnn Eckler. Marilyn Dachenhaus sent cards in June. JoAnn Eckler will send cards in July. We will discuss studying the book, "Esther."

The Fall Retreat is Saturday, September 16 at St. John's, Stryker.

Continue to save cancelled stamps and Mites for Missions.

Have a good summer!



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



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—June 13, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:27pm with 9 members in attendance.

The daily reading from Jesus Calling was read by Sue Boysel.

May Minutes were reviewed.

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

Congregation Chair (Larry Neuenschwander):

- Larry asked for an update from the sign committee which was appointed at last month's meeting to address the messages on the sign. Tante Lovins reported that the team met a couple of weeks ago to discuss the messages and the procedure for creating the slides. Currently Darl Beachy is using his personal laptop to create the slides. The Sign Committee proposed using a church laptop for all slides. Council agreed that would be best. The laptop in the sound booth should be capable of handling the capacity needed for the slides. The app will just need to be updated.

Pastor's Report:

- Membership Numbers- Baptized: 261, Communicant: 208

Administrator's report (Tricia Zesing):

- Worship services complete through August.
- July newsletter will be printed on June 22.
- Summer office hours are Monday to Thursday 9am-1pm, closed on Fridays.
- Guest pastors are scheduled through the end of October.

Financial Officer's Report (Bev Schlosser):

- \$8,061.31 May offerings.
- \$7,106.69 May expenses.
- \$954.82 in the positive.
- GEM Loan balance \$66,715.60 as of 5/31/23.
- General Fund Operating Budget Balance as of 6/13/23 is \$26,398.11 less food pantry \$1,353.27, memorials \$7,821.32, education fund \$119.48, unpaid bills \$2,168.61 for a current net balance of \$14,936.13.
- \$79,563.15 Edward Jones investment.

Education Team:

- No report

Elders Report (Roger Behnfeldt)

- Roger Behnfeldt informed council that Pastor Rellstab has declined the offer of a part time pastor.
- Guest Pastors for July
 - July 2 Rev. John Schinkel
 - July 9 Rev. Ted Rellstab
 - July 16 Rev. Terry Cripe
 - July 23 Rev. Ted Rellstab
 - July 30 Rev. Terry Cripe

Discipleship Team (Karen Grieser):

- Suicide prevention breakfast ground beef donated, chicken cooked and frozen and ready to use.
- Last food pantry, 32 cars came through, 96 people.
- The team is working on welcome packages for visitors to Emmaus.
- Darl Beachy froze the electronic sign for the last pantry for the duration of the distribution, that seemed to help.

Trustee Team (Leo Raabe):

- Trustees received a request for a pavilion to be placed behind the parking lot. A quote for \$18,830.00 was obtained by the trustees for building a pavilion.
A motion was made and passed unanimously to not pursue building a pavilion at this time.
- Leo presented a quote from Allied Paving Co. in the amount of \$9,600 to extend, remove and replace the driveway for the parsonage. Council agreed to hold off on movement with the quote per update from Call Committee.

Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):

- 2023-2024 Registrations - 4 for Tues/Thurs class 3 for Mon/Wed/Fri class 6 for 5 day class
- No meeting for June.
- Kitchen is a work in progress.
- Acct. balance \$22,632.91

Call Committee (Beth Flory):

- Beth received a list of part time pastors from President Wilson. The list had 3 names. Beth is working on calling the pastors to set up a time to interview. One pastor has responded. Council has decided to wait until the first of July until proceeding with putting the parsonage on the market.

Unfinished Business:

- None

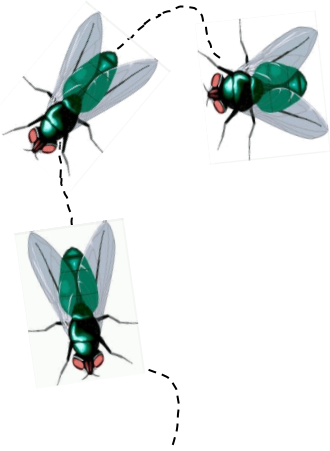
New Business:

- Pastor Scheiwe sent a letter to area congregations about an upcoming workshop to be held at St. Paul, Napoleon on August 26. The workshop is called reimagining your future. The workshop is intended to stimulate conversation about where our congregation is and provide courage and hope for our future. Attendees will learn ideas to help churches create ministry opportunities. This is a working event not a lecture. It is suggested for each church to send 3-5 attendees. Council discussed candidates to invite to attend the workshop and report back what they learn.

7:15pm meeting adjourned; Benediction recited in unison.

Next meeting: July 11 @ 6:30pm

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary



FLY ON THE WALL

Much thanks to an anonymous donor who donated all the Hamburger for the suicide benefit.

The kitchen is getting an uplift with new painted countertops and refinished cabinets. Thanks for all your work!

Thank you to Laura for playing for our Sunday services.

We also thank our military, those currently serving and our veterans.
Thanks for keeping us safe.

Stewardship minute....

Are You Following God's Wisdom?

In the beginning, "God said, *Let us make man in our image, after our likeness*" (Genesis 1:26). In the second chapter of Genesis, we learn that God gave life to Adam and Eve, and, in their perfect state, they followed and trusted in God's wisdom. His wisdom was evident to them in His Word and in His creation. Life was very good. Unfortunately, they sinned, and the perfect image that was given to humanity is now damaged. Original righteousness was lost when Adam and Eve ate of the fruit, so they no longer loved, feared, and trusted God. Because of their sin, which separated them from God, Adam and Eve now followed the world's wisdom. Their ungodly living led them from true wisdom to folly and from life to death. Without God, all lives end in sorrow and ruin.

As Christians, we are rescued from the domain of darkness that accompanies the world's wisdom (Colossians 1:13). Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are called and enabled to put off our old self so that the image of God in us can be renewed as we are made righteous and holy in God's sight (Ephesians 4:22-24). God's Word frequently reminds us of the foolishness of worldly wisdom. God's ways are far above the world's. "*The foolishness of God is wiser than men...*" (1 Corinthians 1:25). In His great wisdom, He sent His Son, Jesus, Wisdom Incarnate (Proverbs 8), into the world to become our sin on the cross. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have been reconciled to God. As forgiven and redeemed people, we understand how much we are loved and how we hurt our heavenly Father, and ourselves, when we follow the false and foolish wisdom of the world.

Would others identify wisdom as one of your gifts? How does it show? We need wisdom to understand who we are, what we are, and where we are going. Godly wisdom that leads us to fear, love, and follow God is essential if we are to live life wisely. God's wisdom leads us to be faithful stewards who use our time, talents, and money to glorify Him. With God's wisdom, we know Whose we are. God through Isaiah said, "*Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine*" (Isaiah 43:1). Without Godly wisdom, life becomes disjointed, lacking direction and purpose. Proverbs 4:11 promises, "*I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of righteousness.*" With God's wisdom, we are able to live prudent lives that give God the honor He deserves.

May God help us all follow and trust His wisdom.



Prayers for our Emmaus Family:

Grace Clair
 Jeff Flory
 Barb Franklin
 Jamie Hanson
 Scott Norris
 Roseanna Parsons
 Joyce Plassman
 Tiffany Prayer
 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.

TBD
 Preschool Team

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

5:30 pm
 Discipleship Team
 Elders Team
 Trustees Team

6:30 pm
 Emmaus Council

OUR Newsletter DEADLINE is

Tuesday
 July 18, 2023
 Please get your information to the church office for next month's newsletter.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kenyon Lovins
- 7 Ericka Hilyard
- 8 Edith Beachy
- 9 John Netcher
- 9 Donald Hildreth
- 10 Sandra Eyer
- 12 Charlie Boysel
- 12 Mark Schlueter
- 13 Carolyn Uhlik
- 14 David Garmenn
- 19 Todd Kahrs
- 20 Amanda Beachy
- 21 Zachary Davis
- 25 JoAnn Echler
- 26 Margaret Detter
- 27 Jackson Schlueter
- 28 Bev Schlosser
- 30 Brent Neuenschwander
- 31 Todd Rice



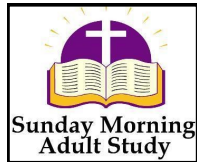
JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Dean & Tracey Schuette
- 28 John & Justine Netcher



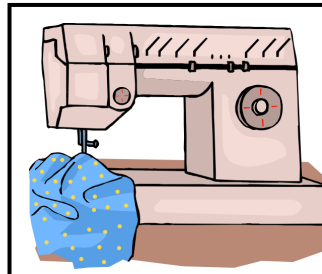
ALTAR FLOWERS

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.**