

Many thanks for another successful Wings of Change Pork BBQ benefit!
Great fellowship , a delicious meal, awesome music, and even blessed with a rain shower ☔
to wash our sins away. Thanks to all the volunteers and attendees ..God bless you all!



A big "Thanks "
to Karen Wilson
From Bill!

THANK YOU!



L.W.M.L. NEWS

Our unit met on July 5. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6. The devotion will be given by Marilyn Dachenhaus and the hostess will be Mary Behnfeldt. JoAnn Echler sent cards to the sick and shut-ins in July. Mary Behnfeldt will send cards in August.



We discussed starting to visit the sick and shut-ins, which was discontinued during the Covid pandemic. If any members in the congregation would like to visit the sick and shut-ins, please contact Marilyn Dachenhaus, Karen Wilson, or Mary Behnfeldt. The shut-ins really appreciate these visits!

Our unit will be using the Bible Studies in the quarterly at our future meetings.

The Fall Retreat is Saturday, September 16, 2023 at St. John's Stryker. Our unit's responsibility is the Bookstore.

Please continue to save the cancelled stamps and fill the Mite Boxes.

Continue to enjoy the summer!

LWML Fall Retreat

Napoleon /Defiance Zones

Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Psalm 100:2



*St. John Lutheran Church
State Rt. 6 and 66, Stryker, OH*

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Please Register via mail by September 3

\$15.00 registration fee, includes lunch

Doors open at 8:30; Program starts at 9 am

Service Projects, Prayer Walk

Ingathering: New Dark Colored Bath Towels (Regular Size)

Remember to bring your LWML Mites

Christian Books – available for Freewill offering

PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REGISTER
NOW**

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.

**DONATIONS
NEEDED**

Can you help??

Please see Adriane Baldwin or Bev Schlosser if you have items to donate or drop off at the office during the week. Thank you!



**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
NEEDED**

We are in need of school supplies. Following is a list of items needed: 24 count Crayola Crayons, Crayola Markers, Glue Sticks.



**Snack
Time**

Our preschool is in need of snacks. Following is a list of items needed: 100% juice boxes (3-4oz.), Gogurt, Pudding Cups, Applesauce Cups, Cheese cubes/squares, Cheezit Crackers, Goldfish Crackers, Animal Crackers, Peanut Butter Crackers, Saltine/Club Crackers, Pretzels, Popcorn, Cheese Balls, and Granola Bars.



roundup

Preschool Roundup
August 28 & 29 at 6:30 pm

Visit us at:

[emmauschristianpre-
school@yahoo.com](mailto:emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com)

emmauschristianpreschool.webs.com

[www.facebook.com/
EmmausChristianPreschool](https://www.facebook.com/EmmausChristianPreschool)

How to pray for your kids as they start the new school year

1. **Pray** that they treat all their classmates in a way that would be pleasing to God.
2. **Pray** for focus and dedication; that they may give their best at everything they do, in order to glorify God.
3. **Pray** for physical, emotional, and spiritual safety.
4. **Pray** that they enjoy school and learning, and see the benefit in an education.
5. **Pray** that they may be a living example of God's love.
6. **Pray** for their teacher(s), that they find joy in their work, and strive to give their best everyday.
7. **Pray** that they discover what they enjoy, and encourage them in the pursuit of their dreams.
8. **Pray** for patience. For the parents, the kids, and the teachers.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—July 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with 10 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 June minutes as written.

Congregation Chair (Larry Neuenschwander):

- Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report:

- Membership Numbers- Baptized: 259, Communicant: 207

Administrator's report (Tricia Zesing):

- Worship services are complete through September.
- August newsletter will be printed on July 26.
- 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):

- June income (offerings) \$8,423.62 less expenses of \$8,726.00 leaving a deficit of \$302.38 for the month. Our year to date (jan-june) offerings vs expenses is currently a positive of \$13,833.41.
- General fund balance as of 7-11-23 is \$24,841.86
 - Less education fund. \$119.48
 - Less memorials. \$8,078.32
 - Less food pantry. \$1,373.27
 - Less unpaid bills. \$1,413.64
 - Available balance. \$13,857.15
- Emmaus investment account with Edward Jones increased from May month-end \$79,563.15 to \$83,058.34.
- Discussion on Ohio Gas bill. Bev will look into the question of why is our gas bill so high.

Education Team:

- No report

Elders Report (Roger Behnfeldt)

- Guest Pastors for August
 - August 6- Rev. John Schinkel
 - August 13- Rev. Ted Rellstab
 - August 20- Rev. Terry Cripe
 - August 27- Rev. Ted Rellstab
- Transfer membership of Amber Shelt-Friend and Izaak to St. John, Stryker 6/26/23

A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the transfer of membership of Amber Shelt-Friend and Izaak.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept David Garmenn as an elder.

Discipleship Team (Karen Grieser):

- Food pantry next week.
- donated air fryer to suicide benefit .
- helped with a grant for food for benefit.

Trustee Team (Leo Raabe):

- Whitmer's finished new sink \$2,486.00
- 3 projects not completed yet- back door, plumbing for sink, shed for lawn mower between memorials and capital improvement should be able to cover the cost to finish the three projects.

Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):

- 2023-2024 Registrations – 5 for Tues/Thurs class 4 for Mon/Wed/Fri class 6 for 5 day class
- Playground –we will be purchasing a lock for the front double gate, so the man-sized gate can be used by anyone.
- Johnston's Fruit Farm –Need to call asap to schedule a date for field trip.
- Handbooks/brochures/student packets – all updated and sent out.
- School Calendar – updated.
- Round-up Dates – August 28 & 29 at 6 or 6:30 PM?
- First Days of School – September 11 & 12
- Fall Luncheon Fundraiser – need to schedule date for Sept. and decide if we would like to do a Taco Bar again or do a Spaghetti Dinner?
- Digital Sign - if the preschool needs anything added to the church sign out front, please contact Bev or Adriane or anyone on the Sign Committee.
- Acct. Balance - \$21,971.08 is current balance as of June 30th.

Sign Committee (Tante Lovins):

- The committee met and Darl provided a training to the committee. Committee members can now assist with adding messages to the sign if need be. Darl requests messages be submitted early enough to give him time to get them created and uploaded.

Call Committee (Beth Flory):

- Beth has been in contact with a pastor from the last call list to come and visit in August.
- Furniture in parsonage will need to be removed. Need to contact Jamie Hanson to see if she would like the furniture back that she donated to the parsonage.
- Council discussion on listing the parsonage.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to go forward with selling the parsonage and meet with Ginni Neuenschwander to list it.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

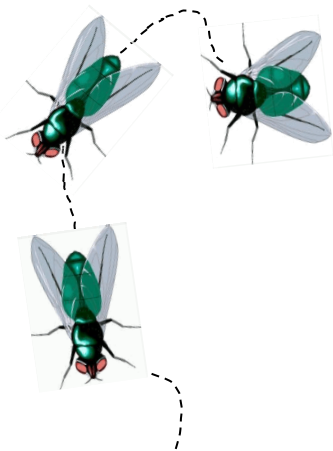
- None

7:10pm meeting adjourned; Benediction recited in unison.

Next meeting: August 8 @ 6:30pm

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary

FLY ON THE WALL



The Emmaus kitchen has a new look, new counter tops, paint, new sink and flooring. Please come check it out. Thank you to all who made it possible.

Thank you to the helpers and musicians and everyone who made the Wings of Change and Emmaus hog roast a huge success.

Thank you so much to those who continue to trim the trees and do outside work around the church. Keeping Emmaus looking Beautiful!!

Your mind is a Garden, Your thoughts are the Seeds

You can grow Flowers, Or you can grow Weeds

Stewardship minute....

“The Lord Has Need of It”

As God’s people, we understand that all we are and have are gifts from Him. God entrusts us with many blessings. He is the creator and owner of all things, and we, as stewards, have the responsibility and privilege to manage His gifts to us according to His purpose. As caretakers, but not owners, of what God has given to us, we need to be mindful not to become too attached to things knowing that He may ask us at any time to give what we have to people in need or to advance His kingdom. If we hear God telling us, *“The Lord has need of it”* (Luke 19:34) are we going to be willing to surrender some of our savings, 401k plans, or whatever we have for the purpose that He has for them?

In the Gospel of Luke, the owner of a donkey heard the words, *“The Lord has need of it.”* During the time of Jesus, donkeys were one of the most important assets to a person’s survival. Donkeys were used for transportation and for hauling food and other items. To fulfill an Old Testament prophesy, Jesus would use a donkey to make His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In Zechariah 9:9 we read, *“Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* Jesus told two of disciples where they should go to find a donkey *“So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ And they said, ‘The Lord has need of it’”* (Luke 19:32-34). When the donkey’s owners saw the disciples untying the donkey, they did not contest or argue with them. By giving this animal to the disciples, the owners displayed deep faith and love for Jesus as well as trust that Jesus would provide for them even without this prized possession. What a joy it must have been for them to see Jesus riding into Jerusalem on their donkey!

In our lives, there are many things that we value more than others. We should be asking ourselves if we are we going to be as willing as the owners of the donkey were to surrender something important to us? While, we may never be asked to give away something of great value, we still have the opportunity to express our gratitude to God for Who He is and for His countless blessings by giving to Him faithfully and generously throughout the year. We work hard to earn our incomes and to accumulate some money to save. Every time we give some of our money to God through the church, we give away something that has some importance to us. May God grant each of us thankful, trusting, and giving hearts.



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



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

MONTHLY MEETINGS
 BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023


5:30 pm
 Discipleship Team
 Elders Team
 Trustees Team

6:30 pm
 Emmaus Council



NEWSLETTER

OUR Newsletter DEADLINE is



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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

Closed on Fridays

Tuesday
 August 15, 2023
 Please get your information to the church office for next month's newsletter.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Jordan Villanueva
- 5 Geri O'Brien
- 8 Sherry Johnson
- 10 Kayden Hanson
- 11 Jacob Schlosser
- 14 Nancy Geisige
- 15 Alaeyha Minor
- 17 Avian Smallman
- 22 Bronsyn Deeds
- 24 Marilyn Dachenhaus
- 25 Jeff Oberla
- 27 Mary Behnfeldt
- 28 Jack Warncke III
- 30 Linda Prather



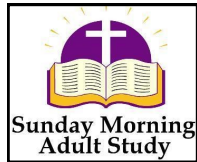
AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Lee & Leone Huner
- 20 Roger & Mary Behnfeldt
- 27 Bill & Jeri Seibel
- 31 Donald & Linda Prather



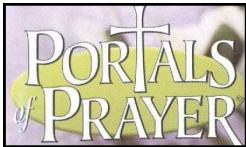
ALTAR FLOWERS

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.



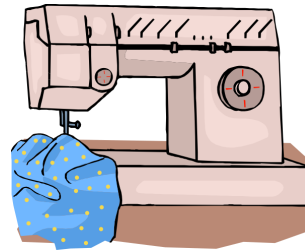
SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Sunday mornings at 8:30 am
Please join us!



The July to September 2023 **Portals of Prayer** are available in the church hallway.

Please pick up your copy today.



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



EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY
Thursday, August 17
5:00-7:00 pm

Items needed
Brown Paper Bags

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.**