



Community Prayer Walk
September 16th, 2023, from
9:00 - 11:00 AM at Reighard Park
Wauseon, Ohio

Bring your lawn chair and meet at the open-air pavilion next to the community pool for corporate prayer lead by community leaders followed by a time of praise and worship.

For those who would like to leisurely walk, the park after praise and worship signs will be posted throughout the park where you can pause and pray at the 9 designated Connect Points.

This is a family friendly event.

Cystic Fibrosis Benefit
sponsored by Wings of Change MC

This is a clean and sober event
September 30, 2023

Emmaus Lutheran Church
841 N. Shoop Ave.
Wauseon, OH

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Poker run
First bike or car out 11:00 AM
Last bike or car out 12 noon
\$10.00 single, \$5.00 each passenger

Dance to your
favorite classic
rock and
country music

Chicken BBQ \$10.00
Carry Out Available
Includes chicken, beans, potato salad
Start serving food at 12:30 pm

All proceeds go the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
to aid in research for treatments and a cure

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disease that causes thick, sticky mucus to build up in organs, including the lungs and the pancreas. It is a progressive disease that can lead to death.

Donations can be made to any Wings of Change member

Dave J. 419-212-7742

For more information contact
Tiny 419-574-1036

Mike J. 419-829-2060



L.W.M.L. NEWS

The Emmaus L.W.M.L. will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 1:30 p.m. The devotion will be given by Marilyn Dachenhaus and Mary Behnfeldt will serve as the hostess.

Each month our unit sends cards to the sick and shut-ins. We would like to start the visiting program to the sick and shut-ins again. If anyone in the congregation would like to visit the shut-ins, please contact Marilyn Dachenhaus, Karen Wilson or Mary Behnfeldt. The shut-ins really enjoy these visits.

The Fall Retreat is Saturday, September 16, at St. John, Stryker. The theme is "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Registration is \$15, which includes lunch, is due September 3. There are registration forms in the hallway. The ingathering is LWML Mites and regular size dark colored bath towels.

We will be using the Bible Studies in the Quarterly.

Continue to save cancelled stamps and fill up the Mite Boxes.

Have a good autumn!

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



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!



We are in need of school supplies. Following is a list of items needed:
Dry Erase Markers



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.



First Day of Preschool
September 11.



Spaghetti Fundraiser
September 24 at 11 am.

Visit us at:

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—August 8, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:25pm with 8 members in attendance.

May Minutes were reviewed.

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

Congregation Chair (Larry Neuenschwander):

- Council members and additional congregation members walked to the back yard of the parsonage to examine and discuss where the church would like to have the lot line drawn as the parsonage is currently listed for property sale. Larry explained where the surveyor suggested the lot could potentially be. Discussion on removing the front row of pine trees in front of the playground. The trees are dead. Members also discussed removing a large shrub on the south end of the property.

Pastor's Report:

- Membership Numbers- Baptized: 259, Communicant: 207

Administrator's report (Tricia Zesing):

- Worship services complete through October.
- September newsletter will be printed on August 23.
- 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):

- Income/offerings for July 2023 9,553.56
Expenses for July 2023 10,076.58
Deficit of -523.02
YTD offerings vs. expenses positive of 13,310.39

General fund balance as of 8/8/2023	\$24,973.50
Less designated funds	10,520.28
Unpaid bills	<u>1,110.96</u>
Available balance	\$13,342.26

Emmaus Investments as of 7/31/2023 \$85,065.38

- Bev reported that Tricia has received some requests from community members for help in various ways with things like rent, food, or utilities. Gifting from the Samaritans Purse previously was at the discretion of the Pastor. Council discussed options for handling this in our vacancy period. Potential for having a Samaritans Purse Sunday for collection of gas or food gift cards. Bev will work with Tricia to develop a policy and procedure document outlining use of Samaritan's Purse.

Education Team:

- No report

Elders Report (Harold Boysel)

- Guest Pastors for August
Sept. 3- Rev. Ted Rellstab
Sept. 10- Rev. Terry Cripe
Sept. 17- Rev. Ted Rellstab
Sept. 24- Rev. John Schinkel
- David Garmenn was welcomed to the Board of Elders

Discipleship Team (Karen Grieser):

- July food pantry had 30 cars and served 80 people. Next pantry will be held on 8/17/23.
- Purchased an air fryer to donate to suicide awareness benefit.
- Team is working on sending post cards to inactive members.
- A team member has requested scripture verses be added to the electronic sign.

Trustee Team (Leo Raabe):

- Discussion on removing the railroad ties by the playground.
- Obtained a bid for taking down the 4 pine trees by the playground in the amount of \$1300.00
A motion was made and passed unanimously to have Dean Schuette remove the 4 trees for the bid amount of \$1300.

Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):

- 2023-2024 Registrations—5 for Tues/Thurs class 4 for Mon/Wed/Fri class 7 for 5 day class
- Playground—need to rake playground and remove Little Tykes equipment.
- Johnston's Fruit Farm—field trip is October 2. \$6.50 per person, preschool will pay 3.50 for each child.
- Round-up Dates—August 28 & 29 at 6:30 PM
- First Day of School—September 11
- Fall Luncheon Fundraiser—Spaghetti Dinner on Sept. 24 @11am. Adriane will get a Thrivent card.
- School pictures—have reached out, waiting on a call back.
- Little Caesar's fundraiser in September/October
- Acct. Balance—\$21,254.65

Call Committee (Beth Flory)

- Beth has been in contact with the only pastor who expressed interested in entertaining a Call. He is very busy and correspondence has been very difficult. After council discussion, Beth will follow through with trying to schedule a Zoom interview.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- Bev Schlosser asked for council's blessing on inviting some of the members of Wings of Change to witness to the church.

7:40pm meeting adjourned; Benediction recited in unison.

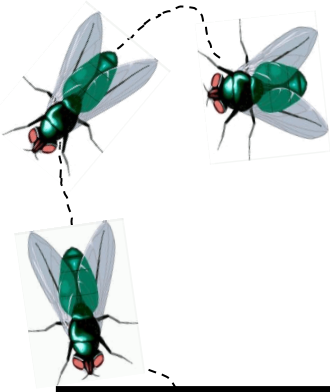
Next meeting: September 12 @ 6:30pm

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary

**Fall-Spring Office Hours are**

Monday—Friday 8:00 am—2:00 pm

Administrator will be in the preschool as the aide
daily from 9:00 —11:30 am



FLY ON THE WALL

Thanks to all who have been getting the personage ready to sell.

Also thank you to a special someone who purchased new totes for the sewing ladies.

Thanks doesn't seem like enough for a special lawn mower who makes our yard look beautiful every week not to forget her son and others who help out too.

Stewardship minute....

Who Owns You?

In Haggai 2:8 we read, *"The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, declares the Lord of hosts."* God owns all things, but, more importantly, He wants to own us. In the New Testament, Jesus tells us that we can't serve two masters. Either we will serve our money or God (Matthew 6:24). However, the real question is not who owns the money but who owns you!

There's a story about a missionary who was talking about the Lord Jesus to the chief of a tribe. The chief tried to impress the missionary with gifts of horses, blankets, and jewelry. But the missionary replied, "My God does not want the chief's horses, blankets, and jewelry. My God wants the chief himself."

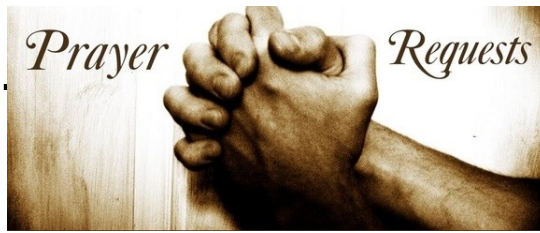
The chief smiled and said, "You have a very wise God, for when I give myself to Him, He also gets my horses and blankets and jewelry." Do you understand what that chief understood? If God owns you, then He owns your money and everything else too.

Have you given yourself to Jesus in response to His claim on you? Do you believe that Jesus died on a cross to pay for your sins? Jesus' blood doesn't just pay for sins; it pays for you. It purchases you as God's own possession.

God already has a rightful claim to own all people and all things because He is the Creator and owner of everything. And if you trust that Jesus paid the price of your sins, then God has a double claim to own you. The Lord is your owner both as the Creator who made you and as the Savior who paid to get you back from sin. *"You are not your own; you were bought at a price"* (1 Corinthians 6:19b-20a).

If you reject God's claim of ownership and want to be your own person without answering to the Lord, you might think it will bring you more freedom. But it will cause all sorts of worries and problems for you, and, if nothing changes, it will eventually land you totally separated in eternity from God.

However, if you acknowledge God's claim of ownership and if you put yourself and everything you have in His hands, you will be blessed. When God owns you, your problems are His problem. Your cares are His concern. He will guide you and help you flourish in this life and for eternity. The key to financial freedom is realizing that all your money is God's, and the key to spiritual freedom and contentment is knowing that you are not your own but belong to Jesus Christ as His treasured possession.



Prayers for our Emmaus Family:

Grace Clair
 Jeff Flory
 Barb Franklin
 Jamie Hanson
 Roseanna Parsons
 Joyce Plassman
 Tiffany Prayter
 Linda Prather
 Barb Shannon
 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



OUR Newsletter DEADLINE is

Tuesday
 September 19, 2023
 Please get your information to the church office for next month's newsletter.

MONTHLY MEETINGS
 BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023

5:30 pm
 Discipleship Team
 Elders Team
 Trustees Team

6:30 pm
 Emmaus Council

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Terry Volkman
- 9 Scott Norris
- 10 Izabella White
- 13 Gladys Rue
- 16 Tammy Hall
- 19 Sandi Asbury
- 22 Megan Meiring
- 29 Roger Behnfeldt



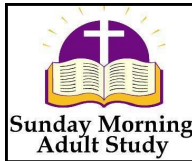
SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Barbara & Tim Shannon
- 16 Mark & Chris Schlueter
- 25 Todd & Kathy Kahrs



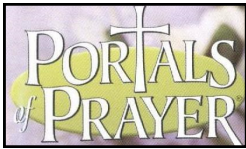
ALTAR FLOWERS

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



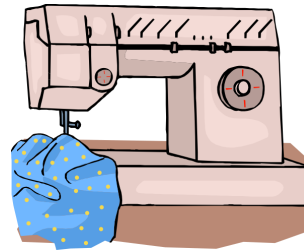
SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

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, Sept. 21
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.**