



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV. 5

This is a Sunday to sleep in – at least for the extra hour as the nation changes back to Standard Time. As the saying goes, “fall back” as you set your clocks Saturday night. Remember, only the clocks change, not our service times.

You Are Invited to:
A Paint Party!

WHEN: Saturday November 11th 2023

TIME: 4 pm painting--LEAD at 6pm

**LOCATION: Emmaus Lutheran Church
 841 N Shoop Ave, Wauseon, OH 43567**

HOW MUCH: \$20.00

**We will have snacks available
 open for AA and community**



Blessing of the Quilts is Sunday November 19

THE SEWING LADIES NEED YOUR HELP.... If you are able to stay after the service on Nov 12th we need your help to get the tubs of blankets moved into the sanctuary. This should only take about 15 min. See Edith or Chris if any questions.



Samaritan's Purse Sunday is November 19

We are collecting \$25 gift cards for food and gas for our Samaritan's purse. You can also make a monetary donation and include it with your offering. These funds will go to help those in need for rent and utility bill assistance. Thank you for helping with this outreach mission!

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22, 2023
at 7:00 pm

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

November 23 & 24, 2023
Church Office Closed



L.W.M.L. NEWS

Our unit will meet on Wednesday, November 1, at 1:30 p.m. We will have a Bible Study.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our "noisy offering" on LWML Sunday, October 1. \$142.55 will be given to the Missions.

Our ladies will be packing Shut-in Bags in December. If you have any gently used Christmas bags (about 9" x 12"), please donate them to our group. Some of the items that are needed to fill the bags are: small snacks, granola bars, small packages of crackers or cookies, fruit such as small oranges or clementines, raisins, veggie drinks, pencils, note pads, body lotion, tooth brushes and toothpaste, ChapStick, soaps, and hand sanitizer. The shut-ins really enjoy receiving these bags. There will be more in the December newsletter.

During November Mary Behnfeldt will be sending cards to the sick and shut-in members of our congregation. At the November 1 meeting Leone Huner will be the hostess and will give the devotion.

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

Enjoy November and all we have to be thankful for.

NAPOLEON ZONE LWML

FALL CHRISTIAN LIFE WORKSHOP

Saturday November 11th

You Are My Witness



"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me." Isaiah 43:10

When: Saturday November 11, 2023.

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church Liberty Center 8074 County Road T

Time: 8:30 to 11:15 A.M.

Bible Study: Rev. Jacob Stuenkel "A Life-Long Mission Trip"

Registration and Continental Breakfast will begin at 8:30.

Program will start at 9:00 A.M.

COME ENJOY FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY.

Ingathering: Disposable Diapers all sizes for Crisis Pregnancy Centers

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.



Thanksgiving Break—No Class November 22-24

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

Emmaus Christian Preschool's Annual

Poinsettia Sale

6 ½ inch flower pots \$13.00 each

Colors Available: Red, White, Pink and Jingle Bells

Please see order form in the Sunday bulletin.

Order Deadline is November 20, 2023 Delivery to be announced
Payment due with order. Make checks payable to: Emmaus Christian Preschool

Thank you for your participation and support!



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Our L.W.M.L. are looking for volunteers to visit the sick and shut-ins in the congregation. Any of our members, men or women, that would like to visit the sick and shut-ins, please contact Marilyn Dachenhaus, Karen Wilson, or Mary Behnfeldt. The shut-ins are very easy to visit with, and really enjoy the visits. Sometimes these visitors are the only people they see.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—October 10, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:29pm with 9 members in attendance.
Devotion from Jesus Calling read by Sue Boysel

September Minutes were reviewed.

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

Congregation Chair (Larry Neuenschwander):

- No Report

Pastor's Report:

- Membership Numbers- Baptized: 259, Communicant: 207

Administrator's report (Tricia Zesing):

- Worship services complete through December.
- November newsletter will be printed on October 26.
- Fall office hours are Monday - Friday 8a-2p. Tricia will be in the preschool room daily as the aide from 9a-11:30a. Limited hours after class on Fridays.
- Office will be closed on October 24. Tricia's son is having surgery, tonsils, adenoids, and deviated septum. Prayers for Tricia's son.
- Guest pastors are scheduled through the end of November.

Financial Officer's Report (Bev Schlosser):

September offerings	7,977.85
September expenses	<u>7587.02</u>
Positive of	\$390.83

Total YTD offerings	88,234.37
Total YTD expenses	<u>76,704.22</u>
Positive YTD	\$11,530.15

General fund balance 10/10/2023	\$25,352.82
Less non-operating	10,419.79
Less unpaid bills	<u>1,613.73</u>
Current net balance	\$13,319.28

Emmaus Investments as of 9/30/2023	\$79,761.56
GEM loan balance as of 8/31/23	\$70,850.77

\$185.00 was donated at the Octoberfest luncheon. The money will go toward Samaritans Purse.

Education Team:

Bev Schlosser and Adriane Baldwin have been discussing potential of a modified Wednesday night program.

Elders Report (Roger Behnfeldt)

- Elders discussed whether or not to have a Christmas Day service. We will wait to discuss with Pastor Bartz to make final decision.
- Elders have been looking at inactive list.
Guest Pastors for November:
Nov. 5- Rev. Ted Rellstab
Nov. 12- Rev. Ted Rellstab
Nov. 19- Rev. Terry Cripe
Nov. 22- Rev. Ted Rellstab
Nov. 26- Rev. Terry Cripe

Discipleship Team (Karen Grieser):

- The next food pantry will be held next Thursday. The last one served 129 people, 34 cars.
- The committee still plans to send postcards to in-actives but have put the project on hold until after a decision is made on Pastor Bartz.

Trustee Team (Leo Raabe):

- The insurance adjuster visited the church yesterday to evaluate roof damage. The adjuster suggested we have the edges fixed, the rest of the roof is still good. Insurance claim will replace all ceiling tiles. Leo is seeking quotes for placing an A frame on the roof.
- Beth Flory has found some household items for reasonable prices for the parsonage if Pastor Bob comes. Council agrees that a brand-new mattress should be purchased rather than using a used mattress.

Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):

- 2023-2024 Registrations – total of 16 students registered.
- Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser was held on Sept. 24. \$288 was raised.
- The Little Caesar's fundraiser is complete and raised \$1146.
- Preschool has passed the health department inspection.
- Tuition for the 2024/2025 school year will stay the same as this year.
- A poinsettia fundraiser will be held in November.
- Acct. Balance - \$21,026.87

Sign Committee (Tante Lovins):

- No report

Call Committee (Beth Flory):

- Beth passed out the letter drafted by the Call Committee with the recommendation to Call Pastor Robert Bartz as an Intentional Interim Minister. The letter was emailed to the congregation to review ahead of the Voters meeting scheduled for Sunday October 15. If the vote passes, Pastor Bartz will move into the parsonage on October 24. This is a called position so we will host an installation service for Pastor Bartz.
- After this vote, Beth will be stepping down from the Call Committee regardless of the outcome of the vote.

Unfinished Business:

- None


New Business:

- There will be a painting party led by a member of Wings of Change in the fellowship hall on November 11, at 4pm.
- Pastor Glander turns 70 on October 24. The congregation is invited to participate in a card shower. Bev will get a card to pass out this Sunday after the voters meeting. Recording the congregation singing Happy Birthday is also a possibility.

7:30pm meeting adjourned; Lord's Prayer and Benediction recited in unison.

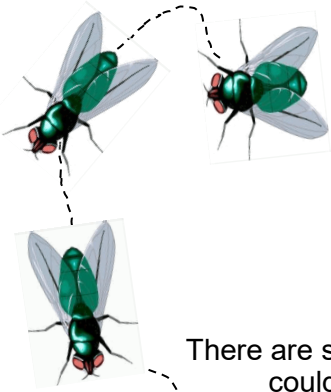
Next meeting: November 14 @ 6:30pm

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary



Important Notice

FROM PASTOR...JESUS' Grace and Peace! Until the end of November 2023, I will be at Emmaus each week Tuesday Noon through Thursday Noon. I will schedule meetings with groups and boards. Please join me for coffee and conversation Wednesday and Thursday, 7a-8a, at McDonalds. While I am at Emmaus, I am available 24/7. If my red Jeep is in the parking lot, I will be in the office or at the parsonage. Please stop by! While I am at home in Three Rivers, MI please feel free to zap me an e-mail (rob112452@aol.com) or call. Cell: 269-535-2828. Home: 269-244-4166. Blessings Always...Love You All...Pastor Bob



FLY ON THE WALL

Big thanks to Beth and the call committee and all the research you've done for getting Emmaus a Pastor.

Thank you to all who helped with the October Fest from decorating to all the yummy food, prep and clean up.

We are so grateful we have such talented musicians.

There are some special helpers putting up a shed for the lawnmower and other things. We couldn't keep this church looking good without all your help. May God bless you!

Stewardship minute....

Giving Acceptable Gifts

The first act of giving from a person to God in God's Word is found in Genesis 4 when Cain and Abel gave their gifts to God. Both brothers gave gifts from their profits. Cain gave some of his crops, whereas Abel gave the firstborn of his flock and of the fat portion. *"And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering He had no regard"* (Genesis 4:4b-5). God viewed their gifts differently. Abel's gift pleased God and Cain's did not.

In the Hall of Faith chapter, Hebrews 11, we read, *"By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks"* (Hebrews 11:4). So why was Abel's gift more acceptable than Cain's? Abel gave a better sacrifice not because of what he brought but because of his faith that prompted his gift. His gift was acceptable because of his motive for giving. God looks at the heart of the giver. Abel loved and trusted God and gave accordingly.

We demonstrate our faithfulness through what we give. Through faith, we give acceptable gifts. Knowing Who God is and what He has done for us through Jesus, we want to thank and praise Him with gifts that are acceptable and pleasing to Him. When we give God our first and best out of thankful hearts, God is pleased to receive them.

There are gifts we can give to God that are not acceptable. When we give token amounts and only go through the motion of giving, God is not pleased. If we give to God for tax purposes, for recognition, or give only our leftovers, God is dishonored. God wants our total devotion. When He has our hearts, we will make the effort to give our first and best in gratitude for Who God is and all He has done and continues to do for us.

As sinful people, we struggle in our efforts to give acceptable gifts. Our nature is to keep rather than to give. Left to ourselves, we would limit our giving to what is leftover rather than to make giving a priority. By God's grace, we acknowledge that He is the one Who has made it possible for us to earn an income, and He is the owner of all that we have. In essence, we are merely returning to Him what He has already given to us. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to make giving a priority and to give generously. We seek to thank and honor Him by giving our heavenly Father acceptable gifts. God gave us the most acceptable gift of all when He sent His Son to the cross for our redemption and salvation. The Apostle Paul wrote, *"Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift"* (2 Corinthians 9:15).



If you do not have giving envelopes and would like them for the coming year 2024, or would like to make a change, please leave your name in the office, call or get in touch with Karen Grieser (419 445 8361), Sue Boysel, Mary Behnfeldt or Chris Schlueter. Thank you.



Prayers for our Emmaus Family:

- Grace Clair
- Jeff Flory
- Barb Franklin
- Jamie Hanson
- LaTishia Horrell
- Roseanna Parsons
- Joyce Plassman
- Tiffany Prayter
- Linda Prather
- Barb Shannon
- Lois Tester
- Our Call Committee
- Our Emmaus Family
- Our Emmaus Preschool
- 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

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| Margaret Detter | Darrel Garmenn | Annabelle Leupp | Geri O'Brien |
| Linda Prather | Irene Rabe | Larry Rabe | Gladys Rue |
| Barb Shannon | Chris Tuckerman | Nancy Zesing | |


MONTHLY MEETINGS
 BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.
Tuesday, Nov.14, 2023

5:30 pm
 Discipleship Team
 Elders Team
 Preschool Team
 Trustees Team

6:30 pm
 Emmaus Council




EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY
Thursday, Nov. 16, 5:00-7:00 pm
 Items needed: Brown Paper Bags




Hat and Mitten Frosty

The Hat, Mitten and Scarf Frosty will be up thru the month of December, in addition to hats, mittens and scarves, adult and work gloves, we are adding to the list to include adult socks, underwear for men and women(sizes S to XLG), and children's underwear (sizes 12 and up). Thank you in advance for your help. ~ Discipleship Team



DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Decorating the Church for the Advent Season will be on Wednesday November 29 from 10 am until ?? and Thursday November 30 from 10am until ??. Lights outside can be put up anytime, if anyone would like to do so, there is a book that has a listing of where everything is stored, it is in food storage room by Frosty. If you would like to help with manger out front, please see Larry Neuenschwander. We would appreciate your help if possible. Any questions see a Discipleship Team member. Thanks in advance for your help.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Wyatt Davis
- 3 Viviano Smallman
- 3 Steven Kline
- 4 Aaron Schuette
- 8 Ava Rice
- 8 Alexi Rice
- 13 Bonnie Davis
- 15 Richard Burkholder
- 17 Bill Seibel
- 21 Bradley Kahrs



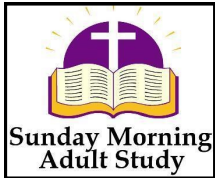
NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Dick and Vera Koder



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.



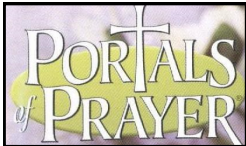
SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Sunday mornings
at 8:30 am
Please join us!

OFFICE HOURS

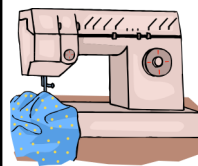
Fall-Spring Office Hours are

Monday—Friday 8:00 am—2:00 pm
Administrator will be in the preschool as the aide
daily from 9:00 —11:30 am
Church office closed during this time



The October to December 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



Tuesday
Nov. 21
Please get
your
information to
the church
office for next
month's
newsletter.

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.**