

Advent



please join us

- **Start of Advent** Sunday, December 1
- **Midweek Advent Services**, Wednesdays 7:00 PM
 - **Week 1:** December 4
 - **Week 2:** December 11
 - **Week 3:** December 18
- **Christmas Eve** Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 PM
Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
- **Christmas Day** Wednesday, December 25, No Worship Service

MONTHLY MEETINGS

BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024

5:30 pm

Elders Team
Preschool Team
Trustees Team

6:30 pm

Emmaus Council



Tuesday
Dec. 17
Please get your information to the church office for next month's newsletter.



EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY

Thursday, December 19
4:00 pm Discipleship Meeting
5:00-7:00 pm Food Pantry

Items needed:
Brown Paper Bags



Hat and Mitten Frosty

Frosty will be up in the Narthex thru the month of December. We are collecting hats, mittens, scarves, adult and children socks, children and adult gloves and work gloves. Thank you in advance for your help. ~Discipleship Team



The church office will be closed, December 25-27 and January 1

Thank you

Thank you so much to our wonderful musicians who give of their time to lead our worship. You do an amazing job and we truly appreciate your gift of music! Blessings to you all!

God BLESS you

PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Registrations for 2024-2025 are still being accepted. Children who are 3 years old can register for the T/TH 2-day class, and those who will be 4 years old by August 1, 2024 can register for M/W/F 3-day class or Monday through Friday 5-day class. Please call the preschool at 419-337-8471 or email any questions to emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com.



Christmas Program & Dinner—December 18 at 6:00 pm



Christmas Break—No class December 19—January 3

Visit us at:

emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com
www.facebook.com/EmmausChristianPreschool



Christmas Poinsettias

Our Sanctuary will be decorated with various colored poinsettias for Christmas Eve from the kindness of members honoring or remembering loved ones and also supporting our preschool. (These plants may be taken home any time after the Christmas Eve service.) Thank you to all for your support!



Blessing of the Quilts is Sunday December 1



Shut-in Christmas Stockings

Again this year we will be filling and delivering quilted Christmas stockings, joyfully stitched by the "Tuesday with Arlene's Emmaus Quilters", to our shut-ins. Please join us on December 4 at 9:00 a.m. to assist in packing the stockings. If you'd like to contribute, a few ideas are granola bars, small cookie packs, clementines, oranges, small raisin packs, veggie drinks, pencils, note pads, body lotion, tooth brushes/toothpaste, soaps and Chapstick. We currently have 13 shut-ins. Please leave your donation in the kitchen on the counter marked CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS.

**Christmas Craft Show and Bake Sale
at Emmaus Lutheran Church**

Sat. Dec. 7, 2024 9am – 4pm

Sign up sheets posted for Bake Sale items
AND for Kitchen Help/Clean Up

Looking for Crafters

\$25.00 for a 8ft. table plus a donated item of
\$5.00 value or more for the door prizes
if interested or for more info call

Edith @ 419 583 7455

Lunch items will be Available

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**

**CRAFT
SHOW**

FULTON COUNTY CHRISTMAS CHEER



Holiday Give-Away will be the week of December 9, 2024.
Set up, sorting and stocking will be done on December 9 & 10.

Distribution will be on December 11 & 12.

Phone coordinator of the Christmas portion is Lilli.

Call her at 419-551-6573 for questions on where and what.



We will be un-decorating the church on December 27 & 28 starting around 10:00 am each day. Please come help when/if you can, everyone is welcome. Thank you!

Keep these guidelines in mind as winter continues and you need to decide about coming to services:

- 1) We respect the judgment of our members when they decide weather conditions are too dangerous and they choose to stay at home.
- 2) When the designated law enforcement agencies declare a Level 2 or Level 3 condition for the county or city, we encourage our members to abide by those restrictions and stay home. Activities at Emmaus are cancelled under Level 2 or Level 3 conditions.
- 3) Generally, when the Wauseon Schools are closed due to weather, Emmaus programs are also cancelled for that day.
- 4) An email will be sent to all current email addresses on file with the church office, and an announcement will be posted on social media.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—November 14, 2024

Meeting began at 6:33 pm with a reading by Sue Boysel. 8 members in attendance.

October Minutes were reviewed and were unanimously approved as written.

Congregation Chair (Larry Neuenschwander):

- No report

Pastor's Report:

- Membership numbers baptized 254 and communicants 202

Administrator's report (Tricia Zesing):

- 3rd quarter 2024 payroll taxes were filed on October 16.
- Worship services complete through January.
- Guest pastors are scheduled through the end of January.
- December newsletter will be printed on November 20.

Financial Officer's Report (Bev Schlosser)

Offerings for October	10,791.03
Expenses for October	<u>5,766.21</u>
October net positive.	5,026.37

General Fund. 23,611.24

Edward Jones Investments

Emmaus investment acct	100,310.53
Parsonage proceeds acct	122,181.31

Education Team: (Tante Lovins):

- The curriculum came with a Christmas program. Teachers would like to incorporate program into one of the services. Council agreed to include it possibly in the service the Sunday before Christmas. Tante will check with Pastor Rellstab for his opinion.

Elders Report (Roger Behnfeldt):

- Currently there are 4 local LCMS churches with vacancies- St. Paul L.C., Zion Ridgeville, Emmanuel Hamler, and Emmaus. Roger has been in contact with Pastor Scheiwe to find out next steps. It was suggested that all 4 churches get together to discuss potential for dual parish. Zion will be meeting with their congregation 11/17/24 to discuss dual parish.
- Elders addressed Christmas Eve service and made adjustments.
- Guest Pastors for November:
Nov. 3 Terry Cripe
Nov. 10 John Schinkel
Nov. 17 Terry cripe
Nov. 24 Ted Rellstab
Nov. 27 John Schinkel
Pastor Rellstab will be the guest pastor for December.
January 5 and 19 Pastor Cripe and January 12 and 26 Pastor Rellstab.

Discipleship Team (Karen Grieser):

- Food pantry served 22 cars, 58 people. We could use volunteers at distribution - next one set for the Nov. 21st from 5-7.
- New giving enveloped have arrived.
- December 7 craft show/bake sale benefit will be held in fellowship hall.
- Nov 29 and 30 Christmas decorating. December 27 and 28 undecorating.
- The team sent items to hurricane victims in North Carolina.

Trustee Team (Leo Rabe):

- The parking lot will be sealed again in the spring at no cost to Emmaus, other than the cost of restriping.
- Larry will check in with Mark Balmer on the roof, so far no additional leaks.

Preschool Team ():

- 2024-2025 Registrations – 2 for Tue/Thur class, 7 for M/W/F class, 0 for 5 day class
- Inquiring about a field trip visit from Wauseon fire Dept.
- Sent in required revisions by state for changing license from Jen Rodriguez to Sallyann Miles.
- Poinsettia fundraiser- orders due November 25, \$14/plant
- Conferences Nov 21 and 22.
- Will have a Thanksgiving party with parents invited.
- Christmas program will be held on December 18 at 6pm, meal to follow.
- Robyn Erickson (Friday Aide) will be unavailable December 12-March due to surgery.
- Little Caesars' fundraiser raised \$521.00. Thanks to all who supported.
- Acct. Balance \$26,034.51 ending balance as of 11/11/24.

Sign Committee ():

- Bev Schlosser reported the sign is still not repaired, waiting for the part to come in.

Investment Committee ():

- No report

Nominating Committee:

- Adriane Baldwin has submitted a letter of resignation from the Preschool Team effective May 9, 2025.
A motion was made and passed unanimously to nominate Scott Lovins to the Trustee Team effective immediately.

Unfinished Business:

- None.

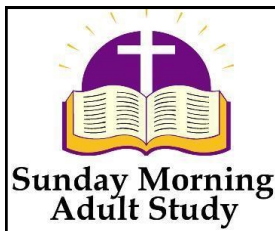
New Business:

- Council discussed holding an installation service in January for members of all teams.
- Council discussed moving "Special Needs" parking signs from front parking spots to back parking spots by kitchen door.

7:27 meeting adjourned with Benediction and Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: December 12, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary



**SUNDAY ADULT
BIBLE CLASS**

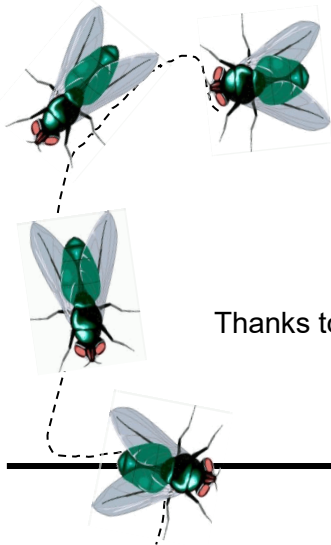
Sunday mornings at 8:30 am
Please join us!

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

Children's Sunday School Class, for 3 years old and up, will be from 8:30—9:30 am in the Emmaus room.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers to teach the class.

If you have any questions, please see Tante Lovins or Adriane Baldwin.



FLY ON THE WALL

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church inside and out for Advent and Christmas season.

Thank you to everyone for your donations and help for the Craft Show and Bake Sale fundraiser.

Thanks to the men who worked so hard to repair the front sidewalk where needed. So happy you are always willing to help keep Emmaus looking good and keeping things safe.

Stewardship minute....

Sent to Tell the Good News

The season of Advent has provided opportunity for us to reflect on God's great love for us fallen sinners that has caused Him to send His very own Son Who came for the ungodly, even for those who will never acknowledge His sacrifice and who reject His free gift of salvation. Along with the joy that we have in our Savior, especially at this time of the celebration of Jesus' birth, the knowledge that not all experience this joy brings a sorrow to us as it does to the heart of our Lord.

Just as God in His love sent His Son into this world to save the lost, so we are now sent to tell others of that love. The shepherds at Jesus' birth did not hesitate to tell others. *"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen..."* (Luke 2:20). Like the shepherds, our joy and mission are to share the good news with all people that Jesus came *"to seek and to save the lost"* (Luke 19:10). By grace, we are invited to be participants who declare to the world how God has reconciled us to Himself through His Son. God makes His appeal to unbelievers through us, and, therefore, it is imperative that we share the Gospel, which is the life-giving truth. We are to preach and teach the Word of God.

God calls us to share our faith and to let His light shine brightly. You and I have something to share that is needed by others, and that is the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ, Who came to us as a babe in a manger. In light of what Christ has done for us, we respond with a desire to serve and glorify Him. We are equipped and enabled by the Holy Spirit through His Word and Sacraments (2 Timothy 3:16-17) to be participants in His mission. We are the feet, eyes, ears, mouths, and hands who carry the message, who see the needs, who listen to the cries of those in need, who bring help to them, who tell them the message of reconciliation.

God's Word challenges us to use our time, talents, and money, so we can make an eternal difference in the lives of others. Because God is always with us, we can be faithful in our purpose to be God's participants in His mission to save all people.

May we all keep Christ as the heart of our Christmas and see Jesus as the reason for our joy. God's blessings on your Christmas worship and celebration with loved ones.

Have a blessed Christmas!



Prayers for our Emmaus Family:

- Grace Clair
- Jeff Flory
- Barb Franklin
- Jamie Hanson
- LaTishia Horrell
- Roseanna Parsons
- Joyce Plassman
- Tiffany Prayerer
- Linda Prather
- Leo Rabe
- Barb Shannon
- Our Emmaus Family
- Our Emmaus Preschool
- Our Inactive Members

Prayers for Relatives and Friends of Emmaus:

- Carlan Badenhop
- Pastor Steve Geske
- Rodney Kurth (*Norma Kurth's Son*)
- Marcia Mattin (*Vickie Oberla's Friend*)
- Ted Mirabal (*Jennifer Rodriguez's Father*)
- Ken Prater (*Bev Schlosser's Friend*)
- Sharon Prather (*Don Prather's Sister-in-law*)
- Deb Anderson-Sperry (*Kim Fall's Sister*)
- Jim VonDeylen (*Leone Huner's Brother*)
- Derek Wilson (*Karen Wilson's Son*)
- Ted Wright (*Roseanna Parsons' Brother*)
- Dale Yackee (*Darl Beachy's Friend*)
- 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 | Gerri O'Brien |
| Linda Prather | Irene Rabe | Gladys Rue | Barb Shannon |
| Chris Tuckerman | Terry Volkman | | |



LWML's last meeting in 2024 was held November 6 at 1:00 pm.

Marilyn Dachenhaus gave the devotion, "Submitting to Authority" from the book *Women of Grace*, written by Jennifer Mathewson Speer.

Karen Wilson served dessert along side a 'witchy brew.'

We enjoyed the Bible Study activity, "Exercising to His Word."

Our hearts are truly grateful for the love and support shown by the "Tuesday with Arlene's Emmaus Quilters" who are once again stitching quilted Christmas Stockings for LWML to fill and deliver to our shut-ins. All are welcome to join us for stocking stuffing on December 4 at 9:00 a.m. You may bring your "stocking fillers" with you that morning. You also may leave them, before December 4th, on the kitchen counter marked SHUT-IN CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS. If you'd like to contribute, a few ideas are granola bars, small cookie packs, clementine's, oranges, small raisin packs, veggie drinks, pencils, note pads, body lotion, tooth brushes/toothpaste, soaps and Chapstick. We currently have 12 shut-ins.

We begin the year, 2025, on January 8 at 1:30 p.m. Mary Behnfeldt will give the devotion. JoAnn Eckler will serve as hostess.

We pray: As we celebrate the birth of You, our precious Savior, may Your Spirit be steeped in our hearts and in our homes. Please fill us completely with the power of your love. Amen.



2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES—Next year's offering envelopes will be on the table in the hallway December 1. Please pick yours up when they are available but keep in mind to not start using them until next year. Thank you!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Vera Koder
- 4 Brian Baldwin
- 6 Camden Schlueter
- 6 Aislyn Beachy
- 11 Barbara Franklin
- 12 Dean Schuette
- 21 Scott Lovins
- 23 Andy Schlueter
- 30 Vivienne Smallman
- 30 Valentina Smallman



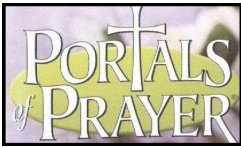
DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Bonnie & Andrew Davis
- 30 Scott & Anna Norris

ALTAR FLOWERS



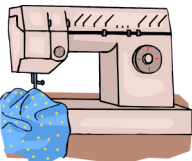
If you wish to provide the altar flowers to commemorate a special occasion or in someone's memory, please let the office know. The cost is \$30. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and turn check into the office prior to the date.



The OCT to DEC 2024 **Portals of Prayer** are available in the church hallway. Please pick up your copy today.

EMMAUS VISION

CARING LIKE JESUS,
WE WALK WITH OUR NEIGHBORS,
SO THEY MAY SEE THE SAVIOR.



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

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.**

OFFICE HOURS

Fall-Spring Office Hours are
Monday—Thursday
8:00 am—1:00 pm



Thank you to all of our members who have volunteered to deliver meals on wheels this past month. If any of our members would like to deliver the Meals on Wheels from the hospital, please contact Mary Behnfeldt at 419-337-0134. The recipients of the Meals really appreciate the lunches that they receive.

