

2025 Midweek Lent & Holy Week Schedule



- Midweek Lent 5—April 2, 7:00 pm
- Midweek Lent 6—April 9, 7:00 pm



HOLY WEEK



- Palm Sunday—April 13, 10:00 am



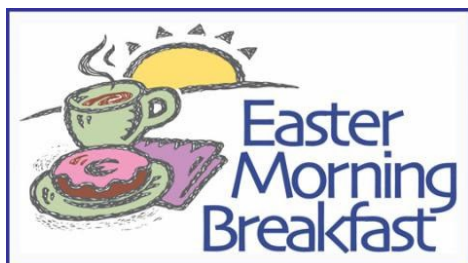
- Maundy Thursday—April 17, 7:00 pm



- Good Friday—April 18, 7:00 pm



- Easter Sunday—April 20, 10:00 am



We will be serving our annual **Easter Breakfast** on Sunday, April 20, from 8:45 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. We will need volunteer helpers to bring items for the breakfast and to help with serving and clean up. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to donate food or supplies for the breakfast. Please plan to attend!

PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Easter Break—No Class Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st



The preschool is looking for donations for their Easter party. Items needed: 80-90 plastic eggs, bite size candy and small toys to fit in the eggs. Donations may be left in the church office or dropped off to the preschool M-W-F 8:45 am to noon. Thank you for your donations!

Visit us at:

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

LWML NEWS



All are encouraged to celebrate Easter with us on Sunday April 20th beginning with breakfast served from 8:45 to 9:30, before worship. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board for those wanting to contribute to the menu. Thank you in advance for those attending, preparing/donating, serving or cleaning up after. “Many hands make light and joyful work.”

The LWML Napoleon Zone Spring Rally will be the morning of Saturday April 5, 2025 at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Wauseon. Please see narthex bulletin board for details.

Marty Behnfeldt attended the LWML Defiance/Napoleon Zone Retreat Planning meeting in January. Mary Behnfeldt and Karen Wilson will attend the next meeting on March 31. Karen Wilson will be the Napoleon Zone delegate for the LWML National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska June 26-29, 2025.

Cards to gladden the hearts of our Sick and Shut-ins in February were sent by JoAnn Eckler. Marilyn Dachenhaus sent the March cards. Mary Behnfeldt will send in April and Karen Wilson in May.

Discussion included the possibility of an Advent breakfast on a Saturday morning or entertainment at our November meeting to close out the year. Stay tuned as plans develop.

Our next **LWML** meeting will be May 7 at 1:30 p.m. Marilyn Dachenhaus will give the devotion and serve as hostess.

The James Bible Study at our next meeting is “**How You See Others Matters.**” God’s mercy isn’t just meant to flow to us, it’s meant to flow through us. If you have an interest. We welcome you!

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Hebrews 10:23-25

LWML NAPOLEON ZONE SPRING RALLY

Saturday April 5, 2025

By the Grace of God



“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain: but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” 1 Corinthians 15:10 NKJ

When: Saturday April 5, 2025.

Where: St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1588 St. Route 108, Wauseon

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

Speaker: Rowan Turner, Fort Wayne Seminary Student

8:30 - Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 - Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 - Program

In gathering: Non-perishable items for Fort Wayne Food Bank

Monetary Donations: Mites™ and Napoleon Zone LWML.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—March 13, 2025

Meeting began at 6:30 with a devotion by Sue Boysel. 9 Members in attendance. February Minutes were reviewed and were unanimously approved as written.

Congregation Chair (Larry Neuenschwander):

- There will be a congregation wide meeting held Saturday March 15 at 9am with Pastor Schiewe with a goal to inform the congregation of the available options for calling a Pastor. Bev Schlosser will send an email to the congregation inviting them to the meeting. An announcement was made to invite the congregation on Sunday March 9.
- The District Convention will be held June 22-24 in Dublin, OH. We are eligible to take one lay person and a guest. Mark Schlueter's name was suggested. Larry will ask him to go to represent Emmaus.

Pastor's Report:

- Membership numbers baptized 254 and communicants 202

Administrator's report (Tricia Zesing):

- April 2025 newsletter will be printed on March 26.
- Worship services are completed through May.
- Guest pastors are scheduled through May.

Financial Officer's Report: (Bev Schlosser)

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| Offerings for February | 7513.80 |
| Expenses for February | <u>8158.47</u> |
| February negative | -644.67 |
| As of 3/13/25 | |
| General fund balance | 27,817.51 |
| Emmaus investments | 101,881.25 |
| Parsonage funds | 124,090.23 |

Education Team: (Tante Lovins):

- Attendance is consistent with 1 student.

Elders Report (Roger Behnfeldt):

- Guest pastors for March:
March 9,23,30 and Lenten services- Pastor Rellstab, March 2&16 Pastor Cripe
- Guest Pastors for April:
April 13&27 and Holy week- Pastor Rellstab, April 6&20- Pastor Cripe
- Guest Pastors for May:
Pastor Cripe May 4 & 18, Pastor Rellstab May 11, Pastor Schinkel May 25
- Council discussed their gratefulness for the extra services Pastor Ted is providing during the Lent and Easter season.

A motion was made to present Pastor Ted with a \$100 gift card for the extra time he will be providing. The motion was seconded. Following discussion, the motion was amended **to present Pastor Ted with a gift card in the amount of \$150**. The motion passed unanimously. Bev Schlosser will take care of purchasing multiple gift cards from different restaurants/gas stations for a total amount of \$150.

Discipleship Team (Sue Boysel):

- Food pantry next week. The team thanks the Boy scouts of America for a food donation.

Trustee Team

- Beth Flory reported that she obtained quotes for an elevator and a chair lift for the steps from the fellowship up to the narthex. The project would be quite costly. Council decided to table this project for now.
- Leo Rabe presented a quote that he was asked to obtain for a new door under the awning on the south side of the church. This was a concern for preschool pick up but is no longer in need of replacing now that the preschool will be closed. This item will be tabled for now.
- Leo Rabe reported there is now a wooden box around the dumpster to prevent it from rolling away.
- There were 3 leaks in recent weeks. The roofing company was called, and the leaks were fixed. Minor repair work is needed on the ceiling in the room leading out to the courtyard.

Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):

- 9 students enrolled in MWF class
- Students will take a field trip to either the Toledo Zoo or Sauder Village
- The classroom chicks have hatched.
- Team decided to waive the April tuition due to multiple missed school days through the winter from inclement weather and teacher illness.
- Acct. Balance \$20,709.97 ending balance as of 3/13/2025.

Sign Committee (Tante Lovins):

- No Report

Investment Committee ():

- No report

Nominating Committee:

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- AA will be having an Anniversary event on 3/14/25. The congregation is invited to attend.
- Discussion on whether the church lawn mower should be serviced. It was decided that Bev Schlosser would ask Brian Baldwin to change the oil. Larry Neuenschwander can get the blades sharpened.
- Discussion on outreach to inactives.

7:15 meeting adjourned with Benediction and Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: April 10, 2025 @ 6:30pm

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary

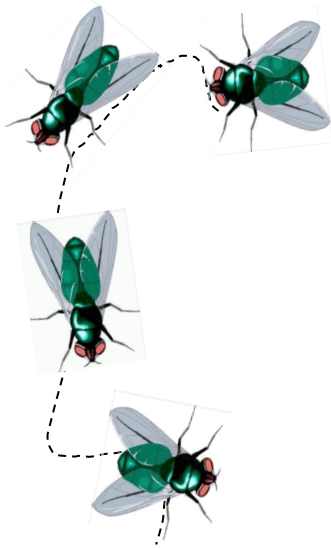


Comfort Quilts

Opening the storage room door, she looked at the stack of quilts, each one carefully pieced together with different colors, patterns and textures. Each one made for someone the quilter, most likely, will never know. These quilts are called comfort quilts. When patients near the end of life, or are in a sick bed, or lonely, or troubled, or simply in need of gladdening, a quilt is selected and offered as a gift. This is an offering of compassion and care bringing tranquility to a despairing heart. The scenes can be quite tender as the quilt is offered, perhaps unfolding it with loved ones, together smoothing the fabric and tucking in the edges over their dearest. This tenderness is filled with miracles, for each quilt seems to find its way to the person who was meant to have it. "These are the colors of my mother's kitchen," one daughter remarked. For a Veteran there was a quilt with American flags. For the matriarch of four generations, there was a quilt in royal purple and gold. Although the quilter and receiver are not known to each other, they are connected in each stitch of love, compassion and prayer.

This is a story unfolding even before the fabric gets to a sewing machine. This is a quilting circle. Someone leads the team, acting as the connecting point, keeping everyone updated and equipped with what is needed to complete this labor of love. She gathers the fabric, thread and batting. Someone else cuts the squares. One woman prepares the blocks. Another sews the squares into a quilt top. The top is matched to the backing by another set of hands. One woman machine borders the quilt. Another ties the quilt together by hand. Each step holds a meaning and purpose both simple and profound. In the giving of quilts there is also a large measure of meaning, purpose and gratitude. For in the sewing and the choosing and the unfolding of a single quilt is an offering that gives back in larger measure. With each quilt is an offering of love, compassion and dignity for a child of God, and an offering of meaning and purpose in the privilege of service. In all of this is miracle.

Entitled WE ARE ONE, this edited piece was printed in the Mercy Health 2017 Heritage Celebration booklet, submitted by Bea Broder-Oldach, Chaplain, Cincinnati East market. ~shared by Karen Wilson.



FLY ON THE WALL

Thanks to the busy quilters who give of their time each work.
Also many thanks to Mary and Thrivent for providing grants
to help us with quilting supplies.

Thanks to the Altar Guild ladies for keep our Altar area clean
and the candles filled during this busy Lenten season.

Thanks to Pastor Scheiwe for coming to encourage us and advise us
during our vacancies. And a special thanks to David G
for the tasty rolls from the Doughbox.

Thanks to those discipleship members who help each month
with the food pantry. This month we had 9 new people.
We are blessed to be able to do this.

Stewardship minute....

FORGIVE ME WHEN I WHINE

Today upon a bus, I saw ... A lovely maid with golden hair;
I envied her – she seemed so gay – I wished I were so fair.
When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle,
She had one foot and wore a crutch, but as she passed, A smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two feet and the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets, the lad who served me had such charm;
He seemed to radiate good cheer. His manner was so kind and warm.
I said, "It's nice to deal with you, such courtesy I seldom find."
He turned and said, "Oh, thank you, sir!" And I saw that he was blind.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two eyes – the world is mine.

Then, when walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.
He stood and watched the others play; it seemed he knew not what to do,
I stopped a moment, then I said; "Why don't you join the others, dear?"
And then I knew; He could not hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two ears – the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go, with eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I should know; I'm blessed indeed.
The world is mine; Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

Red Foley



Prayers for our Emmaus Family:

Parker Baldwin
 Richard Brown
 Grace Clair
 Jeff Flory
 Barb Franklin
 Jamie Hanson
 LaTishia Horrell
 Mac McGilvery
 Greg Nagel
 Roseanna Parsons
 Joyce Plassman
 Tiffany Prayter
 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
 Carrie Kaufmann (*Ed & Sandy Eyer's Daughter*)
 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*)
 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

Margaret Detter
 Linda Prather
 Chris Tuckerman

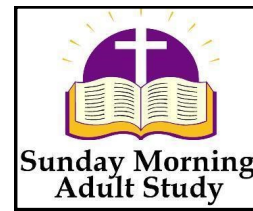
Darrel Garmenn
 Irene Rabe
 Terry Volkman

Annabelle Leupp
 Gladys Rue

Gerri O'Brien
 Barb Shannon

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.



SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Sunday mornings at 8:30 am
 Please join us!

MONTHLY MEETINGS
BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.

Thurs., April 10, 2025

5:30 pm
 Elders Team
 Preschool Team
 Trustees Team

6:30 pm
 Emmaus Council



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



EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY

Thursday, April 17
4:00 pm Discipleship Meeting
5:00-7:00 pm Food Pantry

Items needed:
 Brown Paper Bags

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Larry Neuenschwander
- 5 Barbara Shannon
- 7 Darrel Garmenn
- 10 Greg Nagel
- 12 Michael Beachy
- 14 Payton Lovins
- 16 Ginni Neuenschwander
- 16 Elijah Wakefield
- 17 Justine Netcher
- 19 Gwen Murry
- 21 Sue Boysel



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Darl & Edith Beachy
- 14 Michael & Amanda Beachy
- 16 Richard & Sherry Johnson
- 25 Todd & Amy Rice
- 29 Larry & Ginni Neuenschwander

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.

EMMAUS VISION
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NEIGHBORS, SO THEY
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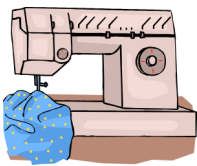


Kay and Don Heilman will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on April 10. If you would like to send them a card, their address is:
 604 Orchid Court
 Pemberville, OH 43450.

FRIDAY NIGHT AA GROUP

Spring Dance

April 19 at 5:00 pm



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

OFFICE HOURS

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

The APR-JUN 2025 **Portals of Prayer** are available in the church hallway. Please pick up your copy today.

