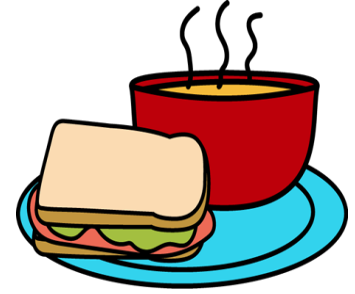


*please
join us*

The L.W.M.L. will be serving a Soup and Sandwich Supper on Wednesday, March 5, before the Ash Wednesday service.

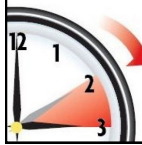
We will start serving at 5:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. The L.W.M.L. will serve soup, sandwiches and cookies. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for donations of food and supplies that are needed. Please come to the supper!



2025 Lent Schedule

- Ash Wednesday—March 5, 7:00 pm
- Midweek Lent 2—March 12, 7:00 pm
- Midweek Lent 3—March 19, 7:00 pm
- Midweek Lent 4—March 26, 7:00 pm
- Midweek Lent 5—April 2, 7:00 pm
- Midweek Lent 6—April 9, 7:00 pm

**Daylight saving time
starts at 2 a.m.**



Clocks
should be
turned
forward
one hour

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

MARCH 9

This is the Sunday to “Spring” ahead one hour. Remember to set your clocks on Saturday night and keep in mind only the clocks change, not our service times for Sunday morning.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.

Thursday, Mar. 13, 2025

5:30 pm

Elders Team
Preschool Team
Trustees Team

6:30 pm

Emmaus Council



Tuesday
March 18
Please get
your
information to
the church
office for next
month's
newsletter.



EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY

Thursday, March 20
4:00 pm Discipleship Meeting
5:00-7:00 pm Food Pantry

Items needed:
Brown Paper Bags

PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



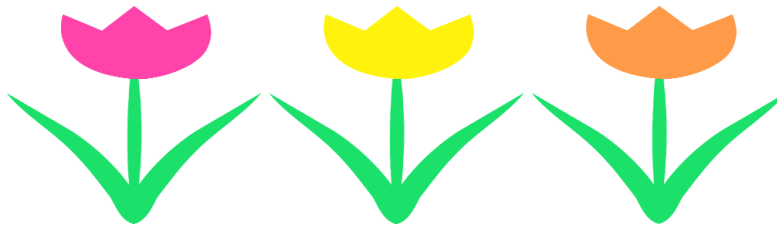
No Class for Spring Break March 17-21

Visit us at:

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

Emmaus Christian Preschool's 2025 Annual

Spring Flower Sale



Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths

\$11.00 each

Order Deadline is March 10, 2025

Payment due with order. Make checks payable to: Emmaus Christian Preschool

Order forms are in the Sunday bulletin.

Please give the order to Adriane Baldwin or return to the church office.

This is Not a Fundraiser!

Just sharing the beautiful flowers with all!

You may pick up your plant after the Easter Sunday Service.



LWML NEWS



Our next **LWML** meeting will be March 5 at 1:30 p.m. Karen Wilson will give the devotion, Leone Huner will serve as hostess by furnishing the dessert and Karen will act as server.

We welcome all to join us in breaking bread before the March 5th Ash Wednesday service. A Soup and Sandwich Supper will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Enormous thanks to all who attend, prepare, serve or donate. A menu sign-up sheet is posted on the narthex bulletin board for additional information.

All are encouraged to celebrate Easter with us on Sunday April 20th beginning with breakfast before worship. Planning for that day will once again utilize a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board for further details and sign-up opportunities.

Jesus encourages His believers to serve others as they would serve Him. One way that we can engage in acts of kindness and compassion is to send cards to our Emmaus shut-ins. We can do it from home, as often or as little as we choose, serving Christ by remembering others. LWML has a monthly sign-up sheet. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Joanne, Marilyn, Mary, Leone or Karen for additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

The James Bible Study at our next meeting is **“How You Respond to Hardships Matter.”** There are still books available 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... encouraging one another...”
Hebrews 10:23-24

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—February 13, 2025

Meeting began at 6:30 with a devotion by Sue Boysel. 10 members in attendance.

January Minutes were reviewed and were unanimously approved as written.

Congregation Chair (Larry Neuenschwander): decorations down

Pastor's Report:

- Membership numbers baptized 254 and communicants 202

Administrator's report (Tricia Zesing):

- March 2025 newsletter will be printed on February 19.
- Worship services are completed through April.
- Guest pastors scheduled through the end of April.
- We've received some donations for our Samaritans Purse.

Financial Officer's Report: (Bev Schlosser)

Offerings for January	6,215.67
Expenses for January	<u>8,614.29</u>
January negative	-2,398.62

As of 2/13/25

General fund balance 26,403.16

Emmaus investments 103,613.12

Parsonage funds 123,645.49

Education Team: (Tante Lovins):

- Attendance is consistent with 1 student.

Elders Report (Roger Behnfeldt):

- Saturday there will be a meeting to elect a new circuit visitor. Roger has asked Larry Neuenschwander to accompany him at the meeting at St. Paul in Napoleon. Roger asked if anyone has suggestions for nomination.
- June 22,23,24 convention in Dublin, Ohio. Looking for someone to go to conference.
- Larry announced that Hamler is moving forward on their own and do not want to be a part of a dual parish. Therefore, we will not be having a meeting/interview tonight for a Call to this Pastor as announced at church on Sunday.
- Roger talked to Cathy Aeshilmier at Ridgeville. They want to explore other options. If those options do not work out for them then they would be interested in a dual parish with us.
- Council discussed options for Emmaus and what steps to take moving forward.
- Guest pastors for February:
February 2 and 16- Pastor Terry Cripe, February 9 and 23- Pastor Rellstab
- 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 lent and Holy week- Pastor Rellstab, April 6&20- Pastor Cripe

Discipleship Team (Sue Boysel):

- Food pantry next week.
- Aug 16 suicide benefits desserts from congregation asking for councils blessing

Trustee Team (Larry Neuenschwander reported for Beth Flory)

- Beth has someone coming to look at electric chair or elevator

Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):

- 9 students enrolled in MWF class
- \$500 donation given to Samaritans Purse.
- Current class project is hatching some eggs. Incubator in room and takes approx. 21 days. One of the preschool children experienced this at home and his Grandma is lending the incubator and instructions. Pray for successful hatching.
- Acct. Balance \$22,048.69 ending balance as of 1/31/2025.

Sign Committee (Tante Lovins):

- No Report

Investment Committee ():

- No report

Nominating Committee:

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- None

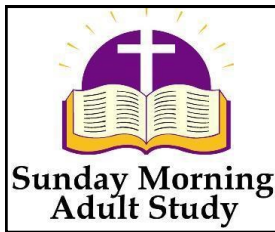
New Business:

- AA group March 29 painting, April 19 spring dance

7:40 meeting adjourned with Benediction and Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: February 13, 2025 @ 6:30pm

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary



**SUNDAY ADULT
BIBLE CLASS**

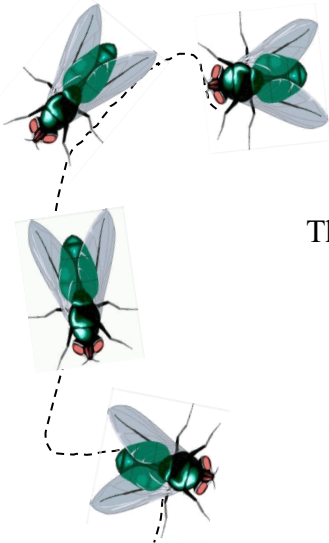
Sunday mornings at 8:30 am
Please join us!

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 the both of our Pastors for braving the cold and snowy weather to bring Emmaus God's Word. Appreciate you so much.

Thank you to the snow shoveler's for helping to keep the areas clean by the entry doors, appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank you to the lovely lady who shares her talent and plays the organ for us each month. Sounds great.

Thank you to the nice man who helps keep the Food Pantry ready to go, packing bags, organizing products and helping with distributing bags. We are so glad to have all your help.

Stewardship minute....

Being a Committed Steward

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we become committed stewards, who use our time, talents, and resources to help and serve others, build God's Church, and expand His kingdom. Even though you and I are undeserving, God honors us with the privilege of being His stewards.

- In Genesis 1:28, we learn that God gives us dominion over all His creation.
- In Genesis 2:15, we are given the task of tending and caring for what He has created.

In Psalms 8:6, we read that God has made us overseers and rulers over the works of His hands.

God's Word gives us our authority, responsibility, privilege, and duty to be stewards of His creation. Our stewardship is to reflect the same love and concern that God has for all He has created.

As stewards, we are managers or caretakers, not owners of all that God entrusts to us. He has created and still owns and sustains all things. Everything we have is His. Faithful stewards remember that all we have and all we are is because of God. In Psalm 24:1 we read, "*The earth is the LORD's...*" We are God's stewards entrusted with the management of the world. On our own, we are incapable of becoming stewards, but we have been reconciled to God through Christ's life, death, and resurrection making us new creations. God becomes the source of our strength. We become His hands, feet, and mouth, as He works through us in our stewardship. As faithful stewards, our acts of stewardship are efforts that always seek to praise God.

By God's grace, we become committed stewards who are faithful, prayerful, grateful, generous, and service-oriented. Being committed stewards implies that our stewardship is not a part-time position. It is our whole life response to God's grace and love. It is much more than helping our neighbors occasionally or placing an offering in the collection plate. Living with the perspective of being stewards changes our lives. Being stewards is what we are, which determines what we do. "*And whatever you do, in word and deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him*" (Colossians 3:17). We are called to be stewards in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. God wants us to use our time, talents, and resources for His glory. Blessings on your stewardship journey!



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

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.



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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Vickie Oberla
- 2 Makayla Villanueva
- 2 Dick Koder
- 2 Ariana Villanueva
- 3 Harold Boysel
- 6 Leo Rabe
- 19 Emmersyn Smallman
- 20 Irene Rabe
- 25 Elaina Hilyard
- 28 Nicole Schuette



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Steven & Diana Kline
- 23 Scott & Tante Lovins

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.

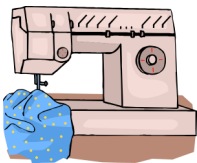
EMMAUS VISION

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



You Are Invited To A Stencil Paint Party!

WHEN: Saturday, March 29, 2025
TIME: 4 pm painting—LEAD at 6 pm
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



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.**