

The preschool received a generous donation of snacks and drinks!! We are so grateful to that anonymous donor!! Also, a special words of thanks to all who donated snacks and monetary gifts and for all those prayers! A new school year has just begun and how wonderful we get to share God's word with the little ones!! Please always feel welcome to visit the classroom and greet the kids!!

**THANK YOU!**  
*thank you!*

The Emmaus Preschool Team,  
Jennifer, Tricia, Adrienne, & Bev



## Oktoberfest Polka Worship!

Sunday October 8

10:00 AM worship time followed with  
a Potluck at 11:00 AM.

Please come, invite your family and friends, and enjoy the music  
provided by our talented musicians as we serve and glorify our God!

Then enjoy the delicious food and fellowship!!



## L.W.M.L. NEWS

Our unit met on Wednesday, September 6. We will meet again on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Leone Huner will give the devotion and be the hostess.

Leone Huner will send cards to the sick and shut-ins in September. Jo-Ann Eckler will send cards in October.

L.W.M.L. Sunday will be observed during our service on October 1.

The L.W.M.L. Retreat was held on Saturday, September 16. There were Servant Events and a Prayer Walk, and enjoyed by all in attendance.

The L.W.M.L. Fall Workshop will be held at St. Paul, Liberty Center on November 11, 2023.

Have a good Fall!

## Reformation Sunday



Reformation Day is October 31, 2023 and will be observed at our regular 10:00 am Service on Sunday, October 29.



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.



## 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](mailto:emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com).



Preschool Field Trip to Johnston's Fruit Farm  
October 2, 9:00—11:30 am



Preschool Halloween Classroom Parties  
October 30 and 31

Visit us at:

[emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com)

[emmauschristianpreschool.webs.com](http://emmauschristianpreschool.webs.com)

[www.facebook.com/EmmausChristianPreschool](https://www.facebook.com/EmmausChristianPreschool)



### **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**

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—September 12, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 6:26pm with 8 members in attendance.

August Minutes were reviewed.

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

### **Congregation Chair (Larry Neuenschwander):**

- Larry asked for an update from the members present who attended the Reimagining Your Future workshop at St. Paul, Napoleon on August 26. Adriane Baldwin, Bev Schlosser, Tante Lovins and Scott Lovins attended the workshop. Adriane, Bev, and Tante were at Council meeting and shared their feedback from the workshop. All 4 members will provide feedback to the congregation this Sunday after the worship service.
- The music on October 8 will be Octoberfest music. Council discussed preparing a potluck to go along with the October Fest service.
- Larry reported there have been 3 showings of the parsonage. There has been some additional interest until the individuals realize where the parsonage is located. Council discussed dropping the list price.

***A motion was made and passed unanimously to reduce the list price of the parsonage to \$269,000.***

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Membership Numbers- Baptized: 259, Communicant: 207

### **Administrator's report (Tricia Zesing):**

- Worship services complete through November.
- October newsletter will be printed on September 21.
- Fall office hours are Monday - Friday 8a-2p. Tricia will be in the preschool room daily as the aide from 9a-11:30a
- Guest pastors are scheduled through the end of November.

### **Financial Officer's Report (Bev Schlosser):**

- August offerings 7,334.14  
August expenses 9,593.21  
Deficit of -2,169.09
  
- Total YTD offerings Jan-Aug 80,256.52  
Total YTD expenses Jan-Aug 69,115.20  
Positive YTD 13,310.39
  
- Emmaus Investments as of 8/31/2023 81,584.42  
GEM loan balance as of 8/31/23 64,707.10  
General fund balance less non-operational expenses 13,484.17

- Bev also reported YTD pastoral expenses  
Supply Preachers 6,550.00  
Mileage expenses 1,545.80  
Parsonage utilities 1,387.03  
YTD Total 9,482.83
- Bev and Tricia discussed guidelines for the Samaritan's Purse disbursements. A proposal for Samaritan Sunday to be held on November 19. Will include a collection of gas, food, and restaurant cards, as well as monetary donations. Proposing \$100 towards rent and \$50 towards a utility bill.  
Motion was made to make Nov 19 Samaritan's Purse.

### **Education Team:**

- No report

**Elders Report (Roger Behnfeldt):**

- Roger opened discussion about finding a way to minister to young children and families.
- Roger opened discussion on ways to engage inactive members.
- Guest Pastors for October:  
October 1- Rev. John Schinkel  
October 8- Rev. Ted Rellstab  
October 15- Rev. Terry Cripe  
October 22- Rev. Terry Cripe  
October 29- Rev. John Schinkel

**Discipleship Team (Karen Grieser):**

- Team did not meet this month.

**Trustee Team (Leo Raabe):**

- Discussion on roof repair. Brian Baldwin was in attendance to add to the conversation of roof repair, as he was on the roof Sunday to gain a better understanding of the roof and leak. Council discussed possible repair or replacement options including adding a slope to the roof, eliminating the flat roof. BoDec patched the roof on Monday, and provided a quote of \$101,124 for a new flat roof. Leo also obtained a quote from Starkweather in the amount of \$80K-87K for a new flat roof. Ben Kessler will be on site to provide a quote on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):**

- 2023-2024 Registrations – total of 14
- Fall Luncheon Fundraiser – Spaghetti Dinner on Sept. 24 @11am.
- School pictures – scheduled for Sept. 27 and 28. Photographer will be B&D Photography.
- Little Caesar’s fundraiser will be held again this year. Deadline to order is Sept. 18 with delivery in October.
- Waiting on annual fire inspection.
- Acct. Balance is \$19,357.01

**Sign Committee (Tante Lovins):**

- A bible verse slide has been added to the sign playlist, per request from last council meeting.
- The committee has also received a couple of requests for community events to be added to the sign. Those have also been added.

**Call Committee (Beth Flory)**

- Call Committee met last week and discussed the potential of an interim pastor while the committee continues the call process. The committee agreed to offer 30k for a salary plus 12k for a housing allowance for an interim pastor. In addition, Pastor Schiewe contacted Beth to let her know of a potential retired Pastor in Maumee. Beth has made a few attempts to contact this pastor for an interview.

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

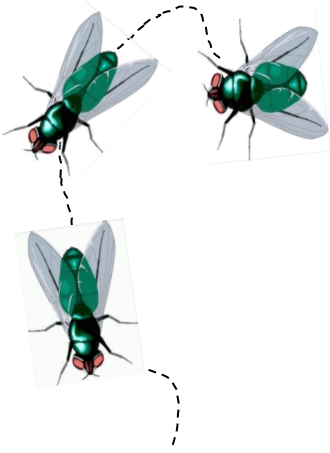
**New Business:**

- Discussion on lack of singing during communion.
- Discussion on whether we need to print bulletins. Decided to continue printing bulletins.

7:50pm meeting adjourned; Benediction recited in unison.

**Next meeting: October 10 @ 6:30pm**

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary



## FLY ON THE WALL

Thanks to all those who get things on the screen out front.

Much thanks to those who have readied the parsonage for sale and kept the yard looking nice.

To that "special" someone: Thanks for trimming Trees north of the church.

Thanks to all those who helped with the Preschool open house and spaghetti dinner.

Stewardship minute....

### **Stewardship Is a Free and Joyous Activity**

Many Christians misunderstand stewardship because they have an incorrect perspective of it as relating only to financial issues. Stewardship includes, but is much more than, managing or giving money. Stewardship is a spiritual issue. It has to do with God's relationship to us in Christ and how we live out that relationship. It is about our hearts. The Stewardship Department of the LCMS defines stewardship as "the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."

Stewardship is faith in action. It is acknowledging that all that we are and have are gifts from God, and we, as God's stewards, express our gratitude for Who God is and what He has done for us through Jesus by living lives that seek to do His will and to give Him all the honor and praise that He deserves. In Revelation 4:11 we read, "*Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.*"

At the heart of being a Christian is being a steward. Because they are bound together, we can't talk about being a Christian without talking about being a steward. A Christian steward is a child of God who realizes that his/her role is to take care of his/her gifts from God. As stewards, we receive God's precious gifts thankfully, manage His gifts carefully and responsibly, and share them generously with others. God calls us to be stewards of His creation, relationships, time, abilities, and money. Being a faithful steward adds meaning and purpose for our lives.

May God help us all be the stewards that He wants us to be.



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 or Mary Behnfeldt. 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**

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

**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  
 October 17, 2023  
 Please get your information to the church office for next month's newsletter.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

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

**6:30 pm**  
 Emmaus Council

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Nicholas Davis
- 7 Avery Baldwin
- 8 Betty Clair
- 10 Kathy Kahrs
- 23 Estella Hilyard
- 25 William Smallman



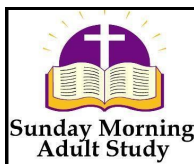
## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

18 Brian & Adriane Baldwin



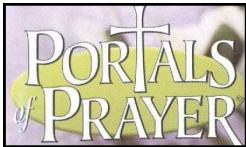
## ALTAR FLOWERS

*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.*



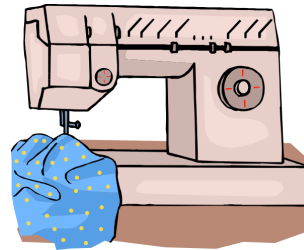
## SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Sunday mornings at 8:30 am  
Please join us!



The 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



**EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY**  
Thursday, October 19  
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.**