

Our hearts go out to the family of Pastor Bob. Please continue to pray for the family during this difficult time. If you would like to send a card, his family's contact information is below.

The Family of Rev. Robert O. Bartz  
58185 Avery Rd.  
Three Rivers, MI 49093

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.

Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024

**5:30 pm**

Elders Team  
Preschool Team  
Trustees Team

**6:30 pm**

Emmaus Council



## EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY

Thursday, Aug. 15  
4:00 pm Discipleship Meeting  
5:00-7:00 pm Food Pantry

Items needed:  
Brown Paper Bags

## How to pray for your kids as they start the new school year

1. **Pray** that they treat all their classmates in a way that would be pleasing to God.
2. **Pray** for focus and dedication; that they may give their best at everything they do, in order to glorify God.
3. **Pray** for physical, emotional, and spiritual safety.
4. **Pray** that they enjoy school and learning, and see the benefit in an education.
5. **Pray** that they may be a living example of God's love.
6. **Pray** for their teacher(s), that they find joy in their work, and strive to give their best everyday.
7. **Pray** that they discover what they enjoy, and encourage them in the pursuit of their dreams.
8. **Pray** for patience. For the parents, the kids, and the teachers.



Summer church office hours  
Monday—Thursday  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Closed on Fridays**

**8th ANNUAL SUICIDE  
AWARENESS MEMORIAL RIDE**



**\$20.00**  
A Rider

**Saturday August 3, 2024**

**Wauseon VFW Hall**

**1133 N. Ottokee Street**

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.

KICKSTANDS UP AT 11:30 A.M.

**\$10.00**  
Passengers  
& non-riders

**SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES AND FOOD INCLUDED**

*All proceeds will be donated to benefit the  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
(NAMI Four County) and Veterans with PTSD*



*Not responsible for Accidents or  
Injuries.....Ride at Your Own Risk*

**Emmaus and Discipleship board are helping with food  
donations. A signup sheet for desserts is posted on the bulletin  
board in the Narthex. Please sign if you would like to help.**

## PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REGISTER  
NOW**

Registrations for 2024-2025 are now being accepted. Children who will be 3 years old by June 1, 2024 (T/TH 2-day class), and those who will be 4 years old by August 1, 2024 (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 Roundup August 26 & 27 @ 6:30 pm

Visit us at:  
[emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com)  
[emmauschristianpreschool.webs.com](http://emmauschristianpreschool.webs.com)  
[www.facebook.com/EmmausChristianPreschool](http://www.facebook.com/EmmausChristianPreschool)



## Fentanyl Awareness Memorial Run

This benefit is to raise awareness of the leading cause of death between the ages of 11-45. Help us come together to honor our loved ones who have passed. Money raised will go towards putting up new billboards in Wauseon, Defiance, and possibly Napoleon locations.

**WHERE:** Emmaus Lutheran Church (across from Chief)  
841 N. Shoop Ave., Wauseon

**WHEN:** August 31, 2024

**TIME:** 10am-12pm ride starts, 2-4pm dinner

**REGISTRATION @ 10am**

**KICKSTANDS UP @ 11am**

**ENTRY FEE:** \$20 per rider/\$5 passenger

Ride will be held by Jerry "Hillbilly"  
Any questions, please reach out to Mischa Okuley 419-403-1947  
or via messenger

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—July 11, 2024**

Meeting began at 6:30 with a reading from *Jesus Calling*, read by Jeff Flory. 11 members were in attendance.

June Minutes were reviewed and were approved as written.

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

- Larry asked Bev Schlosser to provide an update on Pastor Bob's health condition. Bev shared that she has been in contact with Pastor Bob's family and that his condition has worsened. The next 48 hours are crucial. Council shared a prayer for Pastor Bob.

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

- Membership numbers baptized 255 and communicants 203

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

- Worship services complete through September.
- August newsletter will be printed on July 24.
- Summer office hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm closed on Fridays.
- Having difficulty finding a guest Pastor for July 14 and 28.

### **Financial Officer's Report: submitted by Bev Schlosser**

June offerings	8611.26
June expenses	<u>10,748.56</u>
Shortage	2,137.50

General Fund.	14,860.60
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Edward Jones accounts:

Emmaus investments.	95,728.30
Parsonage proceeds.	182,442.76

### **Education Team: (Tante Lovins):**

- Planning to meet this summer to organize curriculum and supplies.

### **Elders Report (Harold Boyse):**

- Nancy Zesing Deceased 6/13/24
- Dave Murry Deceased 7/6/24
- Guest Pastors for July  
July 14  
July 21 Rev. John Schinkel  
July 28
- Council discussed options for a pastor to cover the July 14 and July 28 service. It was noted that if he is able to come back, it will be at least a month before he will be able to. Therefore, we should start planning for August services.

***Motion was made and passed unanimously to stream St. Paul Napoleon's Thursday night service for this Sunday.***

***Motion was made and passed unanimously to reach out to other Pastor's we have contacted in the past to provide temporary service.***

Larry will reach out to Pastor Randy to see if he is interested in helping temporarily.

Beth Flory will reach out to Pastor Kramer, Pastor Kern, and other Pastors from previous call list.

**Discipleship Team (Sue Boysel):**

- Food pantry served 34 families.
- Team will assist with the Suicide awareness motorcycle ride in August.

**Trustee Team (Leo Rabe):**

- The roof has been repaired.
- Eaves spouts need to be painted. Larry will provide a contact.
- Driveway blacktop is scheduled for September.

**Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):**

- Teaching position – No new applications
- 2024-2025 Registrations – 13 registered, a letter was sent to the parents to let them know that we do not have a teacher yet. Team will let the parents know by the end of July. If a teacher cannot be found, the preschool will be closed for the upcoming school year in hopes of reopening next school year.
- Playground Compliance – Brian Baldwin and Dick Koder are working to bring playground to meet requirements of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.
- Acct. Balance - \$29,070.57

**Sign Committee (Tante Lovins):**

- No report

**Investment Committee (Bev Schlosser):**

- No report

**Unfinished Business:**

- Bev will make signs indicating that the doors will be locked after the service starts.

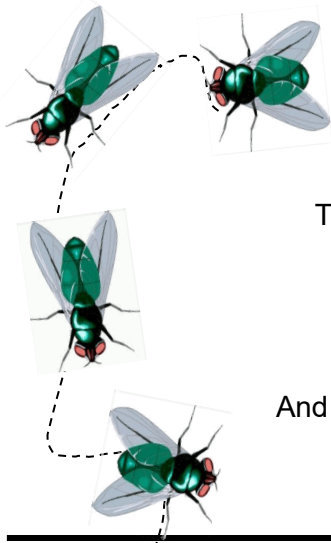
**New Business:**

- None

7:30 meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

**Next meeting: August 8, 2024 @ 6:30pm**

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary



## FLY ON THE WALL

Thanks to anyone who helped with the hog roast  
or who came and supported the cause.

Thanks also to those who donated desserts for the Suicide benefit.

Much gratitude to Pastor Morgan for coming to Emmaus  
and helping guide us to our next step in finding a new pastor.  
Also thanks for the food brought for the potluck.

And with great sadness we are so thankful for the time we had with Pastor Bob.  
He left his footprint and now we must carry on.  
We'll miss his heartfelt hugs and the impact he had on the  
Friday night AA group. Prayers continue for his family.

Stewardship minute....

### **Living as Dedicated Stewards**

By God's grace, we are enabled to live lives dedicated to God through faith in Christ Jesus. Martin Luther said, "If anyone would rap at the door of my heart and ask, 'Who lives here?' I would answer 'Martin Luther once lived here. But Martin Luther has moved out, and Jesus Christ has moved in!'" After the Apostle Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, Jesus changed and controlled his heart, and Paul now gave his whole life to Jesus. The sainted missionary David Livingstone expressed the complete dedication of his life to the Lord in these words: "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess in relation to the Kingdom of Christ. If anything, I have will advance the interests of that Kingdom, it shall be given away or kept only as by giving or keeping it, I may promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hope and faith in time and eternity."

Through faith, we live lives in love and gratitude to Jesus Who gave His life for us. By God's grace, we can give ourselves in complete service to the Savior to build His everlasting kingdom. God works in and through us to fulfill His purpose for our lives. And what a life it is! It is an abundant life. Our lives are fulfilling and profitable because now we are enjoying the blessings of this life and the promise of life eternal which is to come. Jesus said, "*And whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it*" (Mathew 10:39). If we live for ourselves, our lives will find little value and purpose, but living for Jesus will allow us to live lives of purpose which bring honor and glory to God.

## EMMAUS VISION

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



**Prayers for our Emmaus Family:**

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

**Sympathy:**

The family of Pastor Bob

**Shut-Ins**

Margaret Detter  
 Linda Prather  
 Chris Tuckerman

Darrel Garmenn  
 Irene Rabe  
 Terry Volkman

Annabelle Leupp  
 Gladys Rue

Gerri O'Brien  
 Barb Shannon

**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*)  
 Jim VonDeylen (*Leone Huner's Brother*)  
 Derek Wilson (*Karen Wilson's Son*)  
 Ted Wright (*Roseanna Parsons' Brother*)  
 Kelsey Wyse (*Renee Wyse's Daughter*)  
 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

**L.W.M.L. NEWS**



The Emmaus LWML group began their July 2024 - June 2025 year, meeting on July 3 at 1:00 PM. Mary Behnfeldt gave the opening devotion. Hostess JoAnn Eckler served delicious yogurt with YUMMY toppings!

Karen Wilson shared the story of the Good Samaritan as told at the Ohio LWML convention. Imagine: We are assaulted and robbed, desperately needing aid, lying on the side of the road. The burglar thugs are satan and the sinful world. Our Good Samaritan rescuer is Jesus our Savior. Blessed Emmaus is our Inn....

Attendees also enjoyed participating in a responsive reading and singing a patriotic hymn.

Coming soon: Lutheran Women in Mission mailbox member opportunity.

The Defiance/Napoleon Zone Retreat will be Saturday, September 21 at St. Johns, Stryker from 8:30-1:00. Our unit shares the responsibility of table decorations with St. Paul, Flatrock.

Leone Huner is sending cards to the Emmaus sick and shut-ins in August. Karen Wilson will be doing the same in September. If you would like to participate in this "card ministry" please contact Karen Wilson, Marilyn Dachenhaus or Mary Behnfeldt. This is a one month commitment and we currently have ten shut-ins on our list. Oh, what a blessing to brighten someone's day!

Meeting just 6 times a year, our next LWML meeting is September 7 at 1:00 PM. All Emmaus ladies are welcome. After a short business meeting at the church, we will be visiting the Grotto at St. Caspar Catholic Church. Karen Wilson will be hostess and share the opening devotion.

"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

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Jordan Perdue
- 5 Geri O'Brien
- 8 Sherry Johnson
- 10 Kayden Hanson
- 11 Jacob Schlosser
- 14 Nancy Geisige
- 15 Alaeyha Minor
- 17 Avian Smallman
- 22 Bronsyn Deeds
- 24 Marilyn Dachenhaus
- 25 Jeff Oberla
- 27 Mary Behnfeldt
- 28 Jack Warncke III
- 30 Linda Prather



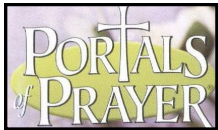
## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Lee & Leone Huner
- 10 Tiffany & James Prayter
- 20 Roger & Mary Behnfeldt
- 27 Bill & Jeri Seibel
- 31 Donald & Linda Prather

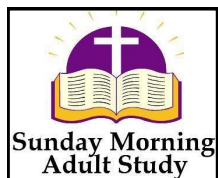


## ALTAR FLOWERS

*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 April to June 2024 **Portals of Prayer** are available in the church hallway. Please pick up your copy today.



## SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

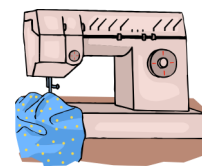
Sunday mornings at 8:30 am  
Please join us!

**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.**



Tuesday **Aug. 20**  
Please get your information to the church office for next month's newsletter.



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



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.

