




**MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.  
**Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024**

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


**6:30 pm**  
 Emmaus Council



**EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY**

**Thursday, Sept. 19**  
**4:00 pm Discipleship Meeting**  
**5:00-7:00 pm Food Pantry**

Items needed:  
 Brown Paper Bags

**OFFICE HOURS**  **Updated Fall-Spring Office Hours are**  
**Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—1:30 pm**

# PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



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).



First Day of Preschool  
September 9 for 3-day and 5-day class  
September 10 for 2-day class

## Please welcome our new preschool teacher!

My name is Sallyann Miles. (Mrs. Miles) I am the new Preschool teacher here at Emmaus. I have been married to my husband for 14 years and we have two wonderful daughters ages 5 and 11. We have a house FULL of all types of animals and we are always on the go! One of our pets, Ash, will be joining the classroom for the school year! She loves kids and can't wait to meet your student! I am very excited for this new adventure! Teaching is a passion of mine and one that I truly enjoy! I have 15 years experience teaching all ages and abilities. As a teacher I feel it is my job not to just make sure my students grow academically, but that they develop a healthy self esteem, confidence and a relationship with God! I am not just here for my students but parents as well. If you have any questions or concerns, never hesitate to bring them to my attention! We are not just a Preschool, we are a family!



Visit us at:

[emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:emmauschristianpreschool@yahoo.com)  
[emmauschristianpreschool.webs.com](http://emmauschristianpreschool.webs.com)  
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## LWML Fall Retreat

The Napoleon / Defiance Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Fall Retreat will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker, on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the program scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**ALL women are invited.**

The theme is "Loving God by Serving Others" based on Matthew 25:40.

Attendees will be participating in 4 servant events: coloring/writing notes in cards for Phil's Friends, assembling baby layettes for Lutheran World Relief, signing cards for residents at the Filling Home, and assembling hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train.

Please join us! If you have any questions, please ask Karen Wilson or Mary Behnfeldt. Registration forms will be available in the church office and will need to be returned on or before September 9th.

Thank you for all you do in service to others because of God's love!

"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

### 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.



## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—August 8, 2024**

Meeting began at 6:33 with a reading from *Jesus Calling*, read by Roger Behnfeltdt. 10 members in attendance. July Minutes were reviewed and were approved as written.

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

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

- Membership numbers baptized 254 and communicants 202

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

- Worship services complete through October.
- September newsletter will be printed on August 23.
- Summer office hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm closed on Fridays.
- Tricia is having carpal tunnel surgery August 16. She will return to work later the following week.

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

- General Fund. 15,888.78  
July offerings 7,105.40  
July expenses 8,247.78  
Shortage 1,142.38
- Jan-July 2024 offerings vs. expenses= negative 10,077.85  
\*Carry over balance in general fund helps maintain a positive balance.
- Edward Jones accounts:  
Emmaus investments. 95,635.46  
Parsonage proceeds. 183,214.61

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

- Meeting with Adriane Baldwin on August 14 to schedule curriculum.

#### **Elders Report (Roger Behnfeltdt):**

- Guest Pastors for August  
August 4 Ted Rellstab  
August 11 Dale Kleimola  
August 18 Dale Kleimola  
August 25 Ted Rellstab
- Roger reported that he visited and gave communion to Grace Clair, Gerri O'Brien, Annabelle Leupp, and Margaret Detter. All were appreciative. Roger used the wine that had been blessed at the previous communion service.

#### **Discipleship Team (Sue Boysel):**

- Food pantry served 34 cars last month.
- Suicide awareness Poker Run was held. Over 130 motorcycles participated.
- The Wings of Change BBQ generated \$1140. Donations were given to Serenity Springs and 2 homeless shelters.

**Trustee Team (Leo Rabe):**

- The Spectrum equipment has been returned.
- The repaired roof had a significant leak in the narthex. Larry Neuenschwander has called the company he provided repairs. As a result, the ceiling tiles will need to be replaced. Trustees will take care of purchasing and installing.
- New concrete has been poured under awning on south side of church.  
***A motion was made and passed unanimously to use Rosemary Lind memorial funds to cover the \$4300 cost.***
- Council revisited the need for an elevator or chair lift down to the fellowship hall. Beth will check with the ability Center to see about options.

**Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):**

- Teaching position – A teacher has been hired!! Sallyann Miles from Defiance Ohio signed the contract 8.7.24. She has previously taught at St. John Lutheran School in Defiance.
- Roundup Day- August 26 and possibly 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm The first day of school will be September 9.
- 2024-2025 Registrations – 10 students registered, with an additional pending registration coming.
- Playground Compliance – it appears the slats can just be moved to be in compliance with ODJFS guidelines.
- The Schuette's could possibly replace the preschool shed roof later this fall.
- Acct. Balance - \$29,030.57

**Sign Committee (Tante Lovins):**

- No report

**Investment Committee (Bev Schlosser):**

- No report

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

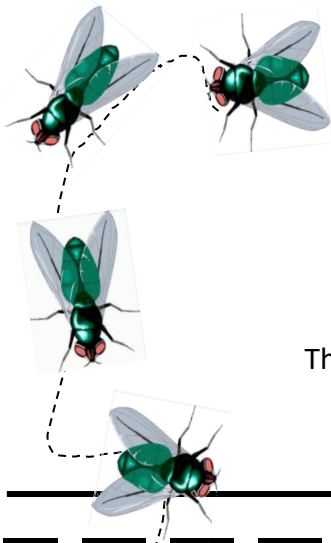
**New Business:**

- Council discussed the apartment that Pastor Bob had been renting along with the contents inside.  
***A motion was made and passed unanimously to turn in the apartment and donate the household items Cecily Rohrs.***
- Council discussed options for moving forward without Pastor Bob. Roger Behnfeldt read a letter from Pastor Joel Morgan laying out the 3 options in front of us. 1. Call another interim pastor. 2. Form Call Committee and begin call process for a new pastor. 3. Seek a congregation interested in a dual parish.  
***A motion was made and passed unanimously, Roger will contact Pastor Morgan and ask for a list of interim pastors.***
- Bev Schlosser requested permission from Trustees to seek estimates on carpet cleaning in the narthex and on the walls in the fellowship hall. Bev has also been working with an individual who is working on painting the fellowship hall.

7:50 meeting adjourned with the printed benediction.

**Next meeting: September 12, 2024 @ 6:30pm**

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary



## FLY ON THE WALL

Thank you for all donations and helpers from Emmaus  
for the Suicide Benefit.

Thank you to those who repaired and updated the entry area  
under canopy/south side of building.

Thank you to Tricia for everything you do for us all, you are so appreciated.

Welcome to our new Preschool teacher, Sally. Have a great year.

Stewardship minute....

### **Who Gives the Most?**

I would like to pose three scenarios: The first one is this: In today's offering, you place a check for \$50.00. Second: a 9<sup>th</sup> grader sitting close to you tosses in a dollar. Third: the person right in front of you puts in a check for \$300.00. The question is this: Who gave the most?

Now let us go back in time and observe a Pharisee who walks through the inner court of the temple and tosses into the temple treasury a bag of gold. Then shift your focus to a widow who slips in almost unnoticed and places two small copper coins into the same temple treasury. Who gave the most?

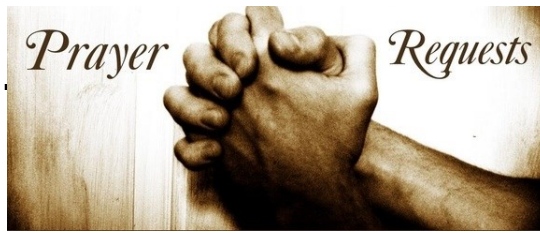
The answer is found in Jesus' Words: *"I tell you the truth," He said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on"* (Luke 21:4).

You see, God does not measure our gifts by the size of the gifts, but according to the condition of our hearts. God knows when giving is given out of faith, love, and gratitude for His countless blessings that He gives to us. Not only does He know the priorities of our hearts, but He also knows the giving capabilities that we have. When we give our offerings, He knows what we are keeping for ourselves, and He knows if we are giving sacrificially of what we have. Only as our relationship with Jesus grows will we be able to give greater proportions of what we receive.

Proportionate giving is fair to the rich and the poor. A person who earns \$10,000 and gives \$1,000 is giving the same proportion as a person who earns \$100,000 and gives \$10,000.

Going back to our original scenarios, wouldn't we agree that the person who gave \$300.00 gave the most? Certainly \$300 is greater than the dollar given by the 9<sup>th</sup> grader. However, from God's perspective, the 9<sup>th</sup> grader with the one dollar may have given a more meaningful gift than the person who gave \$300. If the dollar is given from a loving and grateful heart and if it represents a generous proportion of the youngster's income, the gift will please God. A gift of \$300 could sadden the Lord if it is given without faith and if it represents only a token amount of one's income. Jesus said, *"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked"* (Luke 12:48).

May God grant us the same faith as He did the widow so we, too, can give proportionately, generously, and perhaps even sacrificially.



**Prayers for our Emmaus Family:**

Grace Clair  
 Jeff Flory  
 Barb Franklin  
 Jamie Hanson  
 LaTishia Horrell  
 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  
 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

**Shut-Ins**

Margaret Detter  
 Linda Prather  
 Chris Tuckerman

Darrel Garmenn  
 Irene Rabe  
 Terry Volkman

Annabelle Leupp  
 Gladys Rue

Geri O'Brien  
 Barb Shannon



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

Karen Wilson is sending cards to the Emmaus sick and shut-ins 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 4 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.

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**EMMAUS VISION**

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

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Terry Volkman
- 9 Scott Norris
- 10 Izabella White
- 13 Gladys Rue
- 16 Tammy Hall
- 19 Sandi Asbury
- 22 Megan Meiring
- 29 Roger Behnfeldt



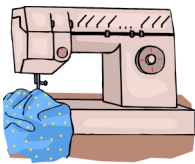
## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Barbara & Tim Shannon
- 16 Mark & Chris Schlueter
- 25 Todd & Kathy Kahrs

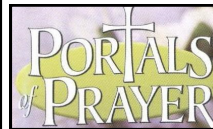


## ALTAR FLOWERS

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



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



Sunday Morning Adult Study

## SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Sunday mornings at 8:30 am  
Please join us!



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

## 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.**



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.

