



"Thank you" to all who helped to Un decorate the church from Advent, and to Edith for making a delicious lunch for all to enjoy. Appreciate all of you so much.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the members that donated food, snacks and delivering the Shut-in stockings. And also a big thank you to the sewing ladies for making the stockings. The Shut-ins really appreciated receiving these! ~ L.W.M.L.



"Hugs and Kisses" Sunday

February 9 will be Hugs and Kisses Appreciation Sunday. "Thank you" to everyone for everything you do for Emmaus. Blessings to All. ~Discipleship Team



MONTHLY MEETINGS

BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025

5:30 pm

Elders Team
Preschool Team
Trustees Team

6:30 pm

Emmaus Council



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



EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY

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

Items needed:
Brown Paper Bags

PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



February 17, 2025—No Class for President's Day

Visit us at:

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



LWML NEWS

The January 8th meeting of Emmaus LWML began with the devotion, "**Thankful**" given by Mary Behnfeldt.

Mary Behnfeldt sent cards to the sick and shut-ins in November, goody filled stockings were distributed to them in December, Karen will send cards in January and JoAnn Eckler in February. Marilyn and Karen plan to visit half the shut-ins in January and half in March.

It was decided that there will be an Ash Wednesday Soup and Sandwich Supper on March 5. A sign-up sheet will be posted for anyone wanting to donate. Thank you in advance to anyone contributing to the supper. You are most appreciated!

Easter will be on April 20th this year. Breakfast planning for that day will be completed at our March meeting.

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.

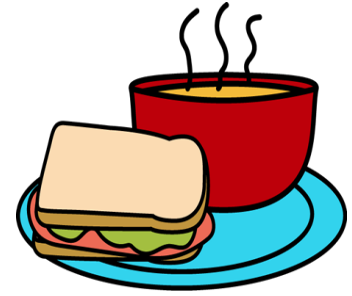
We looked closely at the First Bible Study on James themed "**What You Do Matters.**" Thank you Sue and Bev for joining our study! We are so glad you did! The James Study at our next meeting's focus is "**How You Respond to Hardships Matter.**" There are still books available if you have an interest. See Karen Wilson or any of the gals mentioned above for additional information. 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

*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!



**OFFICE
HOURS**



**Fall-Spring
Office Hours are**

Monday—Thursday 8:00 am—1:00 pm



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—January 9, 2025

Meeting began at 6:30 with a devotion by Sue Boysel. 9 members in attendance.

December Minutes were reviewed and were unanimously approved as written.

Congregation Chair (Larry Neuenschwander): decorations down

- Larry thanked those who helped take down Christmas decorations and nativity.

Pastor's Report:

- Membership numbers baptized 254 and communicants 202

Administrator's report (Tricia Zesing):

- February 2025 newsletter will be printed on January 22.
- Worship services are completed through March.
- Guest pastors scheduled through the end of February with Pastor Ted serving for all Midweek Lenten Services.

Financial Officer's Report (Bev Schlosser):

Offerings for December	10,187.85
Expenses for December	<u>7,467.93</u>
December net positive.	2,719.92

As of Today 1/9/25	
General fund balance	27,661.90
Less unpaid bills	179.97

As of 12/31/24	
Emmaus investments	100,495.20
Parsonage funds	<u>123,185.51</u>
Total investment	223,680.71

Education Team (Tante Lovins):

- Attendance is consistent with 1 student.

Elders Report (Roger Behnfeldt):

- Pastor Ted Rellstab volunteered to serve as guest pastor for all Midweek Lenten services
- Guest pastors for January and February
January 9 & 15- Pastor Terry Cripe, January 12 & 26- Pastor Rellstab
February 2 & 16 Pastor Cripe, February 9 & 23 Pastor Rellstab
- Interim pastor that we had been hoping to share with Zion Ridgeville has fallen through.

Discipleship Team (Sue Boysel):

- Food pantry served 27 cars, 83 people. Pettisville FFA donated fruit.
- Thank you to everyone for helping take down decorations.

Trustee Team (Beth Flory):

- Eave spouts need to be repainted
- Don Prather purchased handicapped signs. Will wait until spring to hang them.
- Beth will look into elevator similar to St. James for the fellowship hall.

Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):

- 9 students enrolled in MWF class
- Christmas program was held on December 18, approximately 55 people stayed for the meal afterward.
- The team spoke with the teacher about closing the preschool after this school year.
- Preschool shed has been reroofed by Dean Schuette.
- Acct. Balance \$22,985.26 ending balance as of 12/31/24

Sign Committee (Tante Lovins):

- No Report

Investment Committee ():

- No report

Nominating Committee:

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- None

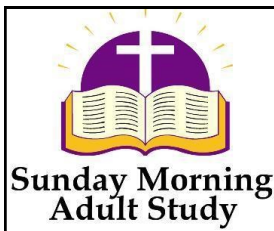
New Business:

- Memorial service for AA member Steve Vasvery this Sat will be held in the sanctuary.

7:45 meeting adjourned with Benediction and Lord's Prayer.

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

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary



**SUNDAY ADULT
BIBLE CLASS**

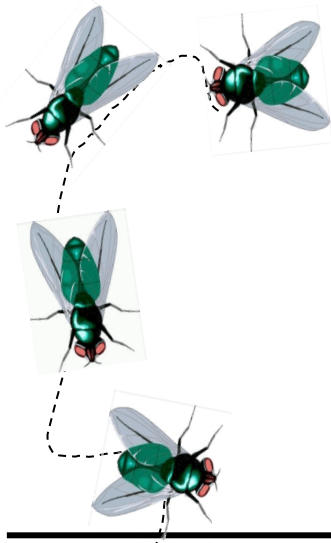
Sunday mornings at 8:30 am
Please join us!

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

A thank you note was sent to the Pettisville FFA
for the donation of fruit for our food pantry.

Thanks to our Sunday school teachers
for giving of their time to teach little Felicity.

Much thanks to Tricia for her devotion to our church office.

And not to forget thank you to those who use
their Thrivent cards to help with many projects.

Stewardship minute....

Let your Light Shine

The Bible says, "...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in Heaven" (Matthew 5:16). The question we must ask is, "How clearly and how brightly are we reflecting Christ in our lives?" There are lots of things that diminish our reflections. Willful disobedience to God's will, unconfessed sin in our lives, grudges and anger, grief, and guilt diminish and tarnish our reflections. God designed us to be reflections of Him, and what is happening in our lives, in our hearts, in our minds, and in our actions affects the brightness of the reflections.

God wants us to be His light, so others will be drawn not to us, but to Jesus, the "*light of the world*" (John 8:12). The depth of our own relationships with God matters a lot when it comes to letting His light shine!

We are busy with numerous activities, things that are important to us, and rightly so. We are going to be investing our time and energy in many things, yet each of us needs to ask, "How much am I investing in the lives of others?" Do you know someone who is struggling in his faith or has no relationship at all with Jesus? One of the most valuable things you could do is to strengthen your relationship with Christ and strengthen your relationship with that person. Ask God to give you a heart of compassion for that person and to help you be a reflection of Jesus that can turn him toward Jesus.

Of all the things we could invest ourselves in, of all the things we could exchange our time or energy for, there is nothing more valuable than investing in people to help them know Jesus Christ. It is an investment that lasts forever.

May we all let God's light shine through us to others.



Prayers for our Emmaus Family:

Parker Baldwin
Richard Brown
Grace Clair
Jeff Flory
Barb Franklin
Jamie Hanson
LaTishia Horrell
Mac McGilvery
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*)
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.



THANK YOU!

Donated items from Frosty have gone to: 1.) SART Program Toledo, Sexual Assault Response Team, to help women and children who are assault victims in need of clothing etc. Hats, gloves and kids gloves. 2.) Oncology Dept. FCHC Hats and gloves. 3.) Michelle Boggs works with homeless group. Hats, gloves, men's underwear. 4.) New Horizons/Sara's Garden. Hats and gloves. Thanks to everyone for everything. ~Discipleship Team.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Hayden Konieczka
- 4 Monica Meiring
- 10 Grace Clair
- 13 Donald Prather
- 14 Karen Grieser
- 14 Gregory Kohler
- 15 Richard Johnson
- 16 Annabelle Leupp
- 23 Camryn Prayter
- 27 Roseanna Parsons



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Ed & Sandra Eyer

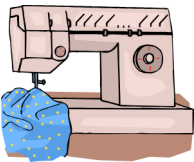
ALTAR FLOWERS



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.



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.**