


POUR OUT TO THE  
GOD OF  
**HOPE**  
AND BE FILLED  
ROMANS 15:13  
74TH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE - MAY 1, 2025  
National Day of Prayer  
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**MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
BE SEEN. BE CONNECTED. BE INFORMED.  
**Thurs., May 8, 2025**  
**5:30 pm**  
Elders Team  
Preschool Team  
Trustees Team  
**6:30 pm**  
Emmaus Council

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
PROVERBS 31:30 NIV  
Wishing you God's unending favor, kindness and love this  
*Mother's Day*  
and always

**EMMAUS FOOD PANTRY**  
**Thursday, May 15**  
**4:00 pm Discipleship Meeting**  
**5:00-7:00 pm Food Pantry**  
Items needed:  
Brown Paper Bags

**Monday, May 26, 2025**  
HAPPY  
**MEMORIAL Day**  
Church Office Closed




**OUR Newsletter DEADLINE is**  
Tuesday **May 20**  
Please get your information to the church office for next month's newsletter.



Volunteers welcome!  
Help needed to mow, clean up twigs, etc. Our church grounds always looks so nice!! Thanks to all helpers!  
Lawn mowing schedule is posted on bulletin board.

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





## LWML NEWS

Easter breakfast was enjoyed by many! The daffodils were beautiful, the food delicious and the faces beaming with the greatest news of all: "He is Risen!" Enormous thanks and appreciation to those attending, preparing/donating, serving or cleaning up! Tante, thank you for the Easter Egg Hunt that was especially fun for Felicity, Ava and those watching!

Mary Behnfeldt attended the LWML Napoleon Zone Board of Directors Meeting and Spring Rally held April 5th at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wauseon. Karen Wilson will attend the LWML National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska June 26-29. As the Napoleon Zone delegate she will be voting for ten of the forty-seven 2025 – 2027 Mission Grant Proposals, listed below. Please let her know if any of the mission grants hold a special meaning or interest to you. **She represents you.** The week of May 5<sup>th</sup> a video of all mission grant proposals will be available on the LWML Convention webpage. The link will be happily shared at your request.

Karen will be walking in a Bi-State Mite Mission Walk while in Omaha. She asks you to prayerfully pledge your support. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. All donations will support LWML Mission Grants for the 2025–2027 biennium. Whether using the sign-up sheet or not, checks may be delivered to the church office or placed in the collection plate, made payable to **LWML**. Write **WALK** on the memo line. After the convention, Tricia will send the donations received to: LWML, 801 Seminary Place, Ste. L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Thank you for your consideration and participation!

Our next meeting will be May 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. Marilyn Dachenhaus will give the devotion and serve as hostess. The James Bible Study will continue with "**How You See Others Matters.**" God's mercy isn't just meant to flow to us, it's meant to flow through us. We welcome you!

**"But Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen" 2 Peter 3:18**

**Announcing 2025 – 2027 Mission Grant Proposals Ballot Set** Lutheran Women in Mission, also known as Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), is excited to announce the list of mission grant proposals selected for the voting body to review and pray over, leading up to the 41st Biennial Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. The LWML Mission Grant Selection Committee received 112 proposals from ministries focused on mercy and gospel proclamation work in the United States and overseas. After careful prayer and discernment, the committee narrowed the proposals to a final list reflecting the most pressing ministry needs. As proclaimed in the book of Matthew "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37); we recognize the immense need for support. While the need is great, Lutheran Women in Mission must focus on what is possible in this current time through its mite offerings and grants. We are grateful to each ministry that submitted a proposal and continue to pray for your mission work. The final list of 47 proposals, approved by the Board of Directors and Presidents Assembly, can be seen below. They will be voted on prior to the 2025 convention by the certified delegation through an online balloting process.

1. Support Rev. Roberto and Katie Weber, LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, North America \$10,000 2. Reaching Jewish People with the Gospel in Israel, The Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Asia \$100,000 3. Healing Your Heart — Faith-based Child Counseling, Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, U.S. \$100,000 4. The Teaching of Lutheran Pastors in West Africa — Sierra Leone and Liberia, Project: Pastoral Education West Africa \$86,000 5. Growing Together to

Share Braille and Large Print, Lutheran Braille Workers, U.S. \$100,000 6. Scholarships to Support International Deaconesses — Tanzania, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Africa \$100,000 7. Proclaiming Christ in Honduras, Mission Evangelica Lutheran Confessional in Honduras, Central America \$25,000 8. Increasing Access to Lutheran Counseling Services, Concordia Counseling: A Lutheran Outreach Ministry, Inc., Indiana \$100,000 9. Help for Ukraine's Orphans and Displaced Persons, Orphan Grain Train, Europe \$100,000 10. Regional Disaster Response LERT Shower Trailers, LCMS Office of National Mission, Disaster Response Ministry, U.S. \$81,500 11. Light of Jesus Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers, A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc., Wisconsin \$75,000 12. Mission Opportunities for a New Generation, MOST Ministries, Global \$50,000 13. Renewing, Restoring, Refreshing People in Christ, Pioneer on the Lake Christian Camp and Retreat Center, New York \$100,000 14. Gospel Outreach through the Digital Mission Field, Lutheran Hour Ministries, U.S. \$100,000 15. Introducing Muslims to the Savior, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Global \$100,000 16. Developing Capable Christian High School Leaders, Sioux Falls Lutheran School, South Dakota \$100,000 17. Sharing God's Love and Changing Lives of Families, Camp Restore Detroit, Michigan \$81,313 18. Building a Place of Care, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota \$60,000 19. Christ-Centered Hope for Cancer Patients, Phil's Friends, U.S. \$100,000 20. Getting Kids to Camp: Physically and Financially, Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado \$54,200 21. Shining a Bright Gospel Light, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Mobile, Alabama \$78,675 22. Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, Arizona, U.S. \$100,000 23. Teaching Christ to the Physically Handicapped, Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, Louisiana \$12,000 24. Speaking Truth Around the Table, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, U.S. \$75,000 25. Reaching God's Children in Haiti, Trinity HOPE, Haiti \$61,782 26. Pastoral Wellness: Pastor Family Week, Camp Linn Haven, North Carolina \$15,000 27. Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA, Concordia Publishing House — Concordia Gospel Outreach, U.S. \$125,000 28. Redeeming Life New Moms and Babies Transition Home, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Illinois \$100,000 29. Transforming Lives in India through God's Word, India Bible Study Translation Project, Asia \$100,000 30. Sharing Faith and Food with Single Mothers, Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas \$38,800 31. Life Ministry Training Development and Automation, Lutherans For Life, U.S. \$50,000 32. Equipping All God's Children in a Lutheran School, Child of God Lutheran School, St. Peters, Missouri \$80,000 33. Portable Laundry Trailer, Forged by Fire Services, U.S. \$100,700 34. Mercy Triumphs: LCMS Prison Ministry, LCMS Office of National Mission, U.S. \$84,500 35. A Model Lutheran School for Sierra Leone — Lutheran Church of Sierra Leone, LeadaChild, Africa \$79,000 36. Reaching Out with God's Love in a Safe Place, Forward, a Ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska \$100,000 37. Caring for Those of the Household of Faith, LCMS Office of National Mission, Specialized Spiritual Care Ministry, U.S. \$75,000 38. Building the Faith in Guatemala, Resurreccion Lutheran Church Educational Community, Central America \$70,000 39. Christian Counseling Services, Lutheran Counseling Center, New York and New Jersey \$30,000 40. NOT ALONE: Gospel Help for Families in Crisis, Lutheran Family Service, Iowa \$92,500 41. Pittsburgh Campus Ministry, International Student Ministry and Lutheran Student Fellowship, Pennsylvania \$70,000 42. The Perpetual Call for Pastors and Teachers, LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, U.S. \$100,000 43. Serving the Least Among Us — The Next Step, God Cares About You, Albuquerque, New Mexico \$66,500 44. Prayer Plaza: Outreach, Discipleship, and Fellowship, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas \$75,000 45. Summit Mission Alliance — Mission in Leadville, Colorado \$100,000 46. Supporting Compassionate Medical Care in Detroit, The Luke Clinic, Michigan \$80,000 47. Mobilizing After School Care for Teens, Our Place After School Care Inc., Hastings, Nebraska \$69,500

**About Lutheran Women in Mission** Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is the leading women's organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, Lutheran Women in Mission has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions. We're a non-profit that encourages women to joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and to honor God by serving others.

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—April 10, 2025**

Meeting began at 6:30 with a devotion by Sue Boysel. 6 members in attendance. March Minutes were reviewed and were unanimously approved as written.

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

- Mark Schlueter will be attending the District meeting in Dublin. Larry will attend as a guest.

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

- Membership numbers baptized 254 and communicants 202

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

- May 2025 newsletter will be printed on April 23.
- Worship services are completed through June.
- Guest pastors are scheduled through June.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr payroll taxes will be filed this month.

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

Offerings for March	11,472.50
Expenses for March	<u>6,892.26</u>
	<b>4,580.24</b>

YTD (Jan-March) 1,481.63

As of 4/8/25

General fund balance 30,391.71

Emmaus investments 97,497.64

Parsonage funds 124,491.21

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

- Attendance is consistent with 1 student.

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

- Guest Pastors for April:  
April 13&27 and Holy week- Pastor Rellstab, April 6&20- Pastor Cripe
- Guest Pastors for May:  
Pastor Cripe May 4 & 18, Pastor Rellstab May 11, Pastor Schinkel May 25
- Guest Pastors for June:  
Pastor Cripe June 1&15, Ted Rellstab June 8&22, John Schinkel June 29
- Pastor Schinkel has agreed to fill in to visit shut ins and make hospital visits. Council discussed compensation for visits.

***A motion was made and passed unanimously to reimburse Pastor Schinkel at rate of \$25 per visit plus mileage.***

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

- 24 cars 9 new people served. There is a bible study group that would like to donate money to the food pantry this summer. Sue will get a flyer ready.

### **Trustee Team**

- Leo obtained quotes for new furnaces \$12,721 Whitmers, \$11,850 Elling, \$9,650 Vickers, council questioned if we need new furnaces at this time or if we can hold off. Bev will check with Dave Whitmer to see if we really need a new one.
- Target Pest Control used to spray yard for pest control but have not been reachable. It was suggested to reach out to Custom Turf Solutions to get a price on spraying the yard.



**Preschool Team (Bev Schlosser):**

- 2024-2025 Registrations – 9 students in M-W-F class
- Easter Party – April 16<sup>th</sup>, Easter Egg Hunt, snacks
- Easter Break – April 18th thru 21st
- Summer Birthdays – note sent home with open date to children with summer birthdays if they would like to bring in snacks to celebrate
- Zoo Field Trip – May 2nd, Preschool will be paying for students ticket if they are going (\$13 each), parents and additional children will have to pay for their own tickets, sending home permission slips, possible carpools available with other parents
- State Inspection – Inspection date was 2-12-25, there were 8 violations, the preschool board followed up with the corrective actions plans on 3-31-25, still need to respond with reports for 2 violations
- Graduation – May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM. Adriane applied for a Thrivent card to purchase ice cream sundae bar supplies and gifts of children’s bibles for all the students.
- Preschool Closing – the official closing date of the preschool with the State of Ohio is May 9, 2025. After this date the preschool board will gather keys from teachers, have all their personal items taken with them and the give final paychecks, clean storeroom and classroom, allocate finances, close accts.
- Acct. Balance - \$20,709.97 as of 02-28-2025

**Sign Committee (Tante Lovins):**

- No Report

**Investment Committee ():**

- No report

**Nominating Committee:**

- No report

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None

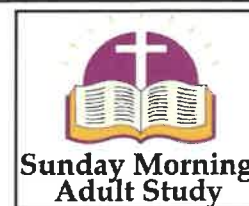
7:10 meeting adjourned with Benediction and Lord’s Prayer.

**Next meeting: May 8, 2025 @ 6:30pm**

Tante Lovins, Recording Secretary

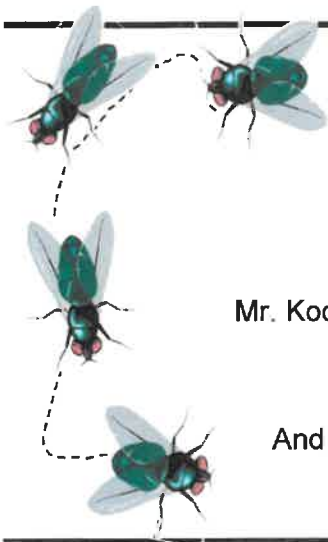


Children’s Sunday School Class, for 3 years old and up, will be from 8:30—9:30 am in the Emmaus room. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers to teach the class. If you have any questions, please see Tante Lovins or Adriane Baldwin.



**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Sunday mornings at 8:30 am  
Please join us!



## FLY ON THE WALL

Thanks to all who donated food and helped with prep and clean up for the Easter Breakfast.

The quilters appreciate all the donations of fabric.

Mr. Koder was seen busy in the yard cleaning and trimming...Thanks so much!

Another special gal keeps the banners updated. Thank you Tante!

And oh Brian, the church yard looks beautiful, although you got a little too much sun. We are so blessed by all our helpers at Emmaus.

Stewardship minute....

### **Called to Serve Others**

Throughout all four Gospels, we read how the life of Jesus was one of total service and sacrifice. Jesus declared, *“even as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many”* (Matthew 20:28). Jesus continually served the hungry, handicapped, sick, and homeless. His loving and servant heart was seen in all that He said and did. Following His example during the three years He spent on earth, we realize that our purpose, too, is to serve. He lived for His heavenly Father and for others. Just as Jesus served His Father, we exist to serve Him. Being conformed into the image of Christ we will take on the role of servants as He did.

The concept of serving rather than being served is not a natural one. We, by nature, prefer to be “number one.” We’re too wrapped up in ourselves even to notice the needs of others. Jerry White, in his book *Honesty, Morality, and Conscience*, writes, Christians are to be servants of both God and people, but most of us approach business, work, and life in general with the attitude of what I can get rather than what I can give. Serving God receives a favorable response but serving people, especially those who cannot repay us, has no visible benefit or glory from anyone except God.

A life of service is contrary to what our society promotes. We are told that we should aspire to fame, power, and wealth. Servants receive no glory, spotlight, or fame, but a meaningful relationship with Christ is not possible if we put ourselves first and seek only the goals that are important to the world that we live in. Living a life of service, we give of ourselves without striving for financial rewards or glory. Unlike the praise we receive from God, worldly praise has no lasting value. Along with the Apostle Paul we say that we are *“not to please man, but to please God Who tests our hearts”* (1 Thessalonians 2:4).



When lovely happenings appear right before our eyes, we need to share! Aislyn, Kaydence, and Emmy are talented contributors to the Tuesday morning quilting group. They design and piece quilt tops. They assist in ‘batting’ sandwiches. They tie nearly finished quilts together. Grandma Edith teaches, develops and nurtures these young quilters giving them love for a life-long craft. We are especially blessed with the talents and efforts they bring to our quilting mission!



**Prayers for our Emmaus Family:**

Parker Baldwin  
 Roger Behnfeldt  
 Richard Brown  
 Grace Clair  
 Jeff Flory  
 Barb Franklin  
 Jamie Hanson  
 LaTishia Horrell  
 Mac McGilvery  
 Greg Nagel  
 Ginni Neuenschwander  
 Roseanna Parsons  
 Joyce Plassman  
 Tiffany Prayter  
 Linda Prather  
 Leo Rabe  
 Barb Shannon  
 Our Emmaus Family & Inactive Members  
 Our Emmaus Preschool

**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

# PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



May 2—Field Trip to Toledo Zoo



May 9—Last day of preschool



May 9—Preschool Graduation at 6:00 pm followed by an ice cream sundae bar

**Visit us at:**

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

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Beth Flory
- 4 Jeff Flory
- 4 Ed Eyer
- 6 Zachary Villanueva
- 9 Leone Huner
- 10 Charlotte Wakefield
- 11 Derek Schuette
- 14 Darl Beachy
- 17 Lee Huner
- 19 Richard Brown
- 19 Adriane Baldwin
- 20 Kaydence Beachy
- 21 Keigen Beachy
- 26 Tante Lovins
- 27 Brooklyn Prayter
- 29 Emilie Rabe
- 31 Tracey Schuette



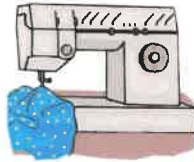
## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 Jeff & Beth Flory
- 23 Bruce & Julie Bickle

## 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 APR-JUN 2025 **Portals of Prayer** are available in the church hallway. Please pick up your copy today.



## EMMAUS VISION

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

**We would like to congratulate all of the 2025 Graduates and wish you all a very blessed future!**



**"For I know the PLANS I have for you"**  
 declares the LORD  
**"plans to PROSPER you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE."**  
Jeremiah 29:11