

Emmaus Lutheran Church

1224 Laurel Street

Indianapolis, IN 46203



May/June 2026

The Emmaus Companion

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Parish Planning Meeting
March 10, 2026

Attending - Jeff Frownfelter, Jerry Campbell, Carol Chandler, Robert Carey, Tim Birtchman, Gary Strakis, Norm & JoAnn Riemer, Pastor Irmer

Opened with Devotion
Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer Report

All bills are paid and we are still in the black.
Kaiser has a report on the building. Setting up a meeting to give us our options

Elders Report

Discussed security issues or the building that is not being used.
Discussed the July 25 wedding for the non-members.

Pantry Report

January 1144 individuals 284 households; February 1356 individuals 356 households served

Properties

Gutters are cleaned.
Pressure relief valve replaced on the boiler
Ordered 3 new gutter connections to help water from splashing the building.
New lock to be put on the door of the school.

Outreach Board

Our board met on Tuesday, March 3 with Sandy Duncan, JoAnn Riemer, Robert Carey. Karla Frownfelter, Katie Arritt, and Sherry Jett were present. Elwyn Parks also joined us and has indicated an interest in attending our meetings and joining our board. Tresa Strakis and Kenny Colton were not there. We were listening to thunder, lightning, and lots of heavy rain during our entire meeting.
Robert gave us a **PANTRY** report for this month, saying things were much the same as usual. They had 25 clients come today on a very rainy day. He also said we have 2 new volunteers, Katie Arritt & Steve George!
We next discussed the possibility of the Outreach Board handling **FUNERAL TREATS**. This had come up as a result of Elwyn's request/suggestion to JoAnn on the Sunday following Helen O'Connor's funeral. He and Pat O'Connor had done coffee and donuts for the family during the visitation before Helen's service. The results of our discussion were that we would put Elwyn in charge of notifying a board member/he can do the coffee (since he's there anyway)/and the board member will provide the treats.
Next we talked about having small **gift bags** on hand to give to first time **VISITORS**. It was decided this was a good idea, but we're not sure about how to handle the whole procedure yet. We do know we want to put a small church brochure/pen that has our church name/etc. (just 2 or 3 items in this bag). Idea still in developmental stage.
We finalized the details of the Outreach Board **LENTEN DINNER**. Which took place on Wednesday, March 4. Everybody already knew what they were bringing to the pulled pork dinner, so we chose a time to arrive and decided on a couple of necessary details we'd forgotten. The March 4 Dinner went really well/the attendance was about 25 or so/and the free will offering taken in was \$90 (which will be added to the monies that can be spent for the Easter Egg Hunt).
We spent the majority of our time planning for the **EASTER EGG HUNT** which takes place on Saturday, March 28, the day before Palm Sunday, at 11 a.m. NOW we are asking for donations of candy and plastic eggs to use for the hunt. We do have some candy stored from Trunk or Treat to use that is in Riemer's cool basement. The **EGG STUFFING DAY** is on Wednesday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m. JoAnn applied for \$250 Thrivent Money to help finance this event, and it was received on 2/20/2026. Also, there is \$237 in cash from freewill offerings at various dinners that can be used to help pay. The menu will be the usual with cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. And of course, we'll be offering crafts, games, etc. to do as well as the egg hunts. The gym will be set up and decorated the previous Friday evening. Publicity will be by flyers to the

Pantry and to the students at Central Christian Academy, our Emmaus Website, Facebook, and of course a sign put up on the fence by our park.

Future events: **SUMMER COOKOUT IN THE PARK** This will be around July 17 or 31 – in case there’s a wedding rehearsal on July 24.

EVERYBODY’S BIRTHDAY PARTY, perhaps in the fall. And of course, **OCTOBERFEST!**

We signed up for March **AFTER CHURCH TREATS**. Our **NEXT MEETING** is planned for May 5, at 6:30.

Fellowship Board

Lenten dinners have been well attended. We have three more to go.

Easter Breakfast will be held on April 5th at 8:30am

Our April Fellowship will be pizza and salad.

Pastor Report

Joel and Robin Westphal have started the paperwork to transfer to Emmaus.

New Business

Pick a date for Semi- **Annual meeting in June 7th**

Boards up for Election- Vice Chairman (will stay), Outreach, Treasurer (will keep), Properties (Gary), Elders ½ . This means that the Chairman, Fellowship, ½ Elders need to gather nominees.

Clean up Day- Date set for Saturday, April 25th, make up day May 9th.

Copier- start looking into replacing.

No PPC in April

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Chandler

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



During the summer, Carol will be working in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday. I will be working from home on Thursdays as well. If you need anything, please contact me at: emmauschurchindy@gmail.com

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 7th

Immediately following church there will be a lite lunch provided by the Board of Fellowship.

This meeting we will be discussing the budget, elect new board members (if applicable) and church issues.

Monthly Game Night

The Pastor Smith Game Nights are now on Saturday at 4:00pm. We will meet on May 9th and June 14th. Bring a snack to share and we will see you there!!!!



Outreach Board

The Outreach Board is pleased to continue the popular AFTER CHURCH TREATS each Sunday in the gym. We would be glad to have any of you help us out by bringing the treats for this activity. We'll make the coffee for you. Please join us any time to socialize and get better acquainted!

Lutheran High School Admissions If you haven't already, it's time to save your seat! New students need to submit an application. Returning students need to submit their re-enrollment. Both should be done as soon as possible at LHSI.ORG. Questions? Contact Deidre Barnett at admissions@lhsi.org #ItsAGreatDaytoBeaSaint

LHS 50th Celebration – May 9, 2026

Join us for our 50th Celebration taking place at Lutheran High School on May 9, 2026 at 5:00 pm. This will be a free event that will include a program and dinner. RSVP TODAY!

Commencement – Sunday, May 17

Lutheran High School's 48th Baccalaureate and Commencement for the *Class of 2026* will be held on Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 pm in the Indiana Farm Bureau Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend; doors will open at 1:30 pm.

LHS Summer Sports Camps – June 2026

LHS will offer summer sports camps during June for boys and girls currently in grade school. Sports Camps include: Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, and Wrestling. **NEW** this year... Track & Field will take place alongside our Cross Country Camp. For information and registration, visit LHSI.org.

Registration is OPEN! – LHS Golf Outing – June 7

The LHS Golf Outing will return to Martinsville Golf Club on June 7 (12:30 pm check in with lunch and 2:00 pm tee off). Sponsorship and Golfer Registration at lhsi.org.



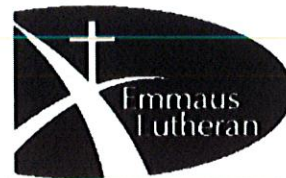
Emmaus Pantry News

Thank you again to all our volunteers who unselfishly give of their time to support the Emmaus Food Pantry.

Robert Carey happily reports that many of our clients accepted their invitation to join us for the egg hunt April 12. Numerous Emmaus school students came and all had a good time in Christian fellowship.

As warmer weather approaches, please consider bringing in bottled water, packets of powdered flavoring or kids drinks to help our clients stay hydrated.

If you grow your own fruits and veggies, you may wish to plant an extra row or two to donate. Thank you for supporting Emmaus' mission to our community



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PARISH PLANNING MEETINGS are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month **(May 13) at 6pm**. The business of the church is conducted at these meetings and any church member is welcome to attend, to ask questions, express concerns, make comments, ect. Please let the Church office know the day before that you will be attending.

ELDER MEMBERS

Members in need of ministry care or with spiritual concerns should call one of the

Elders:

Tim Birtchman 317-788-0021

Dave Duncan 317-783-3726

Scotty Jett 317-490-9742

Norm Riemer 317-862-4344

Jeff Frownfelter 812-929-2495

Gary Strakis 317-332-0937

Senior's Bible Study Class

Wednesday mornings @ 9:30 a.m. We look forward to our new study. Now would be a great time to join us. Anyone who is free on Wednesday at that time would be welcome to join our lively discussion as we learn more about our Christian walk with Jesus. Norm Riemer is the leader of this group.



Adult Sunday School

We meet every Sunday at 8:45am in the conference room during the Sunday School hour. Come join our group led by Robert Carey from 8:45am-9:45am



From the Call Committee -

Special Thanks from the Pastoral Call Committee.

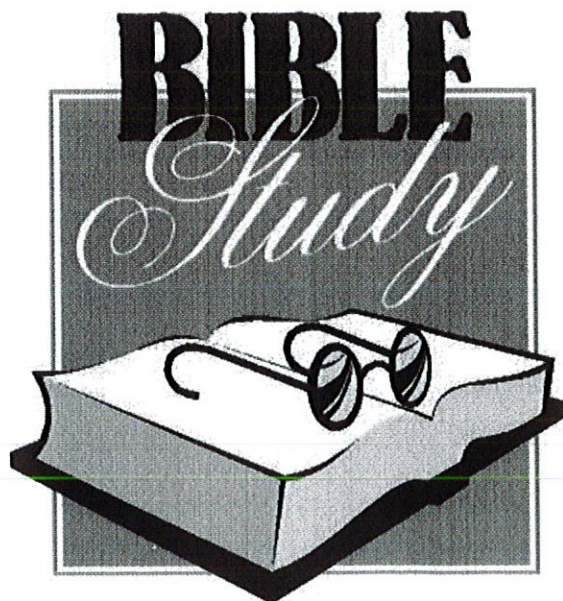
The Pastoral Call Committee extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been faithfully praying for God's will to be accomplished at Emmaus Lutheran Church. Your prayers uplift and encourage us each day.

If God's answer is to bless us with a Seminarian, all praise be to our Lord! Should God guide us to continue our search, we ask for your prayers to strengthen the Call Committee so we may press on with happy hearts and steadfast hope.

Thank you for your continued support and faith.

Thursday Night Bible Study

7pm—8pm



May Birthdays

Susan Russell	5/1	Ken Massey	5/14
Kyle Perry	5/5	Anita Roesener	5/14
Pastor Doug Irmer	5/6	Mike Klinge	5/21
Gerald Roesener	5/9	Matthew Alter	5/26



MAY 2026 SCHEDULE

5/3 Bob Groth
 5/10 Jeff Frownfelter
 5/17 Gary Strakis
 5/24 Tim Birtchman
 5/31 Bob Groth



5/3 Jerry Campbell
 5/10 Dave Duncan
 5/17 Norm Riemer
 5/24 Garald Evans
 5/31 Jerry Campbell



5/3 Norm Riemer
 5/10 Bob Groth
 5/17 Pat O'Connor
 5/24 Tim Birtchman
 5/31 Andrea Campbell



5/3 Carol Chandler
 5/10 Bob Groth
 5/17 Jeff Frownfelter
 5/24 Horst Hildebrandt
 5/31 Jerry Roesener



Cantwell

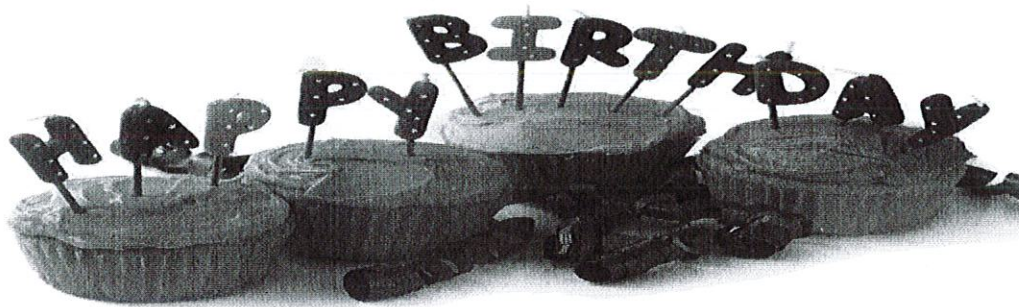


5/3 Norm & JoAnn Riemer
 5/10 B Whitsit/D Herndon
 5/17 R Cantwell/B Smith
 5/24 Jeff & Karla Frownfelter
 5/31 Norm & JoAnn Riemer



June Birthdays

Betty Whitsit	6/5	Kristie Corn	6/22
Donald Quinette	6/9	Charlene Foullois	6/22
Addison Lee	6/12	Alyssa Muhlhauser	6/24
Susie Doescher	6/13	Steve Strakis	6/24
Morgan Chandler	6/19	Carol Chandler	6/26



JUNE 2025 SCHEDULE

6/7 Jeff Frownfelter
 6/14 Gary Strakis
 6/21 Tim Birtchman
 6/28 Bob Groth



6/7 Dave Duncan
 6/14 Norm Riemer
 6/21 Garald Evans
 6/28 Jerry Campbell



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 6/14 Bob Groth
 6/21 Pat O'Connor
 6/28 Tim Birtchman



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Birtchman



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 6/14 R Cantwell/B Smith
 6/21 Jeff & Karla Frownfelter
 6/28 Norm & JoAnn Rimer

