

Emmaus Lutheran Church  
1224 Laurel Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46203



May/June 2024  
The Emmaus Companion  
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

## **Parrish Planning Council**

March 12, 2024

Present - Jeff Frownfelter, Carol Chandler, Norm Riemer, JoAnn Rimer, Derek Roesener, Pastor Smith, Robert Carey, Jerry Campbell, Dave Duncan

### **Treasurer Report**

We have drawn \$50k in our line of credit. We are expecting to receive our 40% from the vouchers. This should get us through, if not, we will draw on the line of credit (we have until July to do this)

The Endowment Board met last night and discussed the West parking lot. They are meeting with companies and getting quotes. We need the approval of the PPC to move forward with this project. Dave Duncan made a motion to approve the \$37K expense, Jerry C. seconded it, all approved.

### **Elders Report**

The Elders discussed the chapter titled: A Heart of Stone and a Rock of Salvation (in the book: The Hammer of God by Bo Giertz). It was about a young pastor who was initially inclined to progressive thinking of theology and the Bible and who began to realize what trouble it can cause. Also, that he should always wear clerical vestments vs. ordinary clothes when preaching, to command respect for the proclaiming of God's Word.

There was discussion that the Emmaus website is way out of date and for the benefit of in-reach and outreach at Emmaus, it needs continuous updating. Action is in progress to do this.

### **Properties Board**

Mulch to be spread by school entrance.

Library almost finished.

Art room has been decluttered.

Conference room bathroom cleaned up after vent fan problem.

Gas line to church boiler was raised to safe level and high & low gas pressure switches replaced today

### **School Board**

Things are going okay. They have Spring Break March 18-19 and various other E-days.

Letters have been sent to parents helping them with school placements.

Plans are being made for a class trip for the 6-8th grades.

Central Christian Academy has reached out to us and has offered free tuition to any of our students that want to attend there next year.

### **Fellowship Board**

Lenten Meals are being well attended

Plan have been made for host the Easter Morning Breakfast 8:30-9:30

Mission Trip Fundraiser for Rosemary Whitney is set for April 14th

### **Pastor Report**

Due to the fact that we have decided to close the school, we now have to look at what we can do to grow the church.

All our outreach efforts usually focused around our school children, so we need to set our sights on other ways to grow the church. Changing different activities will help support this.

We are working on doing more "in reach" with the congregation. Bringing us together so that we can go out and get more members.

We need to have an open mind

## **Outreach Board**

The Outreach Board met on Tuesday, March 5 with members Betty Foster, Tresa Strakis, Sandy Duncan, Robert Carey, Katie Arritt, and JoAnn Riemer present. Kenny Colton was unable to attend. JoAnn Riemer opened the meeting with prayer.

We first got a **Pantry Report** from Robert Carey. He told of a donation of 140 bags of goods from the Catholics. We also heard about the challenges that are sometimes presented when clients come who do not speak English. Just today a woman from Haiti came who only knew French. Fortunately, her sister was with her and she was bi-lingual. They had a small child too, who was pleased to choose a toy from the toy box that the Pantry offers for children.

JoAnn is working to update the church flier to have available for various uses. Robert requested copies of the flier to place in the boxes that the Pantry passes out to clients. Another thing that goes in the boxes at the Pantry is information about our church activities. Sandy has done some checking into our Church Website. She discovered that this needs some work to bring it up-to-date. Katie did some checking into the possibility of placing a church advertisement in The Southside Times. This would cost \$5 a week and has to run for a minimum of 13 weeks or \$65 a quarter. **WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CHURCH DO THIS.**

We are passing out **Treats to School Kids** on Wednesday, March 13. We have \$152.50 left to spend till the end of year, and the treats for March 13 cost \$17.52 which leaves \$134.98. We will pass out treats one more time towards the end of the school year, and any remaining money will be given to the school to use towards an end of year cook-out or whatever.

Our **Lenten Dinner** on February 21 was a success. The freewill offering from that meal was \$31 which will go towards the Egg Hunt.

We next talked about the **Egg Hunt** which is coming up soon. We continue to sign up volunteers for the hunt on March 23 at 11 a.m. and for Egg Stuffing Day on March 20 at 9:30 a.m. A few board members will work together to decorate/set up on Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> in the late afternoon. The candy donations are coming in nicely. We will have 3 crafts, cookie decorating, and a game in addition to our continental breakfast and of course "The Hunt." We have \$250 Thrivent money to spend + \$181.25 freewill offering money for a total of \$431.25 to spend on this event. A complete report will be submitted in April.

The last thing we discussed was the **Everybody's Birthday Party** which has been advertised in the newsletter as April 20. It was decided to change the date to April 27. Other board members will be in charge since JoAnn will be out of town. We discussed some of the details of the party which features pizza, birthday bingo, birthday cake, people signing in on the birthday charts on the wall, and everyone getting a birthday present at the end. Plans will be finalized at our next meeting.

## **New Business**

Everyone got a copy of the Helping Hands booklet to review and make revisions. Plan to hand out the books soon.

Closed with prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Chandler

## **Parish Planning Council**

April 9, 2024

Present

Jeff Frownfelter, Jerry Campbell, Barb Campbell, Carol Chandler, Norm and Jo Ann Riemer, Dr. Julie Watts, Robert Carey, and Pastor Smith

Absent

Derek Roesener

Open with Prayer

Read and approved minutes from March

### **Treasurer Report**

The big thing is the lunch program. We had an auditor a couple weeks ago looking over our records. Apparently we have not been counting each day which students took lunch at the proper place, which is immediately at the point when we serve them. Tracking just based on daily attendance is impermissible. Anyway, they re-created what they could but, based on the re-created meal counts, we claimed \$15,000 more in reimbursement than what we can support. They will deduct this \$15,000 from upcoming reimbursements. We also have annual financial reports to submit, which we are working on. Anyway, the auditor discovered that we have been ordering many more meals from Aramark than what we are serving. Therefore, we may not be able to claim all of those Aramark costs against our reimbursement dollars. If at the end of the program when we close the school if it shows we have received more reimbursement than what costs we can support, we will have to pay that differential back. This is a big issue for us, obviously. But, this is another piece of evidence that we just do not have the administrative capacity to manage all of the requirements to running a school.

### **Principal Report**

1. Parents have received information on a variety of schools for the 24-25 school year
2. April 2 vision and hearing testing were conducted (1, 3, 5, 8 vision/1, 4, 7 hearing)
3. April 17 is K-8 field trip to Traders Point Creamery
4. April 22 we start ILearn
5. Sunday, April 28 the kids sing in church
6. May 1, 2, and 3 daily field trip for the upper class (see schedule)
7. Kathy will be done at end of school year-and not available after second week of June
8. Who from the church will be responsible for scanning records to schools in July/August upon request? \*\*\*These school records will need to be kept for years to come (Carol will do this)
9. The basketball players would like their jerseys. (PPC voted no)
10. What are we to do with the resources? (PPC made decision on the)
11. Going through rooms to get rid of old items to not leave rooms a mess
12. We have a lot of supplies that I suggest we give to students at end of year for next year
13. One teacher has accepted a position with CCA.

### **Property Board**

Mulch was spread on either side of the school entrance.

### **School Board**

Laura Smallwood has accepted a position at CCA.

We have had 15 students apply for Central Christian Academy.

### **Fellowship Board**

We have wrapped up the Lenten season and were very pleased with attendance at the meals. Easter Breakfast was well attended as well.

Our next Fellowship meal will be on the 14th of April. All proceeds from this dinner will be donated to the mission trip being taken by Rosemary Whitney (member and alumni of Emmaus)

### **Pantry Board**

Last month we had 296 households, 1999 people and 18 returnees. Everything is going well, and morale is high.

## **Elders Meeting**

The Elders discussed the chapter titled: (On This Rock) In The Place of Sinners (in the book: The Hammer of God by Bo Giertz). The young pastor's friend Gunnar was falling away from the true faith and now was a soldier in the war. The pastor and a close friend spent 3 months in fervent prayer for Gunnar. He received a letter from Gunnar, who died in combat, how he regretted the past things he had done and that his life was turned around by the hand of Jesus. The letter empathized: Never give up praying.

Next month the elders will be studying Oratio, Meditatio, Tentatio: What Makes a Theologian? By John Kleinig from the Concordia Theological Quarterly.

Sue McFarland has been transferred to Emmaus from Calvary and Dereck Holliday has been reinstated as a member by affirmation of faith.

Elders Jeff and Tim have agreed to be Lutheran High School delegates.

**The Outreach Board** met with Katie Arritt, Betty Foster, Robert Carey, Kenny Colton, and JoAnn Riemer present. Tresa Strakis and Sandy Duncan were excused.

We began by reading a Bible verse and then opened with a prayer. We first discussed the Emmaus Church Flyer which is almost ready for use. JoAnn will finish that up so it can be distributed soon. The Church Website is being updated by Jeff Frownfelter. Katie Arritt will soon be placing an advertisement for Emmaus Lutheran Church in The Southside Times. Jeff will be paying for this advertisement which will cost \$65 for a quarter.

The next time **School Treats** are passed out will be Wednesday, May 15. They will be ice cream sandwiches. We have \$134.98 left in this fund that was donated specifically for school treats. Whatever is left over after we purchase the ice cream this time will be given to the school for "goodies" for the school children at the end of this last school year at Emmaus.

Board members were given a brief report on the **Easter Egg Hunt** which took place on March 23. We had 74 registered guests with 34 children signed in for the hunt. With the 21 helpers, that means we fed, 95 people. The Thrivent report has been sent in, and any unused food was donated to the Pantry. We had \$250 in Thrivent money and spent all but \$3.15 of it. We also had \$181.25 in freewill offering money that was available. Of that money, we still have \$99.51 left for other events after the Egg Hunt expenses. A complete report is on a separate sheet.

We made plans for **Everybody's Birthday Party** on Saturday, April 27, from 5-7 p.m. We will use the \$99.51 left from the Egg Hunt to help pay for this. We discussed who was taking care of providing each item so that the pizza, pop, birthday cake, punch, presents, etc. will be ready to go when the guests arrive. Last year's attendance was 42, with 33 being from the school & church & 2 being from the pantry.

We made sure we knew who was doing the **After Service Church Treats** on April 21 and 28. Then we concluded our meeting by having a discussion of what the Outreach Board might do in the future as activities to help make Emmaus better known in the neighborhood as a friendly, welcoming church and help Emmaus bring in some young families.

## **Pastor Report**

We need to make sure that the YouTube video is being broadcast weekly. We made need to look into a schedule.

We will be visiting shut ins on April 18th and May 2nd

Will be putting together an In reach Group. Will have a letter put out soon.

Would like to have the Helping Hands booklet out by June.

We have Ascension service on May 9th

Vacation the first two weeks of June.

## **New Business**

June 30th will be the semi annual meeting

The following boards are up for election; Assistant Executive Director, Treasurer, Board of Elders, Ministry Board for Resources and Facilities, Ministry Board for Outreach

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Chandler

## ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Please join us on Thursday, May 9th at 5:30pm for our Ascension Day service.

This day is a reminder that Christ remains among them through His gifts. From the right hand of God, Jesus rules and directs all things for the good of His people. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him, and He uses this for the good of the church. It was necessary for Him to ascend to the Father, that the Holy Spirit would be sent to deliver these gifts of Jesus to His church.

As God's people struggle with the trials of this world, Ascension Day brings them comfort, reminding them that, despite trial and cross, Christ remains with them always.



## ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, June 30th**

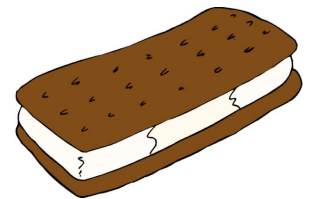
Immediately following church there will be a lite lunch provided by the Board of Fellowship.

This meeting we will be discussing the budget, and church issues.

## Outreach News

### SPECIAL TREATS

For the last time this school year the Outreach Board will pass out mid-day treats to the school children. The children will receive FREE ICE CREAM SANDWICHES courtesy of Emmaus Lutheran Church! This is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17!



**Many thanks to our Emmaus friends for your generous donations to help us with this outreach ministry to our wonderful students at Emmaus Lutheran School this past school year. They are most appreciative!**

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the summer, Carol will be working in the office on Wednesday and Thursdays. I will be working from home on Tuesdays as well. If you have any questions or need to contact me I can be reached at:

emmauschurchindy@gmail.com



## ALL CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

When we talk about the book of Revelation there are many questions, and probably just as many misunderstandings and misinterpretations...What is the Rapture? What is Premillennialism? What do all of the signs mean? Is it literal or symbolic? Do we see some of these things happening today? I've been asked to address these in a sermon on Sunday, and although this is a fantastic request, because there is so much information, it would have to be a series of sermons. And because there are so many questions it really isn't suited for the pulpit. Rather it is much more appropriate for a study series.

With that in mind, I am willing to put together a summer study series. If there is interest, we will meet on Wednesdays, beginning July 10, time TBD.

## **A letter from the Chairman of our Congregation**

**1 Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**Luke 1:37** For nothing will be impossible with God."

**Proverbs 14:23** In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.

Here we are again near midyear, another voters meeting coming up in June. What approval rating would you give Emmaus concerning its mission? How has Emmaus been there for you? Do you feel Emmaus knows who you are, cares about you, and is doing what it should as your church?

Poor - Could do better

Fair - Good Doing well

Great

Now rate yourself and how you are doing as a member of Emmaus, one who has worked toward building a church, one who is involved in reaching out to fellow church members, helping those in need, visiting those who cannot get out, helping at the pantry, working an outreach event, helping the maintenance staff, ushering, reading, going to bible study, talking to people about Christ, taking on small tasks that need to get done at the church, bringing in food for a fellowship meal, staying and talking to your fellow members after church, helping with VBS, serving on a board.

Poor- Could do better

Fair - Good Doing well

Great

Every one of us can start today and take some simple steps to make things better serving God for everyone. Stop criticizing what you think is wrong and start working toward fixing the problem to make Emmaus better for everyone. Every small positive change can help create a better spiritual home here in Indianapolis at Emmaus Lutheran Church. Pray about how you can help steer us to a better tomorrow.

**James 3:4** Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

Jeff

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## “Back to the Basics”

### June 23-25, 2023

VBS is just around the corner. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

Plans are being made to make this a great week full of fun, music, and learning about why we need Jesus!

**If you are wanting to sign up to volunteer or to bring your child(ren), please let Morgan Chandler know.**

If you have any questions, please see Morgan Chandler after church or email her at [morganmc95@icloud.com](mailto:morganmc95@icloud.com)





## Ladies Society News

The Ladies Society meeting for Thursday, May 9 at 12 noon will be held at church and will be a pitch-in; dessert and drinks provided. The school children will sing for us again!!!

We will also meet on June 13 at 12 noon at Rustic Root in Beech Grove for our last get together until September. Bring a friend.



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**PARISH PLANNING MEETINGS** are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month (**May 14**) 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

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You now have a new point of contact and information source with Emmaus Lutheran Church. This was built with two purposes. One, to tell Emmaus' story to Indianapolis and visitors about Emmaus and what we believe, basic services and outreach to the community. Two, to help communicate with you about what is going on and stay in touch with our members. On this site you will find the following:



- Our Service and Bible Study topics and times.
- Our basic beliefs, what we believe about Jesus, our basic creeds and the Lord's Prayer.
- Our upcoming special Services, outreach events and Food Pantry information.
- Ways you can donate
- Link to our YouTube services
- Weekly and monthly announcements, calendar and bi-monthly newsletter in pdf format.
- History of Emmaus - and this is where we want your help and input. Emmaus has a long history which many of you have had family who were and are a part of Emmaus, or you have been an alumni of Emmaus.

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## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

**The Together Project** -We are making big strides in our Together campaign! Several projects are completed or underway. The most recent project was a Weight Room remodel. Will you accept the invitation to be part of together? Help us cross the finish line! Email [kanderson@lhsi.org](mailto:kanderson@lhsi.org) for more information.

**Lutheran High School is hiring!**-Lutheran High School is seeking to hire the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year: Math (full or part time), Science (part time), Social Studies (full or part time), Business (full or part times) and Guidance Counselor (full time). If you have an interest, have questions, or know of someone who has an interest, please send questions, resume, and cover letter information to Kelle Johnson ([kjohnson@lhsi.org](mailto:kjohnson@lhsi.org)) or Michael Brandt ([mbrandt@lhsi.org](mailto:mbrandt@lhsi.org)).

**Commencement** – Sunday, May 19- Lutheran High School's 46th Baccalaureate and Commencement for the Class of 2024 will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 2:00 pm in the Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend; doors will open at 1:30 pm.

**Registration is OPEN!** – LHS Golf Outing – June 2 The LHS Golf Outing will return to Martinsville Golf Club on June 2 (12:30 pm check-in with lunch and 2:00 pm tee off). Register at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

### LHS Summer Sports Camps – June 2024

LHS will offer Summer Sports Camps in various sports during June for boys and girls who are in or have just completed grade school. For information and to register, visit [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

## 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

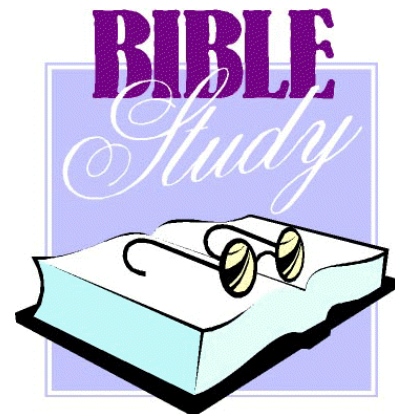


## PANTRY NEWS

The Emmaus Food Pantry was able to positively impact 1099 clients by meeting some of their food needs over 12 days in March. Thank you and our Lutheran Church partners for your continued donations of volunteer hours, prayers, and food items. The pantry always needs spaghetti sauce, beefaroni and other canned meals, or peanut butter and jelly, cereal for the kids and toilet paper if you see a good sale. The clients we serve also enjoy the gently used clothing, shoes, purses and toys that you share with us. Throughout May and June, we would like Emmaus to remember past graduates by donating needed items to help us prepare for the long summer. Thank you, Emmaus

## Thursday Night Bible Study

Led by Pastor Smith  
7pm—8pm



# Summer Word Search

S F L I P F L O P S I S L E P  
S U N S C R E E N A N U O S I  
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AUGUST  
BARBECUE  
BEACH  
FAMILY  
FLIP FLOPS  
FUN  
HOT  
ICE CREAM

ICE POP  
JULY  
JUNE  
OCEAN  
PICNIC  
POOL  
RELAX  
SHORTS

SPRINKLER  
SUMMER  
SUNGLASSES  
SUNSCREEN  
SUNSHINE  
SWIMSUIT  
VACATION



# May Birthdays

Gerald Roesener	5/9	Mike Klinge	5/21
Susan Russell	5/11	Betty Foster	5/25
Ken Massey	5/14	Matthew Alter	5/26
Anita Roesener	5/14		



## MAY 2024 SCHEDULE

5/5 Tim Birtchman  
 5/9 Jeff Frownfelter  
 5/12 Bob Groth  
 5/19 No Communion  
 5/26 Jerry Roesener



5/5 Jerry Campbell  
 5/9 any usher present  
 5/12 Dave Duncan  
 5/19 Norm Riemer  
 5/26 Garald Evans



5/5 Bob Groth  
 5/12 Pat O'Connor  
 5/19 Tim Birtchman  
 5/26 Andrea Campbell



5/5 Carol Chandler  
 5/12 Bob Groth  
 5/19 Jeff Frownfelter  
 5/26 Horst Hildebrandt



Frownfelter's



5/5 Norm & JoAnn Riemer  
 5/12 B Whitsit/D Herndon  
 5/19 Rosetta Cantwell  
 5/26 Jeff & Karla Frownfelter



# June Birthdays

Betty Whitsit	6/5	Kristie Corn	6/22
Donald Quinette	6/9	Charlene Foullois	6/22
Susie Doescher	6/13	Alyssa Muhlhauser	6/24
Morgan Chandler	6/19	Steve Strakis	6/24
Alex Chandler	6/21	Carol Chandler	6/26



## JUNE 2024 SCHEDULE

6/2 Tim Birtchman  
6/9 Bob Groth  
6/16 Jeff Frownfelter  
6/23 Jerry Roesener  
6/30 Tim Birtchman



6/2 Jerry Campbell  
6/9 Dave Duncan  
6/16 Norm Riemer  
6/23 Gerald Evans  
6/30 Jerry Campbell



6/2 Norm Riemer  
6/9 Robert Carey  
6/16 Karla Frownfelter  
6/23 Angel Loy  
6/30 Bob Groth



6/2 Jerry Roesener  
6/9 Carol Chandler  
6/16 Bob Groth  
6/23 Jeff Frownfelter  
6/30 Horst Hildebrandt



Angel Loy/  
Patty Hestand



6/2 Norm & JoAnn Riemer  
6/9 D Herndon/B Whitsit  
6/16 R Cantwell/G. Evans  
6/23 Jeff & Karla Frownfelter  
6/30 Nom & JoAnn Riemer