

Emmaus Lutheran Church
1224 Laurel Street
Indianapolis, IN 46203



May/June 2022
The Emmaus Companion
Monthly Newsletter

Parish Planning Council Minutes March 8, 2022

Present- Jeff Frownfelter, Jerry Campbell, JoAnn & Norm Riemer, Carol Chandler, Mike Lee, Brandon Davis, Pat O'Connor, Pastor Smith
Absent- Derek Roesener, Barbara Campbell

Pastor opened with prayer
Last months minutes read and approved.

Treasurer Report - No Report

Board of Elders

We discussed the status of Emmaus shut-ins and those with health problems. If you learn of any Emmaus member that has come down with a serious health problem and has been admitted to a hospital, PLEASE contact Pastor Smith or the church secretary --so they are not the last to know.

The Elders discussed CH 12 of The Fire and the Staff: about five fundamental principles of making changes in the church (acknowledged in Luther's Wittenberg sermons):

- 1 Change must be required by the Gospel
- 2 The Word, not force, should effect change
- 3 If it isn't broken, don't fix it
- 4 When it comes to the Gospel, don't let yourself get pushed around---stand firm
- 5 Always yield to the weak

The church video system is expected to be operational by Easter.

School Board/Principal

We lost a family, a total of 4 children over a personal issue.

No new covid cases

We have interviewed Kathleen Outlaw. She can be a called teacher. She wants to be involved in church, she has a Master Degree. The School Board wants to recommend the hiring of this teacher. Carol made a motion to recommend the hiring of the new teacher pending the financials. Jerry Campbell seconded the motion, all were in favor.

We will raise tuition to meet the Marion County standard to \$6700

We are getting a lot of inquiries for school.

Accreditation going great

March 25 is Special Person Day. We will have chapel, activities, and a meal will be served.

Jerry has updated the security camera. An arrest has been made on the suspect that broke in.

Eans for \$115K is due March 31. We are looking for curriculum (Language Arts K-8), technology, and other items.

Fellowship Board

Lenten Meals going well

Some boards are signing up to serve

Confirmation Sunday April. We will have 5 kids

There will be a cake/punch reception following the service to welcome in the new confirmands.

Properties Board

Radiators have been ordered and will be here mid summer.

Met with company doing Sam Schmelzle Lawncare. Have everything

Signs are being ordered for the church and school for Laurel and Orange Street, Mike Klinge is heading this project

Mike K is working with his IT people to put out a newsletter to advertise Emmaus and send it out on an email blast.

Window are being ordered to do 2 classrooms.

Looking to put a key fab by the gym door and making all the indoor locks the same.

Fixed drains and two upstairs bathrooms.

Pantry

Everything is going well. We have had good donations.

Outreach Board

The following board members were present at our meeting on Tuesday, March 1: Katie Arritt, Karla Frownfelter, Roger Foster, Betty Foster, Robert Carey, Kenny Colton, and JoAnn Riemer. Brenda Salinas is unable to attend currently due to her health issues. We began our meeting with a prayer for Brenda and also a prayer for the success of this meeting according to the will of God.

In a Pantry Update we have obtained the new phone number of the pantry. This will be included in the "News From the Pew" that goes home with the school families. The new number is 317-474-0149.

Our next order of business was to plan the March 16 Lenten Dinner. It was decided to have spaghetti with meat sauce (made by Katie & Karla), salad, garlic bread (supplied by Roger), drinks, dump cake (made by JoAnn), and cookies (supplied by Roger).

We then Planned Everybody's Birthday Party which takes place Saturday, March 19 from 5-7 p.m. Katie Arritt has agreed to head this up along with JoAnn. We were informed that the school is hosting a lock-in that same night, so we will probably have a larger school population on hand. The plan is to serve pizzas purchased by the board members from Aldi's (about 10) along with soft drinks. Perhaps the school will be supplementing this with some extra food. Then we will be playing a game or two like you do at a birthday party. All participants get to pick out a present from the box. These are very inexpensive things purchased at the Dollar Store. Of course, we also have birthday cake, ice cream, and punch and sing "Happy Birthday" to everyone. All this is publicized by flyers in our church/school and at the Pantry and on Facebook.

Treat Days for the school children will take place on two more Wednesdays this year. The first is Wednesday, April 6. We will also have treats on either May 11 or May 18. I have to see what works best with the school schedule in May.

We spent quite a bit of time in discussing the Easter Egg Hunt. This will take place on Saturday, April 9 at 11 a.m. Because this is a large event, we will have co-leaders for this event. Betty Foster & JoAnn Riemer will work together to lead this event. On March 3, JoAnn applied for \$250 Thrivent Money to help finance the hunt. The menu for the hunt is a continental breakfast of fresh fruit, fruit juice, cinnamon rolls, milk, and coffee. We will begin asking for donations of wrapped Easter candy suitable for stuffing in the plastic eggs on March 20. At that time we will also begin asking for volunteers to work at the hunt. There will be an "Egg Stuffing Day" on Wednesday, April 6. On this day, the volunteers will be fed lunch courtesy of Thrivent. Betty & JoAnn will be looking through the available crafts so that ordering can take place as soon as the money arrives from Thrivent. We have a lot of plastic eggs available that were donated in previous years, so the supply should be adequate. The publicity will be handled in the usual way.

We talked briefly about whether or not to hold a May Activity. In 2021 we had a cookout in the park with \$250 Thrivent Money with about 50 in attendance. This took place about mid-month. It was decided to table this idea for the present time and discuss it further at the next meeting.

Pastor Report

Pending their exam, we will have 5 Confirmands on April 10, and First communion on Maundy Thursday, April 14 and help strip the altar.

Tim Birtchman will be attending as the Lay delegate to the Indiana District Convention June 23-24. Motion made to approve Tim attending, second was made, and all approved.

Spiritual Well Being

Adult Bible Studies

Our current Bible studies are:

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Children's Sunday School

There are currently no plans to start Sunday school at this time.

Coming Events

VBS 2022 – Morgan Chandler will be the director. The theme is Zoomerang. Concordia Supply contacted me regarding our order. Shipment has been delayed until March 31. We have a planning meeting scheduled for March 16 at 6:00.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted.

Carol Chandler

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APRIL, 2022**

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Absent- Carol Chandler, Pat O'Connor

Pastor opened with prayer

Last months minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report -

The Second voucher payment has been received and placed into the account, 130,000 + is in the book and the third payment will come in May. From a cash standpoint the Church and School are good and as expected. There will be a need to pull some SGO money for the remaining students not receiving voucher money, Mike and Derek to discuss and resolve in the next few days.

Soon after Easter Derek will call the members of the budget committee together to discuss the future. This group will include an Elder, a School Board member, the Facilities manager, Executive Director and the Pastor - who at this point is also the acting principal.

Board of Elders

Elders went through the list of at home or at facilities members, those unable to attend church. Also discussed Pastor and one of the elders attending the church convention in Fort Wayne. There was a brief update on the video and sound in which a professional audio visual expert was going to come in and get the system up and running. The elders have begun studying the book *Hammer of God*.

School Board/Principal

Mike Lee went over the last few weeks and the situation with the change on principal/teachers. Brandon had stated he did not want to be both a teacher and a principal so the school board had deemed needing a teacher was a priority and therefore Brandon is no longer the principal. The Pastor will take over those duties he is required to perform. In addition to alleviate some of the responsibilities, one of the teachers has been named Dean of Students and another teacher has been named athletic director. Funds going toward the principal salary will be divided among those two new positions as well as the school secretary and they take on many of the principal day to day functions and the Pastor will be acting principal delegating much of the day to day activities in a supervisory role.

A Title 1 person will be more involved next year with assisting in the reading and helping students get up to required levels for testing results. This will also coincide with a new Language Arts Curriculum. Emmaus school is still in the progress of seeking another teaching candidate and working to solidify student numbers for next year which now looks to be slightly above the beginning of the past/current school year.

Carol and Laura Smallwood (a member of the school board and overseeing accreditation), will be finalizing and turning in the paperwork application the district office. They will proceed the on site visit from the district office near the end of April.

Outreach Board

Easter Egg hunt was a success with a really good number of children and parents present, a full report can be found in the April 2022 PPC folder. There is a MAY field day coming up along with some other events. This led to a discussion of how many events are expected from the board and whether one per month is still a realistic expectation. This led to a listing of what events did actually happen every month which revealed that there are actually a few months in question and that some outreach events happen outside the Board, Thanksgiving and last year Christmas being two of them. They will be revisited next month.

Fellowship Board

Fellowship leader was not present due to spending time with the Accreditation.

Properties Board

USA Comfort Air was out several times to fix issues with the boiler this month. Some of the parts previously installed by them were put in upside-down. There were also issues with old pipes that had rusted through.

The 3 radiators in the sanctuary that we were going to replace have not been ordered yet. There is a new rep at USA Comfort Air that has concerns about the new units that would replace them. These would be modern units that are not the same size. Since Emmaus is a historical building, he thought this may be a problem.

No new information on the two signs, one in the park facing Orange Street and one in front of the church near the corner also facing Orange Street.

The fire doors leading into the gym need to be replaced. They have been paid for and ordered. The doors should be delivered by the end of April.

The last of the new smartboards will be installed on Wednesday, April 13th.

The window contractor has ordered the windows for the Pre-K room and unfinished classroom. Delivery and installment is expected in June.

Some of the inside doors will need to be re-keyed.

Previously reported, still outstanding due to monetary constraints:

- There are still repairs needed to the gym roof that causes minimal damage and will be postponed until money is available. Not currently part of the 5-year plan.
- The roofers found a problem with the brick in the bell tower. Repairs will be postponed until funds are available. Not currently part of the 5-year plan.
- Repairs are needed to the main entrance to the church. The brick mortar needs to be replaced because of efflorescence. We will have to hire someone to do this. Not currently part of the 5-year plan.

Pantry

No report from the Pantry.

Pastor Report

Pastor's Report - April 2022

Pastor and Elder Study New book starting in April, The Hammer of GOD by Bo Giertz

Teaching- Two sections of Bible History to grades 3-6, Confirmation with 7-8.

Confirmation 4.10.22 5 children. They received their first communion on April 14 (Maundy Thursday)

Visitation—I am making monthly visits to the shut-ins and to those who have requested visits.

Elders please continue to reach out,

Elders' lists- Continue to be worked, Cleaning up, Phone visits, Doing a better job of reaching out to members, Some elders are sending postcards to their assigned parishioners, Perhaps this should become the standard, Frequency

New Member Class, received one new member by affirmation of faith

Men's Table Talk, Monthly @7p @The Dugout, Topical study from a Christian men's perspective

Emmaus' 120th Anniversary - April, 22, 2023 Emmaus turns 120, I have invited Rev. David Shaddy to preach on April 23, 2023 [regardless of the decision to make the big celebration in 2023 or 2028]

Lutheran High School Delegates— Still searching for candidates to fulfill the open positions.

Indiana District Convention, June 23 and 24, Ft. Wayne, Tim Birtchman volunteered to be the lay delegate.

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Prayer Vigil

We will have a prayer vigil on Saturday, April 30th from 1:00 – 3:00 to pray for our school and a successful registration for the 2022-2023 school year. Prayers are needed for our students, their families, our staff and teachers. We will also be praying for Pastor Smith health.

Respectfully submitted.
Jeff Frownfelter

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 19-23, 2022

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 go to our website—
vbsmate.com/events/Emmaus/22135
or scan the QR code on this page**

Each year we have a drawing for prizes at the end of the week. We are looking for new toys and bikes.

If you have any questions, please see Morgan Chandler after church or email her at morganmc95@icloud.com



*Be still
and know
that I am
God*
-PSALM 46:10

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 19 or 26, 2022

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

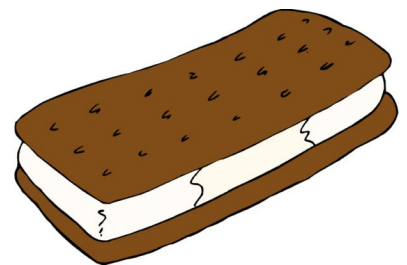
This meeting we will be discussing the budget, school, and church issues.

****Tentatively scheduled****

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 18! 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, the office will not be open everyday. Carol will be working on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am -1pm. I will be checking email from time to time, so if you need to get a hold of me, you can email me at

emmauschurchindy@gmail.com

Faith

It does not make things easy,
it makes them possible.

Luke 1:37

“Don't fear, because I am with you; don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will surely help you; I will hold you with my righteous strong hand.”

ISAIAH 41:10



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ELDER MEMBERS

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

PARISH PLANNING MEETINGS are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month (**May 10 & June 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.

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

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

LHS GOLD Event – Fowling, May 1, 1-3 pm

LHS Graduates Of the Last Decade are invited to join us for Fowling at The Fowling Warehouse on Sunday, May 1, 1:00-3:00 pm. Be sure to register, if possible, at <https://www.lhsi.org/giving/gold.cfm> so we reserve enough fowling lanes.

LHS Alumni Spring Celebrate & Connect, May 4, 5:30 pm

LHS Alumni! You are invited to **Celebrate & Connect** on Wednesday, May 4, 5:30 pm. You'll be able to attend a special showing of the spring Saints On Stage production of "The Importance of Being Earnest," as well as have some great fellowship time with other LHS alumni! Please RSVP at <https://www.lhsi.org/giving/alumni.cfm>.

Metal Recycling Event – May 5, 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Save your unwanted metal and bring it to the LHS parking lot on **Thursday, May 5, 3:00 – 7:00 pm** to be recycled. Many thanks to our business partner – Hanna's Wrecker, Parts & Recycling.

Saints on Stage to Present "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde

The final show of the season for Saints on Stage at Lutheran High School will be the classic farcical comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde. Called 'a trivial play for serious people,' Wilde's classic is a delight. When Jack's double-life catches up with him, the problems are resolved in a charming and unexpected way while he and Algernon discover the importance of being earnest while also answering to the name of Ernest. Performances will be **May 5 and 6 at 7:00 pm and May 8 at 3:00 pm** in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium. All tickets are \$8 and general admission. Advance tickets are available online at www.lhsi.org. Tickets are also available at the door. The 2021-2022 Saints on Stage Season is generously presented by Meyer Financial Strategies, Dennis and Kathy Meyer. Thank you for your support of Saints on Stage this season!

Concordia University Vocal Jazz Ensemble Concert, May 9, 7:00 pm

The Concordia University Nebraska Vocal Jazz Ensemble will present a concert in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium at Lutheran High School on Monday, May 9, 7:00 pm. Hosts are needed for the singers (two per host) for the night after the concert. Please contact Aaron Huesmann, ahuesmann@lhsi.org, if you'd like to host a couple of singers.

Spring Concert, Saturday, May 14, 7:00 pm

Please join us for the Lutheran High School and St. John Lutheran Spring Concert on Saturday, May 14, 7:00 pm in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium at Lutheran High School.

Commencement – Sunday, May 22

Lutheran High School's 44th Baccalaureate and Commencement for the *Class of 2022* will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2:00 pm in the Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend; doors will open at 1:00.

Summer Sports Camps – June 2022

LHS will offer summer sports camps during June for boys and girls currently in grade school. Camps will be held for Co-Ed Wrestling (June 6-9); Boys and Girls Basketball (June 6-10); Co-Ed Cross Country (June 13-16); Co-Ed Volleyball and Co-Ed Tennis (June 13-17); and Co-Ed Soccer (June 20-24). For information and to register, visit lhsi.org or call 317-787-5474.

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.



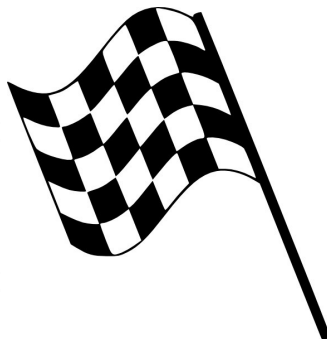
Adult Sunday School

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 will host a Thrivent "fill the pantry" event through May 25th. Please help us supplement our monthly government allotment with your generous donations of non-perishable food items.

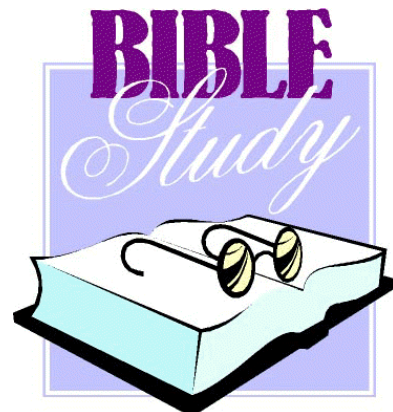


Select items your family enjoys and place them in the wagon by the school office door. Thank you for your continued generous support in these challenging times.

Thursday Night Bible Study

"One God, many gods"

7pm—8pm





SUMMER



N U L D O C Q E T I E D
V P B I K E Z N G R N C
H A N R W F I S L A I L
B H M X D Y T U S A J O
F E P L S O B M H U K F
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BEACH	HIKE
BIKE	LAKE
CAMP	POOL
FIRE	SAND
HEAT	SUMMER

May Birthdays

Gerald Roesener	5/9	Kash Hicks	5/24
Ken Massey	5/14	Betty Foster	5/25
Anita Roesener	5/14	Matthew Alter	5/26
Mike Klinge	5/21		



MAY 2022 SCHEDULE

5/1 Jerry Roesener
 5/8 Tim Birtchman
 5/15 Bob Groth
 5/22 Jeff Frownfelter
 5/29 Jerry Roesener



5/1 Jerry Campbell
 5/8 Dave Duncan
 5/15 Norm Riemer
 5/22 Garald Evans
 5/29 Garald Evans



5/1 Norm Riemer
 5/8 Robert Carey
 5/15 Karla Frownfelter
 5/22 Bob Groth
 5/29 Pat O'Connor



5/1 Jeff Frownfelter
 5/8 Horst Hildebrandt
 5/15 Jerry Roesener
 5/22 Bob Groth
 5/29 Carol Chandler



Frownfelter's



5/1 Jeff & Karla Frownfelter
 5/8 Norm & JoAnn Riemer
 5/15 B Whitsit/D Herndon
 5/22 Rosetta Cantwell
 5/29 Jeff & Karla Frownfelter



June Birthdays

Betty Whitsit	6/5	Alex Chandler	6/21
Donald Quinette	6/9	Kristie Corn	6/22
Addison Lee	6/12	Charlene Foullois	6/22
Morgan Chandler	6/19	Steve Strakis	6/24
June Brutcher	6/21	Carol Chandler	6/26



JUNE 2022 SCHEDULE

6/5 Tim Birtchman
6/12 Bob Groth
6/19 Jeff Frownfelter
6/26 Jerry Roesener



6/5 Dave Duncan
6/12 Norm Riemer
6/19 Garald Evans
6/26 Jerry Campbell



6/5 Tim Birtchman
6/12 Angel Loy
6/19 Andrea Campbell
6/26 Norm Riemer



6/5 Jeff Frownfelter
6/12 Horst Hildebrandt
6/19 Jerry Roesener
6/26 Carol Chandler



Angel Loy/
Patty Hestand



6/5 R Cantwell/G. Evans
6/12 B Whitsit/D Herndon
6/19 Norm & JoAnn Riemer
6/26 Jeff & Karla Frownfelter