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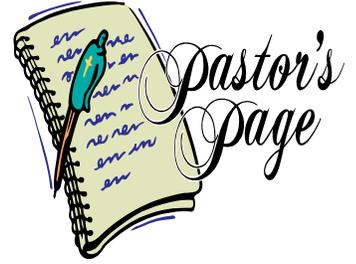
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The Emmaus Companion  
Monthly Newsletter

November .....

A Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ @Emmaus -

In 1989 the second [and not as good] *Ghostbusters* movie came out. It had many of the same punchlines, gags and props. What was different was the enemy, the ghost to be busted. This time it was 'pure and concentrated evil.' This 'evil' preyed and grew on the hatefulness and generally bad attitude of New Yorkers [the location for the story].



It would seem that this evil had only increased in the past [gulp] 29 years! Drive to Buck's, Adrian Orchard, Garfield Park, or Boyden's and no doubt you've experienced the bad attitudes I am referencing. Whether it's the me first way of drivers, the bad mannered fellow shoppers in the grocery, the rude workers or [heaven forbid] a fellow parishioner on a Sunday - these stinky attitudes are EVERYWHERE!

Now, we could hope for such a simple solution that was proffered by the movie, and just join hands and arms, and SING our troubles away [the climax takes place on New Year's Eve and the New Yorkers join in singing, 'Auld Lang Syne']. Fat chance that will happen!

So we must rely on our faith to see us through, and point us in the right direction. That direction is made clear to us by these words from St. Paul...

*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5.1-2*

In other words, be Christ to one another - loving GOD with all of your heart, soul and mind; and loving your neighbor as yourself - just like Jesus.

Martin Luther wrote in his book, 'The Freedom of a Christian,' [1520]...

"As our heavenly Father has in Christ freely come to our aid, we also ought freely to help our neighbor through our body and its works, and each one should become as it were a Christ to the other that we may be Christs to one another and Christ may be the same in all, that is, that we may be truly Christians..."

So, in this month of giving thanks, let us give thanks for the many opportunities we have to be Christ in another's life, as we live out Christ-Centered Lives!

It is a privilege to be your pastor.

'Living Out Christ-Centered Lives' -

Pastor Ray

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ @Emmaus -  
An Open Letter to my Grandchildren.

Dear Miranda, Oliver, Eowyn and all future progeny with which I have been gifted by the LORD -  
Grace, Mercy and Peace from our Heavenly Father, our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ and Their Holy Spirit.  
Amen.



I write this particular letter to some of you with my life's end being not too far over the horizon, and to others, well it comes from beyond the grave, from my eternal Home - Heaven.

Some of you I knew well, some not as much as I would have liked to and others not at all. No matter which group you find yourself in - whether you remember me or not or didn't even meet me [and only know of some resemblance you have to me, because a great-grandparent of yours sees that uncanny similarity in the crinkled photo you've been shown of me from many decades ago] know this... I prayed for you.

No, not everyday. Anyone who tells you that, well he or she is not being as honest with you as you might think, or like. But I did, and still do, pray for you. For some of you, you might wonder how that's even possible, since some, if not many, of you weren't even born yet. Ha! Even your grandparents weren't born yet! Well, let's just say, I prayed for the possibility of you.

That is one reason I write to you today. The second? I guess this time of year always has me looking back at the Decembers of my youth and younger years and it usually involves two things - my faith and my family.

Family - going to Mamaw Smith's apartment on CHRISTmas Eve and marveling at the delicious smells emanating from her tiny kitchen; receiving the ubiquitous argyle socks of blue, black and brown; coming home after midnight to get in bed for a restlessly sleep for what seemed a year until CHRISTmas morning; relatives from out of town; sitting around my parents large, kitchen table visiting, drinking coffee, having a slice of pumpkin pie [made by my Aunt Barbara, of course!]; laughter - lots of belly-busting, tears inducing laughter; CHRISTmas morning, around the tree, opening gifts, spying my Papaw Smith just sitting there watching and smiling, while I naively wondered how he could possibly be that happy just looking on; heading to Meema and Peepa's house later in the morning, opening more gifts, eating lunch around their modest, yellow, formica table with the leaves in and the mismatched chairs [burnt-orange kitchen, green lawn, brown organ bench and a blue, fuzzy, makeup chair that swiveled and was desperately fought for by my brother and me; heading home in the snow to explore the new toys and await the family's arrival for supper, games and eggnog; having my own children - Jason and Bonnie-Joy - and discovering the source of Papaw's smile and enjoyment of just watching my kids on CHRISTmas morning.

Faith - getting out of school and the bus rides to Saint Paul's to practice for the Lutheran Memorial School Children's CHRISTmas Service [not program - thank you Mrs. Brutcher!]; being in awe of that sanctuary's immense space, large altar, and a pulpit with a roof; practicing songs and hymns and recitations of Holy Scripture prophesying the birth of the Christ-child; after that Service, receiving those glorious, soft, sugar sprinkled candies that was a once a year treat; CHRISTmas Eve Service at Emmaus; the two trees - one decorated with white and gold Chrismons, the other with red ribbons and apples; as I grew older the single tree with Chrismons beside the pulpit; the banner with a profile of Baby Jesus in the manger and the legs of the manger outlined in such a way making a cross visible; the white candles in the chimneys in front of the windows all around the church; the entire Advent wreath in all of its glowing glory, one purple taper half spent, a second slightly less so, a rose candle a little taller still and another purple more stately than the rest in its height; the large Christ-candle in the middle with its Chi-Rho and manger on the front, and that we had the exact same candle at home in our advent wreath - a gift to our family from Larry and Nancy Hoffschneider [my 7th and 8th grade teachers, respectively]; my Mom and Aunt Barbara playing pre-service music on the organ; listening to [and later as an adult singing in] the choir; sitting on the "wrong side" of the church [we were always northsiders on Sundays!]; sitting next to my Papaw Smith [a treat since he lived in El Paso]; closing out the service with the singing of Silent Night in the glow of all of the handheld candles and the church lights out, one obligatory verse in German, a nod to our Lutheran heritage; even as a teenager, getting teary-eyed in that moment thinking of how much GOD loves me, to send His Son - Jesus to save me, it wasn't lost on me, at a very young age, the reason Jesus was in the stable that first CHRISTmas night.

And that's the point of this letter - Jesus. All of the waxing poetic and fond memories above - both family and faith - is about the love of my GOD for me and is tarnished without Him. For in each reflection, on both lists, is a blessing from my heavenly Father - ALL from GOD above, ALL because He loves me.

Lest we forget, and many in my time have, you cannot spell CHRISTmas without the word "Christ." Yes, all sorts of people manage to do all of the family stuff without Him and may even seem happy. But there is no true happiness without Christ. I cannot adequately explain how that is, I wish I could. It must be experienced by you. You must give your heart over to GOD to truly understand this. But I promise you, once you do, you will have instantaneous understanding and appreciation for what I write to you today.

My prayers have been, and continue to be, for you to be faithful. My reasoning is for your welfare, both on earth and for all eternity. But if I'm honest, there's another reason too - I miss you and want to see [or in some case meet] you. Know that I love you and continue to pray for you.

Oh, you should see what CHRISTmas in heaven is like! The sounds, the smells, the sights are just too marvelous to describe! Nothing on earth compares! Remember, Jesus came on CHRISTmas to live and die for you! I must be off, He is going to begin reading His story of when He was born! My Dad is saving me a seat! Merry CHRISTmas!!!

Love,  
Papaw

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## ***Parish Planning Meeting September 11, 2018***

### **Attendance:**

Present: Pastor Smith, Jerry and Barb Campbell, Carolyn Chandler, Derek Roesener, Norm and Joann Riemer, Bob Groth.

Not attending: Charlie Long, Bob Daniels.

### **Opening**

Prayer

Reading of August 2018 Meeting minutes.

Meeting minutes from previous month motioned to approved, seconded, and approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Year to date is on track to budget. There is currently a deficit of 26,000 in budget which was expected and accounted for due to timing of school influx of monies. Actual budget of Church and School highlights of first two months giving is slightly down of our need of approximately \$4,000 per week but we may not be receiving some income due to summer vacations etc.

Expenses: Benefits are lower than budget currently, but repair side is higher than budgeted due to boiler and air conditioner repairs. There was an \$800.00-dollar expense for LED light bulbs which a donor has pledged to cover.

School Board met to discuss the gap in expected income versus budget due to lower enrollment. Gap is approximately \$20-25K. Plan is to utilize \$10-12K in scholarship funds held in the Endowment and remaining gap likely to be filled from the Capital Campaign.

Cash Balance of \$51,405, of which approx. \$13K is from Endowment for the parking lot yet to be completed. In addition, we have \$2,959 in our LCEF checking account.

We need to be prudent in our cash spending in the coming months. Due to the shortfall in school income and the delay in the auction (budgeted for Oct now to be held in Feb.), we will not have as much cash in Oct as planned. Approx \$41,000 in spendable cash.

LCEF Loan Balance as of July 31, 2018 is \$81,538. Paying down approx. \$800 per month in principal.

Shelter funds remaining are \$3,002.94. \$6,120 donated last year, of which, \$3,117.06 have been spent on the zoning, planning and permitting costs.

Electronic giving program implemented and tested. The GivePlus+ program will be used for the Capital Campaign but also available for normal church giving. Electronic gifts can be made via Emmaus' website or through the GivePlus+ mobile app.

Treasurer's report was motioned to approve, seconded, and approved.

### **Elders report**

Recent meeting was spent discussing the shepherding program and who was left on list to contact. Discussion of re-assigning names on list due to some previous unknowns coming to light. Calling on Actives should be completed this week, Calling on Inactives should begin and then letters will be sent out to inactives. Discussion and review of letters happened during the meeting. There was also a mention of a book which the group will begin reviewing. Books to be purchased.

### **School / Children's report (No report Absent)**

No School Report - see Pastors report, Principles Report, on some school news reported below.

Principal report: Health concerns reported from previous month are getting resolved and progressing positively. School year is shaping up to be a good success. Some of the concerning issues from last year did not carry over to this school year. Student body seems to be overall very positive, well behaved and eager to learn. Back to school night was a success, with about 50% of the parents attending. Parents overall seem to want to be involved and there are some very interested parents.

Teachers all seem very enthusiastic this year and all of them seem to be on board for the year program and potential growth planning. All teachers seem very excited.

School board meeting was last Sept. 10, 2018: Financials were discussed. Starting to discuss school future growth and direction. Long term goals are coming to the forefront and the school right now is concerned about serving needs of larger families with children in upper grades as the school cannot currently serve them.

School is looking to be more attractive and that means growing in grade levels, teachers, budget, classrooms and all that the growth would entail. Discussion of additional teachers, what would be needed in space/facilities, income, number of children to be a viable school of grades k-8 knowing we can still double up on grades in classes since we are still small in numbers. Some concerns about preparing facilities and having other classrooms available along with the timeline to get that done.

PTO board is an enthusiastic one and has some promise to help a great deal in getting more students in and signed up for classes. A flyer from the recent past will be reissued and used to market to more students/potential parents. Hopefully the parents along with the school board will develop a marketing and growth plan. This growth plan will be a key tool in presenting to the Capital Funds Campaign efforts to give clear/viable reality results of the giving that will be asked.

Child care was discussed as an up and coming real, almost immediate need. This will probably start out as a service to current school families as a before and after care service. Child care would probably be run as a Registered Ministry instead of a full-fledged daycare. This would minimize government oversight and requirements as well as give the daycare the ability to pick and choose attendees.

Expansion needs to be done in a reasonable, well planned method, step by step, keying in on expert resources of current members who have worked in these fields before at other facilities. Some discussion of previous failures and reasons for those failures were mentioned and again caution was recognized as needed and the Emmaus needs to approach this effort with the right reasons and purpose.

Concern and caution again urged on new efforts of growth relating to school, urging the school board to develop an overall plan with the full knowledge and financial support with the purpose to grow in a sustainable, manageable way through smart planning and timely scheduled efforts. PPC and School board believe this growth is possible. Facilities raised concerns about time tables to get all classrooms which may be needed and discussed some options and time frames in general terms.

There was a mention to reach out and get the PTL involved in other efforts affecting the school such as the Gala now planned for February (this is taking the place of the fall auction traditionally held the last few years).

### **Fellowship report**

Sunday September 23rd will be a spaghetti dinner after church following the children from school signing. Planning for the Emmaus Gala has begun. Gala is replacing the fall auction. IT will feature gift baskets with minimum bids and other higher end items that the church will begin soliciting. Gala will be held at the church with food being prepared by members, low ticket cost to attend. Fellowship board will be putting out a call to all to begin thinking about items appropriate for this event.

## Outreach report

Octoberfest will be held on September 28th. PTO members are also interested in helping with the event. There was a request to include beer at the Octoberfest. Bylaws and constitution was researched and there was nothing found to indicate beer not allowed at Emmaus events. Looking into having Flat 12 bring in a beer truck with the understanding they would be responsible for the alcohol license and legal issues. Emmaus will also look into and other insurance issues concerning property and liability.

Planning will commence for other fall events at the next meeting.

Treats will be passed out to school October 10.

PTO is also looking to assist with the Christmas and Easter outreach programs.

## Food Pantry

Numbers for food pantry for the month are in the linked report.

## Spiritual wellbeing and care

An open gym night was attempted and no one attended. May ask PTO about students interested but do not want to deal with very young children and would like to stick to age limitations-those old enough to utilize the facility.

A new bible study has begun using the book: Adventure Praying.

Looking to do another Movie night and thinking: Ferdinand the Bull for the movie.

Trunk or Treat will be October 31st. 5-8 PM

VBS is now going to be run by Morgan Chandler, who has already begun planning.

## Facilities

Parking lot should be completed, repaired/patched by end of week.

Koorsen fire came and inspected extinguishers and asked about other services, specifically an alert system when no one is on the building. A call system under consideration costs about \$1100.00 to install with a monthly monitoring service fee of \$60.00.

Air conditioning service in sanctuary has been fixed with prices given for replacement of \$16,00.00. Other big items included an estimate on new gym air unit at \$10,000.00, and Mitsubishi units for additional rooms, which would be potential classrooms/daycare of \$10,00.00 for three units. Treasurer asked Facilities manager to add these items in a detailed report to present to the Capital Fund Campaign as an excellent real needed item to present as the reason for the Capital Campaign.

Work Day coming to further clean out facility, classrooms, garage.

Assistant Executive Director (No report provided)

Not in attendance

## Pastor Smith

Pastor went over Shepherding program progress and noted that the elders should be moving into the Inactives on their lists. A series of letters have been developed by the Pastor to help bring inactives back in to the church, assist them in finding another church, and or releasing them from Emmaus membership. Elders will also soon be embarking on working toward long term growth plans.

Continued church business None

New church business

New person has been attending due to the podcast. There has been a good number of clicks to the podcast.

Reaching out to get a quality camera and recording of the entre service for the future.

Executive director (No report)

Closing

# Parish Planning Meeting October 9, 2018

## Attendance:

Present: Pastor Smith, Jerry and Barb Campbell, Derek Roesener, Norm and Joann Riemer, Bob Groth.  
Not attending: Carol Chandler, Charlie Long

## Opening

Prayer, Reading of September 2018 Meeting minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

1. Year-to-date we are off budget by \$13K with deficit of \$49K. Early deficit is planned based on timing of School income with voucher payment in 2 installments (Oct and Mar). However, shortages in giving relative to budget and overages in maintenance costs are driving the miss to budget for the first 3 months of the fiscal year. The parking lot and tree removal were \$5k above the estimate and not covered by the Endowment.
2. Given the YTD shortfall to the budget, the shortfall in School income for the remainder of the year and the delay in the auction until Feb., we have utilized significantly more of our cash balance than anticipated.
3. We need to be extremely prudent in our cash spending in the coming months. Anything that is not critical should be deferred until the spring when we will receive the remainder of the voucher funds, have the auction and potentially draw some funds from the capital campaign.
4. 9/30/18 Cash Balance of \$39,083, of which approx. \$13K is from Endowment for the west side of the parking lot (completed but not paid). In addition we have \$2,961 in our LCEF checking account. All bills are accounted for in the YTD deficit amount but we have \$30K in bills yet to pay.
5. LCEF Loan Balance as of July 31, 2018 is \$80,749. Paying down approx. \$800 per month in principal.
6. Funds available for the shelter are \$5,000 but, given our cash situation and the time of the year,  
**I recommend we defer construction until the spring.**

## Elders

Elders met on October 2, 2018. Reviewed status of elder's progress on Shepherding program and phone calls to members and inactive members. Will begin a book study in hopes of applying principles in book to efforts of the elders, book entitled: *Pastors and Elders - Caring for the Church and One Another*. Review of current shut ins.

## School / Childrens

Met for Monthly School Board Meeting: Items Discussed: GoFund Me-money for Computers

The need for Extra Band width Made Plans to ramp next years School to include Pre-K thru 8th. Derek met with School Board to discuss Financial status for current year Discussed plans for "Before and After Care" Finalized Plans for this years Basketball Camp which starts November 5. Brook will Co-Lead with Charlie L. Met with Staff, Pastor and PTL to discuss ways to expand the school enrollment. Visioneered a path, had discussion and discoveries then set tasks and timelines. Discussed a partnership with local businesses. "Business in Fountain Square Campaign" Having a May Fest similar to St. Rocks PTL participated in the last Church Event PTL is heavily participation with Barb in "Trunk or Treat"

Last item-adding new extra curriculum for next year such as ART CLASS----Each teacher is charged with suggesting a class that would make the school better. 1. List the Idea 2. Generate a \$\$\$\$dollar amount 3. Tasks and timelines to make it work.

## Principals Report

Research was done on other church daycares and schools. Most students (highest percentage is in Pre-K and Kindergarten age. This would be the easiest, quickest way to start growing student body of school. For other churches in area average percentage is 16-42% pre-K. Discussion of fees revealed that asking \$2,000.00 dollars per year would be in range. Emmaus would get /ask full amount and not offer discounts. People are now paying \$129.00 per month. Look to add part-time teacher/assistant for roughly \$16,000-\$17,000 per year. 27 kids in this level possible for next year, may need to juggle times/days with current staff. Growing school could start at 5-6 grade with adding a teacher at that level. Current teacher may have insight to possible candidates. This is smartest addition at this time as there are students now who would move to that level if we offer it. Suggestion was made to start a small group to begin exploring this as a possibility and all the efforts needed to make this happen, from classroom to educator. This approach and grade level seems to be a realistic approach for next year. Cougar Care (temporary name) begins January 2, 2019. Will be from 7:00 am til 7:45 am (before school) and after school from 3:00 pm til 6:00 pm. This is an aftercare program that would not need govt funding or oversight. Fee schedule was discussed with a caveat of \$1.00 dollar per minute for every minute past 6:00 pm strictly enforced. Available rooms are the gym, rooms next to gym. Volunteers are being lined up, some coming from school parents. Application for free drinking fountains from Delta Dental is in the works. This, if granted, would supply the drinking fountains and hookup, excluding wall repairs. Would include water fountains, water bottle filling stations and water bottles, if granted. Do not know how many would be granted. Application is due October 12, 2018.

## **Fellowship**

September Fellowship meal was very well attended. It was wonderful to see so many church and school families come together. October fellowship meal will be German – Sauerkraut, Sausages, German potato salad, sour cabbage, vegetable, German chocolate cake. November – the PTL will be providing a meal to help raise funds for their upcoming events. December will be Wednesday night meals along with a Cookie Exchange on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Outreach**

Our board met Thursday, September 13

Tuesday, September 25 board members assisted with crafts at the school **FAMILY READING NIGHT**.

**OCTOBERFEST**, September 28 Thrivent funding available. Help of P.T.O. They also had their own table set up where they served nachos and showed Emmaus' School signs, etc. to promote our school. Entertainment was a corn hole game borrowed from Bob Groth, the playground, and our Bavarian couple photo op. Our menu was brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, German potato salad, green beans, and large pretzels, with assorted desserts and drinks. We advertised by banners on the fence, flyers at Fountain Square Library and to school and church members, and on Facebook and Next Door Neighbor. Our attendance was about 40, which was a nice mix of church, school, and people from the neighborhood.

On Wednesday, October 10, we will again be passing our **AFTER SCHOOL TREATS** to school families. These will be some type of fall goodies—not ice cream.

Carol Moore is once again sending **BIRTHDAY CARDS** to the school children from Emmaus Lutheran Church.

Harvest Dinner may become Thanksgiving dinner with hopes of getting bulk food from Mozel Sanders. Counts of amount needed will be about 75. We are in need of volunteers, flyers, signage. Will look into school PTL for assistance.

The **CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** date is set for December 8 (8:30-10:30). We have been contacted by Bruce Townsend and we already have Santa and Mrs. Claus. Soon the other preparations will begin.

## **Spiritual well being and care**

Plans for a Movie night are under way.

Ongoing Bible studies include 2 Sunday morning, one every other Monday evening, one Wednesday morning, one Thursday evening, and one Saturday Morning.

Trunk or Treat will be Wed October 31. Requests for volunteers and candy will be ongoing. Need some efforts toward signage, flyers, any low cost/free advertising.

VBS is now being organized by Morgan Chandler. Our next meeting will be 10/24/18 at 7:00

## **Facilities**

We do not have a dialer on the smoke detectors to alert the fire department in the event of a fire. This is a code violation and needs to be rectified.

New exterior lights and hallway light fixtures were donated and will be installed soon.

The air conditioner in the sanctuary has been repaired but additional repairs are needed.

There are still repairs needed to the gym roof that causes minimal damage and will be postponed until money is available.

The air conditioner in Brooke's room went out last Thursday. There are no funds available to replace it. This will not be replaced until spring due to close fall weather.

A clean-up and painting day is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will depend on volunteers that sign up, low sign up may cancel clean up day. Items in rooms west of gym need to be cleaned out, items claimed and moved or they will be thrown away. Spending on any non immediate needs is on hold until voucher funding arrives.

## **Assistant Executive Director (NO REPORT)**

**Pastor Smith** Shepherding program going well, reaching out to inactive members is under way. Will begin working with the elders using book: *Pastors and Elders - Caring for the Church and One Another*. This will also be an effort to help grow the church. New members class has started with one attendee. Looking for Ray Schultz to continue Sunday School. Report on Circuit Forum, members were elected to attend yearly meeting and vote, Pastor Smith is one of the alternates. Convention will be in Florida.

## **Continued church business**

Keep close eye on spending in the next month since voucher reimbursements have not arrived and funding is low.

## **New church business**

Brainstormed ways to grow the church, but recognize state of community and world in general. Would like to get a group together and examine some ideas, referencing other churches efforts and keying in on a few ideas, then getting help instituting those ideas.

## **Executive director**

### **Closing**

Prayer

Adjournment

## Thanksgiving is on it's away!

We will be gathering as a Church Family to give thanks to the LORD. Please set aside an hour on Wednesday, November 21 @ 5:30pm and join us.



### PANTY NEWS:

Attn: Coke/Diet Coke Drinkers: Did you know you could support Emmaus School by going to: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give> hit "GIVE "and type in Emmaus Lutheran and enter the code under the plastic bottle lid for a 5c donation or the official code inside the 12 or 24 pkg carton for a 15c donation. Or, you can just give the codes or lids to Julie and she will input them for you. Thanks for your support

Listed below are the "Featured Items" to collect for the Emmaus Food Pantry for the months of

Nov. - Canned Goods (with Pop Tops)

Dec. - Boxed Cereal or Oatmeal.

We are unable to purchase these items from Gleaners Food Bank. Place all donations in the wagon near the rear entrance. A sign will be on the wagon to remind you of the item to shop for each month. Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry.



**Free** community  
**THANKSGIVING**  
**Dinner**



Emmaus Lutheran Church is once again serving as a site for the Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 22 from 12 Noon till 2 p.m. We will be passing out pre-made dinners and drinks and giving some needy folks from the Fountain Square area a warm place to have a nice Thanksgiving Dinner in a Christian atmosphere. We do need some assistance, though. If you can come share part of your holiday with those less fortunate, please contact JoAnn Riemer or call the church office. The clean-up should be minimal, and hopefully you'll be done by 2:30.



## Ladies Society

The ladies will meet on Wednesday, November 7th

Travel to

Bluebird Café, Morristown

11:00am—leave LHSI @ 10am

DECEMBER 13, 2018

(LWML)

CHRISTMAS PARTY—11am

DINING OUT AT GOLDEN CORRAL GREENWOOD

Please bring socks for Julie if you desire



### Charity Sale Recap:

Thank you to all who helped gather items, move, sort, price, cashier and help with the box up/clean up for the sale. Sales were \$1,929.55 plus the \$250 Prepaid Visa card from Thrivent for a total of \$2,179.55. Proceeds were split between the school and pantry. Also, thank you to Thrivent for the donuts and cider and to Humana for the "free" lunch of hot dogs, chips, drinks and candy treats. God is good!



On Friday, December 7, a group of volunteers will **Trim the Gym** and transform it into a beautiful place for the Christmas Breakfast the next day. If you are interested in helping us with this, please let JoAnn or Karla know. Thrivent will even pay for your lunch. Our school children will also be helping decorate the trees in the gym for our Christmas Breakfast. Each class will bring handmade ornaments to put on their tree. After they have done this, we take a picture and the class receives a treat which is provided with Thrivent funding.



## Veterans Day Honor Chapel – November 8

The Veterans Day Honor Chapel is Thursday, November 8, 9:30 am in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium on the Lutheran High School campus. Guest speaker is William "Butch" Fennema, Ph.D., who serves in the Ethics and Leadership program of The West Point Society of Indiana. A reception will follow the service. All veterans are cordially invited to attend and wear their uniforms to reflect the honor their service brought to our country. For information please contact Rev. Robert W. Armao, 317-787-5474 or rarmao@lhsi.org.



## EMMAUS PTL NEWS



The PTL will host a Fall Festival on Friday, November 16th from 5:30—8:30. There will be games, prizes, food, and fun! This event is for all church and school families. Come join the fun and bring a friend!

There will be a PTL Bake sale on Sunday, November 18th. Be sure to stop by the table in the church hallway and pick up some yummy treats!



Need to do some shopping without the children? Just need a night out?

**The PTL will host a Parent's Night Out Saturday, December 15th  
4pm –9pm.**

You go out kid free, and we will keep the kids for you.... **FOR FREE!!!**



## 2nd Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange

Last year we had so much fun exchanging cookies and taking some to our shut-ins that we are doing it again this year. There will be a light lunch served, some cookies to decorate, and cookies to share. You will need to have 1/2 dozen cookies for each participant. So if there are 12 participants, you only make 3 dozen. If you are interested, please let Carol in the office know.



## Paint the Windows/Decorate the Church

On Saturday, Dec 1st the Hoffschneider's will host the "Paint the Windows" project. We will begin the painting at 9am. This has always been such a fun event. We would love to have you all there!!! After we get done painting, if you are interested, we will decorate the church as well.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!**



## Breakfast with Santa



The Outreach Board is pleased to announce that our annual Christmas Breakfast has been scheduled for Saturday, December 8 from 8:30-10:30. This **FREE COMMUNITY EVENT** features Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, a hot breakfast, crafts, and fun activities for all who attend. It takes lots of people

to make this event a success. Please prayerfully consider whether you could help with the Christmas Breakfast. Let JoAnn Riemer or Karla Frownfelter know if you are available to help.

# HOLIDAY BAZAAR



You are invited to attend Calvary's 51st Annual Holiday Bazaar "Joy to the World" on Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 6111 Shelby St. Shop a variety of crafty and talented vendors, check out the many great items in the Silent Auction, explore the new and gently used items in the Attic, and discover homemade goodies in the Country Kitchen. For those who find themselves hungry, breakfast and lunch items may be purchased in the cafeteria. Cafeteria proceeds will support Calvary's ongoing El Salvador mission. An admission of a canned food donation is appreciated. Proceeds will benefit Calvary (handbell refurbishment), Hope Center of Indy, and Lutheran Military Veterans and Family Ministries.

# Box Tops

Please continue to clip box tops and bring into our school office. This program provides valuable dollars for our school.



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**MEETING**  
REMINDER

**PARISH PLANNING MEETINGS** are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month (**Nov. 13 & Dec 11**) 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:*

*Kenny Colton 317-638-7400*

*Dave Duncan 317-783-3726*

*Scotty Jett 317-490-9742*

*Norm Riemer 317-862-4344*

*Jeff Frownfelter 812-929-2495*

## Recipe of the Month

### Bacon-Cheese Corn Chowder

1/2 pound bacon strips, chopped  
1-1/2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes (about 5 medium),  
peeled and cubed  
1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup chopped onion  
1 can (14-3/4 ounces) cream-style corn  
1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk  
1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, stirring occasionally. Remove with a slotted spoon; drain on paper towels. Discard drippings, reserving 1-1/2 teaspoons in pan. Add onion to drippings; cook and stir over medium-high heat until tender.

Meanwhile, place potatoes in a large saucepan; add water to cover. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium; cook, uncovered, 10-15 minutes or until tender. Drain, reserving 1 cup potato water.

Add corn, milk, salt, pepper and reserved potato water to saucepan; heat through. Stir in bacon and onion.



# Advent Schedule

**On Wednesday** nights at 7:00 pm, during Advent, our sermon series will be "Let's Remember Christ this CHRISTmas".

December 5th—"CHRISTmas Yesterday" Luke 2:17-19

December 12th—"CHRISTmas Today" 2 Corinthians 6:2

December 19th—"CHRISTmas Tomorrow" Romans 8:16-17

December 25th—"Let's Remember Christ this CHRISTmas" .

\*On Wednesday's at 5:30pm, there will be a meal served in the gymnasium.

Let's Remember  
Christ  
This CHRISTmas...



An Advent Homily Series  
By Pastor Raymond A. Smith



During Advent on Sunday's, our sermon series will be "The Candles We Light"

December 2nd—"The Candle of Hope" Genesis 3:14-15

December 9th—"The Candle of Love" John 15:12

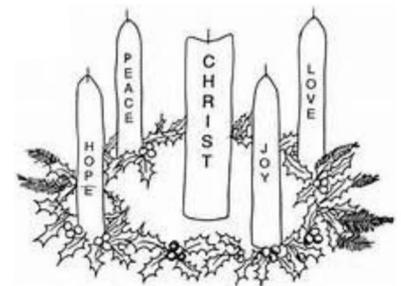
December 16th- "The Candle of Joy: Luke 2:8-20

December 23rd—"The Candle of Peace" John 20:19-22

December 24th- "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service"

December 30th—"Consecrated to the Lord" Luke 2:22-40

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## Lutheran Ministries Media

**Watch on WHMB Ch.40 Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. or go to [www.worshipforshutins.org](http://www.worshipforshutins.org) to get more information**

### November

#### **November 4, 2018 – All Saints’ Day Observed**

Psalm 149; Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

“The Finish Line!” - Sermon Text: Revelation 7:9-17 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

How do we bear all the unbearable things people are called to carry? God’s Word in Revelation 7 lifts us from the challenges of daily existence, focusing our gaze upon the joys of eternity. How much more meaningful and bearable the journey becomes when we know and can see “the finish line!”

#### **November 11, 2018 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 146; Epistle: Hebrews 9:24-28; Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

“A Widow’s Example” - Sermon Text: Mark 12:41-44 - Rev. James Elsner

It wasn’t what you wanted in life – but it is where you are. Where do you turn in tragedy and loss, in loneliness and grief? Learn from the widow at the temple.

#### **November 18, 2018 – Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 16; Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-25; Gospel: Mark 13:1-13

“Step by Step” - Sermon Text: Hebrews 10:11-25 - Rev. William Mueller

Living the Christian life is not at all like a short sprint but a long marathon. There are moments when we are tempted to hang it up, to quit, to exit off the race and hang up our running shoes. However, the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews spurs us to do just the opposite...and to daily encourage others to live this life in the name of Jesus!

#### **November 25, 2018 – Last Sunday of the Church Year**

Psalm 93; Old Testament: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

“Watch!” - Sermon Text: Mark 13:26, 33-37 – Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Jesus is coming again on Judgment Day, and His advice to us is, “Watch!” One reason we are to keep watch is that we do not know when this day will occur. There are other reasons as well which, when we consider them, will bring us great comfort and encouragement.

A word from our District President, Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege

Brege's Cross Words – An Introduction

Published on October 17th, 2018

If one had to briefly describe the heart of Christianity, an appropriate summary would be, "It centers in the cross of Christ."

Though this monologue is entitled Brege's Cross Words, of course the words of the cross do not uniquely belong to Brege. I will be presenting and discussing Christ and his cross in any number of ways, pointing especially to upcoming lectionary readings, and also relating the cross to our beloved Synod and District.

Ultimately the words of the cross must be associated with our Lord who persistently pointed people to the place he was appointed to approach: He set His face toward Jerusalem, to be crucified; as the Good Shepherd He had to lay down His life (at the cross) for the sheep; to follow Him we must take up our cross, because that is where He had to go; even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, He had to be up-lifted on the cross; etc.

Appropriately the words of the cross are prominently portrayed and magnified by the Lord's Apostolic representatives: They preached Christ-crucified; they boasted in the cross; the tree of the cross was where He bore our sins; those rejecting the faith were enemies of the cross; etc.

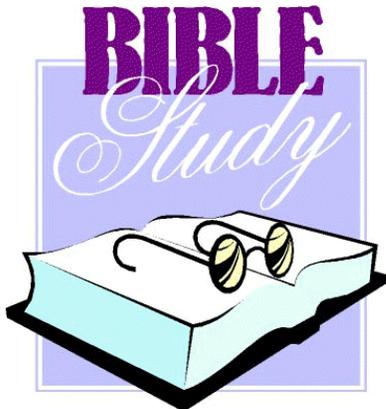
The words of the cross are central to each sacrament: We are baptized into Christ's death on the cross and in Baptism we obtain forgiveness—which only flows from the cross; in absolution the cross is likewise the only reason forgiveness can be pronounced; in the Eucharist not only do we partake of the fruit of the cross, but we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

As just noted the New Testament is clearly about Christ's Cross. What then of the Old Testament? Jesus declared that the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms predicted the necessity of the death of "the Christ"; sacrifice is arguably the most prominent permeating theme of the Old Testament...from Cain's and Abel's sacrifices through Israel's sacrifices and concluding with Malachi's discussion of sacrifice. What else could sacrifice be portraying other than Christ on the cross? Thus the foundational theme of the entire Scripture—Old and New Testament—is the cross of Christ.

Finally, and not in the sense that this summary is exhaustive, the life of the Baptized is lived in and out of the cross of Christ. Thus Saint Paul would summarize as only an inspired writer could: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20)

## **Screwtape Letters**

Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m.  
in the conference room.



## **Pastor's Class**

Sunday mornings and will meet in  
the conference room from  
8:45-9:45 a.m.



## **EMMAUS BIBLE STUDY CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

### **Sunday Mornings**

Sunday School 8:45am  
Led by Charlie Long

### **Women's Bible Study**

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month  
7pm in the Conference room

### **Saturday mornings 8:00am**

Men's Bible Breakfast  
Led by Ray Schultz



## **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.

# November Birthdays

Sheri Moore	11/2	Sandra Duncan	11/20
Gloria Muhlhauser	11/08	Marcia Robbins	11/20
Katherine Arritt	11/10	Lee Ann Kidwell	11/23
Harry Hildebrandt	11/10	Delinda Riley	11/23
Juliane Ludlow	11/11	Andrew Judd	11/28
Jared Chandler	11/16	JoAnn Riemer	11/28
		Anne George	11/30



## November 2018 SCHEDULE

11/4 No Communion  
 11/11 Jeff Frownfelter  
 11/18 Jerry Roesener  
 11/21 Jeff Frownfelter  
 11/25 Bob Groth



11/4 Dave Duncan  
 11/11 Norm Riemer  
 11/18 Garald Evans  
 11/21 Jerry Campbell  
 11/25 Dave Duncan



11/4 Robert Carey  
 11/11 Norm Riemer  
 11/18 Bob Groth  
 11/25 Karla Frownfelter



11/4 Jeff Frownfelter  
 11/11 Horst Hildebrandt  
 11/18 Jerry Roesener  
 11/25 Bob Groth



Pat Klinge



11/4 Ray & Sandie Schultz  
 11/11 D Moon/R. Cantwell  
 11/18 Betty Whitsit/Donna H  
 11/25 Jeff & Karla Frownfelter





# CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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# December Birthdays

Richard Alter	12/10	Jeff Frownfelter	12/20
Kyle Evans	12/10	Michael Riley	12/22
Robert Carey	12/11	Angela Graham	12/23
Carolyn Quinette	12/12	Jesus	12/25
Jennifer Hurst	12/15	Elsie Kasten	12/29
Scotty Jett Jr.	12/16	Elaine Skipworth	12/30



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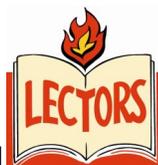
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 12/16 Tim Birtchman  
 12/23 Angel Graham  
 12/30 Andrea Campbell



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 12/23 Debi Moon  
 12/30 Bob Groth



Pat Klinge  
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 Jeff/Karla Frownfelter



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