



EMAUS ELCA VISITOR

Caminando Juntos + We Walk Together

July/August 2021

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English-spoken worship services are held at Emaus every Saturday evening at 4:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:00.	
Spanish-spoken worship services are held at Emaus every Sunday morning at 11:00.	
Emaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.	

Pastor Jhon Freddy to Preach at Emaus

Former Emaus pastor Jhon Freddy Correa, and his family, Liliana and Mateo, will be spending a few days in Racine the end of July. He will be preaching in English at the July 31 worship service at 4:30 pm and again at the 9:00 am service Sunday, August 1. We welcome him to Wisconsin and Emaus!

July/August Calendar

Saturday Worship (English) -		4:30 pm
Sunday Worship (English)-		9:00 am
Sunday Worship (Spanish) -		11:00 am
July	Stitchers do not meet in July	
	Neighborhood Camp starts July 6	
	Mon.-Fri., 8:00-3:30, through July	
6	Neighborhood Camp Starts	8:00-3:30
7	Bible Study	1:00 pm
14	PEW Sisters	1:00 pm
20	Council	6:30 pm
21	Pew Sisters	1:00 pm
22	Northside Food Pantry	1:30 pm
28	Book Club	1:00 pm
31	Jhon Freddy Preaches	4:30 pm
	Saturday Service	
Aug. 1	Jhon Freddy Preaches	9:00 am
	Sunday Service	
4	Stitchers	10:00 am
4	Bible Study	1:00 pm
5	Community Meals	
11	Stitchers	10:00 am
11	PEW Sisters	1:00 pm
17	Council	6:30 pm
18	Stitchers	10:00 am
18	Pew Sisters	1:00 pm
25	Stitchers	10:00 am
25	Book Club	1:00 pm
26	Northside Food Pantry	1:30 pm
Sept. 12	Gods Work, Our Hands Starts	

Kitchen helpers are needed for Neighborhood Camp. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex or contact Carol Yust if you are interested in volunteering for a few hours each week.

Emaus Reopening Update

(Revised 6/10/2021)

Because the COVID-19 pandemic is ever changing, requirements for worship will need to be fluid. Any future adjustments will be announced as they are adopted.

Current worship with Emaus:

- In person worship
Saturday 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. in English.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. in Spanish
- All worship services are available to view after on the Emaus ELCA website (emauselca1.org)
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Requirements for in-person worship:

- Those who have not worshiped in person at Emaus in 2021, please register upon arrival. Pre-registration is no longer required for anyone.
- For persons fully vaccinated, masks are optional. If you are not fully vaccinated, please be respectful of others and continue to wear a mask.
- Worshipers need to stay seated in the marked areas. Children **MUST** always remain with their parents.
- Limited congregational singing will be allowed.
- Directions will be given for Communion.
- Directions will be given for dropping offerings into designated boxes or plates.

Reopening Committee:

Pastor Jaime Dubon, Ramiro Flores, Cindi Larsen, Maribel Madrid, Cathy Meyer, Jess Sedgwick, and Pastor Marcy Wieties.

Emaus to Refinance Its Mortgage

At its June meeting the church council agreed to move ahead with an application for refinancing the church's mortgage. Why would we want to do that? Well, we have some major expenses to deal with. First, there is the issue with our boilers. One is not functional and the other two are old. Second, we have borrowed from ourselves to pay for repairs to our elevator. That elevator makes our church building handicap accessible. Third, you may have noticed that the walls in our entranceway are peeling, and the ceiling is falling down.

The application has been made to Thrivent, our current mortgage lender, for \$80,000. We could have asked for a lot more, but we must be mindful of the fact that we must pay back the loan and there is a limit to what our operating budget can withstand. Thrivent tells us that it could take at least two months to get this loan underwritten. Stay tuned ...

Video Streaming at Emaus

Since the pandemic started, Emaus has been videoing nearly all their Sunday morning services. You can find those videos at EmausELCA1.org. Many churches are now video streaming their services. The Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA and the Siebert Lutheran Foundation have recognized this technology as the "wave of the future", much like the copier and the computer technologies were to churches in previous generations. There is a need for this technology. There are many in our congregation who, for one reason or another, may not make it back to church in person after the pandemic. There are others who may not be able to travel to a wedding or a funeral but would want to see the event in real time. In addition, this capability will provide easy access for those seeking to hear the Word on a regular basis, no matter where they are.

The Siebert Lutheran Foundation has given grants to Wisconsin Lutheran synodical organizations (i.e., ELCA, WELS, LCMS) to support the purchase and installation of the cameras and other equipment. Emaus has been promised \$2,500 from the synod if we pursue this project. The church council voted to go ahead with the video streaming project at its meeting on June 15. The vendor that has been selected is Metro Sound and Video. Their proposal offered the equipment that will be the easiest to use and will offer expandability in the future. Their proposal includes a cost of about \$8,000. This is obviously outside our current budget. Accounting for the \$2,500 from the synod, we will need to find the additional \$5,500. If you are interested in donating to this project, please indicate that on your offering envelope or tag your online donation in the "Other" category with "Video Streaming."

Out Of Crisis Comes Opportunity

- **Miracles in the Kitchen**

When the refrigerator went down again recently—again—we heard the bad news from the repairman that our unit was beyond repair. As we thought of ways to afford a new one, an anonymous angel came forth and wrote a check for \$3100 to replace our aging appliance. Miracles never cease. A new industrial refrigerator has been installed.

Very recently, when a rep of the Racine Community Foundation learned about the good works that go on in that kitchen, we were asked us to dream big and give them a list of what we really needed. So, we acknowledged we were in need of a new commercial range. Presently, a team of people has come together to fulfill that need at no cost to congregation. We will provide an update as things transpire.

- **A Word About Our Emaus Pre-Opening**

Being closed for a long seventeen months gave us the opportunity to take a good look at our facility. We realized we needed much more than hand-sanitizer to open the doors—so we began compiling a list and developing a process to get the work done right. The list proved to be quite long, because it included numerous items that had been overlooked for years. But the good news was donations of money and time came pouring in.

The next step was to prioritize and assign work crews to tackle the pages of projects. As of this date, we stand in awe of all the work that has been accomplished. Consider this: Painting, replastering, deep cleaning in all areas, window washing, removal of old equipment that no longer worked, replacing 120 new chairs for fellowship hall and giving away the old ones, installing a washer and dryer unit in the basement, power-washing tables and chairs, updating the restrooms, shampooing the carpeting, etc. etc. A special thanks goes out to Soledad, Mario and Nancy Posadas for all their hard work. (For a complete list, see Mary Janz.) In addition to all of the maintenance and purchases, the EASY staff has sorted through all materials and weeded out old games and other materials that have seen better days. A revamped children's library has taken place, including a face-lift of the space, as well as a refurbishing the book collection to include new books covering history and current topics that are age-appropriate and engaging.

- **Worship Preparation**

In-person worship has resumed, but we still are taking some COVID precautions. We will continue social distancing, contact tracing, and have changed our communion practices to provide as much safety as possible.

People who are fully vaccinated need not wear a mask; however, those who still need to be vaccinated should still wear face coverings.

We are happy to announce that all these efforts made it possible for children to make their first communions. Early in May, fourteen communicants made their first communion at the Spanish service, and on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, six more communicants made their first communions at the English Service. Congratulations!

Like in all crisis situations, life marches on, and we march with it. We still have more work to do but plan to have the whole list completed by July 2nd. Thanks goes out to all!



The Emaus Stitchers spent a day cleaning the kitchen in preparation for Neighborhood Camp. Thanks to their hard work, the kitchen sparkles and now also has a new stove and refrigerator.

Food Ministry



Every other Tuesday morning, a crew of volunteers picks up and delivers food to Emaus where it is packed into boxes and distributed to folks in need.

From Our Parish Nurse

Heat information from the CDC

People aged 65 years or older are more prone to heat-related health problems. If you're an older adult or a caretaker, review this page for information on how you or the person you're caring for can stay safe during the heat.

CARETAKER CHECKLIST

Keep a close eye on those in your care by visiting them at least twice a day, and ask yourself these questions:

- Are they drinking enough water?
- Do they have access to air conditioning?
- Do they know how to keep cool?
- Do they show any signs of heat stress?

Why are older adults more prone to heat stress?

- Older adults do not adjust as well as young people to sudden changes in temperature.
- They are more likely to have a chronic medical condition that changes normal body responses to heat.
- They are more likely to take prescription medicines that affect the body's ability to control its temperature or sweat.

Stay cool, stay hydrated

- Stay in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible. If your home doesn't have air conditioning, contact your local health department or locate an air-conditioned shelter in your area.
- Do not rely on a fan as your main cooling source when it's really hot outside.
- Drink more water than usual and **don't wait** until you're thirsty to drink.
 - If your doctor limits the amount of fluids you drink or has you on water pills, ask them how much you should drink during hot weather.
- Don't use the stove or oven to cook—it will make you and your house hotter.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Take cool showers or baths to cool down.
- Do not engage in very strenuous activities and get plenty of rest.
- Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you.
- Follow [additional tips](#) on how to prevent heat-related illness.

Stay informed

- Check the local news for health and safety updates.

Seek medical care immediately if you have, or someone you know has, [symptoms of heat-related illness](#) like muscle cramps, headaches, nausea or vomiting

Touched by an Angel!!



When Emily Papara (97-year-old neighborhood of Emaus) cried out for help with some yard maintenance that she could no longer do for herself, she received that, and so much more.

What does it mean to be a good neighbor? I suppose depending on who you ask, the answers will vary. For Soledad (member of Emaus) it means answering the call when a cry for help is heard.

Frustrated with her inability to fix her watering system to provide nourishment for her beautiful garden, Emily reached out to Emaus for help and received more than she had hoped for. Upon arrival to Emily's home, Soledad assessed the whole situation and went to work. It wasn't long after arriving that Soledad was seen watering Emily's many gardens, filling bird feeders, fixing the bird bath, and so much more. As Emily stood beaming with joy, expressing repeatedly, her gratitude for Soledad's generosity, Soledad had one more thing in mind.

She had seen on Emily's arm a rather big gauze bandage covering a wound. It was clearly obvious that attention was needed to dress the wound properly, as well as ensure that proper care of the wound had been provided. Feeling comfortable with Soledad, Emily allowed Sol to undress the wound and provide care.

Upon completion of wound care, Emily looked at Soledad with eyes of compassion and said thank you my sweat angel, you are now my favorite doctor. Soledad

responded with arms wide open. As they embraced one another forging a beautiful bond, it was clear to see that God had been at work. One never knows when, where or how, but one thing is certain, we will be called upon. The question is, are we ready and willing to be good neighbors.

Emaus Prayer Chain

The Emaus prayer chain is open to everyone who wishes prayers for themselves or loved ones.

Anyone wishing to request prayers for someone is welcome to bring their request to Carol Eschmann, our Parish Nurse, and she will include it in her weekly email communication. It is not necessary to include names if that is your preference. Carol also needs to have updates to requests so that she can provide accurate information.

You are also welcome to join the list of Prayer Chain recipients by contacting Carol Eschmann at cdeschmann@gmail.com. Carol's phone number is 262-989-0926.

Outreach For Hope 2021 Run Walk

Join all of your friends on the morning of Saturday, September 25 for the [Outreach for Hope 2021 Ride Run Walk](#) (formerly the Family Bike Ride), and help FUNdraise \$150K for grants to central city congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod!

Each site offers a walk, and road and trail rides unless otherwise noted:

- **Waukesha County:** Dousman / walk and ride on Glacial Drumlin Trail, and ride on county roads
- **Ozaukee County:** Grafton / walk and ride on Ozaukee Interurban Trail, and ride on county roads
- **Racine/Kenosha County:** Kenosha / walk at Petrifying Springs Park, ride on North Shore Bike Trail, and ride on roads
- **NEW! Milwaukee County:** WALK ONLY at Washington Park
- **Virtual:** Ride, run, walk, and/or fundraise on your own schedule (7/15 - 9/25; you can register for both the virtual option AND an in-person event)

Registration Opens July 15!

Visit OFHRRW.org starting July 15 to register online. [Click here](#) to sign up for an email reminder when registration opens!

Online registration requires an email address. If you know someone who wants to join but doesn't have email, contact us at ofhinfo@outreachforhope.org or 414-671-1212 for a printed registration form.

Registrants will receive a free event t-shirt, and snacks, drinks and a boxed lunch for in-person events. There is NO registration fee -- instead, pay what you can at registration, and/or collect donations from others leading up to the event.

IN THE MEANTIME...

- Check out [our event webpage](#) to learn more about the event, download promo materials, and more.
- [Sign up to volunteer online](#) or call us at 414-671-1212 ([click here](#) to learn more about the opportunities available).
- Download our [corporate sponsorship form](#) if your company (or one you know) is interested in sponsoring this year's event.
- Invite your friends to learn more about the event and OFH by [signing up for our emails](#), and following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).
- Watch our video **Save the Date** at <https://youtu.be/oErf3eFmPjU>.

June 21 update on pre-opening and maintenance

Completed

- All carpets on main floor shampooed
- Sunset Room, offices, main floor kitchen, narthex, sanctuary and chancel area deep cleaned
- Main floor utility closets painted and organized
- Vacuum purchased and shampooer repaired
- Windows washed on main floor
- Chairs in sanctuary cleaned
- Safe removed
- Bench by south entrance removed
- Refrigerator purchased and placed at south entrance
- Screens purchased and placed to cover food
- 120 folding chairs replaced
- Old chairs donated to families
- Chair racks sanded and repainted
- Insinkerator disposal replaced in main floor kitchen
- Hand sanitizer stations throughout church
- Water fountains blocked
- Purging of files, games, books, kitchen items and more
- Removal of folding doors by kitchen counter
- Installation of Plexiglass in kitchen
- Installation of washer and dryer in unisex bathroom

- Installation of water heater booster in sink of unisex br
- New sinks in downstairs boys bathroom
- New toilet seats in downstairs bathroom
- New refrigerator ordered for downstairs kitchen (to be delivered and installed within a week)
- Kids library and art room painted, cleaned and organized
- Toys, games and supplies cleaned and organized
- Kitchen cleaned and organized
- Power wash tables and chairs
- Disposal of sofa and love seat from youth toom
- Tuning of pianos and organ
- Replacement of sink in temple room
- Removal of broken folding door in temple room
- Organize temple room
- Clean, shampoo carpet, minor maintenance of youth room
- Fans purchased for sanctuary
- Paint Fellowship Hall
- Replacement of downstairs refrigerator

In process or to be worked on:

Goal: Completion by 7/2 with the exception of technology updates

- Wash and wax floor in kitchen and Fellowship Hall
- Organize lift pump room
- Shampoo hall and temple room carpets on second floor
- Curtain for unisex bathroom
- Technology updates
- Replace blinds on 13 basement windows (ordered)
- Clean second floor temple room
- Minor tile and floor repairs
- Main floor bathrooms - deep clean
- Order microwave, kitchen items
- Order tables to replace broken ones
- Replace downstairs stove with 2 30 inch ranges
- Paint and organize basement janitor's utility closet
- Paint and flooring in safe room

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Reader	Ushers
7/3 4:30	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton				
7/4 9:00	Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Joy Lippmann Nancy Smith	Carol Yust	Team 4 Art Smith Loren Larsen
7/10 4:30	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek				
7/11 9:00	Audrey Villalobos	Karen Sedgwick	Karen Sedgwick Carol Eschmann	Sandy Strini	Team 1 Diane Melander
7/17 4:30	Missy Porcaro				
7/18 9:00	Joy Lippmann	Carol Yust	Kathy Christensen Cheryl Dexter	Nancy Smith	Team 2 Chris Lamberton
7/24 4:30	Cathy Mayer Linda Clinton				
7/25 9:00	Kathy Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Chris Lamberton Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Team 3 Cathy Knuteson Denis Kreimer Cheryl Dexter
7/31 4:30	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek				
8/1 8:00	Caren Lamberton	Cindi Larsen	Joy Lippmann Carol Yust	Amy Haman	Team 4 Art Smith Loren Larsen
8/7 4:30	Missy Porcaro				
8/8 9:00	Cindi Larsen	Karen Sedgwick	Karen Sedgwick Carol Eschmann	Kathy Christensen	Team 1 Diane Melander
8/14 4:30	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton				
8/15 9:00	Audrey Villalobos	Kathy Christensen	Kathy Christensen Cheryl Dexter	Karen Sedgwick	Team 2 Chris Lamberton
8/21 4:30	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek				
8/22 9:00	Joy Lippmann	Karen Sedgwick	Chris Lamberton Cindi Larsen	Carol Yust	Team 3 Cathy Knuteson Denis Kreimer Cheryl Dexter
8/28 4:30	Missy Porcaro				
8/29 9:00	Kathy Christensen	Carol Yust	Joy Lippmann Nancy Smith	Sandy Strini	Team 4 Art Smith Loren Larsen

If you are willing to serve as a worship assistant in any of the above areas, please contact Kathy Christensen at 262-909-4799 or rdckic63@yahoo.com.