



# EMAUS ELCA VISITOR

Caminando Juntos + We Walk Together

## September 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.	

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Due to the outbreak of the Covid Delta Variant, the reopening plans are paused for now. Masks will be required when attending worship services or meetings in the church building.

## September Calendar

Saturday Worship (English) -		4:30 pm
Sunday Worship (English)-		9:00 am
Sunday Worship (Spanish) -		11:00 am
Sept. 1	Stitchers	10:00 am
1	Bible Study	1:00 pm
8	Stitchers	10:00 am
12	Gods Work, Our Hands Starts	
15	Stitchers	10:00 am
20	EASY Kickoff	
21	Council	6:30 pm
22	Stitchers	10:00 am
22	Book Club	1:00 pm
29	Stitchers	1:00 pm

See Educational Programs Schedule for additional events.

## Pastor Changes at Emaus

Pastor Marcy has requested to cut back on the number of hours she works for Emaus ELCA per week. She will continue serving Emaus by preaching, teaching and carrying out administrative duties as defined in a new Covenant agreement. She will preach two weekends per month and be available in the church office on Wednesday afternoons.

We welcome back Pastor Steve Wohlfeil who will be preaching one weekend per month and helping Pastor Marcy with visitation of members 16 hours per month. If you or someone you know would like a home visit, please call the church office and leave a message for Pastor Steve.

Finally, Pastor Jaime Dubon, who comes to us from the ELCA national church office and who has been preaching at the 11:00 a.m. service, will be providing pulpit supply as well. Emaus ELCA is fortunate to have these wonderful church leaders be available to minister to us.

## Education Programs Scheduled For 2021-2022

CLASS	DAY, DATE & TIME	TEACHER
Sunday School Grades K-6 Grades 7&up-Church	Sunday 11:15-Noon Begins September 12	Rosie Gomez & Evaline Mitchell (2022)
First Communion Spanish	Saturday-10-11:30 AM Begins: September 11-see separate schedule.	Imelda Flores
Confirmation Spanish	Saturday-12-2PM Begins September 11 see separate schedule	Ramiro Flores
Confirmation English	Wednesday 5-6:30PM Begins September 8 See separate schedule	Jaime Toslek
New Member Class English	As Needed	Carol Yust
New Member Class Spanish	As Needed	Ramiro Flores
EASY (Emaus After School for Youth	Monday -Thursday 3-5:30PM	Nancy Smith, Maribel Madrid & Syslack
Adult Bible Study English	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 1-2:15PM	Pastor Marcy Wieties
Book Club English	4th Wednesday 1 to 2:30 PM	Cathy Meyer

## **Secretarial Change at Emaus**

A big thank you goes out to Maribel Madrid as she transitions from office secretary to full time work with EASY and Neighborhood Camp. She has been working both jobs and will now be able to concentrate on the children's education programs. She has been invaluable in her efforts to keep everything flowing smoothly and we appreciate her ability to communicate with everyone.

We welcome Marisol Dubon to the position of church secretary. Because she is fully bilingual, she is able to work successfully with both language communities. She will be available in the church office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We thank her for her willingness to take on this responsibility. Please introduce yourself the next weekday you are in the office.

## **Wednesday Activities Resume**

The Emaus Stitchers meet each Wednesday morning at 10:00 to make quilts, prayers shawls, mittens and hats to share in our community. If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, sewing or helping with other aspects of quilting, please join us. Friends are invited to bring a bag lunch and enjoy fellowship at noon on Wednesdays. Pastor Marcy leads a Bible Study in the Sunset Room on the first Wednesday each month at 1:00. The Book Discussion Group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month at 1:00. Everyone is welcome.

## **Vaccination Pop-up Site at Emaus**

There will be a City vaccination pop-up site in the Emaus field on Sunday, September 12, from 10:30 - 1:00.

Volunteers are needed to assist with hospitality. Donations of bottled water and granola bars will be appreciated and can be dropped off at the church office.

This event will be Emaus' way of participating in God's Work, Our Hands for 2021. If you have a God's Work Our Hands tshirt, please wear it to church.

## **Emaus to Walk for Peace and Hope**

Donning Outreach for Hope t shirts, Emaus members and friends will participate in the annual Outreach For Hope Bike/Run/Walk fundraiser Saturday, September 25, at 10:00 in the Emaus neighborhood. Seniors, kids, and people of all ages are

invited to support the arm of our Synod that provides generous funding for EASY, Neighborhood Camp and other outreach ministries of Emaus.

## **Let's Join Together And Start Thinking About Stewardship As Fall Approaches.**

What does Stewardship mean to all of us? Sometimes Christian Stewardship is misunderstood. It should not be interpreted as a way for our congregation to "raise money". It isn't a program, an appeal or a financial quick fix. Stewardship is deeply personal and spiritual. All our gifts and possessions come from God. A stewardship lifestyle is a dramatic departure from our consumer culture which can emphasize and celebrate self, wealth, material items and individualism. Whereas, as a people of faith, we are called to share, serve others and be part of the worshipping community at Emaus. Let's start thinking about how we can be good Stewards in a personal and spiritual way. Can we share our time? Can we share our talents? Can we share our treasures? Let's join together and give in many ways on our journey to be good Stewards on our path to Emaus.

Sandy Strini, Stewardship Chair

## **Congregation Approves Loan Refinancing**

At a special congregational meeting on Sunday, August 22, the congregation approved a resolution to borrow the sum of up to \$50,000 in addition to the principal balance of our current loan payable over a term of 15 years from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for the purpose of renovations.

## **Community Meals**

On Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, it will be Emaus' turn to contribute meals for the Community Meals Program at St. Patrick's Church. A hot meal will be served in the church hall so our responsibility will be casseroles, Jello salads and cakes. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex.

## **Do You Want A Say In What Happens At Your Funeral?**

We've all been to funerals that were extremely meaningful...and others that were not! I have sat with so many families over the years who expressed remorse that they really didn't know what Bible verses meant something to Dad or they couldn't remember what hymns were significant to Grandma. In some cases, discussions about a loved one's funeral have even brought about disagreements between family members.

Did you know that in the first days after a loved one's death, the family can be left to make up to 200 decisions? Much like pre-planning your burial details, pre-planning your funeral service can lighten the load on your loved ones after your death.

I am available to meet with you to think through what you would like your funeral service to look like, from choosing hymns and readings to the location of the service and whether or not to have refreshments! Expressing your wishes can give your family comfort, knowing that they are staying true to your life and your beliefs.

If you are interested in pre-planning your service, send me an email to [wieties@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wieties@sbcglobal.net), call me at 262-635-1898, or drop a note in my church mailbox!

## **Video Streaming at Emaus**

When the pandemic started, Emaus began videoing nearly all Sunday morning services. You can find those videos at [EmausELCA1.org](http://EmausELCA1.org). The Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA and the Siebert Lutheran Foundation have recognized this technology as the "wave of the future".

There is a need for this technology. Some members of our congregation are unable to attend church in person. 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.

Emaus has been promised \$2,500 from the synod to support the purchase and installation of the cameras and other equipment. 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. Installation is scheduled to take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. This equipment will be the easiest to use and will offer expandability in the future.

The cost of about \$8,000 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."

### **Thrivent Grants**

There are a number of special projects at Emaus such as the installation of the live-streaming equipment that may be eligible for grants of \$250 from Thrivent. If you are a Thrivent member and are willing to apply for a grant to help support Emaus' ministry, please contact Kathy Christensen.

### **EASY: Ready, Set, Go!**

Easy kicks off the year on September 20, 2021. We will be in person and masked! Registration forms have been sent and are available at the church. EASY is for kids in grades 1-5.

# Neighborhood Camp 2021

## Neighborhood Camp Wrap-up

We Walk 4 Peace! Campers were found in and around the neighborhood throughout the month of July walking and delivering hand painted rocks and hearts. (One heart was seen displayed in a neighbor's window at night.)



They also spent time each day walking the peace labyrinth which is still accessible in the church yard. (Note the meditative position.)





They had fun with visits from naturalists Nancy Carlson and David Stokes as well as Shaun Coates who showed the older campers how to weld virtually. Anne Frontier played her guitar and had the kids



singing and moving. The campers spent an afternoon creating alien pictures under the guidance of RAM ON WHEELS. The WOW moment - the campers got to design and paint canvas shoes! Thank you Rebecca Bissi!

As always Froggy Hugs were special moments.



As shown in the above article, the campers painted messages of peace on rocks and wooden hearts. During the last week of camp, they participated in "We Walk 4 Peace" and distributed their peace rocks and hearts around the neighborhood.

The following letter was received the following week:

"To the kids at Emmaus Church,

We recently found a special rock on our porch, decorated with symbols & words of peace. We found it encouraging and sweet that some secret person (or people) would care for others in this way, especially during this time of such upheaval for our world.

Having heard through the grapevine that Emmaus kids may be those "secret" peace rock people, we thought we'd send a note of thanks and encouragement to you—keep up spreading your loving kindness to others!

It if wasn't you...maybe you could start spreading your joy!

In Loving Kindness,  
The Yorgans---Ken and Sue"

Thanks to Nancy, Katie, Maribel and Camp Staff for leading our campers on this journey of learning to share love and peace. KINDNESS MATTERS!

## Project Recovery

Project Recovery is a community-based program designed to meet the emotional needs of the community.

Trained Crisis Counselors from your area are available to help people better understand their situation and reactions, assist in the review of their options, provide emotional support and encourage linkage with resources.

Project Recovery can offer:

Compassionate and nonjudgmental emotional support

Organizing and prioritizing tasks - information and resource referral

Problem solving

Coping skills

Better understanding of your current situation and reactions

Stress management

Developing plans to address unmet needs

[Project Recovery - Helping Wisconsin Recover from COVID-19](#)

Visit: [projectrecovery.org](http://projectrecovery.org) or call 2-1-1- and ask for Project Recovery

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Reader	Ushers
9/4 4:30	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek				
9/5 9:00	Caren Lamberton	Karen Sedgwick	Karen Sedgwick Carol Eschmann	Amy Haman	Team 2 Chris Lamberton
9/11 4:30	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton				
9/12 9:00	Kathy Christensen	Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen Kathy Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Team 3 Cathy Knuteson Denis Kreimer Cheryl Dexter
9/18 4:30	Missy Porcaro				
9/19 9:00	Cindi Larsen	Carol Yust	Joy Lippmann Nancy Smith	Carol Eschmann	Team 4 Art Smith Loren Larsen
9/25 4:30	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek				
9/26 9:00	Audrey Villalobos	Kathy Christensen	Karen Sedgwick Carol Eschmann	Carol Yust	Team 1 Diane Melander