



EMAUS ELCA VISITOR

Caminando Juntos + We Walk Together

August 2022

<u>EmausELCA Staff & Worship Times</u>	
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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.	

Special Guest at August 14th 11:00 o'clock worship

The world secretary of Lutheran World Relief will be present at the 11:00 o'clock service on August 14th. She will participate in a special blessing of students who will be going back to school this fall.

August Calendar

Saturday Worship (English) -	4:30 pm
Sunday Worship (English)-	9:00 am
Sunday Worship (Spanish) -	11:00 am
Coffee and Conversation Sundays,	10:00, Sunset Room

Aug. 3	Stitchers	10:00 am
3	Bible Study	1:00 pm
4	Community Meals at St. Patrick's Church	
10	Stitchers	10:00 am
11	Lutherdale Lunch and Quilt Show	
17	Stitchers	10:00 am
23	Food Distribution (Back Door)	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
24	Stitchers	10:00 am
24	Book Discussion Group	1:00 pm
25	Northside Food Pantry	1:30-4:00 pm
31	Stitchers	10:00 am

Office Hours May Vary In August

Due to vacation schedules and travel plans for our staff, office hours may vary in August. The office will be closed on Fridays, and Monday through Thursday will be staffed by volunteers and other staff members. Before going to the office personally, please call to check the hours.

Pastor Marcy and Ramiro Flores Sign Agreements of Expectation

Prepared by the Executive Committee and a group of Emaus leaders, documents outlining expectations for Pastor Marcy and Ramiro have been negotiated and agreed to by both persons. Copies of the agreements are on file in the church office for those who are interested in more details. Further information will also be provided in the September newsletter.

Emaus Stitchers And Pew Sisters

Beginning Wednesday, August 3rd, the Emaus Stitchers will resume meeting on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Also on August 3rd, the Pew Sisters will meet for a Bible Study with Pastor Marcy. On August 24th the Book Discussion group will meet at 1:00. Anyone interested is invited to join these groups.

Community Meals Program

It is Emaus' turn to contribute food for the Community Meals Program on August 4th. The summer menu is being followed and the requested items are salads, baked beans, chips and wrapped desserts. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. If you prefer to leave your donation at Emaus to be delivered by Kathy and Cheryl, please have it in the kitchenette before noon on Thursday. If you wish to take it to St. Patrick's Church yourself, please deliver it between 12:00 and 1:30.

SCRIP

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Scrip fund raising program. We are on track to having a very successful year with profits for Emaus. Scrip gift cards will continue to be ordered every other week. Please have your order to Cathy Meyer via text (262) 498-4931 or email (cjanemeyer@yahoo.com) by Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on the following dates:

August 14 & 28
September 11 & 25
October 9 & 23
November 6 & 20
December 4, 11, & 18.

God's Work Our Hands

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in God's Work Our Hands on Sunday, September 11th. More information will be forthcoming.

Neighborhood Camp

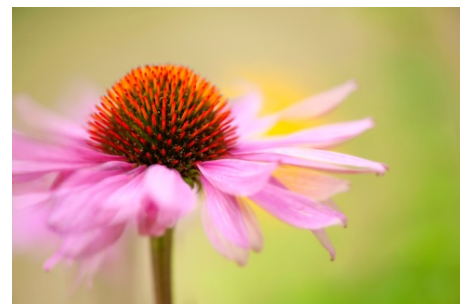
- Neighborhood Camp 2022 is now history. Forty-six campers were led by a staff of seven; including high school and college students. Our camp staff was encouraged by experienced teachers and a social worker.
- Our theme of Be Kind To Ourselves, Our Neighbors and Our World kept the campers busy and creative. Butterflies, bees, and blooms: They learned the



importance of bees and butterflies as pollinators of the food we eat. They stenciled a butterfly - Thank you Rebecca Bissi for leading this activity! The Emaus sewers helped the campers make banners encouraging all to Save Our World.

They designed life sized self-portraits of themselves. Taking care of ourselves involved some time spent with a Yoga instructor.

- STOP, LOOK & LISTEN! This mantra has been emphasized to get the campers to tune into nature. They have spent time feeding the birds and checking under rocks for insects. They watched as painted lady caterpillars matured into butterflies that they released into the garden. The Racine Zoo paid a visit and brought animals native to Wisconsin.





- The campers enjoyed visits from people in our community. The Racine Police shared what they do to keep peace and explained the equipment they use. Nancy Carlson, a local naturalist, kept the kids engaged with hands-on activities including water testing, and close up views of crayfish with special magnifying containers. A member of the Racine Library staff led story time for our younger ones.

- Save Our World: Plastic: The campers collected plastic all summer and dumped it into our indoor "ocean." The "ocean" was moved to the field with the message that we are hurting our oceans and lakes especially endangering the animals that live there.
- Reading continues to be encouraged. All campers spent at least 20 minutes



per day engaged in books. For every eight books a camper read, they received a free book. Some campers received upwards to eight books!

- Something new was added this year. Find the Light, a writing workshop, led by Genie Webb, engaged 10 of our campers in a 4-week session in which they wrote about overcoming an incident in their lives. Upon graduation they each received a certificate. Their stories will be published by the end of the year.

- Check out [Nancy Smith's Facebook page](#) for pictorial reports of camp.

Neighborhood Camp - Week #4

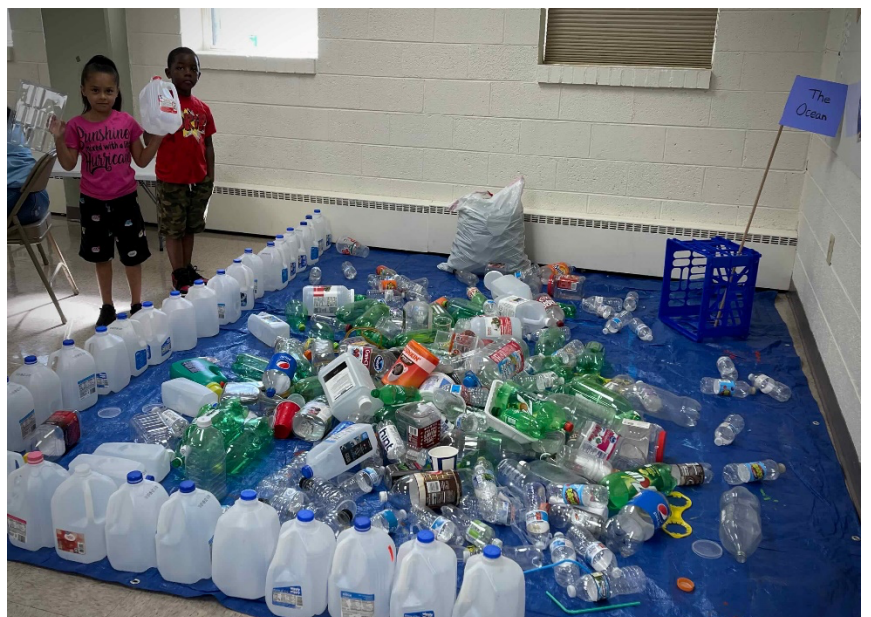
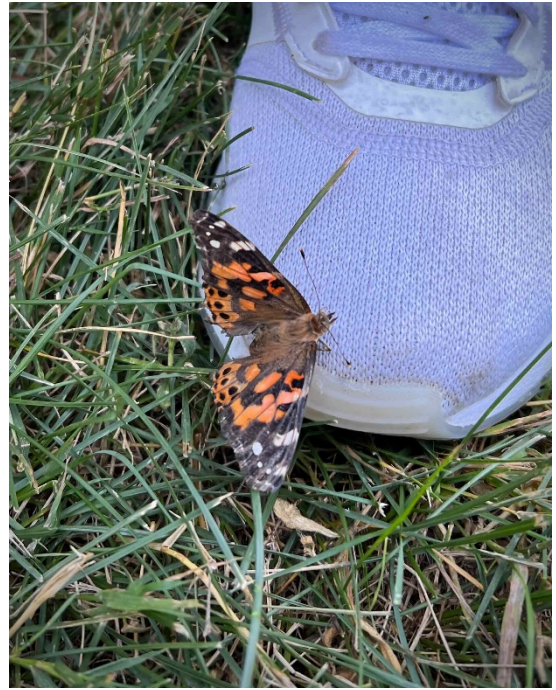
One of the highlights was the Butterfly Release! Community visitors included the Racine police and Nancy Carlson, our local naturalist! Cup stacking competition produced a lot of laughs! Older campers visited the neighborhood Veteran's Outreach Center. Writers Workshop graduation - 10 campers completed the 4-week session.



Pastor Jaime was our guest for God Time.



More Neighborhood Camp Pictures





Social Justice Report

RIC is spending most of its energy from now to November "Turning Up the Vote." As in the past, we adhere strictly to our non-partisan guidelines and calling. We want to be sure every eligible voter in Racine knows how to vote and what they are voting for. Here are some examples of the kinds of work we have been doing:

- We have written up and distributed descriptions of which offices are on the ballot, and what it is they all do.
- We have printed and distributed voter registration information to encourage new voters to register and participate.
- We have organized a candidate forum for US Senate candidates to answer questions about mass incarceration and immigration reform. It will be held at Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church at 8:15 on July 21. The address is 2207 North 2nd Street, in Milwaukee. The event will also be live-streamed on WISDOM's Facebook page, in case you can't make it in person.
- We have asked Senate candidates polling above a certain percentage to fill out a questionnaire about their positions on specific questions relating to immigration reform and enforcement. We are taking their answers and distributing them to voters.

We are especially interested in helping lower income citizens residing in the City of Racine understand how to exercise their right to vote. We pay special attention to three neighborhoods where, during the last election, we managed to raise voter turnout to over 80%. If you would like to get involved, contact Stephanie Mitchell at smitchell@carthage.edu.

Carol Yust And Pastor Jaime to Attend Churchwide Assembly

The ELCA churchwide assembly will be held in Columbus OH August 8th through the 12th. Carol Yust will represent the Greater Milwaukee Synod as an official delegate. Pastor Jaime Dubon will attend as an official observer. The theme of this year's assembly is Embody the Word.

Pastor Jaime Resumes Latin American Travels

Beginning July 18 Pastor Jaime resumed his Latin American travels as a part of his position as Director of Latin American and Caribbean affairs in the ELCA.

His travels in the next two months will include Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, and Cuba.

Church Sign Defaced

Vandalism occurred recently when red paint was found on the church building and on the outside sign. The paint has been removed but there is no indication of who is responsible for the act. The necessity for security cameras on the west and south sides of the church is being considered. Special gifts and memorials are welcome for upgrade in security and to replace the outside sign with an electronic one. As of this printing, there are no estimates for the above items, and research and ideas in both categories are welcome.

Church's Internet

Emaus has been on the internet for at least two decades now. Back then it was a novelty. Now it is a necessity. We communicate with the congregation, the council meets via Zoom, we broadcast our services - all of which is supported by the internet.

Recently our internet connection has become somewhat "flaky" (that's a technical term). We first notice this when the cameras monitoring our doors go out. We have a work around for this and we are working with Spectrum, our internet provider. Last week they installed an amplifier, but we are still having issues. Please be patient and report any internet issues you might have while at church to Art Smith.

Food Pantries Need Help

The food pantries supported by Emaus have had a significant increase in people needing help. Please remember to donate food items or monetary gifts to help these ministries.

Bible Studies In Spanish to Resume in September

Led by pastor Jaime, Bible studies in Spanish will resume once a month in September. These studies have been taking place for the last two months on Wednesdays in the late afternoon.

Lutherdale Hosts Groups

Several Emaus Latino leaders received scholarships and participated in an overnight retreat for Synod Congregations at the end of June. They were housed in the new Hope Center.

Lutherdale Bible Camp Director

Pastor Tracy Polzin has been named the new director of Lutherdale Bible Camp. We wish her success in her new position.

Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction

The Emaus Stitchers have supported the Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction for several years by donating handmade quilts to the auction. These gifts help provide Christ-centered summer camp experiences for children of all ages. This year several of our members will attend a special day at Lutherdale on August 11th with a presentation on the history and impact of the Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction, a lunch followed by an afternoon of viewing over 300 quilts that have been donated for the auction. Anyone wishing to join our group can register online at www.lutherdale.org or call 262-742-2352. The cost is \$20.00 or \$15.00 if you ask to be included in the Emaus Stitchers group.

Again thank you for your continuing support of this program.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Reader	Ushers
August 6 4:30	Missy Porcaro				
August 7 9:00	Audrey Villalobos	Kathy Christensen	Cindi Larsen Carol Yust	Carol Yust	Denis Kreimer
August 13 4:30	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton				
August 14 9:00	Joy Lippmann	Cindi Larsen	Kathy Christensen Cheryl Dexter	Carol Eschmann	Loren Larsen
August 20 4:30	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek				
August 21 9:00	Caren Lamberton	Karen Sedgwick	Chris Lamberton Joy Lippmann	Chris Lamberton	Diane Melander
August 27 4:30	Missy Porcaro				
August 28 9:00	Kathy Christensen	Carol Yust	Carol Eschmann Karen Sedgwick	Kathy Christensen	Chris Lamberton