



September 2024

<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.	



Pastoral Acts

Pastor Mary Janz August 6, 1945 - July 31, 2024

The memorial service for Pastor Mary will be held at EmausELCA on Saturday, September 28th at 2:00 p.m.

Pastor Mary began her ministry at Emmaus Lutheran Church (now EmausELCA) in 1991. By 2000 she was strategizing how the church could reach out into the neighborhood. Out of that exercise came the Emaus After School for Youth (EASY) program, Neighborhood Camp and the Spanish speaking part of

the current Emaus congregation. Mary retired after 30 years as a Pastor at Emaus. During that time she touched the lives of many members of Emaus as well as the Racine community.

Gods Work, Our Hands
Sunday, September 8
Schedule Change

Projects -8:00-10:00 am
Bilingual Church Service - 10:30 am
Lunch - 11:30-12:00

September Calendar

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

Sept. 1	Scrip Due	
4	Stitchers	10:00 am
	Bible Study	1:00 pm
8	Gods Work, Our Hands	8:00 - 10:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Lunch	12:00 pm
11	Stitchers	10:00 am
13	Bilingual Memory Café	
15	Scrip Due	
18	Stitchers	10:00 am
19	Council	6:30 pm
21	Outreach For Hope Run/Walk	
21	Season of Creation Ecumenical Prayer Service ,Siena Center	9:00 am
25	Stitchers	10:00 am
	Book Group	1:00 pm
28	Pastor Mary's Memorial Service	2:00 pm
29	Scrip due	

God's Work, Our Hands
Sunday, September 8

Projects 8:00-10:00 am, Bilingual church service, 10:30, Lunch, 11:30-12:00.

On Sunday, September 8 you will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of church and community service projects from 8:00-10:00 am. This will be followed by a bilingual service at 10:30 and lunch at 11:30-12:00.

The following projects will be offered for you to participate in.

- Write notes of encouragement to those in nursing homes and assisted living, clean the upstairs church kitchen, power wash the tables downstairs and more.
- Clean the upstairs church kitchen
- Power Wash the tables downstairs
- Clean and straighten closet in Sunset
- Leave a letter of invitation to Emaus at neighborhood residences. This will include our many outreach projects
- Working on Vets Tiny Houses project.

Please sign up for a project on the sign up sheet in the back of the church or contact Carolyn Wooster, 262-498-4201.

Outreach For Hope Run/Walk

We'd like to ask you to consider supporting us again this fall, either by donating to the event, joining us in person on September 21st, or both!

(As a reminder - 100% of your donations to this event go towards our grants to food & clothing banks, employment and medical assistance, and much more - affiliated with ELCA churches in Southeastern Wisconsin. Event costs are covered by sponsorship donations.)

It's simpler than ever to support a person or team for this year's event! Simply go to [the donation page](#) and enter the amount you would like to donate; and, on the second page, be sure to add the name of the person or team that you are supporting, under "Name of participant..." You can even donate to support a person or team who has not registered yet or cannot attend this year! Your donation is fully tax deductible to the extent of the law (Outreach for Hope is a 501 (c) 3.)

Want to join us in person on September 21st? [Check out our webpage](#) for more information about the four event sites, and how to ride, run or walk at each.

Neighborhood Camp Highlights:

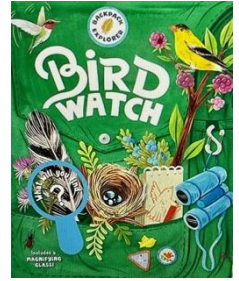
The campers were introduced to a local beekeeper, Brian Gleichauf. He shared pictures, honeycombs, and why bees especially honeybees are important in the pollination of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Lastly, he let the kids have a taste of raw honey. Facial expressions say a lot! They also got to sit quietly in the playing field and watch honeybees land on the clover.



Neighborhood camp continues to encourage reading! For every eight books read, the camper receives a free book. This year every camper earned at least 1 book. A total of 1,040 books were read. One camper earned 7 free books!



Birding was introduced in a variety of ways: preparing food for them, building bird houses, and taking nature hikes. The younger campers received the Bird Watch book which they used on their walks. Oh, what interesting items of nature they brought back with them! They learned about common birds in Wisconsin and that the robin is the state bird. Thanks to Rich and Art for helping the kids!



The EMAUS Sewers were front and center in guiding the campers in creating tote bags which were emblazmed with our theme "GO GREEN." The kids were seen bringing their bags to camp with books that they took home to read! Thanks Kathy, Sandi, and Carol for your patience and encouragement!



Butterflies are free: We talked a lot about the monarch butterfly. We shared how the monarch butterfly population is diminishing. We talked about how the monarch butterfly returns to Mexico and winters in a forest in the mountains. Our master gardener, Kathy Martin, showed the campers milkweed that was planted by the EASY students growing in the garden. The monarch butterfly depends upon milkweed.



All witnessed the life cycle of a painted lady butterfly. They watched in awe as larva grew, was put in a special container, and within a week butterflies emerged. The campers participated in a special release program. Much to their delight they saw many of these butterflies flying around the church grounds.



The older campers enjoyed designing and painting wooden butterflies which now decorate the church yard.

RAM (Racine Art Museum) came and gave the kids an opportunity to design their own butterfly using a variety of materials.



Field Trips: Seno K/RLT Conservancy in Burlington. The kids had an opportunity to explore the prairie and the bog. They enjoyed walking into the prairie with large nets to scoop up insects. The bog offered them the chance to explore a natural wetland.



River Bend: The kids explored the grounds to learn what River Bend is doing to encourage the population of the monarch butterfly. They got to tag paper butterflies, check out the milkweed garden, and see firsthand the stages of the butterfly. They did a hands on exercise of the life cycle of the monarch using pasta.



God Time:

The campers were introduced to the book *The Tale of the Three Trees*. They watched a video and then drew 3 trees. Each tree represented something important in their lives.



One group presented a reader's theater which explained that the first tree grew up, was cut down and became the manger for Jesus. The second tree became a boat in which a sleeping Jesus awoke and calmed the storm. The third tree became the cross which Jesus carried.

The Legend of the Sand Dollar: This legend tells of the birth and death of Jesus which are represented by certain markings on both sides. Each camper got to hold a sand dollar and each group opened one to find the five doves which represent Good Will and Peace.



We welcomed Pastor Chris Manke who read a book and led all in some foot stomping singing.



FROG: Fully Rely on GOD!

It wouldn't be Neighborhood Camp without Froggy Hugs. Each week a camper who has had a good week is selected from each group to get a hug. And one of those campers gets to take Froggy home for the weekend!



FROG Scavenger Hunt



Giving Back To The Community: After much discussion amongst the campers, a list of giving back was narrowed down to the Animal Shelter, Team Sea (an organization that is trying to clean our oceans), and Health Care Network, Inc. A final vote was taken and Health Care Network, Inc. in Racine was designated the recipient of our fund raising. Health Care Network provides free or low cost health care to people who do not have medical insurance. The theme was “Cans and Cash”. How many cans does it take to make a pound of aluminum? LOTS! Bags and bags of cans were brought in, smashed and



taken to the recycling center. The campers set a goal of \$200.



Much to everyone’s surprise, the total raised was \$375. Esmerelda Munoz of Health Care Network, Inc. came to receive the check.



Play Time:



EASY: The new school year for EASY will kick off on Monday, September 16th. Registration forms will be available beginning September 1st. Check the EASY table in the narthex, or contact Nancy Smith at 262-672-5859 or email nnsdaisy@aol.com

Community Meals Program

Thanks to everyone who contributed food for the Community Meals Program on August 1st. I received a message from Mary Jenkins saying "Your salads, beans and desserts were wonderful and we had more than enough to serve. Emaus is becoming known as the church of chocolate. Sincere thank you to everyone. We served about 100 meals. The directors made the comment that they never worry when it's our night either for the amount or quality of the food."

Our next day to provide food will be Thursday, October 3rd. We will return to the fall/winter menu of casseroles, salads and desserts.

Kathy Christensen

Food Pantry Wish List

The Northside Food Pantry and the Living Faith Food Pantry continue to experience shortages in their food supply. We do receive deliveries from the Community Action Agency (Federal) and the Racine County Food Bank (State) in addition to the generosity of individuals and churches but the pantries don't necessarily know what they will be receiving each month.

We want to thank you for the donations that our congregation has already made these past several Sundays. We would like to please request that your support continues as children go back to school.

These are suggested Items that will benefit the pantries:

Box or Bag Cereal	Pork & Beans
Peanut Butter	Black Beans
Canned Tuna	Canned Chicken
Pasta	Kidney Beans
Rice	Sugar
Soup	Juice
Dry or Canned Potatoes	Toilet Paper
SpaghettiOs	Bar Soap
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste	Deodorant
Cake Mix	
Canned Vegetables	
Canned Fruit	

Individuals may also donate cash. Please contact Cheryl Dexter or Cindi Larsen if you have questions. We want to thank you for your continued support.

Season of Creation Ecumenical Prayer Service

We warmly invite you to join us for a special **Season of Creation Ecumenical Prayer Service** on **Saturday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m.** at the Siena Center, 53402.

As we celebrate the Season of Creation 2024 under the theme "To Hope and Act with Creation," this service will be a time for communal prayer and reflection on our shared responsibility to care for our environment. The service will start outdoors, overlooking the serene Lake Michigan (weather permitting), and will then move into the chapel. Those with mobility challenges are encouraged to gather directly in the chapel at 9:00 a.m.

This gathering is co-sponsored by the Racine Dominican Laudato Si' Action Team and the RIC Environmental Justice Task Force.

We believe it will be a meaningful time of spiritual renewal and community building, as we pray together for the protection and healing of our common home.

Please feel free to share this invitation with others who might be interested. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best Regards,
Dave Backmann & Linda Boyle
RIC Environmental Justice Task Force Co-Chairs

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thanks to Carol Beltran, we have been enjoying beautiful flowers on the altar every Sunday once again. If you would like to provide funds to help defray the cost which is \$25.00 per week, it will be much appreciated. This is an opportunity to honor a special person or occasion. Let the church office know if you are honoring or memorializing someone so the information can be included in the church bulletin.

Worship Assistants for September 2024

Date	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Reader	Usher
September 1	Joy Lippmann	Karen Fergus	Karen Fergus	Karen Sedgwick	Denis Kreimer
September 7	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton				
September 8	Cindi Larsen	Carol Eschmann	Joy Lippmann	Sandy Strini	Loren Larsen
September 14	Jamie Toslek				
September 15	Cheryl Dexter	Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Michaela Wieties	Chris Lamberton
September 21	Missy Porcaro				
September 22	Caren Lamberton	Kathy Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Amy Haman	Cheryl Dexter
September 28	Cathy Mayer Linda Clinton				
September 29	Kathy Christensen	Michaela Wieties	Soledad Beltran	Karen Fergus	Glen Staton