



EMAUS ELCA VISITOR

Caminando Juntos + We Walk Together

February 2025

<u>EmausELCA Staff & Worship Times</u>	
Pastor: Anglo - Rev. Marcy Wieties	262-880-1122 wieties@sbcglobal.net
Pastor: Hispanic –	
Outreach Director: Carol Beltran	414-208-9083 cyust@aol.com
Secretary:	
Church Office: 262-634-5515	E-mail: emauselca@gmail.com
Website: emauselca1.org	
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.	

February Calendar

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

Feb.	2	Breakfast	
		Scrip Due	
	5	Stitchers	10:00 am
		Bible Study	1:00 pm
	6	Community Meals	

12	Stitchers	10:00 am
16	Scrip Due	
19	Stitchers	10:00 am
20	Council Meeting	6:30 pm
26	Stitchers	10:00 am
	Book Club	1:00 pm

Community Meals

Thursday, February 6th, is Emaus' turn to provide food for the Community Meals program at St. Patrick's Church. We are in need of Tater Tot casseroles, salads and desserts. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex. Your contribution can be delivered to Emaus before noon on Thursday and will be delivered to St. Patrick's. If you prefer, you can deliver it yourself before 2:00 p.m.

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. Grocery items can be brought to Emaus and placed in the grocery cart found in the narthex. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

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	

EASY News

Time for reflection: Let's look back to the closing of 2024. Many events took place in December. The kids had fun playing songs on the tongue drums. A tongue drum is a percussion instrument that produces sound when its "tongues" are struck.



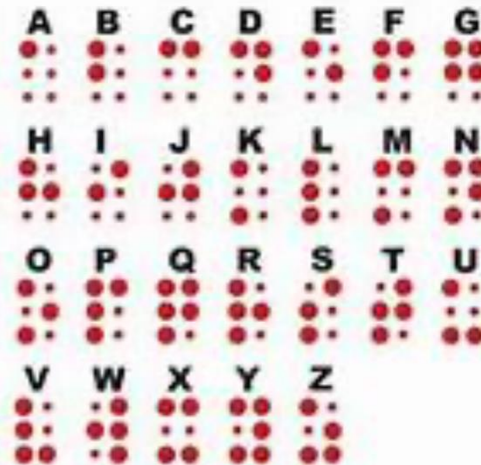
What do you do with strings of Christmas lights that have been cut into tiny pieces? Using batteries you try to establish an array of lights in a particular pattern that will light up. Not as easy as it looks!



The highlight was a readers theater presentation for family and friends. The kids performed Bob, The Goofy Reindeer. A surprise member of the cast was Pastor Marcy in the role of Santa! After the performance all received a special Christmas bag of gifts from Santa. Thanks to the generosity of the EMAUS family who helped make this a memorable evening for the kids.



Moving on to January, we celebrated World Braille Day which occurred on January 4th. We read about Louis Braille and Helen Keller. The kids learned that Louis lost his sight as young boy when he was trying to imitate his father who was a harness maker. The awl he used slipped and injured his eye. An infection ensued and he ended up blind in both eyes. But he went on to invent the six raised dot touch system which allows the blind to read and write. The kids got to write their name on a practice sheet.



They saw a video of Helen Keller and came to realize the importance of Anne Sullivan in her life. Helen became deaf and blind at the age of 19 months. Anne became her teacher and lifelong companion. She taught Helen how to speak, read and write. It was the water pump in the yard that transformed Helen's life. She finally connected the word "water" with the water that was gushing out of the pump.



Celebrating Dr, Martin Luther King, Jr.:

Reading books, completing worksheets, and watching videos of MLK's, "I Have a Dream" speech, the kids learned a bit more of the importance of this man in the civil rights movement. An art project helped them realize how love overcomes hate.



Finally, we watched videos of the massive destruction due to the California wildfires. Discussion that followed included the question, what would you take if you had to evacuate your home? All agreed, we need to send money to the American Red Cross.



Outreach For Hope Sunday



Emaus was privileged to have Chris Manke, Director of Outreach for Hope, lead our worship services on Sunday, December 29th. His comment about this picture was "We are always stronger when we stand together".

Three Kings Sunday Celebrated





On December 29th, Three Kings Sunday was celebrated at the 11:00 Spanish language worship service.

The participants as the Three Kings are Lazaro Beltran, Javier Fuentes and Adrian Sanchez.



The history of Three Kings Day can be traced back to the Christian tradition, specifically the nativity story in the Bible. According to Christian beliefs, this day commemorates the arrival of the Magi, also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings, at the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem. These [three wise men](#), named Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar, are said to have followed a star known as the Star of Bethlehem, to find the newborn Messiah.

The [Gospel of Matthew](#) tells the story of how the Wise Men brought three symbolic gifts to present to the infant Jesus: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold symbolized Jesus' kingship, frankincense represented his divinity, and myrrh foreshadowed his suffering and death. This event is considered a manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles, signifying the universality of Christ's message.

The Significance of Three Kings Day

Three Kings Day is significant for several reasons. Firstly, it marks the end of the Christmas season in many cultures, as it falls twelve days after Christmas, in accordance with the Twelve Days of Christmas carol. Secondly, it serves as a reminder of the universal nature of Jesus' message and the importance of recognizing him as both divine and earthly. Lastly, it highlights the act of giving and generosity, as the Wise Men brought gifts to honor the newborn Jesus.

A Gift Of Love

While cleaning and organizing the storage spaces in our church, a lectern was found that had been used in the Emmaus church on Mound Avenue many years ago and was no longer viable for its original purpose. Pastor Marcy offered it to Nick Eschmann asking him if he could repurpose the wood somehow. A small plate attached to the lectern indicated that it had been given to Emmaus as a gift in memory of Lyle Petersen. After some investigation and inquiries, it was revealed that Lyle Petersen had served our country during World War 11 and was killed in action on July 25, 1944.

Lyle's sister, Freida Christensen, and her husband William had a son whom they named Lyle, presumed after his uncle. They were faithful members of Emmaus for many years. Lyle Christensen moved to Arizona after his parents had passed away.

With this information, Nick created the beautiful plaque shown below. A picture of the original lectern is attached to the back of the plaque. It will be sent to Lyle

Christensen so that he and his siblings, James and Mary, can keep it as a remembrance of their heroic uncle.

Many thanks to Nick for so generously sharing his expertise to create this beautiful memorial.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Reader	Usher
Feb. 1	Cathy Meyer				
Feb. 2	Kathy Christensen	Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Sandy Strini	Chris Lamberton
Feb. 8	Jamie Toslek				
Feb. 9	Cindi Larsen	Kathy Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Amu Haman	Cheryl Dexter
Feb. 15	Missy Porcaro				
Feb. 16	Cheryl Dexter	Carol Beltran	Carol Beltran	Cindi Larsen	Denis Kreimer
Feb. 22	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton				
Feb. 23	Caren Lamberton	Carol Eschmann	Carol Eschmann	Michaela Wieties	Loren Larsen