



EMAUS ELCA VISITOR

Caminando Juntos + We Walk Together

JUNE/JULY 2025

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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.	

June/July 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
June	1	Sunday Breakfast	10:00 am
		Scrip Due	
	4	Stitchers	10:00 am
		Bible Study	1:00 pm
	5	Community Meals	

	11	Stitchers	10:00 am
	15	Scrip Due	
	18	Stitchers	10:00 am
	19	Council Meeting	6:30 pm
	25	Book Club	1:00 pm
	29	Scrip Due	
July	2	Bible Study	1:00 pm
	6	Sunday Breakfast	
	13	Scrip Due	
	17	Council Meeting	6:30 pm
	23	Book Club	1:00 pm
	27	Scrip Due	

COMMUNITY MEALS

Thursday, June 5th, is Emaus' turn to provide food for the Community Meals Program. We are using the summer menu now which consists of pasta or potato salads, baked beans and desserts. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Your donations can be left at Emaus in the upstairs kitchen before noon on Thursday and will be delivered to St. Patrick's Church or you can deliver it to St. Patrick's yourself.

Your participation is very much appreciated.



Cinco De Mayo – May 3

Our 26th annual Fiesta was a resounding success! We were thrilled to welcome a wonderfully diverse crowd representing all ages. This year, we served a couple hundred guests, all of whom expressed their enjoyment and appreciation for the event. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on the improved variety and quality of the food.

Financial Outcome

After covering all expenses, we were delighted to raise \$4,710 in support of Emaus ELCA's ministry. A special thanks to Chris Manke from Outreach for Hope, who placed a generous order for 40 meals, contributing \$600 from the Synod. His support, along with the participation of many attendees, played a crucial role in making this event financially impactful.

Community Engagement

This year's raffle baskets were a hit! We had an impressive variety, with some items attracting a high number of tickets—especially the tablet, children's baskets, and keyboard. Kathy Martin, her sister, Pat, and Barb McCloskey put in a lot of work organizing and assembling baskets, ensuring a seamless experience despite last-minute contributions. The \$3 entry fee for the raffle baskets proved reasonable

The event ran smoothly from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM, providing a steady stream of attendees throughout the day. While attendance naturally tapered toward the end, cleanup went quickly, allowing volunteers to wrap up efficiently.

Areas for Improvement

Despite the event's success, we recognized a few areas that could benefit from more support:

Soliciting Donations: Unlike previous years, we had fewer outside contributions. We only secured one Thrivent grant and one donation for Roosters restaurant, whereas in past years multiple businesses supported us. Going forward, we should establish a stronger outreach strategy for sponsorships.

Volunteer Support

The event's preparation and setup largely relied on the same core group of people. To ensure sustainability, we need to encourage broader involvement and attract more volunteers to ease the workload.

Advertising:

While event signage was effective, there is room for improvement in overall marketing efforts to maximize attendance.

Looking Ahead

There was discussion about whether this might be the final year for the fiesta due to concerns over participation and support. However, given the incredible success, joy, and community engagement, many attendees expressed their desire for us to continue. With some adjustments, particularly in sponsorship outreach and volunteer recruitment, we believe this beloved event can thrive for years to come.

Moving forward, we will keep detailed records of food quantities used, ensuring a helpful reference for next year's planning. We also look forward to evaluating pricing options and further improving the experience for everyone involved.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed, whether through volunteering, donating, attending, or simply spreading the word. Your support made this fiesta a wonderful celebration of community, culture, and fellowship!

Raffle Baskets

Our Mexican Fiesta Raffle Basket fundraiser attracted lots of adults and children, leaving many happy winners. Many thanks to "the entire village of Emaus" for making this fundraiser another success--the EASY staff for books, games, and school supplies for kids' baskets, all of Emaus who donated baskets, miscellaneous items, gift cards and certificates, etc. for baskets and soliciting friends and businesses for donations, EASY mentors helping kids to pre-shop, the custodial efforts for table set-ups for pre-shops and May 3, the "thank-you to businesses" sign makers, the "basket watchers" who guided shoppers, the many "hands" during the ticket drawing, and finally, a special thanks to my basket committee "fairies", Barb McCloskey and Pat Marks, for their many hours of creative prep efforts. Chair-Kathy Martin

This Is My Church

This is my church.

It will be friendly if I am.

It will do great work if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am generous.

It will bring others into its fellowship if I bring them.

Its seats will be filled if I fill them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of faith and service, if I who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself to the task of being all these things I want my church to be.

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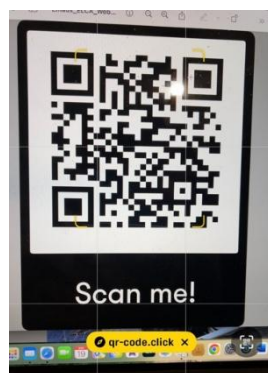
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For instance, the following is a QR code that will lead you directly to the Emaus website



To scan the QR code use your mobile device (phone or tablet), open your camera app and point your device at the QR code. You will get something that will look like this:



Notice the yellow oval with the words "qr-code.click"? Use your finger and click on the yellow oval. That action will take you the Emaus website. There are two more QR codes in this newsletter. They will take you to videos showing you two of the EASY program's activities this month.





EASY

It was a busy end of the year for all at EASY! Lots of hands on activities: both indoors and out!



Rebecca, our artist friend, had the kids creating paintings using a mix of colors that were spread with a squeegee. Amazing results!

Before and after

Proud to display their creation!



Our resident gardener, Kathy, spoke to the kids about planting in the EASY/Neighborhood Camp bed in the community garden. They planted sunflower seeds, marigolds, and petunias. And they very carefully placed honey locust “trees” they had started from seeds which came from a neighbor of Nancy’s. Time will tell if they survive!



One of the attractions of the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta involved live animals. Oh, how the kids enjoyed feeding the goats and lambs, and holding the bunnies.



The year ended on a high note with a few of the Carthage men and women's lacrosse teams giving the kids a hands on experience. Nancy's grandson led their time together. You could hear squeals of delight as they managed to have success in throwing and catching the ball with their sticks.



EMAUS STITCHERS

The Emaus Stitchers have begun a new project of creating 50 quilts to be donated to a camp for foster children next summer. With a grant from Thrivent, we are able to purchase the necessary supplies and have begun looking for fun fabric and thinking up creative patterns for our project.



A new Vocabulary

By

Barbara McCloskey

Before I was a quilter –

A *block* was a measure of distance in a city,

And a *log cabin* was found in the woods.

A cornerstone was found in a building.

Before I was a quilter -

Dog ears were only on man's best friend.

Flying geese went south for the winter

And only mama birds and pregnant women *nested*,

Before I was a quilter -

A *layer cake* was something special I received on my birthday,

A jelly roll was a fancy pastry

And a *Honey bun* was enjoyed with hot coffee.

Before I was a quilter –

Binding was a contract that stipulated agreements,

A stiletto was a six-inch shoe exotic dancers wore.

Batting was only done at baseball games

And Bias was a personal point of view.

Before I was a quilter –

I didn't understand the sewing lingo

But was curious to learn.

And now I know the joy and frustration of this fine craft,

And thank and curse all my quilting friends.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Reader	Usher
June 1	Kathy Christensen	Carol Eschmann	Carol Eschmann	Carol Beltran	Loren Larsen
June 7	Cathy Meyer				
June 8	Carol Beltran	Kathy Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Cindi Larsen	Dan Wooster
June 14	Jamie Toslek				
June 15	Cindi Larsen	Karen Fergus	Karen Fergus	Karen Fergus	Chris Lamberton
June 21	Missy Porcaro				
June 22	Cheryl Dexter	Michaela Wieties	Sol Beltran	Kathy Christensen	Glen Staton
June 28	Cathy Meyer				
June 29	Caren Lamberton	Cathy Knuteson	Carol Beltran	Cathy Knuteson	Cheryl Dexter
July 5	Jamie Toslek				
July 6	Kathy Christensen	Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Car Strini	Denis Kreimer
July 12	Missy Porcaro				
July 13	Carol Beltran	Karen Sedgwick	Chris Lamberton	Carol Beltran	Loren Larsen
July 19	Cathy Meyer				
July 20	Cindi Larsen	Carol Eschmann	Carol Eschmann	Karen Sedgwick	Dan Wooster
July 26	Jamie Toslek				
July 27	Cheryl Dexter	Kathy Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Carol Eschmann	Chris Lamberton