



January, 2026

<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.		

January Calendar

Sunday Worship (English)	8:30 am
(First Sunday - Breakfast)	9:30 am
Sunday Worship (Spanish)	10:00 am
Coffee and Conversation Sundays, Sunset Room	9:30 am
January 4 Breakfast	9:30 am
Scrip Due	
7 Stitches	10:00 am
Bible Study	1:00 pm

14	Stitchers	10:00 am
15	Council (Zoom)	6:30 pm
18	Scrip Due	
21	Stitchers	10:00 am
25	Annual Congregational Meeting (Zoom and Emaus)	10:00 am
28	Stitchers	10:00 am
	Book Club	1:00 pm

2026 Council Meeting Dates

Third Thursdays: 6:30-7:30 CST

January	1/15/26	Zoom
Annual Congregational Meeting		Zoom and Emaus
	1/25/26	
February	2/19/26	Zoom
March	3/19/26	Zoom
April	4/16/26	Zoom or Emaus (TBD)
May	5/21/26	Emaus
June	6/18/26	Emaus
July	7/16/26	Emaus
August	NO Meeting	
September	9/17/26	Emaus
October	10/15/26	Emaus
November	11/19/26	Emaus
December	No meeting	

Important Scrip Update

Beginning in January 2026, the Scrip program will be handled by Cheryl Vash instead of Cathy Meyer. The order dates and times will be similar to what has been done in the past. The contact information is where the change will come. Scrip gift cards will be ordered every other week on Sunday evenings. Please have your order to Cheryl Vash via text (262) 498-8692 or email (cherylvash@yahoo.com) by Sunday evening at 9:00 p.m. on the following dates:

January 4 & 18

February 1 & 15

March 1, 15, & 29

April 12 & 26

Thank you for your continued support of this fundraising program

Cathy Meyer

Posadas Celebrated At Emaus

Emaus members celebrated the Posadas during the nine days leading up to Christmas. The word *posada* means "inn" or "shelter" in Spanish. In this tradition, the Bible story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and their search for a place to stay is re-enacted. The tradition also involves a special song, as well as a variety of Mexican Christmas carols, breaking piñatas, and celebration.



Emaus 175th Anniversary

During the year 2026 we will be celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of Emmaus Lutheran Church, now known as EmausELCA. A committee will be formed to plan events commemorating this important event in the history of our congregation. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Cathy Knuteson or the church office.

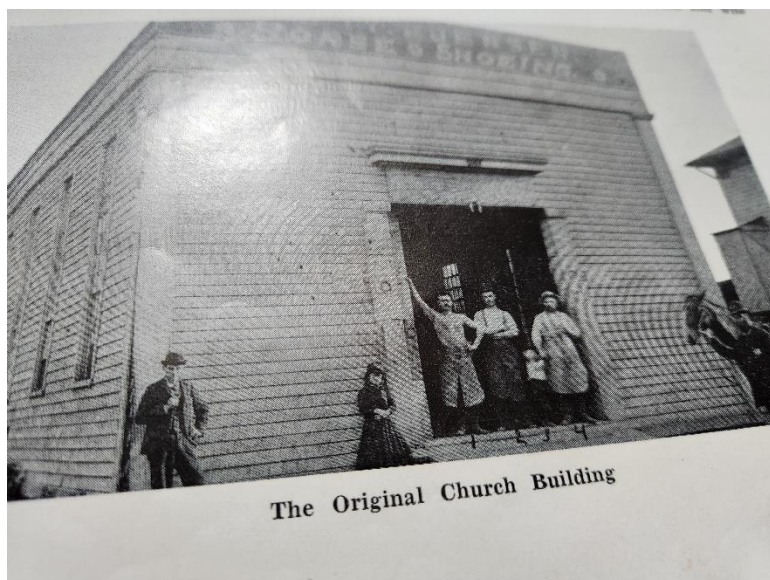
If you have memories or stories relating to the history of Emmaus that we can share in the newsletter, please send them to Kathy Christensen.

A Bit of Emaus History

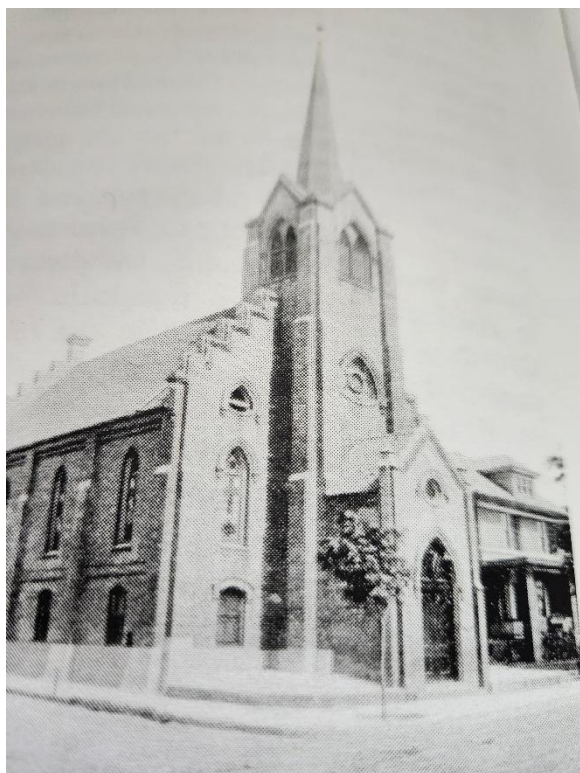
As the oldest congregation of Danish origin in North America, Emaus has a colorful and dynamic history of dedicated Christians who struggled to maintain the preaching of the Word of God. Despite poverty and other obstacles to growth, this handful of people managed to form a congregation that has endured for 175 years.

The small group of Norwegians and Danes gathered at the home of a carpenter named John Lawson on August 22, 1851 were mostly laborers and domestics. Their purpose was to organize a church where they could worship as they had in their homelands. Those who were present at that meeting had three things in common: their Scandinavian heritage, the Christian faith, and very little money. All three would be important factors in the history of these people and the growth and development of their church.

In 1852 a small rectangular frame building was constructed as the house of worship for the original membership of fifty-two people—eight families and nineteen single persons. The church was called "The First Scandinavian Lutheran Church of Racine" and was located on the west side of Marquette Street between State and Liberty.



In 1876 work began on a new building which was constructed on Mound Avenue. By this time, the Norwegian members had left to form their own congregation and the name Emaus (or, in English, Emmaus) was chosen as the name for the church.



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A time of preparation for the holidays!



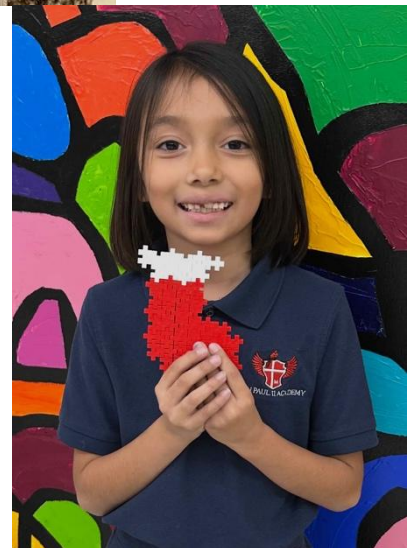
Pine cone trees:



Plus Plus elves and stocking

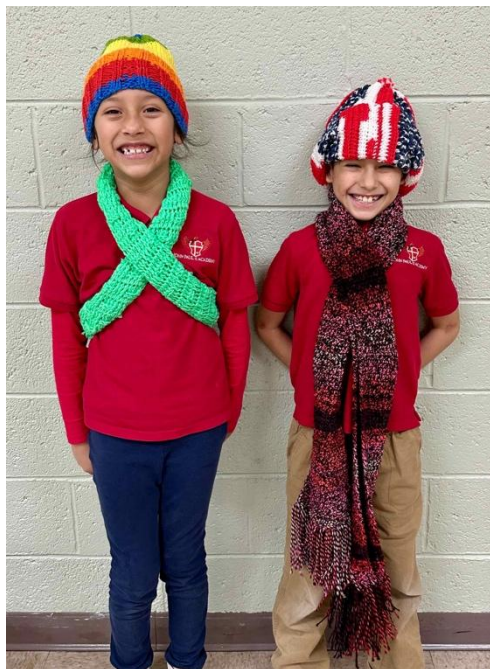


Decorating
green triangles
to become a
big Christmas
tree.





The Grinch was ever present this year! The EASY tree added to the anticipation! Ornaments were decorated by the kids.



Thanks to Outreach for Hope the kids found themselves with new hats, mittens and scarves.

Hoping the amarylis will bloom soon!

Creating circuits with Christmas lights. Wow!



Density experiment



The
cranberry
floats!



Moving a marshmallow – no hands!



Only 3 Skittles at a time!



Thanks to all who contributed to the Giving Tree. The kids were excited and thrilled to receive their gift bags.

Ho-Ho-Ho!



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Reader	Usher
Jan. 3	Jamie Toslek				
Jan. 4	Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Nancy Smith	Denis Kreimer
Jan. 10	Missy Porcaro				
Jan. 11	Cheryl Dexter	Karen Sedgwick	Chris Lamberton	Sandy Strini	Loren Larsen
Jan. 17	Cathy Meyer				
Jan. 18	Caren Lamberton	Carol Eschmann	Nancy Smith	Kathy Christensen	Chris Lamberton
Jan. 24	Jamie Toslek				
Jan. 25	Kathy Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Karen Sedgwick	Dan Wooster
Jan. 31	Missy Porcaro				
	Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Carol Eschmann	Denis Kreimer