



July, August 2026

<u>EmausELCA Staff & Worship Times</u>		
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"Worship services are held at Emaus on Saturdays at 3:30 (see calendar for schedule) and Sunday mornings at 9:00.		
Emaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.		

July/August Calendar

Sunday Worship (English)		9:00 am
(First Sunday - Breakfast)		
Saturday Services (See calendar for Saturday dates)		3:30 pm
Coffee and Conversation Sundays, Sunset Room		10:00am
July	1 Bible Study	1:00 pm
	No Stitches for July	
	5 No Breakfast	
	Scrip Due	
	12 Guest Preacher, Lyle Rossing	
	16 Council Meeting (In Person)	6:30 pm
	18 Saturday Worship Service	3:30 pm
	19 Scrip Due	
	22 Book Club	1:00 pm
August	1 Saturday Worship Service	3:30 pm

	Guest Preacher, Paul Erickson	
2	Guest Preacher, Paul Erickson	3:30 pm
	Breakfast	10:00 am
	Scrip Due	
5	Stitchers	10:00 am
	Bible Study	1:00 pm
8	Saturday Worship Service	3:30 pm
12	Stitchers	10:00 am
16	Guest Preacher, Paul Nuechterlein	
	Scrip Due	
19	Stitchers	
20	Council Meeting (In Person)	6:30 pm
22	175th Anniversary Dinner (Infusino's)	
	Cocktails	4:30 pm
	Dinner	5:30p m
22/23	175th Anniversary Weekend	
26	Stitchers	10:00 am
	Book Club	1:00 pm
30	Guest Preacher, Jeff Wild	

175th ANNIVERSARY

Schedule of Anniversary Guest Preachers:

July 12	Lyle Rossing
August 1 & 2	Bishop Paul Erickson
August 16	Paul Nuechterlein
August 30	Jeff Wild
September 27	Steve Wholfeil
October 4	Michael Mueller
TBD	Jhon Freddy Correa

Anniversary Dinner

We hope you will join us to celebrate at the Anniversary Banquet to be held on Saturday August 22nd at Infusino's Banquet Hall, 3204 Rapids Drive. Tickets are \$30 per person. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 262-634-5515 or by speaking to Pastor Marcy or Carol Beltran directly. Reservations will not be confirmed until full payment is received.

4:30 pm cocktails

5:30 pm dinner

The Celebration Committee is preparing a picture board of members who have been important in our church family. Please submit pictures of your friends or family members who have passed into eternal life to Carol Eschmann. Include names and any special memories for information. Thank you for your participation.

Musician Update

Sunday, July 5th, is Aubrey Brown's last time to play piano for Emaus' 9:00 a.m. service. She graduated from Carthage College this spring with a major in chemistry and minors in music and Spanish. She will be moving to the University of Kansas where she will begin a five year PhD program in organic chemistry. Please join us in wishing her farewell on Sunday the 5th.

Aubrey's sister, Elise, will play for church for the remainder of the summer. She will be a senior in high school and wants to stay active in her home church during the school year. In the fall, we will have a new accompanist, John Cargille. Although he also graduated from Carthage this spring, he will be staying in the area. He will cover for Elise one Sunday in August but will start playing every week September 6th. **Please welcome Elise and John.**

Anniversary Guest Pastors

On Sunday, June 21st, we welcomed two former pastors to Emaus. Pastor Ken Carlson who served from 1972 - 1982, and Pastor Al Guertemiller who served from 1974 - 1978 were our guest pastors. Pastor Carlson presided and preached at the worship



service and Pastor Guertemiller gave a message as well. The coffee hour after the service was a joyous time of conversation with many friends eager to visit with the pastors and their families.



Pastor Ken Carlson, Naomi Carlson, Pat Guertemiller, Pastor Al Guertemiller

The Fence is Stained!

Many thanks to Soledad Beltran and her team for staining the fence surrounding the parsonage. And thank you to Cathy Meyer for her gift to pay for the expenses involved. It gives the entire area a much-needed "facelift".



Wrapped in Prayer



In our Fellowship Hall, week after week something holy happens – not loud, not flashy, but deeply sacred. A group of women, many in their seventies, eighties and nineties, gather with sewing machines, fabric and prayer. Their bodies may slow, but their calling has not. Their hands may ache, but their hearts remain wide open. And through those hands, God works.

Over the years, these women have created prayer shawls for survivors of sexual abuse – soft, warm coverings meant to remind hurting people that they are not alone. They have sewn prayer blankets for those who are ill, hospitalized or walking through grief. These blankets carry something extraordinary: spaces where people write prayers, messages of hope, words of love, reminders of community. When someone receives one, they don't just receive a blanket – they receive a chorus of prayers wrapped around them.

Every stitch is a prayer.

Every blanket is a blessing.

Every gift is a reminder of God's presence.

And this year, their ministry continues in a powerful way. They have created 50 quilts for children attending Royal Family Kids Camp in Kenosha County, sponsored by Great Lakes Church. These quilts will be placed into the arms of foster children – children who have known instability, fear and loss. Children who rarely receive something that is truly theirs to keep. But when they receive a quilt, something sacred happens. A quilt becomes a safe place to hide under. A warm place to fall asleep. A soft reminder that someone prayed for them – even if they never met. A quilt says: “You are loved. You are worthy. God sees you.”

Some of the materials and expenses for this ministry were supported through Thrivent grants, allowing this work of love to continue even as resources become limited. But the true gift – the one that cannot be purchased – is the prayer woven into every seam. This ministry is not about fabric. It is not about sewing machines. It is not even about the women who gather each week. It is about God’s work – our hands. It is about the truth that love can be stitched. Compassion can be folded. Hope can be wrapped around someone’s shoulders. And God’s presence can be felt in something as simple as a quilt.

These 50 quilts will go to foster children this year. But the ministry does not end there. It has been happening for years – and it will continue as long as there are hands willing to sew and hearts willing to love. Because sometimes, the holiest thing we can do is wrap someone in warmth and whisper through fabric: “God has not forgotten you.”
Carol Beltran

Racine Interfaith Coalition (RIC)

By Cathy Knuteson

RIC is a 501(c)3 non-partisan community organization aimed at improving the quality of life through advocacy and action. RIC is a member of WISDOM. WISDOM is a statewide network of mostly faith-based organizations focused on the same issues as RIC. Together we work for racial and economic justice for all people of WI.

Emaus is a community partner along with over 25 congregations in the Racine area. I’m a member of the Immigration Taskforce and recently volunteered to serve as Secretary for the Executive and Administrative committees. While taskforces are hard at work organizing activities such as voter registration, etc.; each month I’ll highlight upcoming RIC activities that you may be interested in.

RIC is focused on 6 key areas: Education, Immigration, Environmental Justice, Transformational Justice, Turn Up the Vote, and Affordable Housing.

The Education taskforce members advocate for Special Education funding and programs, and for local government programs that address the needs of our most vulnerable citizens. This summer, they are working with the Red Apple principal to recruit adult mentors.

The Immigration taskforce members assist immigrants with legal documentation and provide Know Your Rights information to citizens and noncitizens. Immigrants who are afraid to go to the police to report crimes can meet with Legal Clinic staff at the RIC office to discuss the crime. Then police officers will meet the complainant and a legal staff member at RIC to report the crime.

The Environmental Justice taskforce members advocate for the legal rights of ecosystems and species to thrive and exist. A key activity in recent years has been facilitating the reduction of lead in water pipes.

Transformational Justice Taskforce members work with the court system to ensure people are treated with respect and have their constitutional rights protected. They attend both court hearings to observe how people are treated and members are invited to quarterly Court System meetings to meet with judges, etc.

Turn Up The Vote taskforce members focus on getting people registered to vote. They work with high school students to canvass neighborhoods to inform people on the process and encourage them to vote.

Affordable Housing is a recent addition to RIC's work. Recently the taskforce had a community information fair providing information on renters rights and possible rental properties.

July Activities:

Turn Out the Vote is recruiting adult volunteers to assist with canvassing

July 31: Statewide Immigration Summit at Marion University in Fond Du Lac (Organized by WISDOM)

Each taskforce need more volunteers. If you want to learn more, please ask me! I can put you in contact with Taskforce coordinators. We need your time, talent, money, and prayers to do this important work for the whole community of Racine.

We are making a difference!

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A Bit of Emaus History

During the late 1950's two new synods were formed and Emmaus became a member of The American Lutheran Church synod.

Now being located in a new, growing neighborhood, Emmaus also grew in membership. It became necessary to hire someone to provide additional pastoral services. In July 1964 Pastor Philip Knutson was called as a full-time assistant pastor. The mortgage was completely paid off on May 3, 1966 and the people of Emmaus were enthusiastically meeting the challenge God had presented them. The church was now able to help support the work of Lincoln Lutheran Home and the Lutheran Inner City Mission.

Pastor Knuteson left Emmaus to accept a call to Grand Forks, North Dakota in 1966 and Pastor Hansen accepted a call to Audubon, Iowa in January 1969. Pastor Lawrence Siersbeck stepped in to serve for four months until Pastor Luther Borgen arrived in May.

In 1971 Gerhard Schroth became the choir director and organist. His wife, Mildred, assisted him with the adult choir, directed the youth choir and worked as the parish secretary. One of Mr. Schroth's contributions was the introduction of a beautiful Christmas Eve service called Music For The Holy Night and was very well attended. At the completion of the worship service on Christmas Eve 1973, Gerhard Schroth suffered a heart attack and died. The following Christmas Eve the choir participated in a memorial Christmas service singing several hymns that he had written.

Pastor Borgen's health caused him to leave Racine in 1972. Pastor Kenneth Carlson, his wife, Naomi, and their three small children, Amy, Julie and Jon arrived in July 1972.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	ALTAR GUILD	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	READER	USHER
July 4	Jamie Toslek				
July 5	Caren Lamberton	Kathy Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Karen Fergus	Denis Kreimer
July 11	Cathy Meyer				
July 12	Kathy Christensen	Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Nancy Smith	Loren Larsen
July 18	Missy Porcaro				
July 19	Cindi Larsen	Karen Sedgwick	Chris Lamberton	Sandy Strini	Glen Staton
July 25	Jamie Toslek				
July 26	Cheryl Dexter	Karen Fergus	Karen Fergus	Karen Sedgwick	Chris Lamberton
Aug. 1	Cathy Meyer				
Aug. 2	Caren Lamberton	Cathy Knuteson	Cathy Knuteson	Kathy Christensen	Dan Wooster
Aug. 8	Missy Porcaro				
Aug. 9	Kathy Christensen	Carol Eschmann	Carol Eschmann	Karen Fergus	Denis Kreimer
Aug. 15	Jamie Toslek				
Aug. 16	Cindi Larsen	Kathy Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Carol Eschmann	Loren Larsen
Aug. 22	Cathy Meyer				
Aug. 23	Cheryl Dexter	Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Nancy Smith	Glen Staton
Aug. 29	Missy Porcaro				
Aug. 30	Caren Lamberton	Karen Sedgwick	Chris Lamberton	Sandy Strini	Dan Wooster

These QR codes can be used to view the messages of Pastor Carlson and Pastor Guertemiller on June 21st.



Alan Goertemiller



Kenneth Carlson

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Week 1 of Neighborhood Camp has come and gone! WOW!! What a fantastic and enthusiastic group of kids – all 55 of them!

Theme for the first week was the American Flag. We will begin each day of camp by saying the pledge of allegiance. All learned about the history of the flag: Betsy Ross, the meaning of the colors, the stripes and the stars. Using painted corks, they created their own flag.



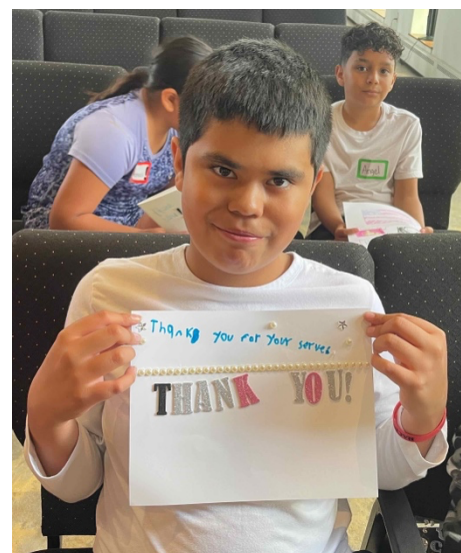
God Time: One day we talked about the phrase “under God” in the pledge. They had the opportunity to color different hearts, cut them out and write the phrase “God is love” on their creation.



The highlight of the week was a visit by Willow Newell, the former Miss Wisconsin. She read to the campers and all designed cards recognizing July 4th and giving thanks for those who have served our country. She sang the Star Spangled Banner acapella which can be viewed on YouTube. (Click on QR code)



Willow Sings



Froggy Hugs: Cheers, laughter and appreciation! What a happy time on Thursdays when Froggy hugs are announced! The staff nominates one from each group who has had a “good” week to come forward and receive a HUG. When all have been named, one is selected to take Froggy home for the weekend. They know they are to take good care of Froggy; brushing his teeth and reading to him are at the top of the to do list. The runner-up gets to take Mrs. Snuggles home.



Sharing some candid's!

