



EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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eNews & Notes – April 1, 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Worship Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 pm – Traditional Worship

Sunday at 8:30 am – Informal Worship

9:50 am – Adult Bible Study

Sunday at 11:00 am – Traditional Worship

FOCUS PRAYER

The Focus Prayer group meets Tuesday mornings from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to pray on various topics with the pastor.

CALENDAR

Don't forget to check the Church events calendar online at our website at www.emmaus-lutheran.org.

SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have announcements to be made prior to the Worship Services? Please submit these to the church office by Wednesday of each week so that they can be added to a presentation shown on the screens before the start of each service. This way of communicating important information will keep the announcement time prior to the service to a minimum and help to keep us focused on worship.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

All committees and groups wishing to use an area of the church such as the Emmaus Room, Fellowship Hall, or sanctuary must schedule their time through the office. Thank You.

HELP US GET READY FOR THE NEXT FLORIDA STORM

We want to compile a list of those who live in trailers or manufactured homes, as well as those who are most vulnerable in our congregation. The purpose of this list is to help us to check on those who may need assistance before or after the next hurricane hits. If you, or someone you know, should be on our list, please let us know in the church office. 386-775-9676.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Income vs Expense Report for FEBRUARY 2018 (rounded to the nearest dollar)

Total Operating Income	\$35,157
Total Operating Expense*	<u>33,016</u>
Net Operating Income for the month	\$ 2,141

* Includes the cost of principal reduction

Budgeted income for FEBRUARY was \$33,379

Budgeted expense for FEBRUARY was \$40,315

In January we received almost \$9,000 less than was needed to cover our expenses for the month. But, in February we received a little over \$2,000 more than was needed. We are hopeful this trend will continue and in March we will once again receive more than our expenses bringing our General Operating Fund back up to having at least 3 months of our expenses available. The food pantry continues to do well.

Many people miss the Wonderful Wednesday meals and fellowship and all it takes is a few folks willing to commit their time and talents to bring this wonderful outreach back. Since it is a self-sufficient outreach there are funds ready to allow this to start up again at any time. If you are interested in being a team leader or helping bring this back please contact the pastor or any council member.

Debt Reduction Campaign:

Pledged amount as of FEBRUARY 31, 2018	\$241,960
Cash Received in FEBRUARY	\$6,071

A total of \$228,620 has been received and applied to debt reduction to date. We continue to be on track to receive at least the amount pledged for the three-year pledge period that ends on December 2018.

Blessings,
Joan Fisher
Finance Director
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INTERESTED IN LEARNING SPANISH



We are beginning a Spanish class at Emmaus on Thursday, April 5. The class will initially meet each Thursday in the fellowship hall for six weeks from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet located on the round table in the narthex. How do you say, "Back to school" in Spanish?

2018 YOUTH GATHERING

Scholarships are needed to help send youth within the Synod who could not otherwise afford to go. If you are able to assist with a contribution for this worthwhile spiritual experience, please send a contribution to Florida/Bahamas Synod Office, 3838 Cypress Street, Tampa, FL 33607, attn: Sister Michele Hilton. For more information see the Flyer posted on the kiosk in the narthex.

FROM PASTOR MARK

Jesus died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves,
but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;
even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,
we know him no longer in that way.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:15-16)

Holy Week (March 25-31, this year) begins with the observance of Palm/Passion Sunday. The week – and the worship service – begins with the joyful celebration of the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem for the Passover observance. But the happy cries of the people turn angry very quickly as the crowds then cry out for Jesus' punishment and death on the cross. During this final week of his life, Jesus was betrayed by Judas, accused by the religious leaders on false charges, put to death on the cross, and buried in a borrowed grave.

This is the story we hear each year. It's a story that is filled with emotion and deep, deep sorrow. It is because of our sins that Jesus had to be put to death on the cross. We are the reason why the Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, had to endure the cross and pain. The story strikes right at our hearts as we admit our guilt in the matter.

But good news is on the horizon. Easter Sunday (April 1) is just ahead for us. Jesus had to die on the cross, but he rose victorious from the grave to give new life for us all. In his resurrection we become a new creation. This is the meaning of Easter Sunday.

Sometimes the resurrection of Jesus from the grave is compared to a butterfly coming out of a cocoon. A caterpillar spins the cocoon around itself. Then the caterpillar dies to itself and emerges as a butterfly – a lovely and hopeful symbol of new life. With imagery similar to the caterpillar and the cocoon, Jesus is laid in the grave. He is dead. But then, three days later, he rises from the dead and emerges from the cocoon of his grave and steps forward into the light of new life. He is now the risen and glorious Christ of Easter resurrection. He will no longer be known to us in the same way as before. He is the risen one.

As Easter people we always have the hope of resurrection life within us. As people of God's own choosing, we trust in the promise that, "In Christ, there is a new creation."

Join with all God's people in the solemn observance of Holy Week and in the joyful celebration of Easter Day! This story changes our lives as we hear the good news, "He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!"

With you in Easter Joy,

~Pastor Mark

FACEBOOK

Help us get the word out about events happening here at the church. You can post information about an event we are holding here at the church on your Facebook page and if you are planning on attending an event, you can click on that event on the Emmaus Facebook page, click interested and get reminders and it also lets your friends know you are interested in that event. If you have pictures you would like to see posted to Facebook send them to sallie.chapman@yahoo.com.



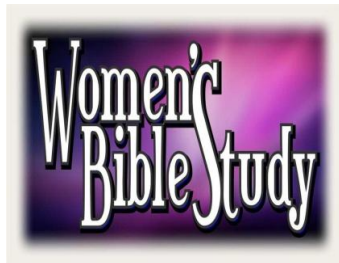
HANDBELL CONCERT

The Magic of Bronze Handbell Choir will be perform, Kaleidoscope of Seasons, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 322 W Michigan Ave, DeLand, FL 32720, on Saturday, May 19 at 4:00 pm.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RINGING

The Jubilate Ringers have enough bells for *3 more ringers!* The ability to read music is helpful but not required. Substitutes are welcome too! Contact Candace at: Candace0601@gmail.com.



MARTHA/LYDIA CIRCLE

Martha/Lydia Circle meets the first Wednesday of each month in the Emmaus Room from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All women are welcome. For Bible Study we use the study in the Gather Magazine.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 10 at Christine Marvin's home 2410 East Lake Drive, Deland FL. Please RSVP Christine at mrskarlwmarvin@gmail.com or 386-804-3496. Our Bible study will be from March's Gather magazine. Supper will be served at 6:00PM followed by the Bible study at 7:00PM.

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Are you interested in making flower displays for your home or a special event? Suzanna Trittschuh is conducting a flower arranging workshop in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 31st at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 and Susanna will provide the container, oasis, fresh flowers and greenery. For more information, contact Susanna Trittschuh at 386-734-8124 or by email at sjtrittschuh@gmail.com. Watch for a signup sheet in the Narthex in April!

SPRING GATHERING

The Women of Emmaus, part of the ELCA, hosted the Spring Gathering on Saturday, March 17th from 9:00 am until noon. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped in preparation for the Spring Gathering. It was a huge success for all. Emmaus Women, you work as a wonderful team and I am proud to be part of it.
Jan Alexander

BOOK CLUB

The Emmaus Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 26th in the Emmaus Room. April's book is Elizabeth is Missing by Emma Healey. All are invited to attend. Happy Reading!

CROP WALK

Emmaus Lutheran participated in the **We Walk Because They Walk** on Sunday March 11. Approximately 116 walkers participated; Emmaus Lutheran was represented by twenty-three (23) dedicated individuals second only to First United Methodist. I am so proud of all of you! We, from Emmaus, raised a total of \$2,360; 75% will help World Hunger, 25% will go to support the DeLand Food Kitchen (a local organization feeding the poor and homeless individuals in our area). "Thank You" to all team leaders, walkers and to those who donated to this important ministry. The team leaders this year were Kathy Kintner (Saturday evening 5:00 p.m.) whose group raised \$320, Laura Kirkland (Sunday 8:30 a.m.) whose group raised \$740, and Jan Alexander (Sunday 11:00 a.m.) whose group raised \$755. The remainder of the monies raised were contributions made online.

Larry Hendrickson, Chair 2018 Crop Hunger Walk Committee

THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOU!

The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to assist in helping serve families coming to our Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. We ask that you come a little early to help set up the bread donation from Publix. The rest of the time is used to greet guests and help them select food stuff. If you feel you can help with this ministry there is a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex.



**Feeding the
Community**

February Statistical Information

Income:	\$ 702.28
Outgoing:	\$ 549.69
Families Served:	60

BREAD RUN

We are looking for people willing to assist with the Bread Run. This consists of you going to Publix in Orange City by 8:00 am, picking up bread and pastries being donated to the church and returning them to the narthex prior to the Food Pantry opening. The more people helping with the Bread Run the fewer times you need to go! If you are able to do this please call Peter and Phyllis Gref at 386-668-5527.

NIGHT OF FREEDOM

St. Ann's is hosting **NIGHT OF FREEDOM**, a fundraising event for HOPE. The money raised goes to support interventions for Human Trafficking. The fundraiser/dinner will be on Saturday, April 14th at 5:30 pm in St. Ann's Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$50 per person which includes two tickets for wine or beer. There will be a speaker and a live and silent auction. You can also sponsor a table or half table for a savings. For more information contact St. Ann's at 386-668-8270.

SEEKING PRAYER CHAIN PARTICIPANTS

The Emmaus Prayer Chain is looking for a few volunteers. If interested please contact Doris Abrams at 386-738-5610.

*If you wish to place a loved one on the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request form and put it in the offering plate or leave it in the office.
Please call the church if you know someone is in the hospital or in need of pastoral care.*



Doris Barcalow (home)
Olive Clark (Majestic Oaks)
Dotty Collins (home)
Charlotte Creswell (Gold Choice)
Julie Dusette (Sterling Garden)
Luther Dyer (home)
Jean Hendricksen (Horizon)
Billy Johnson (home)
Guy & Miriam Large (John Knox)
Jeanette Reynolds (Rose Manor)
Jean Reynold (Lutheran Haven)
Marthan Sammeth (home)
'Mike' Simmons (home)
Shirley Smith (John Knox)
Bernice Stahle (John Knox)
Orval Stuhr (VA Home, Daytona)
Sonny Tether (home)
Lorraine Wessels (Good Samaritan)
Betty Zaiser (home)

PRAY FOR OUR

MILITARY

Cody Allen (Afghanistan)	Eric Fragoso (Germany)
Danny Allen (US)	Gerry Frisbie (Iraq)
Robert Arnold (US)	Michael Heindl (Afghanistan)
Joseph Bernhard (US)	Jonathon Hogg (US)
Darryl Black (Afghanistan)	Britt Gray (Jordan)
Justin Bruschi (Iraq)	Nick Kline (US)
Jeremy Charles (South Korea)	Larry Linton (Iraq)
Gabriel Comer (US)	Noah Nelson (US)
Jacob Cosat (US)	Matthew Pavlus (Bahrain)
Blake Dodds (US)	Tim Reuwer (Air Force)
Christopher Duysings (US)	Justin Rush (England)
David Easley (US)	Lauren Sherva (Afghanistan)
Roger Fiedler (Afghanistan)	Jamie Vasquez (US)
	Sean Wickett (US)



Suzie Angelletti, Ayden, Ernie Bacon, Melissa Barrios, Colleen Bracken, Richard Chester, Chrissy, Dale Cohee, Beverly Dailey, Nancy Dasher, Paul & Mildred Delivuk, Bonnie Duncan, Ruth Dyer, Abigail Goodwin, Mark Hanrahan, Doug Hench, Darrick Hudman, Isabell Hughes, Georgette Jones, Caroline Kean, Edna Keinert, Laura Mele, Aaron Mephram, Jacob McPherson, Donna Orsi, Craig Parrillo, Freedel Rauch, Marthan Sammeth, Caroline Wallick, Lorraine Wessels, Joshua John Zaccarine.



04/04 Brian & Wendy Volkman
04/06 Larry & Candace Hill
04/09 Kenneth & Judith Clement
04/11 John & Jean Reynold
04/12 David & Mary Larsen
04/16 William & Maxine Layne
04/20 Jason & Christine Neuhardt
04/22 Gordon & Carol Hemberger



04/01 Dawn Kremer	04/15 Dylan Manning
04/01 Jessica Keeney	04/16 Christopher Beehner
04/02 Rita Kromer	04/16 Corene Beehner
04/04 Betty Zaiser	04/16 Bonnie Carlson
04/04 Phil Zern	04/17 Diana Denson
04/04 Karlee Henry	04/18 Linda Fink
04/05 Jaclyn Hendrickson	04/18 Dave Hauge
04/05 Jason Zern	04/21 Richard Powers
04/07 Alexander Rhoads	04/22 Jennifer Trittschuh
04/08 Jean Ann Mrdjenovich	04/23 Brian Volkman
04/09 Clayton Cable	04/24 Ashley Porterfield
04/09 Camryn Soehnlein	04/25 Madeline Muth
04/11 Joanne Lamberson	04/26 Lindsay Harrison
04/13 Cathy Barath	04/26 Shelly Mannebach
04/15 Charles "Sonny" Tether	04/29 Kerstin Rhoads
04/15 Michael Mayberry	04/30 Paul Hill

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The submission deadline for the next eNews is Friday, April 20th. Please forward articles or announcements for the newsletter to Sallie Chapman via email at emmausvolunteer@embarqmail.com. Please do not send pictures for Face Book to the Emmaus volunteer email.

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