



**Emmaus Lutheran Church**  
**2500 S Volusia Ave,**  
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**Phone: (386) 775-9676**  
**eNews & Notes – February 2019**

## **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



## **Happy New Year**

Welcome to the New Year. As we start this year let us keep in mind all the blessings we have received this past year. While we remember our past blessings let us look forward to the New Year and pray on how we can each best serve the Lord in our church family and the community. The eNews will periodically have a “Help Wanted” section with opportunities to serve and even employment opportunities as they become available.

## **Congregational Meeting**

The semi-annual congregational meeting was held on January 27, 2019 during which the 2019 budget as presented was approved and elections were held to fill open positions on the congregation council, nominating committee and delegates to the synod assembly. Election results were as follows:

Congregation Council:	Nominating Committee:	Personnel Committee:
Sue Cole	Valerie Berger	Angie Shaffer
Patrick Rhoads	Sandy Dasso	
Nancy Crommett	Karl Marvin	

Delegates to the Synod Assembly - Karl & Christine Marvin

Finance Director, Joan Fisher also reported that our mortgage debt has dropped below \$1,000,000. Thank you for your support and donations. Our next needed campaign will be for a new roof. The estimated cost at this time is \$150,000. Roof Replacement commitment Cards are available if you are able to help. Otherwise you can designate a donation for the roof through the Major Repair fund.

For those not able to make the meeting pick up your copy of the Annual Report at the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

## **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.

## **Council Members**

As stated previously, three members were elected /re-elected to the congregation council, Sue Cole, Patrick Rhoades and Nancy Crommett. The council also met and elected its officers for 2019.

Christine Marvin – President  
Sue Cole – Vice President  
Sheri Manning – Treasurer  
Kathy Schoepke – Secretary

Also serving on the council are Larry Hendrickson and Sharon Kurth. Congratulations to all!

We are still looking for one more member to serve on the council. *That could be you!*  
Please let the office know if you are interested by calling (386-775-9676).

## **Thank You!**

We want to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Council President, Larry Hendrickson, for his dedicated service as council president. Larry was always available to assist and make necessary decisions on short notice. Thanks for all you've done and for all you *still* do!

## **Congratulations**

2019 marks the fifth year that Pastor Mark and Carol have served at Emmaus. The church has grown in many ways under his leadership. Pastor Mark is always there with a kind word, a hug or joke to help brighten someone's day.

Thank you, Pastor Mark and Carol! We hope to have you serve for many years to come.

## **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 screen 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.

## **The Food Pantry Needs You!**

The Food Pantry, which is open Tuesdays from 10:00 am until noon, is always in need of volunteers to greet guests and help them get supplies. If you are able to volunteer your time, please sign-up on the sheet located on the kiosk in the narthex.

## **Amazon Smile**

Donating to Emmaus through the Amazon Smile Foundation is easy. Every time you make a purchase at Amazon, login through Smile.Amazon.com instead! Designate Emmaus Lutheran Church as your charity of choice. Each quarter we will receive a donation that is a percentage of each purchase price. Thank you for helping out your church

## Letter From Pastor Stan Wickett

**NOTE:** This letter was to appear in January's eNews. Unfortunately, we were unable to write an eNews for January. We apologize for the lateness of the article.

December 2, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Emmaus,

Before I take a few minutes to let you know how things are going here in Panama City and at Messiah Lutheran Church, I begin by thanking you for all your prayers and support. Let me share a personal reflection with you before getting into the details about what is going on here. This week as I prepared for worship I recalled how it felt to come home after being here for almost six weeks.

As I drove into our subdivision what I had witnessed, the stories I had heard, the realization of conditions I found here in Panama City really sunk in for the first time. After seeing the devastation, nearly every tree here toppled over or broken, nearly every home damaged in some way, driving through the streets lined with tree debris, personal belonging, parts of houses and buildings piled 5 – 6 feet high it was a shock returning home. I had been so busy I had not had time to really think about it all.

As I drove into our subdivision and looked around I again saw the beautiful live oak and elm trees standing up straight and tall and intact, houses with roofs, there were no blue tarps to be seen. The streets were clean, the trash hauled away. It not only shocked me but saddened me for all those I left behind in P.C.

As I approached home for Thanksgiving week I discovered in a new way what I had to be thankful for. Meanwhile, back here in Panama City the people of this congregation send their thank you for the prayer shawls. The second Sunday I was here we blessed them during worship and handed them out. The power of that gift will give comfort for a long time. Your gifts of supplies and debit cards are being used to support the community. Thank you so much.

In terms of the building repairs, we are making progress with the insurance company. We didn't suffer any structural damage to the facilities, but roof damage and water intrusion causing substantial damage inside the buildings. I anticipate re-construction will begin in the next three weeks.

Since a week after I arrived we have hosted Christian Aid Ministries Rapid Response Services as a base for their operations. Since then they have had 25 to 30 volunteers here and helped 121 families with debris clearing and roof tarping. They have logged a total of 3,700 volunteer hours. They are now beginning to set up their Disaster Response Service. The volunteers who come for this are skilled craftsmen and will be replacing roofs and rebuilding/building homes. This week they will have 40 volunteers staying here at the church. They are an impressive organization and it is an impressive sight here at the church.

I serve here in a dual role. I am the interim pastor of the church part time and I have taken on the duties as Lutheran Disaster Response Coordinator, part time. As pastor I have all the duties that go with the office and transition. As LDR Coordinator I am working with other faith based groups to coordinate services to help the vulnerable members of this community recover.

As a part of that work we at Messiah hosted the initial meeting for the Long Term Recovery Group that will be the organization that builds capacity and coordinates the recovery work for individuals for the long term. This will go on for a number of years. I am a member of the Executive Committee that will put the organizational structure in place to support the work and meet the needs of the community.

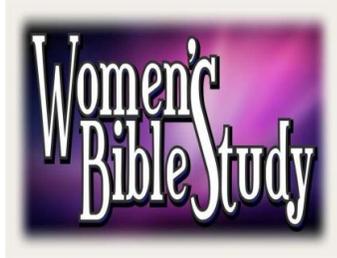
Tomorrow we are hosting an Americorp training session for thirty people. So as you can see there is a great deal of activity around here and plenty to keep me busy. I look forward to getting home and then on the plane to Colorado for Christmas with the kids and grandkids in a couple of weeks.

I pray you all are well and know you will keep us all in your prayers. Thank you and God bless you.

*Pastor Stan Wickett*

## Women's Circles

Emmaus has two women's Circles that meet for fellowship and Bible study. Each Circle uses the Gather Magazine as a guide for the study. Each is a great time for fellowship with a blend of women who make their Circle interesting. If you are interested in a Bible study and fellowship consider trying them both. Below are their schedules.



### Martha/Lydia Circle

Martha/Lydia Circle meets the first Wednesday of each month in the Emmaus Room from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All women are welcome.

### Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 12th, at the home of Peg Klophaus, at 200 W. Florence Ave, Deland FL. Please RSVP to Peg at [pegklophaus@gmail.com](mailto:pegklophaus@gmail.com) or 201-394-2683.



### Book Club

The Emmaus Book Club will on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This month's book is The Lake House by Kate Morton. The book club meets each month on the third Thursday. Everyone is welcome to join.

## Hearts and Hand Hands

Two women's groups have combined forces to allow more fellowship for our church women. Hearts and Hands (quilting) and Shawl Ministry (crocheters and knitters) will be meeting together on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will continue making shawls, lap blankets, plastic sleeping mats and assembling quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We welcome everyone to participate and bring your ideas. You don't need to know how to sew, crochet or knit to join us. Just bring your crafty spirit and join the fun.



02/05 Robert & Mary Scholz  
02/10 Jeff & Christen Boals  
02/10 Ralph & Ruth Dodds  
02/10 Al & Jacqueline Porterfield  
02/12 Russell & Nancy Grant  
02/14 James & Cynthia Shaw  
02/15 Thom & Shelly Mannebach  
02/16 David & Faye Nelson  
02/28 Peter & Phyllis Gref

## 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.

## Food Pantry Use

Our Food Pantry doesn't just serve our community, it's available to members of the congregation. We all find ourselves in need at times. If you need some emergency groceries, you may take food from the shelf. You don't need to register. We ask only two things; first do not come during Food Pantry hours as you will be required to follow the same rules as the community. Secondly, at some time please "pay it forward" and donate back to the Food Pantry with either food, donations or your time.

## Volunteer Opportunities

If you need help with your ministry, send an email to the Emmaus office so we can let others know.



## Interfaith Kitchen

Emmaus alternates with other local churches at the Interfaith kitchen located at First United Methodist Church, 115 E. Howry Ave. in DeLand. Once a month we prepare a meal to serve to those in need in the community. All kinds of help is needed starting with food prep at 3 p.m., serving and clean-up. Those doing clean-up will be finished around 7 p.m. Come for the whole time or just a few hours. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. This is truly God's work, our hands!

## Worship Servers and Assistants Needed

We do have great worship servers and assistants, but more help is always appreciated. We would love to have more volunteers at all services for Greeters/Ushers, Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Communion Servers, and operating the PowerPoint computer. If you are able to help, please contact the church office (386)775-9676.

## Job Opportunity

The Census bureau is looking for people to help with the 2020 census. They are paying \$14.50 per hour and mileage at \$0.58 per mile. The hours are flexible and the pay is weekly. There is also paid training. Apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs).



02/06 Joan Guetzke  
02/06 Richard Holden  
02/08 Jean Hendricksen  
02/10 Miriam Large  
02/16 Norman Lewis  
02/20 Ronald Clark  
02/21 Sam Zakian  
02/23 Ken Hutton  
02/27 Faith Carlson  
02/28 Patricia Clouser

*If you know someone you want to add to the prayer list, please contact the church office (386-775-9676) to add names for our prayers or fill out a prayer request form and put it in the offering plate or leave it in the office.*



**Homebound Members:**

Doris Abrams  
Doris Barcalow (home)  
Olive Clark (Majestic Oaks)  
Charlotte Creswell (Gold Choice)  
Julie Dusette (Sterling Garden)  
Jean Hendricksen (Horizon)  
Sam & Helen Hill(home)  
Guy & Miriam Large (John Knox)  
Jeanette Reynolds (Waters Edge)  
Jean Reynold (Lutheran Haven)  
Marthan Sammeth (home)  
'Mike' Simmons (home)  
Shirley Smith (John Knox)  
Bernice Stahle (John Knox)  
Orval Stuhr (Emory Bennett)  
Sonny Tether (home)  
Lorraine Wessels (Good Samaritan)  
Vera Wutz (Aliance)  
Betty Zaiser (home)

**Service Men and Women:**

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

**Prayer Requests for:**

Doris Abrams, Jan Alexander, Suzi Angelletti, Bob Campbell, Camden, Bonnie Carlson, Scott Carlson, Charles & Joan, Dale Cohee, Bill Crawford, Charlotte Creswell, David Cavalieri, Bev Dailey, Paul Delivuk, Patty Dowling, Tracey Evans, Jessica Fenner, Jim, Tami & Jamey Gallaher, Peg Gernand, Trisha Green, Steve Heck, Roy Heglmeier, Philip Larsen, Caroline Laubheimer, Eva Lega, Norm Lewis, Margie Oden, Candy Olds, Craig Parrillo, Caroline Petrone, Don Prether, Freedel Rauch, Josh Rhynard, Charles Richardson, Rodriguez Family, Diane Salinas, Marthann Sammeth, Abby Schmidt, Mitchell Schmidt, Robert Schuster, Art Siccardi, Dick and Carol Taylor, Helen Zakian, Zern Family, Nellie Zollinger.

## Calendar

February's calendar is attached for your convenience to see all that happens at Emmaus. Also, for those of you who need to schedule a room for a committee or ministry meeting please check the calendar below to see if something is already scheduled on that date and time.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<a href="#">03</a> 8:30 am - 9:30 am Informal Worship with Communion 9:50 am - 10:50 am Adult Bible Study 9:50 am - 10:50 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Traditional Worship with Communion	<a href="#">04</a> 12: 00 pm - 1:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Cub Scouts	<a href="#">05</a> 9:00 am - 9:30 am Tuesday Focused Prayer 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Food Pantry 12: 00 pm - 1:00 pm AA Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Boy Scouts	<a href="#">06</a> 9:15 am - 9:45 am Emmaus Preschool Chapel Time 12: 00 pm - 1:00 pm AA Meeting 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Martha Lydia Circle 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	<a href="#">07</a> 12: 00 pm - 1:00 pm AA Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Stephen Ministry	<a href="#">08</a> 12: 00 pm - 1:00 pm AA Meeting	<a href="#">09</a> 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Traditional Worship
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## **Newsletter Deadline**

The submission deadline for the next eNews is Friday, February 22nd. Please forward articles or announcements for the newsletter to Sallie Chapman via email at [emmausvolunteer@embarqmail.com](mailto:emmausvolunteer@embarqmail.com). Please do not send pictures for Face Book to the Emmaus volunteer email.

## **Emmaus Contact Information**

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