



Emmaus Lutheran Church
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eNews & Notes – May 2019

A Note From Our Congregation Council President

Pastor Mark is taking a sabbatical. A sabbatical is a time to rest, a time to reinvigorate, a time to regenerate for further service. The Florida-Bahamas Synod supports congregations providing a time of sabbatical rest for all rostered clergy after four years of service. Pastor Mark will be taking a four week sabbatical beginning Monday, May 6, and continuing through Monday, June 4. During that time he will be focusing on his health and the demands of congregational ministry, with the hope of renewing his energy and reclaiming some of his vision loss. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the office.

Sincerely
Christine Marvin
Congregation Council President

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



Worship Servers and Assistants Needed

We have great worship servers and assistants, but would love to have more volunteers at all services. If you would like to serve as a Greeters/Ushers, Assisting Minister, Communion Assistant or operating the PowerPoint computer please contact the church office (386)775-9676.

Summer Lectors Needed

Seeking lectors for the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services. If you are interested in reading the lessons at either service please contact the office (386-775-9676) or Brema Seemann (386-734-9702).

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.

From Pastor Mark

*Remember the sabbath, and keep it holy. (Exodus 20:8)
Sabbath, also 'sabbatical', is a rest from work.*

Starting Monday, May 6, I will be taking a four-week sabbatical. I need this time to heal and rest and recover. Since last July I have suffered from changes in my vision. I have said at times, "I can see everything, but everything looks terrible." While that is mostly true, there are times when numbers and letters, and even whole words disappear in front of my eyes. In church, you may have noticed that at times I have stumbled when reading the gospel or parts of the liturgy. My vision problems have not gotten any better over time.

After consulting with 11 doctors from October 2018 to February 2019, the diagnosis I received is very vague: stress is a large factor. I have been told that other diagnoses may develop over time – and I need to keep on top of any further vision or health changes – but at the present time I know that I need to make some relevant life changes to reduce stress and try to reclaim some of my lost vision.

Stress is a large factor in the changing health of many people. Stress seems to worsen or increase the risk of conditions like obesity, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, depression, gastrointestinal problems and asthma. (That list was taken from WebMD.com)

The Florida-Bahamas Synod recognizes the need for a time of sabbatical and has set forth recommendations in the Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers of Word and Sacrament. Those may be read at: fbsynod.com/annual-reports-and-guidelines – and clicking on the link for '2019 Compensation Narrative' for those who are interested.

Carol and I have determined to make a concerted effort for reducing my stress level, as well as getting more exercise and some much-needed rest. We have made plans to get away some during our four weeks, but we also want to explore some of the fun things to do in central Florida that we never seem to have time to do.

It is my sincere hope that I will return the beginning of June with renewed energy, a revitalized sense of ministry, and restored vision.

Thank you for affording us the time to rest and heal. Thank you for your daily prayers for us. Thank you for your love and support. We are truly blessed by your care and concern.

With love and hope for newness,
Pastor Mark

Financial Workshop - Informational Presentation

A workshop presented by Thrivent on "Where to Find Money" will be held at Emmaus on Monday, June 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:00 am followed by the workshop at 10 am. If you would like to attend sign-up on the sheet located in the narthex so that we can plan for your attendance.

We hope this will be the first of more presentations here at Emmaus. If you have a particular interest in a subject, please contact Sallie Chapman at (386) 624-8895. And stay tuned for more information.

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.

Financial Report for March 2019

Income vs Expense Report for MARCH 2019 (rounded to the nearest dollar)

Total Operating Income	\$36,455
Total Operating Expense*	<u>\$36,205</u>
Net Operating INCOME for the month	\$ 250

* Includes the cost of principal reduction

Budgeted income for MARCH was \$32,773

Budgeted expense for MARCH was \$39,427

For the first time this year our income was greater than the expenses for the month. We continue to receive funds toward the needed roof replacement and toward lowering our mortgage. As we go into the season of folks leaving for the cooler north during the hot summer and vacations please continue to support Emmaus by sending in your donations.

Roof Replacement Fund

It is estimated that we will need around \$150,000 to put a new roof on our facility. A new Roof Replacement Fund campaign, with pledges cards has been opened to receive donations toward this – pledge cards are available but straight donations are certainly ok also. Use the Other line on your envelopes and mark it ROOF REPLACEMENT to make any donations to this fund.

Fund Balance on February 28, 2019:	\$ 53,221
Funds received in March	<u>3,530</u>
Balance in the fund March 31, 2019	\$ 56,751

Amount still needed: \$ 93,249

Debt Reduction:

Total received toward the mortgage in MARCH: \$2,797.

Mortgage Balance: \$964,786

Blessings,

Joan Fisher
Finance Director
386 956-2619
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God Bless our Confirmands

On Sunday, May 7th at our 8:30 am service four young people will be ‘confirming’ their faith for themselves and entering into a new relationship of faith in God. There will be a cake reception in Fellowship Hall following the service. Let us join in the celebration of the faith of these young people and give them the best support we can on this day of Confirmation. The Confirmands are: Karl Rhoads, Alex Rhoads, Avery Neuhardt and Georgette Kendall.

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. The next study will be on Wednesday, May 3rd. All women are welcome.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 14th, at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and Bible study at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Laura Kirkland, at 175 Lone Tree Trail., Deland. Please RSVP to Laura at lauralitik66@gmail.com or 386-804-9403

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. You don't need to know how to sew, crochet or knit to join us. Just bring your crafty spirit and join the fun.

Book Club

The book club meets each month on the fourth Thursday. The next meeting is on May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This month's book is The Chilbury Ladies Choir by Jennifer Ryan. Everyone is welcome to join.



Flower Arranging Class

Keep your eyes posted for a 'Flower Arranging Class' in June. Susanna Trittschuh will be teaching another class. More information will be posted soon.



05/17 Dale & Anna-Luise Richardson
05/19 Richard & Elaine Beck
05/19 Mike & Sherry Henry
05/24 Kathy & Steve Kintner
05/26 Lenis & Kathryn Schoepke
05/30 Larrv & Margo Peter

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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



The Bridge (West Volusia's Homeless Shelter)

West Volusia will be getting an expanded and much needed homeless shelter in DeLand. The shelter will be administered by The Neighborhood Center. The building will have 30 beds a communal dining area and commercial kitchen large enough to feed 100 people. They plan to have showers, a detoxification room, and laundry facilities. Along with spaces for case management services, mental health and substance abuse counseling and job assistance. It is hoped to have The Bridge by January 2020. Currently, there are 9 committees that are forming plans to complement the Neighborhood staff. The committees are as follows: Feeding, Transportation, Daily Operations Assistance, Mercy Hour, Facility Design, Mentoring, Religious Education, Service Assistance and Vocational. If you are interested in helping to plan this huge undertaking contact Sallie Chapman at (386) 624-8895 for more information on what each committee does and a contact number to join that committee. Look for more updates as this project gets closer to opening.

Interfaith Kitchen

Emmaus alternates with other local churches at the Interfaith kitchen located at the First United Methodist Church, 115 E. Howry Ave. in DeLand. On the fourth Thursday of each 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. Our next date is May 23rd. 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!

The Food Pantry Needs You!

The Food Pantry, which is open Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. 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.



05/01	Clifford Bergeron	05/19	Carlen Ginzl
05/02	Dale Richardson	05/22	Elaine Leahy
05/04	Orval Stuhr	05/23	Ellie Vaughan
05/05	Lawrence Fink	05/24	David Bergstresser
05/05	Carole Pearson	05/24	Sandra Dasso
05/05	James Shaw	05/25	Margaret Klophaus
05/06	David Henninger	05/26	Jean Goldsberry
05/06	Laura Kirkland	05/27	W. H. Winkler
05/10	Joe Garza	05/29	Cameron Padilla
05/15	Kent Klophaus	05/30	Carol Hemberger
05/15	Tammy Robbins	05/31	Wyatt Neuhardt
05/15	Harry Rychak	05/31	Eric O'Neill
05/16	Nancy Schleicher	05/31	Joanne Rauschenberger
05/17	Paul Alexander	05/31	Marcia Rudemyer
05/18	Marthan Sammeth		



If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office (386-775-9676) or fill out a prayer request form and put it in the offering plate.

Prayer Requests for...

Doris Abrams, Robert Ahlers, Nicole Ahlers, Suzi Angelletti, Tobi Bialeck and family, Hannah Bloser, Ray Bookstaver, Sheila Butchart, Family, friends of Matt Buth, Bob Campbell, Camden, Bonnie Carlson, Pastor Bill and Carolyn Carroll, Charles & Joan, Fr. Steven Clark, Dale Cohee, Bill Crawford, Charlotte Creswell, Bev Dailey, Tom Dasso, Paul Delivuk, Ralph Dodds, Lee Ecola, Tracey Evans, Jessica Fenner, Jim, Tami & Jamey Gallaher, Doug Gatrell & Family, Peg Gernand, Joshua Granada, Steve Heck, Aiden Knightson, Josh Kubick, Bill & Brenda Kuehl, Guy & Miriam Large, Philip Larsen, Eva Lega, Norm Lewis, Billie Loconte, Jason Neuhardt, Margie Oden, Candy Olds, Craig Parrillo, Sandy Patchin, Paul Paulsen, Caroline Petrone, Don Prether, Freedel Rauch, Susan Marvin Raymond, Josh Rhynard, Charles Richardson, Roberts Family, Rodriguez Family, Siena, Diane Salinas, Marthann Sammeth, Abby Schmidt, Mitchell Schmidt, Don Schafhauser, Robert Schuster, Debbie Sheets, 'Mike' Simmons, Lena Spence, Melodie Stancavage, Barbara Van O'Linda, Zern Family, Cindy Zanaglio, Nellie Zollinger.

Homebound Members:

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

Service Men and Women:

Cody Allen (Afghanistan)
 Danny Allen (US)
 Robert Arnold (US)
 Joseph Bernhard (US)
 Darryl Black (Afghanistan)
 Justin Bruschi (Iraq)
 Jeremy Charles (US)
 Gabriel Comer (US)
 Jacob Cosat (US)
 Blake Dodds (US)
 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 Shea (US)
 Jamie Vasquez (US)
 Sean Wickett (US)

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.

MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			01 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 Bible Study 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	02 12: 00 pm - 1:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Stephen Ministry	03 12: 00 pm - 1:00 pm AA Meeting 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Schleicher Wedding Rehearsal	04 2:00 pm -3:00 pm Schleicher Wedding 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Traditional Worship
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Newsletter Deadline

The submission deadline for the next eNews is Friday, May 24th. Please forward articles or announcements for the newsletter to Sallie Chapman via email at emmausvolunteer@embarqmail.com.

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