

# The Emmaus Lutheran

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:27 ESV

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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.  
John 1:14 ESV

## Marking Lent A+D 2010

The Church marks off forty days (not counting the Sundays) of special preparation called “Lent,” which begins with Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17). It is a time reminiscent of our Lord’s fasting in the desert for forty days and the Israelites’ wandering in the wilderness for forty years. During Lent, especially, the Church urges her members to fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Even as true repentance is not simply feeling sorry, but is a turning away from sin and toward God, or is sorrow over sin and at the same time faith in Jesus, so likewise, Lent is not so much a time of simply “giving things up” as it is a time for adding things that increase our awareness of God’s mercy in Christ Jesus. What we give up, as a Church, are the Alleluias and the *Gloria in Excelsis* (“Glory be to God on High”). These songs of praise are muted during Lent, not because we are sad, but because we are sober and so that they would return on Easter with greater exuberance. For a feast to be truly satisfying, you must be hungry.



Though it seems, in a way, counter-intuitive, one of the things we add are soup suppers on Wednesday evenings preceding the service at 7:00 p.m. The soup suppers begin at 6:00 p.m. The idea is that this will make it easier for busy families to attend the service and also provide some fellowship time for us.

Why not mark this Lent in some way, by making a Lenten resolution of sorts, picking up some discipline or duty as a way of remembering the time and preparing for Easter? While it might seem self-serving, Lent is a great time to diet or pick up an exercise routine. While those things might have physical benefits, if done prayerfully and deliberately, they can also have spiritual benefits. Why not set yourself to attend every Sunday and Wednesday from now until Easter? If nothing else, why not at least pledge to attend all the services of Holy Week, including Maundy Thursday (April 1) at 7:00 p.m., Good Friday (April 2) at 7:00 p.m., and culminating with the Easter Sunday service (April 4) at 10:30 a.m.?

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Benjamin T. G. Mayes, Ph.D.

Happy 90th  
Birthday  
to  
Gerhard Mueller,  
faithful and long-  
time Emmaus  
member!

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**Mission Statement:** *Enabled by His Spirit, Emmaus Lutheran Church boldly proclaims God's love and grace in Jesus Christ to all people through excellent liturgical worship, bold community outreach, and dedicated, caring service to our neighbor.*

**Image Statement. We want to be known as:**

- The church where faith is nourished and strengthened by the Word and Sacrament.
- The church where the people of God are educated and equipped to live a godly life serving neighbor near and far.
- The church where the bounty of God is known through preservation of our Christian liturgical heritage.
- The church where the Shepherd is present through the work of His undershepherd in pastoral care.
- The church that brings the message of hope in Christ to those who have lost hope or have never known hope before.
- The church that brings together brothers and sisters in Christ for mutual consolation and support.

**Key Strengths**

1. The key strength of Emmaus is the bold proclamation of the Word with a right division of Law and Gospel and the proper administration of the Sacraments so as to bless the household of faith.
2. Further, the members of Emmaus share in the servant ministry to each other and to the community:
  - working to keep an ordained minister in the pulpit and to lead Bible study,
  - working to maintain facilities,
  - working to develop new programs and services to help each other and our community.

As God is steadfast, so the members of Emmaus persevere.

3. The members of Emmaus have unique gifts from God that provide a wide range of opportunities to serve our congregation and community including musical talents, leadership skills, teaching skills, and a commitment to provide community support through neighborhood associations, food bank collection, and education classes for parenting, for music, and for home school support.

4. The support of Emmaus alumni and friends of the parish are a valuable strength with which God has blessed Emmaus. The support of these individuals has helped with major maintenance expenses and their prayerful support assists with the continuation of the public ministry of Emmaus.

5. We own spacious facilities and have no debt. Our sanctuary is a traditional worship space.

**Key Challenges**

1. Ongoing need to maintain two large and aging facilities (the church building and the school building).
2. The small number of members leads to too few people for too many tasks. Most of the members are elderly or are full-time employees with families. This limits the resource of time available for parishioners to innovate or take-on additional responsibilities within the congregation.
3. Limited financial resources for the general operating budget.
4. Our location in a challenged neighborhood in the inner city.

**Key Opportunities**

1. Emmaus has the opportunity to be a stabilizing factor in the neighborhood. The stability of the Word and the ministry of Emmaus is greatly needed in our unstable neighborhood. Through the Word of God, hope and stability can be proclaimed to our immediate neighborhood through worship, Bible study, educational classes, and support of community programs.

2. Emmaus recognizes the opportunity to provide comfort to the weak in faith through the richness of the Word in our preaching and historic liturgy. We can be a haven of comfort for those who have been tossed about by the whims and fads of experiential religion or secular spirituality. God's Word proclaimed and God's Word spoken in our liturgy provide nourishment to the weak faith in need of respite.

**Key Obstacles**

1. The primary obstacle for Emmaus is financial. We have a faithful congregation that worships regularly, attend Bible study, and support each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are committed to serving God in the extension of His kingdom as He provides the opportunities. And despite limited financial resources, the Lord provides the treasure as needed through the support of members, alumni, and friends.

2. If those outside our congregation perceive us as a small community in a large worship space, they may come to the wrong idea that we are declining, dying, or unwelcoming. It may be difficult for potential members to imagine themselves as a member at Emmaus.

**Mission Plan**, continued on page 3....

**What We Desire to Accomplish**

1. Call a pastor to provide comprehensive pastoral care to the congregation and to prospective members through Word and sacrament.
2. Continue and grow our current educational offerings to members and neighbors.
3. Continue and grow our instrumental and choral worship enhancements.
4. Develop new educational programs: for example, mid-week Bible studies, Saturday seminars, and evening classes.
5. Expand our involvement with the St. Louis neighborhood associations to find activities that Emmaus can support: for example, neighborhood garden and food collection, clean-up projects, teaching resources.
6. Increase membership to a level that can meet financial obligations and do more to reach out with the Gospel and charity.

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**Emmaus members:**

Chaz Brown, Catherine Cheeks, Gus & Georgette Grady, Rebecca Mayes, Deborah McIntyre, Diane McIntyre, Barb Pisani, LaToya Talton, Leta Valendy, Carol Velten, Emil and Walinda Weidenhoffer

*In your prayers,  
please remember...*



**Friends of Emmaus:**

Debbie Costedt, Paris Hunt, Fran Krupp, Dorothy Neuhauser, Rev. Michael Siedenstricker, Tina Wren

Greetings from our friends:

**Members on Vicarage:**

Josh and Diane Hayes

"Dear Members and Pastors,  
...We are so encouraged that you have remained faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Word and the Lutheran Confessions. May the Lord continue to bless you in every way. I enclose a small gift..."

**Emmaus' church council:**

Rev. Scot Kinnaman, Kathryn Landskroener, Rev. Ben Mayes, Rebecca Mayes, and Kurt Rolland

"Dear Friends at Emmaus,  
I think and pray for you often and wish to give you a gift to help you grow in serving others. I know you are working very hard and doing so much with the help of our God so I am sending you the little help I am able to do. I also pray God's blessings on you and your congregation. What a mission field you have around you. Therefore, 'we stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever...'"

**Emmaus call committe:**

Rev. Scot Kinnaman, Rev. Ben Mayes, Rebecca Mayes, Karen Rolland, Kurt Rolland, Barb Szofran.

**Emmaus issues:**

Reaching the lost with God's Word  
Wisdom in our pastoral call process  
Believers wanting to grow  
Our growing Sunday School  
Our growing Home School Co-op

Our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to come to the Father with every request. At Emmaus Lutheran Church we are learning to take Him at His word. We are learning that there is much strength in coming together and asking our Lord for His guidance, His wisdom, His blessing. There are many needs here in the inner city of St. Louis. The biggest need is for our hearts to grow in Christ's love for our neighbors. As we have been coming together in prayer we are being encouraged to go for the impossible because, with God, all things are possible. We thank you for joining us in prayer!

# Home School Christmas Program



If you are a former member of Emmaus, then you probably have fond memories of the Christmas programs that were held here in years past. Like many inner-city congregations, Emmaus experienced the fading of little voices over time as so many families moved away. But this past December Emmaus held its first annual home school Christmas program, and what a joy it was to hear those little voices again! Karen Rolland, the music teacher for the co-op, worked with the children, ages 5-16, for many months to prepare for this vocal, instrumental, and theatrical performance.



Eleven children and two mothers participated in the Partners in Chime handbell choir, playing such pieces as "Come You Thankful People, Come" and "Once in Royal David's City" and leading the audience in several carols. Fourteen children sang in the vocal choir which had learned such pieces as "Bright and Glorious is the Sky" and "Komm, Herr Jesu". The Trinklein children delighted us with their string quartet pieces, and the Bueltmann family, clad in sheepskin and donkey duds, enhanced the handbell piece "Mary, Joseph, and the Baby", a musical skit that reminded the audience of the Good Shepherd, who was born so that He could lay down His life for His sheep. "It was such a joy to have the first floor of the school building packed with people of all ages and races as we sang carols together and rejoiced that Jesus Christ gave up heaven to win us the right to live with Him forever."



Over 90 people including neighborhood children and friends from Olive Branch Lutheran Church in Okawville, IL were in attendance. The concert was followed by a potluck, filling us and more of the school building. Over forty hearty souls braved the cold weather and went Christmas caroling in the Fox Park neighborhood, blessed and being a blessing to several neighbors, one of whom said, "Now it's Christmas!" Those who stayed at the school had cookies and cocoa to warm us after we ended our venture with a tour of the Emmaus sanctuary. Go ahead and mark your December 2010 calendar for our second annual concert as we continue to reach out to everyone Christ loves as He has directed us to "Feed My lambs."

# Feeding His

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## ...in the Emmaus Sunday School

A year ago, the Emmaus Sunday School had one child. At the time of this printing, we now have 13 children that regularly come to hear what God has done in Christ Jesus. Rebecca Mayes has faithfully taught the class no matter how many children show up. Now we are ready and able to divide the class, thanks to Amanda and Rachel Hellwege who are offering to help teach the little ones. Please pray that God's Word will thrive in the soil of each child's heart and yield a faith unto eternal life.



## ...in the Home School Co-operative

In the Homeschool group meeting at the Emmaus School building we certainly have a lot for which to be thankful. As we are in the early stages of the second half of the school year, we can look back at how well the first half went. In the integrated history, church history, government and philosophy class the students are learning and growing. A highlight of the first half of the year was when each student researched and then presented to the group on an aspect of ancient Chinese culture.

Fun and exercise is the name of the game in our P.E. class, which has ranged from the simpler kickball to volleyball and some non-sport interactive games. Needless to say that this part is always a favorite of the students!

In music, the first half of the year culminated in an inspiring Christmas concert on December 20, which included hand bells, choir and a presentation of the Christmas story. This concert was then followed by caroling in the neighborhood, which was a welcomed chance for us to meet some of the neighbors.

Looking forward to the second half of the year, things are shaping up very well. Another family has joined the group, bringing the total to 15 students in 5 families, plus another family participates in the evening parenting classes and choir. We are looking forward to another bell concert this spring, and the bell choir is considering playing in some churches as well. The students are also beginning to work on a play presenting the story of the book of Ruth, which was written by the mother of three of the students.

A final date has not yet been set, but we are planning on having an end of the year celebration which likely will include the play and examples of the students' work from the year.

What we are most thankful for, however, is the chance to gather with good, Christian friends and to work together in the raising of our children in the fear and admonition of the LORD.

# Lucille Haupt Retirement



Emmaus' long-standing organist, Lucille Haupt, retired this past winter. Lucille first offered her services to the congregation some 30 years ago when she moved into the neighborhood. Soon after she was hired, she officially joined Emmaus



and became involved in many other service opportunities as well, such as the women's guild. Lucille's organ performance debut occurred when she was just 12 years old and her mother asked her to fill in for the organist one Sunday at their church in Petoskey, Michigan.

In 1943, Lucille decided to follow a career in nursing, though she still had a passion for music, and she moved to St. Louis to attend school and start her career. It took Lucille a few decades to find Emmaus, but we're sure glad that she did!



Emmaus recognized Lucille's years of service at a reception held in her honor after the Divine Service on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Pastor John Hellwege says, "We thank God for Lucille. Her musical talent, as well as her genuine humility and grace, and her willingness to serve the church have been a tremendous blessing over the years."

The members of Emmaus, both past and present, extend their hearty thanks to Lucille for her dedicated and talented service to her Lord and Savior Sunday after Sunday for several decades. May God bless her, as she has been such a blessing to others!



# Tuckpointing Appeal is ended;

## Other needs Continue

At its January 2010 meeting, the council of Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church (U.A.C.) voted to close the tuckpointing appeal. We thank all of you who have so generously contributed money so that our school building, which was in such bad repair, could be tuckpointed. We are happy to say: due to this project, we have a school building that is sound overall, though various challenges remain. The tuckpointing appeal is closed.

Going forward, Emmaus will maintain two funds in which to receive designated gifts: a Capital Improvement Fund (to receive donations for all capital improvements, including stained glass repair, organ fund, and any miscellaneous repair projects) and an Emmaus Memorial Fund (to receive all other designated gifts, such as to underwrite the cost of pastoral care or neighborhood evangelism projects). Current open funds for designated gifts will remain open until the balance is zero.

We are so thankful to God for all of your help! Without our friends, Emmaus would not be where it is today.

Projects recently completed:

- \* Upgrade of heating system at church. Now even in the dead of winter, we are toasty warm!
- \* Remodel of hallway outside of restrooms at church.
- \* Two stained glass windows repaired.
- \* Copings on school roof filled with cement.
- \* Leaky heating pipe replaced in school basement.

Here are some of our current needs:

- \* Fix back lighting for stained glass by altar—about \$500.
- \* Repair of spotlight in front of church—about \$250.
- \* Repair of water damage on wall above altar—about \$500.
- \* Copings on church need to be filled—about \$500.
- \* Repaint downspouts and gutters black—about \$100.
- \* Install decorative fence and bumpers beside school to prevent traffic over boiler room—about \$200.
- \* Repair spalled concrete beams in boiler room (under alleyway)—about \$1000?
- \* Leaky school roof replacement—about \$35,000.

Gifts to Emmaus' capital improvement fund can be used on one or more of these projects!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Benjamin T. G. Mayes, acting chairman, board of trustees

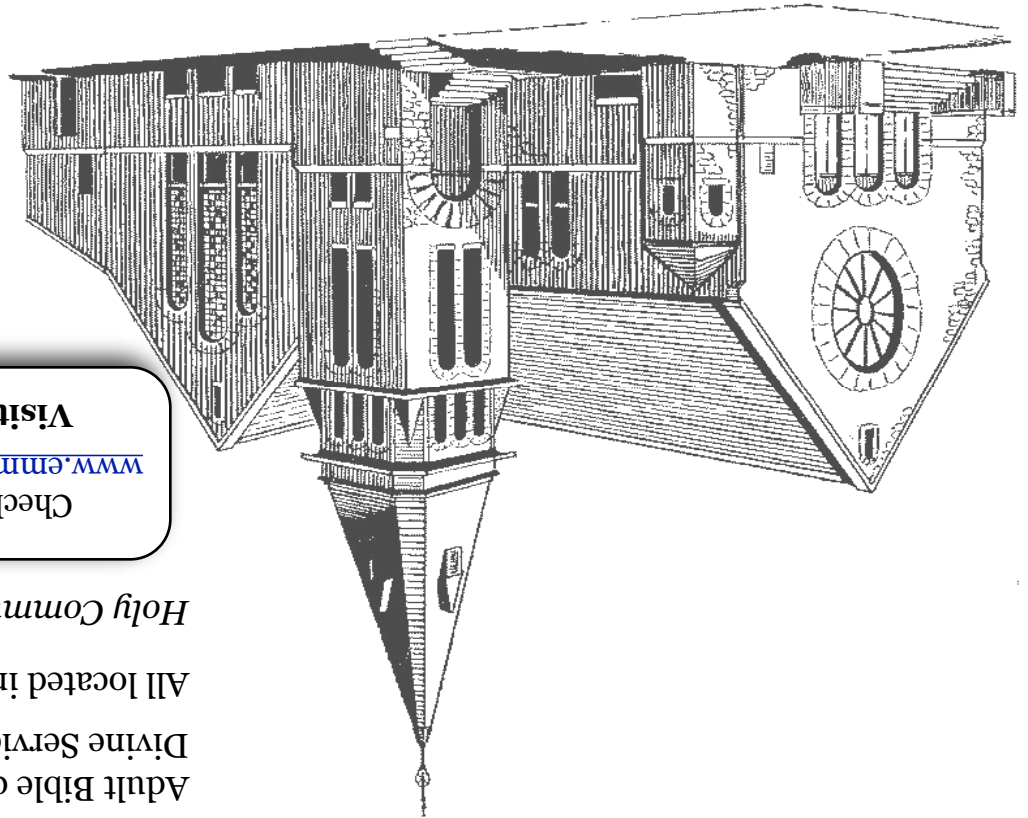
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Children's Sunday school **9:15 a.m.**

**Schedule:**