

## From the Desk of Pastor Olsen: Grace, Mercy and Peace

It is a phrase you have heard dozens, no, maybe hundreds of times because it begins each of my sermons: Grace, mercy and peace be unto you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It may seem like just an opening, but it is so much more than that. It is the Gospel. Each sermon begins with the Gospel, recognizing that you are most importantly about to about receive one, or maybe even all three, of these as gifts from Jesus Christ. The last few weeks in our Gospel readings we have certainly heard of mercy through the forgiving nature in the parable of the Merciful Master, also called The Unforgiving Servant. And the very next week we heard another parable regarding the ever abounding, overflowing grace of God.

It is truly through the grace and mercy given to us by God Himself that we do have peace, the only way that we have peace. It is through the blood shed of the very Son of God, His willing sacrifice, His atoning work for you, that you have peace. You are no longer an enemy of God. You no longer have the wrath of God upon you because of your sin, both actual and original. The Son of

God came down to earth, to suffer and die upon the cross, to bodily rise again on the third day, to bring you this peace. It is a peace that we have with God because of Jesus' work, and it is a peace that we share with one another as well, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

*And the peace of  
God, which  
surpasses all  
understanding, will  
guard your hearts  
and your minds in  
Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:7

Live each day in the peace that has been graciously and mercifully given to you by your Savior Jesus Christ. May we live with one another in that peace that has been paid for fully and secured eternally by Christ, for we are brought together and kept together by the work of God. Oh, and by the way, did you notice how each sermon ends? The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Peace given yet again, which by the way are not my words but from Phil. 4:7! It is truly a peace that transcends all understanding. A peace given out of love for you and for me, comprehended only through the work of the Holy Spirit and given freely by grace through faith apart from any of our works.

To Him alone be all glory and honor,  
Pastor Olsen

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# Bible Study Opportunities



## Sunday Morning

### Sunday School Classes

We look forward to sharing God's Word with your children!

This year we are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew gives us a full accounting of Jesus' teachings and the promise that Christ is coming again to reign eternally.

### Sunday School DeVotions

Join us on Sundays, October 8 & November 12 for a special class time for parents and their children.

## Adult Bible Study

**Done in Love – 1 Cor. 16:14** - Hidden away at the end of St. Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth is this little verse that often gets passed over in his final message. *"<sup>14</sup> Let all that you do be done in love."* (1Co 16:14 ESV) For a number of weeks, or more knowing Emmaus, we will be unpacking this truth about what is done in love. Certainly if we were not sinners, if we didn't have that Old Adam gnawing away at us all the time, as well as the influences of the world and the temptations of the devil, it would be easy. But it is not. Join us as we explore how God's Word defines love, what it looks like first from God and then towards our neighbor. We will search the Scriptures readjusting and reorienting ourselves to see what love is through the lens of the most precious gift of love: the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *"<sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."* (1Jo 4:9-11 ESV)

## Mid-Week Bible Study

### Luther's Large Catechism: The Lord's Prayer Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. through November 15th

Seminarian Noah Dunsmore is teaching a class on the Lord's Prayer section of Luther's Large Catechism. This will be based on material that he wrote, and he will have handouts each week. You are encouraged to bring their Large Catechism with you if you have one. He will have copies of a standardized text printed out or scanned available, if you need one.



## Mission Sunday



Every October, your Board of Elders designates a mission that we pray for and offer our financial support. Again this year, we have selected the Luther Academy as our mission. Following the October 1st worship service, member Rev. Dr. Robert Bennett, Executive Director, will share updates about what's been happening within the Luther Academy. We will also have a free-will offering on October 1st. Donations for Lutheran Academy may be given during the month of October.



## Father to Son

**Saturday, October 7th  
8:30 a.m.**

Join us for another wonderful opportunity for fathers and sons to spend time together and share God's Word. Please note date change: we will meet prior to the clean-up at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your son with you.

**Saturday  
October 7th  
9:00 am!**

## Emmaus Cleanup



Bring out your cleaning supplies! We are having an Emmaus cleaning day!

Activities to include, but are not limited to bleacher cleaning, woodwork protecting, and brass polishing. No need to sign up, just meet here at 9am Saturday October 7th.

## Thanksgiving Service

**Tuesday,  
November 21  
7:00pm**



Please join us as we give thanks to God for the many blessings He has given us! Holy Communion will be celebrated.

## LWML South Zone Fall Gathering

**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

Peace Lutheran Church, 4900 Fairfield Avenue

Registration (\$6.00 fee at the door) at 8:30 a.m. with a light breakfast, and a Program and Meeting to follow. Please RSVP before October 7th to: [elizabeth.hoham@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.hoham@gmail.com). Featured Speaker will be Pastor Peter Brock, St. John, Bingen, on the topic of Tanzania Missions and the St. John Bingen Home of Children, currently caring for 17 albino children. Ingathering will be a Love Offering for the orphanage.





# Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 14th

2:00 - 4:00p.m.

Trunk or Treat provides a safe and fun way for our school and church families to enjoy some fall fun. Children enjoy going from trunk to trunk to receive treats ( provided by the school) from costumed car owners.

There will be a contest for the "Best Trunk!"

If you would like to decorate a trunk, please pick up an Application Form from the table in the front hallway on Sunday morning or from the School Office during the week.

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## Help Emmaus with Kroger Community Rewards!

This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. It's easy! Here's how:

1. Go to Kroger.com and set up an account (if you don't have one) or log into your account.
2. Under your account options select "My Account."
3. Scroll down the page and select Community Rewards" (left side of screen).
4. Under "Organization Name" enter "Emmaus Lutheran School and Church" or use "organization Number" BF171.



### Member Caller

We have set up our account for the new service to call all our members. Please add this phone number 855.248.7295 to your caller id or your phone address book and entitle that contact as the Church Call so that it will be identified properly on your caller id. If your phone number has changed or you need to add an additional number for your household, please see Darlene so that she can update the call list.



### It's "Time" to Fall Back!

Be sure to change your clocks on Saturday, November 4th, as Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. EST on Sunday, November 5th.



# Annual Voters' Meeting Date to be Announced!

**Watch for more information in the weekly News & Notes.**

## Agenda

### 1) Annual Board Reports

Come and hear updates/information from each of our Boards. This is wonderful opportunity to learn more about what's happening at Emmaus!

### To be a Voting Member:

You must be 18 years of age or older  
and  
a communicant member of Emmaus Lutheran Church.

*If you've not previously attended a Voters' Assembly Meeting or been "registered" as a Voting Member, you will have an opportunity to do so at this meeting.*

You'll then be eligible to vote at the next  
Voters' Assembly/Congregation meeting.

## PUZZLE THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected.  
When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow  
generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the  
words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant \_\_\_\_\_



Willing to give \_\_\_\_\_



The result of planting seeds \_\_\_\_\_



The act of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_



Food made from wheat \_\_\_\_\_



Now he who supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to the sower and \_\_\_\_\_ for food will also

supply and increase your store of \_\_\_\_\_ and will enlarge the \_\_\_\_\_



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

\_\_\_\_\_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thanksgiving

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## August Meetings

Board of Elders	Monday, October 9	6:30 p.m.
Board of Christian Service	Tuesday, October 10	4:30 p.m.
School Board	Tuesday, October 10	6:00 p.m.
Board of Christian Education	Tuesday, October 10	6:00 p.m.
Board Finance	Tuesday, October 10	6:00 p.m.
Church Council	Tuesday, October 10	7:00 p.m.



## September Meetings

Board of Elders	Monday, November 13	6:30 p.m.
Board of Christian Service	Tuesday, November 14	4:30 p.m.
School Board	Tuesday, November 14	6:00 p.m.
Board of Christian Education	Tuesday, November 14	6:00 p.m.
Board Finance	Tuesday, November 14	6:00 p.m.
Church Council	Tuesday, November 14	7:00 p.m.



## Board Reports

Board Chairpersons/Secretaries: Please be sure to submit your board's report/meeting minutes to Darlene by:

**Wednesday, October 4th**, for the October 10th Church Council meeting.

**Wednesday, November 8th**, for the November 14th Church Council meeting.

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## EMMAUS FACEBOOK PAGE!

Emmaus has a new Facebook page. Scan the QR code or follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089549997428&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

If you have any event photos please send them to: [rbennett90mi@icloud.com](mailto:rbennett90mi@icloud.com)



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## Church Office Hours

### Thanksgiving Holiday

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd & 24th, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

*Praise the Lord! Oh give thank to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Psalm 106:1, ESV

## Emmaus School News



### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday,  
October 4**

Picture Retake Day  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Friday, October 6**  
End of 1st Quarter

**Saturday,  
October 14**  
Trunk or Treat  
2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Friday, October 20**  
**Monday, October 23**  
Fall Break  
NO School

**November 21**  
K - 8 Grand Friends  
Day  
1/2 Day of School

**Wednesday,  
November 22**  
**thru**  
**Friday,  
November 24**  
Thanksgiving Break  
NO School

The school year is off to a fabulous start. The students, families and teachers are all excited about sharing the love of the Lord. Done in Love, is our verse for this year, 1 Corinthian 16:14.

We are ending our first quarter of the school year on October 6th. Time does really fly by.

We had a pep assembly for the fall sports teams, led by Coach Luke. The volleyball team vs the football players and cross country runners was amazing, but for the finale the teams vs the teachers. The teachers had great skills but they were defeated, maybe next time.

The 5th and 6th grade students are off to Camp Lutherhaven the first week in October, we pray for their safe trip and the educational experience that they will receive outside of the traditional classroom with Mr. and Mrs. D and the parent chaperones.

Trunk-or-Treat is a great time for school and community families, hosted by the PTL. October 14th from 2-4pm. You can sign up to do a trunk or just stop by and enjoy the fun.

The LJHS (Lutheran Junior Honor Society) is hosting a Lap-a-thon for the school at the end of the month. The students and their Advisor, Miss Korte, are working hard to bring the fun for this event and raise funds for some new technology.

November brings a lot of excitement for Grand Friends Day. Keep your calendar open to be a friend for a student that you know or don't know.

FYI, the students are always hungry. Mrs. Terrell and her team are doing an amazing job in serving lunches to these hungry learners.

Thank you for your love, prayers and support of the children, their families and our teachers.

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## Preschool News

We are already 8 weeks into Preschool for the year! We are so blessed to have 66 Preschoolers that we are sharing the love of Christ with each and every day!



### Staff Training

On Saturday, September 23 the whole Preschool staff attended a training on using our new Kimochis curriculum. We received a joint grant from The Lutheran Foundation and the School Cares Team to purchase this new curriculum which focuses on social emotional development in children. We will be using puppets to help us learn about our emotions and to role play situations like what to do if a friend cuts in line or if somebody says something that hurts our feelings.

### Pumpkin Patch

The three PreK classes will be taking their first field trip of the year on Tuesday, October 24 to Kurtz Pumpkin Patch in New Haven. We look forward to learning about how pumpkins grow, taking a hayride and then getting to pick our very own pumpkins!



### Donuts with Dads

On November 6 we will be welcoming our Dads to Preschool for a morning of Doughnuts with Dads!

Joann Olsen, Preschool Director

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## Women's Guild



### Fundraising Ideas Wanted

Do you have any **fundraising ideas** for us? We are always looking for new ways to help fund our church, school, and preschool with special projects. Share any ideas with any of our members.

### Cookie Fair

Yes, the cookie pans will be coming out soon! The annual Cookie Fair is scheduled for **Saturday, December 9th**, so start checking your recipes and stocking up on baking supplies. Your help is appreciated

and needed to make this another successful event. Proceeds are used to support our church, school, and preschool.

### Meetings

The Women's Guild meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Our next meeting dates are:

October 11

November 8

Please join us in the cafeteria as we continue to plan future activities and events!





### Stewardship in the First Commandment

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

*Each month, the LCMS Synod Office writes Stewardship newsletter articles for congregations to use.  
See more at LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship).*



## Concordia Lutheran High School News

### Free Estate Coaching

Concordia Lutheran High School has partnered with SFC Estate Coaching to help Concordia families navigate through the process of creating a will or estate plan. These free estate coaching appointments are filling up.

Here are the remaining dates and times in October:

October 11: 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.

October 12: 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.

October 13: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

Go to <https://visibook.com/ysrqdhy8hsfdhggqa> to schedule your time soon.

### Upcoming Theatre Productions

***Murder on the Orient Express* - Fall Drama  
Saturday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday,  
October 1 at 2:00 p.m.**

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again. This mystery/thriller is directed by Mr. Chris Murphy.

***Star Bright Diner and By Any Chance* - One Acts  
Friday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m.**

... *The Star Bright Diner* - just off an old highway in the desert - is open all night to all travelers and all possibilities, but what you order isn't always what you get. On this particular night, a group of strangers find themselves puzzling over the mysterious effects that the diner has on them ... and wrestling with the gifts the diner has to offer. There are no "to-go" boxes at this diner, but at least there's a giant salamander under the sink to eat whatever these strangers choose to leave behind.

### Grandparents Day

Grandparents of our sophomore and senior students are invited to join us for Concordia Lutheran High School's Grandparents Day on Friday, October 13. We value the relationship that grandparents have with their grandchildren and we love having the grandparents join us on this special day. If a student does not have a grandparent available to attend, they are encouraged to invite another special adult in their lives. Because of space limitations, this event is held each year for those grandparents of sophomores and seniors only.

To RSVP for our Grandparents Day, please email Sharon Thompson at [sthompson@clhscadets.com](mailto:sthompson@clhscadets.com).

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## Religious Liberty: Free to be Faithful: A religious liberty education and awareness campaign from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



In response to increasing intrusions by government in the realm of the church, the LCMS launched this "Free to be Faithful" campaign in September 2012 to educate and move people to take informed action to protect religious freedom and all the cultural issues that pertain to it: the definition of marriage, the work of social service organizations, confessing the faith in the public square, aspects of the Health and Human Services mandate and the like. The website

is: [www.lcms.org/freetobefaitful](http://www.lcms.org/freetobefaitful).

Topics covered include: responses from our Synodical president on Planned Parenthood controversy, The Boy Scouts of America and the recent Supreme Court rulings, as well as many others. Stay informed about these and many other events that affect the religious liberties of Emmaus Lutheran, as well as Christians all across our nation.



# LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Equipping Lutherans to be gospel-motivated voices for Life

(September 2023)

## [How to Use Your Gospel-Motivated Voice For Life](#) *by Pastor Michael Salemink*

Lutherans For Life is celebrating our forty-fifth anniversary with a new logo! Maybe a picture's worth a thousand words. But a single image can't say everything about our sanctity of life, community and ministry. Still, it can say something important.

Our previous logo has served well. Many recognize the blue "L" wrapped around a descending dove: **"It is the Spirit who gives life ... the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life"** (John 6:63). This graphic faithfully communicated grace and peace. Now that *Roe vs. Wade* has gone away, the decades-old emblem has earned its retirement, too. An era of print information gave it birth, and we have since entered the digital age.

The updated Lutherans For Life insignia keeps the sky-blue legacy coloring. It evokes the joy and hope of our sacred vocation to receive life as gift and privilege, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. At the center, of course, stands the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Every human life has purpose because this God creates, redeems, and calls (Isaiah 43:1-2) each one as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever.

Like the roots and limbs of a tree, the cross branches out into an EKG tracing. Its linear symbol for heartbeat and lifeblood (Leviticus 17:14) connects the whole course from the embryo in the mother's belly to the final breath the Father bestows. More than simply surprise pregnancies or terminal diagnoses, the sanctity of human life intersects a spectrum of issues and situations – anywhere deception pressures neighbors to view death as a solution to difficulty.

The horizon behind (or is it ahead?) takes the shape of a heart. This background indicates the courage and compassion of our Gospel-motivated message and mission. We speak God's truth and show Christ's love. A contemporary typeface shares our organization's identity (simplified and stabilized without serifs, so that it reads clearer for persons with visual impairments and on the condensed scales of mobile devices).

We've put a lot of reflection and effort into this little icon. It reminds us of how the Almighty Maker invests human beings with so much worth and purpose of His own. We eagerly welcome the new opportunities and continuing responsibilities it will encounter. And we hope it sparks the same impressions for you and everybody we reach and serve—equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life!

## [Texas Sues Planned Parenthood to Recover Millions in Medicaid Funds](#) *by Cassy Fiano-Chesser*

The state of Texas is attempting to recover Medicaid funds given to Planned Parenthood during a years-long legal fight, before the abortion giant was eventually cut from the state program.



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In 2015, Planned Parenthood was the subject of an undercover investigation, which purported to show that some affiliates and employees of the corporation were participating in the trafficking of aborted body parts, which violates Federal law. By 2016, Texas filed to remove Planned Parenthood as a Medicaid provider. After a lengthy legal battle, the state of Texas succeeded. Attorney General Ken Paxton then sought to recover the funds dispensed to Planned Parenthood during that legal battle.

U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk, who suspended FDA approval of mifepristone earlier this year, presided over the lawsuit regarding the reimbursement on Tuesday. He did not issue a ruling right away. "This baseless case is an active effort to shut down Planned Parenthood health centers," Planned Parenthood Federation of America president Alexis McGill Johnson said in a statement. Yet Paxton said Planned Parenthood wrongly took money to which they knew they were not entitled. "It is unthinkable that Planned Parenthood would continue to take advantage of funding knowing they were not entitled to keep it," he said in a statement announcing the lawsuit last year. "I will not allow them to benefit from this abhorrent conduct after they were caught violating medical standards and lying to law enforcement."

In addition to being accused of breaking the law regarding the sale of human body parts, Planned Parenthood was also fined in 2013 for fraudulently overbilling Texas Medicaid. "Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast improperly billed the Texas Medicaid program for products and services that were never actually rendered, not medically necessary, and were not covered by the Medicaid program – and were therefore not eligible for reimbursement," Texas Governor Greg Abbott said in a statement at the time.

Texas wasn't the only victim of Planned Parenthood's alleged swindling, however. In Wisconsin, the Department of Health and Human Services found that as many as two-thirds of Planned Parenthood Wisconsin's Medicaid payments were fraudulent, after auditing eight family planning facilities. Planned Parenthood had the highest percentage of over billing. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland — now called Planned Parenthood North Central States — was also accused of committing Medicaid fraud, including patient abuses, the "unbundling" of services, and fraudulently tallying patients. A report from the U.S. House of Representatives also found that Planned Parenthood abused taxpayer funds, giving money to their political action fund for lobbying, spending millions of dollars on travel, and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on themed fundraisers and lavish parties.

It remains unclear how Kacsmaryk will rule in this case, but what *is* clear is that Planned Parenthood has demonstrated a lack of prudence with taxpayer dollars.

## Calendar

September 8, 9:30 am Lutherans for Life meeting at Emmanuel, topic on WOKE by Dr. Grobien  
October 3, 8 am-12noon Meeting to pray outside of Planned Parenthood  
October 9, 6:30 pm Right to Life Banquet with Dr. Ben Carson at the Coliseum  
October 13, 9:30 am Lutherans for Life meeting at Emmanuel, topic on Life issues in the Military

## Executive Board

**President:** Karen Blank – 797-3348  
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## **National LFL Email Addresses**

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[orders@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:orders@lutheransforlife.org)

National LFL Phone Number  
888-364-5433

## Moving?



Please be sure to notify the Church Office of your new address, so that we can keep our records up to date. This will help save money on postage when we need to mail something to you. Thanks for your cooperation!

## Going to the Hospital?

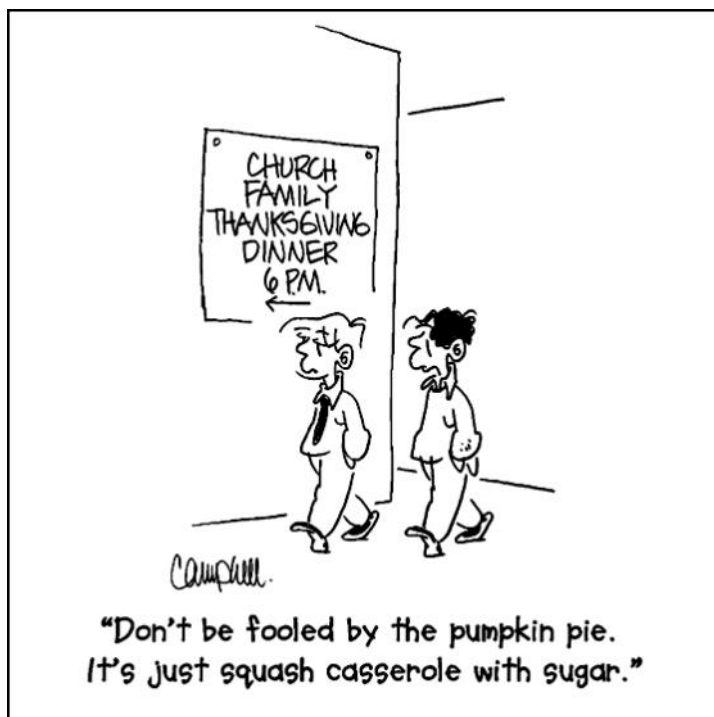


If you know in advance that you are hospitalized, please call the church office so that we can include you in our prayers. If you are admitted unexpectedly, please be sure to have a family member or friend call and inform us. The voice mail on the phone system is "on" 24 hrs. a day, seven days a week, so please call any time!

## Newsletter Deadline: Monday, November 27, 2023



Please take note of the deadline for submitting information for the **December 2023/January 2024** newsletter. Information can be mailed or dropped off at the church office, faxed to (260) 459-7766, or e-mailed to: [dheeren@emmausfortwayne.org](mailto:dheeren@emmausfortwayne.org). Thank



## 2023-2024

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### ***Our Mission Statement***

*Empowered by God's gift of never-ending love in Word and Sacrament and responding to the forgiveness won for us by Jesus Christ on the cross, the mission of the family of Emmaus Lutheran is to*  
**COURAGEOUSLY CONFESS CHRIST**  
*through worship, life together, teaching and service.*

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**Teachers:** Amanda Dahnke, Michael Dahnke, Stacey Durlacher, , Meg MacKenzie, Faith Korte, Courtney McMeen, Julie Mueller, Terri O'Brien, Joann Olsen, Megan Rosswurm, David Stellwagen, Elizabeth Stockinger, and Tricia Wilkin.

### **Worship Schedule Sunday Mornings**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

*Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 1st thru 4th Sundays of the month and all festival dates. Matins Service will be held on the 5th Sunday of the month.*

10:20 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes