



The Royal Messenger Newsletter

December 2022/January 2023

From the Desk of Pastor Olsen

For those of you who remember the show “Kids say the Darndest Things,” this is one for you. This is a true story from our former Field Worker, Rev. Raymond DuBrava, that he recently overheard in their preschool.

Kid 1: I’ve got a picture of beer.

Kid 2: I’ve got a picture of alcohol.

Teacher: No. Stop. You’re cutting out pictures of food that your family has at Thanksgiving dinner.

Kid 2: That is most of what we have.

Out of the mouth of babes, right. They just speak it like it is. These are precious children that God has given. As a church we have been given the blessing of having these near 200 children in our preschool and school, where we get to teach them of God’s Law, which is necessary, and the Gospel through the work of Jesus Christ, which is necessary, since we have sinned against Him in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone and are in desperate need of His forgiveness.

In the 120 plus years of having a school, right now might be the most important time in the history of Emmaus. I do not have the space to recount all the things going on in our culture today that truly threaten the physical, emotional, and spiritual condition of these children as Satan works actively to destroy not just the church and school, the home and family as well, but even their ability to have children themselves in the future.

These are truly dark times which we live, Lord have mercy. As the basic building blocks of society from the Garden of Eden, God has set up that family to be that place where one man and one woman united in marriage with Christ at the center, bring up these children in the fear and instruction of the Lord.

We must never take for granted, nor be apathetic to this responsibility that we have been given, that we have taken on, to assist fathers in their God-given role to raise up their children in the way they should go. Our school does not take the place of the family but helps and supports it as we seek to work side by side to courageously confess Christ to the next generation. This story above is a humorous one, but not all of them are so humorous. They are quite sad with what these children deal with each and every day, the suffering, the pain, the hurt, the effects of sin on these young unsuspecting children. Praise be to God that they have a place to come to that is safe, that is comforting and loving, a place where they know that they will not only hear of Jesus’ love but see it in action through our teachers and staff.

If you knew what I know, you would weep for these children. I can’t take their pain away, but I can ease their suffering by reminding them of their Savior, who suffered for them, willingly taking on human flesh, forsaken by His own Father on the cross so that they would never be forsaken and the promise of a hope and

future to those who believe in Christ Jesus as their Savior. As we approach Christmas it should be a time of rejoicing for all of us, but that is not always the case. Praise be to God that these children have a place where the love of Christ fills the halls and the classrooms. It is not a perfect place, but it is a place where forgiveness is given and received from a Savior who came to earth, suffered, died, and rose again for them. He did this and so much more.

Hopefully in our homes and in our lives our children would not see the amount of alcohol we consume as the point of the family getting together, but the feeding we

receive from the bread of life, Jesus Christ, and giving thanks to Him as we gather around Word and Sacrament to receive gifts that last for all eternity. Remember these children in your prayers and thank you for your continued support of our preschool and school, as together Courageously Confessing Christ, we bring these children and their families a hope, peace and a truth that is found nowhere else but their crucified and risen Savior, the Word made flesh that dwelt among us.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Olsen

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday School

Nursery (for infants thru 2 yr. olds) will be open during Sunday School/Adult Bible Class time in the Pre-School Room (east hallway).

Preschool—Gr. 1 Students will meet in Ms. Schoof's/Kindergarten Room (front hallway).

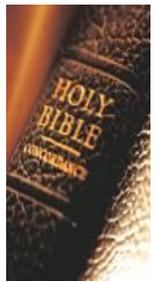
Grades 2-5 will meet in Mrs. Dahnke's/Grade 5 Classroom (west hallway).

Grades 6-8 will meet in Mr. Dahnke's/Grade 8 Classroom (west hallway).

NOTE: Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes will not meet on December 25th & January 1st.

Sunday Adult Bible Class

We are continuing our study of **“He Has Given Me My Body: A deep study on the Theology of the Body.”** The body matters! In the first Article of the Apostles’ Creed, Luther explains that God has made me, body, all my members and still takes care of them. But what does this mean in the world we live in today? What does it mean for our interaction with our culture, our community, with our children and in our church? Implications are not just here on earth, but eternally as we know we will be resurrected bodily, just as Jesus was! Join us in this study written by Pastor Olsen which seeks to biblically understand the importance of “the body” as God created it, redeemed it and sanctified it and how we can “give a defense for the hope that we have,” to a world struggling in a sea of sin and degradation We hope you’ll join us!



Christmas Services



Christmas Eve
Holy Communion
Candlelight Service
Saturday December 24th
7:00p.m.

Join us for our Christmas Eve service as we look forward to Jesus’ birth with the blessed Christmas message.



Christmas Day
Holy Communion
Festival Service
Sunday, December 25th
9:00 a.m.

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus in Word and song.

The Giving Tree

It's that time of year again . . . A time when we are able to bless others during the Christmas season! We plan to share our congregational love with two families this year.

HOW: Please take a tag from the Giving Tree in our worship area, purchase the item(s), wrap and return them with the tag attached. NOTE: for clothing items, please include a gift receipt.

WHEN: Return wrapped items to Emmaus by **Sunday, December 18th.**

IF: You would rather give a monetary gift and have others shop, please give your gift to Jessica Barkdull on Sundays or **mail** a designated check to Emmaus.

Questions? Please contact Jessica Barkdull, 260-580-9067. Thank you!

The
Emmaus
Christmas
GIVING TREE
needs you and me!

Mid-Week Advent Worship: The Promise Incarnate

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. November 30, December 7, 14, and 21

In the preparations that present themselves to us in Advent, as we await the arrival of the Savior, God promises to send a child, a Son, who will bring peace to the nations and light to the dark world, the very Word that became flesh and dwelt among us. This is Jesus Christ, true God and TRUE MAN! The one foretold and promised all the way back to the Garden of Eden. This promise would take flesh and truly dwell, tabernacle, amongst His people, God with us. This bodily presence of god in our midst should cause us to stop and pause from the day-to-day grind and see that salvation has truly come to us in His bodily presence and is still with us. The promise came in the flesh and the promise is still in, with and under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. This Sacramental Union is as true and as real as Jesus Christ who came and walked amongst His disciples. His promised presence is ever before us and His mercies are truly new every morning: The Promise Incarnate.

November 30 Progenitor: Incarnational Identity

December 7 Prophecy: Immanuel - God With Us

December 14 Praise: Incarnational Mercy

December 21 Preparation: Enfleshed Peace Amidst Suffering

Midweek Wednesday Night Pastor Class: The Word in Song: Hymn Studies

Beginning, Wednesday, January 4, @ 7:00 p.m. in the Gym

The LCMS provides hymn studies for use that go along with the three-year lectionary cycle. Each study comes with sections on Exploring the Scriptures, Exploring the Hymn, and Making the Connection. Do not worry, you will not be forced to sing. You may bring your own hymnal, but hymn copies will be provided. Join us as we dig into Scripture, gain a greater appreciation of the hymnody that has been passed down to us and what these treasures of the Church teach us of Christ and of our faith.



December Meetings

Our Boards and Church Council will not be meeting in December. Meetings will resume in January,.

January Meetings

Board of Outreach	Monday, January 9	6:00 p.m.
Board of Elders	Monday, January 9	6:30 p.m.
Board Finance	Monday, January 9	7:00 p.m.
Board of Christian Svc	Tuesday, January 10	4:30 p.m.
Board of Christian Ed	Tuesday, January 10	6:00 p.m.
School Board	Tuesday, January 10	6:00 p.m.
Church Council	Tuesday, January 10	7:00 p.m.



Board Reports

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

Wednesday, January 4th, for the January 10th Church Council meeting.

Annual Board Reports

At our annual Voters' Meeting on Sunday, November 20th, our boards gave an oral report of what they have been working on throughout the year. We have included a copy of the reports that were submitted to the church office in this issue of The Royal Messenger. Please note these reports will not be available on the website.

Please be sure to read their reports and learn what is happening at Emmaus!

March for Life

Emmaus will once again be participating in the Northeast Indiana March or Life. Plan on joining us on **Saturday, January 28, 2023** at the St. Francis Performing Arts Center at 11:30 a.m. The Rally will take place at 12:00 p.m. and the March will start after the Rally. Emmaus will walk together with our banner to show our community how important life is from conception to natural death!



We will also recognize Life Sunday on January 22, 2023.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday, December 6
3rd-5th Christmas
Program
6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday,
December 7 thru
Friday, December 9
Christmas Store**

**Tuesday,
December 13
Gr. 6-8 Christmas
Program
6:30 p.m.**

**Friday, December 16
End of 2nd Qtr.**

**Monday, December 19
thru
Friday December 30
Christmas Break
NO SCHOOL**

**Monday, January 2
Classes Resume**

**Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King,
Jr. Day
NO School
(possible E-Learning
Day)**

**January 22 - 28
Lutheran Schools
Week**

Emmaus School & Preschool News



It's been a busy month at Emmaus Lutheran School and Preschool. We started out with a great Preschool and Elementary assembly featuring Jared, the comfort dog. We all loved hearing about the great ministry that Jared does with many people and then each class was able to visit with Jared and even get to pet him. Everybody from young-old enjoyed the morning and learning about this unique way to serve our Lord!

Preschool had a morning with their Dads at Doughnuts with Dad! We all enjoyed our doughnuts and apple cider and then did some fun activities in our classrooms with our Dads. To end our morning we had a special Chapel service with Pastor and our Dads.

Elementary School had a chance to spend the Tuesday before Thanksgiving with our Grandparent's/Special People for the morning. We had a Chapel service with Pastor, some special animal visitors with Mark's Ark and then ended with a delicious turkey lunch. A huge thank you to congregation members, Dave Greener and Greg Kiess who helped the whole day and did everything from setting up and taking down chairs numerous times to mashing potatoes for lunch! It was great to see congregation and school working together!

We are all getting ready for our Christmas programs. Please feel free to join us as we get ready for Christ's birth.

K-2nd will be Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m.

3rd-5th will be Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.

6th-8th will be Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Preschool/Prekindergarten will be Saturday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Tours have started for next year for both Preschool and Elementary School. If you know somebody who is looking for a great place for their child to grow spiritually and academically please send them our way!

Don't forget that if you are looking for a great state tax write off and a wonderful way to help a child attend Emmaus to donate to our SGO fund. For more information let Mrs. Olsen or our SGO coordinator Molly Graf know and we will help you through the process.

In Christ,
Joann Olsen

Women's Guild



Cookie Fair

Time to **fill those cookie pans** and **come on Saturday, December 10th** to see what great things we have on sale for your gift-giving! (see insert)

A wonderful variety of homemade Christmas cookies and other favorites (including gluten free) will be sold for \$7.00 per pound. These homemade goodies make a wonderful gift and an easy way to do your last minute "Christmas baking!" Free decorative tins will be available to make "gift wrapping" easy!

In addition to the Christmas cookies, we'll have a variety of gourmet cookies (Maple Nut, Mocha, Chocolate Espresso & Dirt Cake), Rada Cutlery, homemade salsa, a variety of jams & jellies, and kitchen hand towels will be available to purchase. Come get some delicious homemade goodies and enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or hot chocolate!

Pizza Hut Discount Gift Cards

Pizza Hut Discount Gift Cards to go on sale! The Guild will have \$10 Pizza Hut

Discount Cards to sell. They contain six choices of popular menu items, and each choice can be used four times within a 6 month period of time.

This is the perfect time of year to get several for family, friends, and for tips to your contacts - and they make a great stocking stuffer!

Mary Lunz will be giving our Guild members cards to sell, so see any of us.

Next Meeting

The Guild will not have a regular meeting in December. We will meet again on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 to discuss **allocations**, based on our fundraising income.

We hope we are able to do our recurring allocations, plus fund other projects for church, school, and preschool.

Thank you!

We, as always, sincerely THANK YOU for your support in all we try to accomplish.

God's blessings to each and every one of our Emmaus family.

Church Office Hours

Please note the Church Office Hours for the weeks of December 20th & 27th:



December 20 - 24

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Monday, December 27

The Church Office will be closed.

December 28 - 29

9:00 a.m. - Noon

The Church Office will also be closed on Monday, January 17, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

St. Paul wrote to Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It’s the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

*“Each month, the LCMS Synod Office writes Stewardship newsletter articles for congregations to use.
See more at LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship.”*

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/freetobefairful.

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.

Life Affirming News

Equipping Lutherans to be gospel-motivated voices for Life

(November 2022)

TOP NEWS: Canadian Applies for Assisted Suicide, Fearing Homelessness

A 54-year-old man in Ontario, Canada, has applied for Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) — not because he's ill, but because he's facing the loss of his house and fears becoming homeless. Amir Farsoud told City News Everywhere that he has struggled with a back injury that has left him with constant pain. Yet despite this, he still wanted to continue living, until the home he shares with two roommates was put up for sale. As he receives social assistance, he can't find another place to live within his budget and fears becoming homeless. So, he has applied for MAiD. "I don't want to die but I don't want to be homeless more than I don't want to die," he said. "I know, in my present health condition, I wouldn't survive it [homelessness] anyway. It wouldn't be at all dignified waiting, so if that becomes my two options, it's pretty much a no-brainer." Farsoud added that if he wasn't facing homelessness, he wouldn't be considering MAiD. Dr. Kerry Bowman, a bioethicist from the University of Toronto, told City News Everywhere that Canada's lax euthanasia laws have led to more and more people with disabilities, like Farsoud, seeking MAiD. 10/25/22 - Live Action News

Single Mom Who Rejected Abortion Graduates from College

A mom who chose life and achieved her educational goal with assistance from an Ohio pregnancy center, recently shared her inspiring story on television, illustrating the importance of pregnancy help for a national audience.

Moriah became pregnant at 16 and received support from a local pregnancy help center where she learned her options and obtained material assistance and personal support, along with parenting courses. She was helped by a pregnancy center for her second child as well, including receiving a free ultrasound.

Moriah completed high school, graduated from college and became a nurse. Later she would complete a master's degree the same year her son graduated from high school.

Moriah was interviewed on Fox and Friends along with Margie Christie, executive director of Dayton Right to Life. Moriah shared her story amid the backdrop of ongoing attacks on pregnancy help since the overturn of Roe v. Wade with the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization ruling, including pro-abortion vandalism, threats, harassment, and violence targeting pregnancy centers, churches, and pro-life organizations.

The attacks have also included threats and false rhetoric from politicians such as Elizabeth Warren, and more recently Georgia Democrat Gubernatorial candidate Stacy Abram, claiming that fetal heartbeats at six weeks are not real. They are concocted by pro-life advocates, and Vice President Kamala Harris praising Democrat state attorneys general for going after pregnancy centers.

Fox and Friends host Rachel Campos-Duffy noted in the interview with Moriah and Christie how the pregnancy center had a volunteer who would pick up Moriah's homework, deliver it to her school and then bring it back to Moriah, to enable her to graduate from high school, "clearly changing the trajectory" of Moriah's life.

“So, truly beautiful,” Campos-Duffy said. That’s “really the outcome” of pregnancy help, she said. The broadcast displayed a photo of Moriah and her family, Campos-Duffy offering congratulations for both her and her son’s graduations. She then turned to Christie, inquiring about the attacks and their impact on pregnancy centers. “It is incredible that these facilities that are helping women the most are being targeted,” Christie said.

She listed some of the many things the center provides to support women in need, including pantry supplies, diapers, food, and clothing, along with emotional support and scholarships. “So, it’s really unfortunate that we’re the ones being targeted when we’re the ones offering real solutions,” Christi said.

Referencing Moriah’s having received an ultrasound, Campos-Duffy said pregnancy help centers wanting to provide women with real information so they can make an informed decision, “seems like the right thing, the empowering thing to do.”

“That’s exactly right,” said Christie. “Women can handle information,” she said. “And so, let’s give them as much information as we can. Let’s show them their baby, their baby’s heartbeat. And then, let’s offer them some prenatal care, all kinds of options for them, help with their schooling. Like I said, we have the answers and the solutions for these women.”

Asked her response to Abrams’ claim that there’s no such thing as a fetal heartbeat at six weeks, Christie suggested that people follow the science.

Campos-Duffy asked Moriah her thoughts on pregnancy centers in closing. “I hope that we remain solution-driven and focusing on the strengths of the families that come through those centers,” Moriah said. Pregnancy help centers offer support beyond pregnancy, she said, citing some community partnerships that offer moms additional support.

“So, there are resources out there,” Moriah said, “and the pregnancy centers often are a great referral source for that.”

LifeNews Note: Lisa Bourne is Managing Editor of Pregnancy Help News and Content Writer for Heartbeat International. This originally appeared at Pregnancy Help News

Calendar

November 11, 9:30 LFL meeting at Emmanuel with Joshua Gale on homelessness

November 23 and 25 Christ Child Festival at Allen County Library

December 9:30 LFL meeting at A Mother's Hope, following a Christmas luncheon

Executive Board

President: Karen Blank – 797-3348

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National LFL Email Addresses

General Information
[**info@lutheransforlife.org**](mailto:info@lutheransforlife.org)

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

National LFL Phone Number
888-364-5433

2022 Contributions & Statements

Contributions

In order for contributions to be included on your 2022 Contribution Statement, they must be received in the church office by Friday, December 30, 2022. The church office will be open on that day from 9:00 a.m.— Noon.

If you are mailing your contribution, please allow sufficient time with the holiday mail for it to be delivered to the office by Friday, December 30, 2022.

Any contributions received after December 30th will be entered on your 2023 statement.

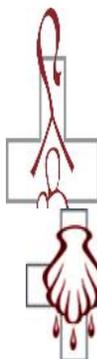
Year-End Statements

The 2022 Contribution Statements will be available to pick up in January. Please be sure to review your statement and contact the church office with any questions.

Thank you!

2023 Offering Envelopes

The 2022 Offering Envelopes will be ready for you to pick up on Sunday mornings after the worship service or thru the week from the church office.



Membership Changes

The following membership changes have taken place since our last newsletter:

BAPTISM

Mary Aurelia Campbell10/232022

TRANSFERS IN

Steve & Beverly Lee from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Grabill, IN

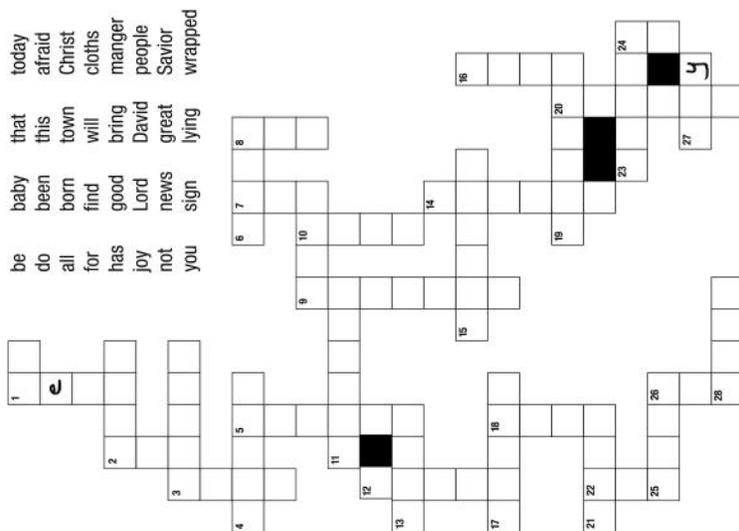
TRANSFERS OUT

Daniel Hoffman to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN

Richard (Rick) & Stephanie Hoffmann, Lauren, and Lily to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN,

Puzzle!

The word list contains the angel's Christmas message to the shepherds. Fit those words into the crossword squares. Then write them on the correct lines below to complete Luke 2:10-11, NIV.



“ _____ 24 _____ 25 _____ 1A _____ 5 _____ 3A _____ 8 _____ 13 _____ 18
of _____ 4 _____ 27 _____ 16 _____ 9A _____ 1A _____ 2D _____ 7 _____ 15
_____ 12 _____ in the _____ of _____ a _____ 23 _____ the _____ 22 _____ 10
_____ 3D _____ to _____ 8 _____ he is _____ 19 _____ the _____ 10 _____ Luke 2:10-11, NIV

Answer: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11, NIV.



Concordia Lutheran High School News

Join us for Concordia's Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction

Concordia Lutheran High School's Cadets in Cadence USO Big Band Christmas Gala is December 3, and is now sold out! We are excited to be able to offer online only tickets for \$25. You will be able to bid on silent auction items from anywhere. Bidding opens on Black Friday (November 25).

Join us for the Concordia Clarity Webinars

There's a lot to think about when finding the right school, so let's break it down! Join Concordia Lutheran High School administrators, coaches, and teachers as they talk about what makes Concordia special, from academics to extracurriculars to our foundation in faith. Register online <https://go.clhscadets.com/concordia-clarity-webinars> and watch past webinars at the same link. The final webinar is at 7 PM on December 6. Join us as we talk about Our Foundation in Faith with Mr. Jacob Pennekamp, Head of School.

Christmas at the Embassy

Join us for our annual Christmas at the Embassy concert at 4 PM on Sunday, December 11 at the Historic Embassy Theatre. Kick off the Christmas season with sounds from our bands, choirs and

orchestra students. It's a tradition that you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$12 for students/seniors and \$18 for general admission. Tickets are now on sale at Ticketmaster or the Embassy Box Office.

Marching Band takes 9th at state

Congratulations to our Marching Band who took 9th place at state in Class C! They performed at Lucas Oil Stadium on November 5. Wonderful job, Cadets!

Girls, Boys Cross Country place at State

We had a go in Terre Haute with our Boys and Girls Cross Country team competing at state! Girls finished 8th and the Boys finished 17th. Lexi Panning was 20th overall with a podium finish and all-state. Well done, Cadets!

Give A Piece Of History This Christmas

Are you interested in purchasing a piece of Concordia's history? Concordia is selling pieces of the original 1963 gym floor in support of the continued renovations to The Cage. Prices range from \$30-\$125, as well as requests for other sizes. Purchase a piece by contacting Greg Rehberg at grehberg@clhscadets.com or (260) 483-1102.

Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



1. TGLBEHHEME _____
2. NEAGLO _____
3. NRMEDAG _____
4. ODEKSNY _____
5. AMGYR _____
6. OHESJIP _____
7. EFJUUS _____
8. ITEENMSW _____
9. SPHHDSREEO _____
10. EMCFAL _____
11. TLSRA _____
12. CSSNUEO _____
13. HEVSPE _____
14. ENIN _____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9		10		11		12	
13			14				

Answers: Bethlehem (G), angel (O), manger (D), donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), wise men (O), shepherds (O), camel (F), star (L), census (O), sheep (V), inn (E); God's gift of love



For
unto you
is born this day
in the city of David
a Savior, who is Christ
the Lord. And this will be
a sign for you: you will find
a baby wrapped in swaddling
cloths and lying in a manger." And
suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly host praising
God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he
is pleased!"
Luke 2:11-14



**Thank
You!**

A big THANK YOU to all who helped in the church office this year while I was out for back surgery and vacation days. I really appreciate all the assistance you have given to help complete the various tasks that need to be done and help the office run smoothy. I truly couldn't do it without you - whether you're a "regular," helped with a special project, or have offered a word of support or encouragement. Thank you very much! Merry Christmas and God's blessings to each of you and your families!

Darlene Heeren
Church & Preschool Secretary

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 scheduled for a hospital stay, 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, January 30, 2023



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



2022-2023 Officers, Board Chairmen & Head Elders of Emmaus Lutheran Church

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Vacant

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Rev. Roy C. Olsen, III



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.

Emmaus Lutheran Church, School & Preschool

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Worship Schedule Sunday Mornings

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 1st thru 4th Sundays of the month. Matins Service will be held on the 5th Sunday of the month.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes meet after the worship service. Please join us as we study and learn God's Word.

Midweek Advent & Christmas Services

Please see the schedule for these special services on pages 2-3.