

From the Desk of Pastor Olsen: Joyful Ordinations

In the period of less than a week, I had the distinct pleasure of attending two ordinations and installations: one in Southern Illinois for our fieldworker now Pastor Gunnar Campbell and a local ordination at Southwest Lutheran for Pastor Soe Moe serving as mission pastor. While both were blessed events, both were different.



Pastor Campbell was installed in a small farming community church serving what is left of a town that has suffered numerous floods over the years, because of the proximity to the Mississippi River. Being within only a few

hours of both his home congregation and his vicarage congregation, many joined from these churches to rejoice and take part in the blessed gift of a new pastor to serve as under shepherd. As you would expect, once ordained, and installed, Pastor Campbell proceeded to chant the rest of the service, as he is well gifted. The people in that little town of Jacob, Illinois are blessed to have him as their pastor and they were very excited to have him lead them faithfully.

Fast forward from Sunday afternoon, July 16, to Saturday afternoon, July 22, and we were under a tent in front of



Southwest Lutheran as the pastors gathered preparing to process into the service. As Pastor Soe Moe is the first ordained pastor to the Karen (not pronounced the same as the name) people, there was much joy as many,

many people from the Karen community gathered with the members of Southwest Lutheran to rejoice in this moment as one people of God.

The ordination and installation took a bit longer as Rev. Dr. Richard Stuckwisch, our District President who presided, spoke a few lines then the translator spoke in Karen, since there were many there who did not speak English. We sang "What a friend we have in Jesus," verse by verse first in English and then the Karen language. Singing together, coming together, two languages, two different cultures but one unified people under Christ Jesus. It reminded me of the words from Revelation which speaks of those who will gather from every tribe, language and nation.

Two different congregations. Two different places. Two different languages. Two different pastors. But one common confession of faith in Christ Jesus. One common faith in the holy word of

Scripture and confession to those symbols we hold as a true exposition of Scripture, The Book of Concord. It gave me pause, not just once but twice in one week, to remember the precious gift that I have been given in serving you and this congregation. It is a task which I pray I fulfill with faithfulness and humility, not as one who lords over, but one who serves willingly.

2 Cor. 3:4-5, *"⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our*

sufficiency is from God," The confidence in our place before God comes not from our own doing or our own works, but from God Himself, who has created, redeemed and sanctified. It is only through His grace and mercy poured out through His very Son Jesus Christ that we are made holy through His work, His work done in love. May our work together also be done in love to the glory of Christ Jesus and sincere love for our neighbor.

In His Service and Yours,
Pastor Olsen

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning

Our Sunday School Classes will begin again on Sunday, September 10th, with a special FAMILY Sunday School for parents and their children gathering together for Do-Votionals. What are Do-Votionals? Come and see for yourself! It will be a great time for the whole family! Join us in the 5th Grade classroom to learn more!



Adult Bible Study

Done in Love – 1 Cor. 16:14
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class
Beginning August 20

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. *"¹⁴ 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. *"⁹In 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. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."* (1Jo 4:9-11 ESV)

Wednesday Night Mid-Week Bible Study -

Luther's Large Catechism: The Lord's Prayer

Beginning September 6th @ 7:00 p.m.

Seminarian Noah Dunsmore will be 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. The class will begin on September 6th and will run about 8-10 weeks. You are encouraged to bring their Large Catechism with you if you have one, but he will work on getting a standardized text printed out or scanned as part of my handouts.

Women's Bible Study

Haley Randolph, our deaconess field worker, is planning another women's Bible Study. Watch for information in upcoming News & Notes on when class will begin and what the study topic will be.



Emmaus Picnic

Sunday, August 6 at 11:30 a.m.

The Women's Guild will sponsor our summer event. ***Please note: Our Divine Worship service will be at 10:00am that Sunday,*** so everyone can stay and enjoy food and fellowship before the new school year begins.

Menu

Pulled Pork BBQ Pulled Chicken Bratwurst Hot Dogs.

Baked Beans Potato Salad Coleslaw Chips

Beverages and Desserts

We will have games and activities for the children and are also planning a special surprise treat for everyone. Put the date on your calendar NOW!

We will have sign-up sheets on Sundays, July 23rd and 30th after the worship service for attendance to help us prepare food. Come and enjoy this time for good food, and especially time for fun together.

Emmaus Leadership Summit 2023

Saturday August 26, 2022

9 am – Noon

Let all that you do be done in love.

(1Co 16:14 ESV)

At this years' annual Leadership Summit, which gathers Church Council members, Board members, all teachers, department heads and full time staff from Church, School and Pre-school, we will be exploring what it means as Emmaus Lutheran to do everything in love. We begin with an opening devotion, move to a main Bible Study teaching and then have breakouts with the various groups to begin planning, taking what we have learned from belief to practice. This time affords us the opportunity to grow not only as a people at Emmaus but as brothers and sisters in Christ tasked with ultimately confessing Jesus Christ in all we say and do. No RSVP is needed since all are expected to attend. We look forward to this event so that we may grow in our love toward one another and rejoice in the love that God has for us.

ATTENTION ALL BOARDS AND GROUPS OF EMMAUS!

**** VERY IMPORTANT ****

On Sunday, September 26, we will have a Ministry Expo during the Bible Class hour. Every ministry, board and group will have a display area to show what your ministry does and how it confesses Christ. It will give people in our church not only a chance to see what you do, but how they can become involved. We are also contacting groups within the community that we work with, such as Concordia High School, Lutheran Life Villages, and others, to have a display showing how our congregation partners with the

community to spread the Gospel and help those in need.

Each board and group will have use of half of an eight foot table area reserved. If you desire/need more space, more please inform the office. It is up to your group to decide how and what you will do with your area. Tell your story. Decorate it. Pictures. Posters. Flowers. Lights, computers, videos, do whatever you wish to highlight your ministry. Let's show our congregation what we do and how they can get involved.

**2023 Ministry
Expo
September 26**



Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the generous gift certificates & flowers. We are so excited to be here at Emmaus & share the love of Jesus.

Blessings,

Esther Spanos & family

August Meetings

Board of Elders	Monday, August 14	6:30 p.m.
Board of Christian Service	Tuesday, August 15	4:30 p.m.
School Board	Tuesday, August 15	6:00 p.m.
Board of Christian Education	Tuesday, August 15	6:00 p.m.
Board Finance	Monday, June 12	6:30 p.m.
Church Council	Tuesday, June 13	7:00 p.m.



September Meetings

Board of Elders	Monday, September 11	6:30 p.m.
Board of Christian Service	Tuesday, September 12	4:30 p.m.
School Board	Tuesday, September 12	6:00 p.m.
Board of Christian Education	Tuesday, September 12	6:00 p.m.
Board Finance	Monday, September 12	6:30 p.m.
Church Council	Tuesday, September 12	7:00 p.m.



Board Reports

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

Wednesday, August 9th, for the August 12th Church Council meeting.

Wednesday, September 6th, for the September 12th Church Council meeting.

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



Church Office Hours

We have returned to regular office hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Labor Day

The Church Office will be closed on Monday,

September 4th, in observance of Labor Day.



Emmaus School News



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**Thursday
August 3
Registration Day**
9:00 a.m. - Noon
3:00 - 8:00p.m.

**Wednesday
August 9
First Day of School**

**Monday
September 4
Labor Day
NO School**

Dear Emmaus Lutheran Church,

The 2023-2024 school year is here! I am thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school. It has been a busy summer here at Emmaus Lutheran School and Church. The hallways here have been busy with the teachers and staff preparing for the new year. We have missed the students; we are looking forward to a wonderful new school year!

God is faithful and has blessed us with an incredible staff of educators for the new school year. We are excited to welcome many new staff members to the Emmaus Lutheran School family. Our fabulous teachers for the 2023-2024 school year are:

Miss Terri O'Brien-Kindergarten
Mrs. Stacy Durlacher-1st Grade
Mrs. Tricia Wilkin-2nd Grade
Miss Courtney McMeen-3rd Grade
Miss Faith Korte-4th Grade
Mrs. Amanda Dahnke-5th Grade
Mrs. Beth Stockinger-6th Grade
Mr. David Stellwagen-7th Grade
Mr. Mike Dahnke-8th Grade
Mrs. Candy Terrell and Team-Food Service Director
Mrs. Debbie Fairchild-Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Esther Spanos-Principal
Reverend Roy Olsen-Pastor

Emmaus Lutheran School is such a special place to learn and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. Together with our dedicated staff, we strive to make connections with students, to help them feel valued, accepted, and safe, as redeemed children of God.

Our theme for this year is from 1 Corinthians 16:14, "Done in love". Our theme will continue to guide our mission as we are Courageously Confessing Christ.

In His love,

Preschool News

It's so hard to believe but it is already time for Preschool to start back up again! We are growing! We have added a new PreK classroom and at the time of this writing we only have 3 more spots left in PreK and one 3 day spot left in Preschool! Mrs. Mackenzie will be teaching our 3 year old Preschool students, and Mrs. Mueller, Ms. Rosswurm, and Mrs. Olsen will be teaching in the PreK rooms.



Aides Needed

We are in need of aides in preschool! Do you enjoy interacting with young children - or know of someone who does? We would love to have you! We have morning and afternoon hours available. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Olsen for an interview and more information.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to the following congregation members who have been so instrumental in us opening up our new classroom! We couldn't have done it without you: Robert Barkdull, Chris Durlacher, David Greener, Larry Lunz, Victor Lunz, Erik Olsen, Pastor Olsen and Paul Stockinger! Between them the room was painted, a running sink was installed, furniture was assembled and old things were taken out! Thank you!

Joann Olsen, Preschool Director

Women's Guild



Summer Picnic

Please take the time to come to our Annual Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 6th after the 10:00am Divine Service. See the menu and other info. on page 3. The children will love the planned activities and all will enjoy the special "treat truck"! It's a great time for delicious food and fellowship.

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.

Meetings

There will not be a regular August guild meeting. Our regular schedule will begin again with our September meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 13th at 9:00am**. Please join us if you are able to come.

Upcoming Events

There will be no Bazaar in November, but we will have our Annual Cookie Fair on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00am until noon. Start saving your favorite cookie recipes!

Barb Kanning, secretary

Go ... Sell All You Have?

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, every-thing we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to oth-ers in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our du-ties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other mem-bers of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to sup-port and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and so-ciety are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

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



Membership Changes

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Rebecca Bultemeier
Hunter Durlacher
John Stockinger

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Anna Arnold
Stacy Owens

RECEIVED BY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Gail Everett

TRANSFERS OUT

Keith & Mickey Martin to St. Michael Lutheran
Church, Fort Wayne, IN



Concordia Lutheran High School News

Upcoming Events

August

- 2 & 3 Back to School Open House
- 9 New Student Orientation
- 10 1st Day of School
- 16 Parent Back to School Night

September

- 22 Homecoming
- 29 Koinonia Service Day

Open Positions

Marketing & Communications Coordinator:

CLHS has an immediate opening for a key leadership position as we seek our next Marketing and Communications Coordinator. This candidate will play a crucial role in our high school's continued growth, strategic direction, and influence in the Fort Wayne area. The ideal candidate will relish growth opportunities, understand the importance of collaboration in the workplace, adhere to the values set forth in our Statement of Faith, and believe strongly in the mission of our high school. For a full job description, please contact Matt Konow, Chief Advancement Officer at mkonow@clhscadets.com or (260) 483-1102,

ext. 251. We look forward to meeting the candidate the Lord has in mind as He works His will in the lives of the Concordia community.

Cafeteria Assistant: At Concordia, everything we do starts with Christ at the Center and equipping our students for lifelong service as leaders who reflect Christ. This is a part-time position, but may be eligible for a CLHS tuition discount for those who qualify. We are looking for motivated individuals interested in serving healthy nutritious meals to our students. We keep pretty busy so you can expect to be on your feet the majority of the shift. Some heavy lifting may be involved. High School Diploma or GED is required. Kitchen experience helpful but not necessary, will train. Responsibilities include preparing and assembling entrees, sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, and other foods as needed for meal service, following school lunch program guidelines. Helping keep the kitchen and cafeteria clean. May be asked to cashier for lunch service. We seek an individual who supports the beliefs and mission of CLHS and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to the Christian faith in word, act(ion), and engaged membership of a Christian congregation. To view the position descrip-

tion and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

Head Coach for Boys and Girls Swim Program: This Head Coach is a developer, teacher, achiever, and problem solver. They demonstrate a high degree of empathy, positivity, trust, responsibility, discipline, and flexibility. We seek a person who has experience coaching in an education-based athletic program, a certified teacher preferred. Playing and/or coaching experience preferred. We seek an individual who supports the beliefs and mission of CLHS and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to the Christian faith in word, act(ion), and engaged membership of a Christian congregation. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

2nd Shift Custodian: At Concordia, everything we do starts with Christ at the Center and equipping our students for lifelong service as leaders who reflect Christ. This is a part-time position with 20 hours per week. We seek someone with knowledge of general cleaning in school, hotel, or commercial environments. They will be responsible for maintaining equipment after each use. Must be able to lift, push or pull up to 20 lbs. on a regular basis (occasionally lifting/pushing 50 lbs.). Mechanical, electrical, and/or plumbing experience a plus. Must be able to work with little supervision. We seek an individual who supports the beliefs and mission of CLHS and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to the Christian faith in word, act(ion), and engaged membership of a Christian congregation. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

School Counselor: Make a difference in the lives of students as a School Counselor in a

quality, Christian environment at Concordia Lutheran High School. At Concordia, everything we do starts with Christ at the Center and equipping our students for lifelong service as leaders who reflect Christ. We are seeking a candidate with a Master's Degree in School Counseling and a valid License. We need someone who has good communication skills that desires to aid students in their secondary educational, post-secondary education, and/or career goals. At least five years of experience is preferred, but not required. We seek an individual who supports the beliefs and mission of CLHS and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to the Christian faith in word, act(ion), and engaged membership of a Christian congregation. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

Grant Writer - Join an amazing team at Concordia Lutheran High School as a Grant Writer. At Concordia, everything we do starts with Christ at the Center and equipping our students for lifelong service as leaders who reflect Christ. This is a full-time position, and is responsible for creating effective and persuasive grant proposals that help fund the ministry of Concordia Lutheran High School. We are seeking someone with a Bachelor's degree in creative writing, journalism, communications, or related fields with two or more years in grant writing, researching, and reporting. They must have demonstrated proposal success and communication examples. We seek an individual who supports the beliefs and mission of CLHS and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to the Christian faith in word, act(ion), and engaged membership of a Christian congregation. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

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, September 25, 2023



Please take note of the deadline for submitting information for the **October/November 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!



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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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