



The Emmaus Encounter

The Newsletter of Emmaus Lutheran Church

August, 2021

Hey, Where's My Newsletter?

Summer is here, and the flowers at the church are beautiful! God be praised for some much needed rain in July and also for our talented groundskeeper, Tom Duchesneau.

Some parishioners may not realize that Pastor Andy has been super busy this week creating on a new website for Emmaus. Due to the amount of time, meetings, and research that goes into such an endeavor, Pastor has designated this week as part of the Continuing Education component of his compensation package. Although the website is still under construction as of this writing, the big "reveal" will be announced very soon.

Several goals for an improved website include a fresh look with vibrant photos, updated leadership information, live streaming capability, and detailed information on Emmaus' outreach ministries. It will also include more comprehensive giving options to manage your pledge(s). The biggest change to the website will be that parishioners at home will be able to click directly into worship services without having to log onto Zoom (i.e. live streaming). Some events may even be recorded for viewing at any time. Ease-of-use will allow everything you need to be found in one convenient place.

Soon our Shepherding Zone leaders will be disseminating information to everyone about how to log-on and navigate the new website. No one will be left behind! If you are not a computer user, we will be reaching out to you for, possibly, home visits or exploring ways (like ride-sharing) to include you in worship each and every Sunday. Ideas in this regard are welcome.

On that note, our interim Congregation Council President, Ellen Wills, is interested in your feedback. Emmaus also has an active Worship & Music Team who invite your feedback as well. The leadership teams are always looking for ways to improve the worship experience and our new website is only one avenue. The live-streaming should definitely improve the sound quality. Our new church musician, David Hansen, will bring back the hymns, organ music, and piano music that we all so love as well as contemporary offerings. You can drop your comments off in the church narthex or you can send an email anytime to:

cemmausl@maine.rr.com.

Oh yeah...so where's my newsletter? There will be no "official newsletter" for the month of August but look for information coming out soon

regarding all the happenings at Emmaus for the fall in the next edition of ***The Emmaus Encounter***.

*Beverly Lindahl
Church Secretary*



Finances At-A-Glance*



	<u>June</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Regular Income	\$10,279	\$77,202
Expense	(\$11,523)	(\$66,693)
Net	(\$1,244)	\$10,509

Year-to-date income versus expenses remains solid at \$10,509. Notable expenses in June were quarterly insurance premium payments and the bi-annual property tax payment. Emmaus received \$125 in donations for the new boiler bringing the total received so far to \$42,345 (cost was \$45,100). The floor refinishing project (cost was \$3,257) was paid from Maintenance Reserve.

**actual figures may differ slightly from Treasurer's Report*



EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor—Rev. Andrew Flatt-Kuntze
Church Musician – David Hansen
Secretary – Beverly Lindahl

Worship Schedule:
Sunday Worship – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School – 8:30 a.m.
Midweek Worship – Wednesday 7:00pm

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ZOOM LINKS FOR AUGUST

Topic: Emmaus Sunday Worship



Aug 1, 2021 09:00 AM
Aug 8, 2021 09:00 AM
Aug 15, 2021 09:00 AM
Aug 22, 2021 09:00 AM
Aug 29, 2021 09:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87884940574>
Meeting ID: 878 8494 0574
Passcode: 257772
By Phone:
+1 646 876 9923 US
Meeting ID: 878 8494 0574
Passcode: 257772

Topic: Wednesday Evening Prayer

Aug 4, 2021 07:00 PM
Aug 11, 2021 07:00 PM
Aug 18, 2021 07:00 PM
Aug 25, 2021 07:00 PM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85650233132>
Meeting ID: 856 5023 3132
Passcode: 600297
By Phone:
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Meeting ID: 856 5023 3132
Passcode: 600297



Zoom links for Sunday School can be obtained by calling the church office at 781-4820