THE EMMAUS ENCOUNTER

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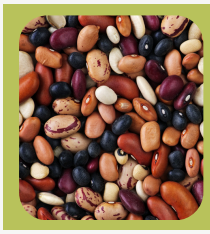


Outreach

Bible Study



Join Pastor Gail every Monday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Zoom for a new Monday Night Zoom Bible Study. If you want to spend a little more time with Sunday's Scripture, this is a welcoming space to explore the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday—no Bible expertise necessary! Together, we will read the texts, ask questions, share insights, and discover how these ancient stories continue to shape our lives today, whether you have been studying the Bible for years or are just beginning. Zoom link will be emailed before each session. Come when you can, invite a friend, and prepare for Sunday in a thoughtful and meaningful way—we hope you can join us!



Bean Supper

Grab a hot plate of beans and hot dogs with us on November 14th at 5:00 p.m. as we hear from Kristen about Emmaus' History. There will be a free will offering to offset the cost to the church.

Adult Bible Study at First Lutheran

First Lutheran Church has invited us to join them for their Adult Bible Study every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. on Google Meet. Google Meet link as follows; Video call link: https://meet.google.com/csk-prhj-waz Or dial: (US) +1 561-990-2672 PIN: 952 163 757#



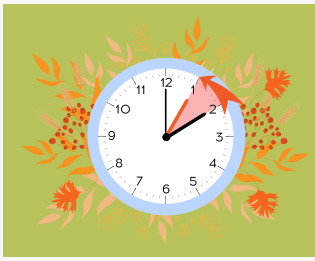
Brunch for All

The next Brunch for All will be Sunday, November 1st after worship. Come enjoy a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship with your church family. There will be a free will offering to offset the cost to the church. All are welcome!

All Saints Day



Join us on **Sunday, November 1st at 9:00 a.m.** for All Saints Day. On this day, we remember those who have passed away this past year.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Don't forget that Sunday, November 1st is Daylight Savings! Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, October 31st.

History Corner

This October 26th, Emmaus celebrates our 133th anniversary! We invite you to join us Saturday, November 14th at 5:00 p.m. for Bean Supper as Kristen will share some of Emmaus' history.

As the years go on the duties of the church have become easier and less, but we should look back at what Emmaus' church members were responsible for in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

From early church records, it is reported that members had a long list of roles outside of regular officer duties. Some of these roles included; bringing kerosene for the oil lamps, bringing firewood for the furnace, looking after the children as they play outside during worship to ensure "no unseemly behavior takes place", collecting offertory money, and reminding members of the rules and regulations of the congregation.

Collecting offertory money is a job we have today, but back in the early days of the church, this included visiting member's houses and reminding them of the pledge they took and when they are due to give that money. It definetly seems very pushy to us today, but back then that is all they had to ensure they could not only build the church but to pay the debt they owed.

Another not favorable job was to make sure members were following the church's rules. From early church records, there are a couple of people named that had to be visited by officers of the church to ensure they understood their obligations to the church. Unforunately, they wrote it very vague so we can only make speculations of why they had to be visited.

There are probably many other jobs within the church that went unrecorded. It does make us grateful for the jobs we have today. One thing still stays true, however, the church would not survive unless there are volunteers.

Outreach

Holy Hikers

The Holy Hikers started back up for the season! On Saturday, October 24th they hiked at Knight's Pond. Keep an eye out for the annoucements for updates on the next event!





Reformation Weekend Brew Demo

On Saturday, October 24th Emmaus hosted a Brew Demo with the help of Melissa, the presenter. This event was a hands-on extract beer-making demonstration featuring a seasonal amber Oktoberfesk autumn ale. It was a nod to the rich brewing heritage of Martin Luther's time.





Reformation Sunday

Emmaus celebrated Reformation Sunday on October 25th. We welcomed Betty Baldersston, Associate to the Bishop, who worshiped with us. Following worship, we celebrated with a German-inspired Fellowship Hour. We sang Lutheran hymns and enjoyed a German-inspired brunch.







Community Dinner



The Falmouth Community Dinner was a huge success! TONS of people were fed a beautiful turkey dinner with all the fixings. Emmaus showed up with bells on and served over 35 apple crisps, which were a big hit. Bob Gerwig, Jencie Gerwig, Debbie Breton Sandy Halverson, Julie Davidson, Stacey Pardales, Gisela Jones, and Pastor Gail were part of the team from Emmaus that helped this incredible tradition feed the community. Thank you to all the disciples who baked, scooped, and served!







November Thankoffering

The Thankoffering for November is The Opportunity Alliance. The Opportunity Alliance supports communities across Maine with the programs and resources they need to improve their health, safety, and stability. These programs include early childhood education, safe and stable housing, mental health and substance use treatment, and basic needs. Make your check out to Emmaus and mark "Thankoffering" in the memo line.

The Opportunity Alliance

Calling for Volunteers!

Emmaus is looking for multiple volunteers for all of our committees! The following is what is needed;

- Council
- Social Ministry
- Emmaus Open Arms Team (EOAT)
- Coffee Hour
- Alter Guild
- Ushers
- Tech Team

If you are interested in joining one or more of these groups or if you have questions, please email contact@emmausfalmouth.org



Commitment Sunday

Join us on Sunday, November 22nd at 9:00 a.m. for Commitment Sunday, with guest preacher Ron Thompson. It is the day we pledge our giving for the year ahead — a season of prayerful generosity that sustains our ministries and mission.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day Worship 9am Brunch for All	2 Bible Study Zoom 6pm	3 Worship & Music Mtg 6:30pm Book Study 7pm	4	5	6	7
8 Worship 9am	9 Bible Study Zoom 6pm	10 Finance & Council Mtg 6pm Book Study 7pm	11	12 Social Ministry Mtg 6pm	13	14 Bean Supper 5pm
15 Worship 9am	16 Bible Study Zoom 6pm	17 Book Study 7pm	18 EOAT Mtg 5pm	19	20	21
22 Commitment Sunday Worship 9am	23 Bible Study Zoom 6pm	24	25	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	27	28
29 Worship 9am	30 Bible Study Zoom 6pm					

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