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HAPPENINGS

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The mission of Emmaus Lutheran School is to provide a program of academic excellence which encourages and prepares the student for a full productive lifelong commitment to the Christian faith, to service, to learning and to problem solving in a changing diverse world and to make serious faith decisions in the face of its many challenges and opportunities.



We Thank God For You!

God's blessings upon our school family are countless indeed! We, as a faculty and staff, thank God for each one of our students and their families. We rejoice that we have been allowed to be part of your lives. We share your successes and challenges. It is a privilege from the Lord to serve you as Christ has served His people. As sinners, we sometimes fail in that service, yet as God's redeemed people we are forgiven and freed from our sin to continue our service in His kingdom. Christ's death on the cross provided that forgiveness. As you remember your blessings on this Thanksgiving remember that greatest blessing of all!

Mr. Martin



Christmas Programs

This year's pre-school through second grade Christmas program will be on Saturday, December 17 at 4 PM. The third through eighth grade program will on Sunday, December 18 at 2 PM. Please plan to join us as our students share the Good News of the Savior's birth.

December's Character Trait

Caring

He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.

Acts 14:17

**Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude •
Forgive others • Help people in need**

In conjunction with December's Trait of Caring, we are collecting socks for the homeless. Please see the next page of the Newsletter for details. The kick-off will be "Crazy Sock Day" on Thursday, December 1. Students may wear any sock they like, matching or not! The remainder of the dress code stays in effect.

Emmaus Lutheran School Sock Drive

Giving the Simple Gift of Socks to Those with the Greatest Need



Do you have a sock drawer at home? The homeless in our community don't – and new socks are a top request that are rarely received by the homeless shelters. We are collecting new socks for the homeless men, women and children in Fort Wayne who are currently seeking help to break the cycle of homelessness at the Rescue Mission's Restoration House and Charis House (Christian Homeless Shelters).

Why socks?

- Homeless men, women and children have to wear their socks until they are completely threadbare – if they have any at all
- This causes blisters, open sores, infections and frostbite. New socks are important to help protect feet from bacteria present inside of donated used shoes
- New socks help maintain dignity and comfort – attributes to a successful move beyond homelessness

There are currently:

- 75 homeless men at the Restoration House shelter
- 40 homeless women at the Charis House shelter – and 35 homeless children (including babies, toddlers and elementary/middle school children)

Our goal is to collect 300 new pairs of socks! We can do it!

SOCK Drive is during the month of December. Sock Drive Donation Bin will be located at the school entrance (inside the doors)

*** All new socks of any kind are welcome for adults and children ***



It's About Family

When members of the family need help and support, you do just that, help and support. Please keep Sarah and her family in your prayers. Prayers are heard by our loving God and are powerful indeed. There are other ways that we can help as well. Meals are needed on Tuesday and Thursdays. There is a sign-up sheet in the office if you would like to provide the family with a meal. If you would like to do so but do not have the time to make and deliver a meal, one of our school moms is willing to do so for \$20 per meal. For more information, please contact Mrs. Smith or Mr. Martin.



Junior High Youth Group

Sixth through eighth grade students had a great time at "Movie Night" this past Friday. Look for information concerning the next event to be announced soon. For more information, please contact Miss Martin. Be sure to visit us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EmmausYouthGroup>.

High School Youth Group

High school students and friends are invited to "Movie Night" from 6-9 PM on Friday, November 18. Please bring a snack and beverage. For more information, please contact Miss Martin. Be sure to visit us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EmmausYouthGroup>.



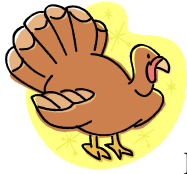
Need a Car!?!

For each car sold to any Emmaus families and friends, Preferred Auto will donate \$ 150 to the school. All funds donated to Emmaus will be used by the school for classroom supplies for our teachers and our students! To qualify for this donation, mention Emmaus at the time of your purchase and ask for Rob Goodman, Managing Partner. Make sure to mention Emmaus and our school will receive \$150 per car sold. So tell your family, friends & neighbors. Help support Emmaus! This is only good at the Illinois Road Store.



Mark Your Calendars

January	9-20	Winterim
January	20	Wonders of Winterim and Hog Roast
February	27-	Lutheran Schools' Week
March	2	Scholastic Book Fair
February	29	Parents' Day
March	3	Casino Night
March	5-12	ISTEP (Grades 3-8)
March	9	Family Fun Night
March	19-23	IREAD (Grade 3)



THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION This year's feast was another great success. The food, fellowship, and singing by the children were fantastic. We especially thank the older, wiser members of our congregation for joining us. Everyone who worked so hard to make this a great day is certainly due our thanks! Special thanks go out to the feast coordinator Patti Carlin and to our cooks, Laura Fieldhouse and Glenda Gray. We would also like to thank the parents for all the delicious goodies donated for those in attendance to enjoy. We truly appreciate your generosity and support

CHURCH SERVICES - A Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday evening, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. We hope that you will take the time to attend church with your family and make it a real time of thanksgiving to God.



NO SCHOOL - There will be no school Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th because of Thanksgiving.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT EMMAUS What: Friday Night at Emmaus is a series of learning and fellowship opportunities for **adults** of Emmaus and the surrounding community. This month's opportunities are Sewing through the Seasons, Crafts to do with your Kids, and Beat your in-laws at Euchre. When: Friday, November 25th from 7-9 p.m. Where: Here at school. Cost: Free plus free babysitting.

FALL FUNDRAISER – All money was due yesterday. If you have not turned in your money, please do so Monday, November 28th. Checks should be made payable to **Emmaus Lutheran School.**

BLUE UNIFORM SHIRT OR SPIRIT WEAR DAY Wednesday, November 30th is blue uniform shirt day or spirit wear day for students in kindergarten through grade eight. They do not need to wear uniform bottoms or dress shoes. They must still follow the other sections of the dress code as listed in the parent/student handbook.



EMMAUS FAMILY SPORTS NIGHT!! We will be playing basketball next Friday, December 2nd from 6-8 p.m. Please arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m. for we will be dividing participants into different teams. This process will be much easier if we do not have people coming in and out throughout the evening. There does need to be a parent/guardian with each student or child in case of an emergency. We hope to see you all there for a fun night of Christian fellowship. If you have any questions, please

see Mr. Dahnke.

CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT Mark your calendars for our first Chick-fil-A Family Night, which will be held Tuesday, December 6th from 5-7 p.m. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship. Chick-fil-A will be donating 15% of all sales between 5 and 7 p.m. to Emmaus which will help support our 7th and 8th graders who are raising money for their Washington D.C. trip this next spring. We would love to see you that night so please mark your calendars for this very exciting event.



CALENDARS The order for class calendars and photos have been placed. We expect delivery by December 16.



Concordia Seminary Families



The monetary gifts from chapel will be used to purchase Scrip gift cards for the seminary student families who are often very far from home and unable to return for the holidays. Thrivent will match what we are able to raise for these families. There is also a collection of non perishable food items, cleaning products (dish soap, Lysol wipes, laundry detergent, etc.) and other household items. These go to the seminary co-op and they distribute them to those in need.

LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT STOCKING STUFFER? Lego clubs will start to sell **colored smencils** (each of the 10 flavors are a different color: orange/orange, grape/purple, very berry/dark blue, watermelon/green, cotton candy/light blue, bubble gum/ pink, root beer/ brown, cinnamon/ red, tropical blast/ yellow, and black cherry/ black)

for \$1 a piece. We will also (until supplies run out) sell **holiday smens and smencils**. Both holiday smens and smencils come in the same scents (Smens are \$2 for one and Smencils are \$1 for one). Those 5 scents are: Cinna-what?!, candy cane, holiday cheer, gingerbread, and sugar plum. The holiday Smens are retractable pens! I also have some original smens (\$2) and smencils (\$1) left from our spring sale (see Mrs. Durlacher for what scents are available in those). To buy: you can purchase them directly from Mrs. Durlacher before school (parents only on after school purchases please!) or by e-mailing her at: sdurlacher@emmauslutheranfw.org. Thank you for your support! Money from the sale of these wonderful writing utensils will go to help purchase upgrades for both clubs.

MARKET DAY NEWS Help support Emmaus and keep your freezer full by simply placing your order online at marketday.com- it's that easy! During December Bonus Days, your Cookie Dough purchase can help us earn up to 45% profit for our upcoming Middle School Trips!

CALLING ALL NEW CUSTOMERS!! Simply enter the code-NEWFIVE, to receive \$5 off your first order of \$25 or more! You also get a Free Trial Size Kraft Mac & Cheese with any purchase and a FREE pound of Meatballs with any \$90 online purchase and promo code DEC Bonus. Order online at marketday.com until 11PM on Thursday, Dec. 1st. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Lisa Terrell at 710-1949. With your support, we're looking forward to reaching our fundraising goals of \$1500.00 this school year.

BOX TOPS & LABELS FOR EDUCATION Collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education just got easier! If you have a Scott's/Kroger card, and register it online, Emmaus will automatically get credit for Box Top and/or Labels for Education products purchased electronically. The points will automatically get deposited into the school's account(s). You may also continue to cut out and turn in labels and Box Tops to Emmaus for additional credit. The web sites are: rewardyourschool.com (for Box Tops) and elabelsforeducation.com (for Labels for Education). Registration is fast and easy!

TYSON CHICKEN We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Rhonda Freeman has agreed to handle a fundraiser through Tyson chicken products. It works similar to the box tops & soup label program, just cut off the indicated area and send in to the school office. She will start this program after the first of the year with a class competition so start saving your Tyson labels now.



PICK-UP VOLLEYBALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGE TO ADULTS Do you like to play volleyball? The pick-up volleyball group will meet here on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 and whoever comes plays. No teams needed. If you have any questions, please call Erin Schoof at 409-0454 or Melissa Greener at 449-0311. Come join us for exercise, fun, but most importantly Christian fellowship.

FREE "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" First come, first served. "Miss Dawn" Cuellar (Extended Care) has a Baldwin Encore organ for free. Please contact her at 410-5552 or see her in morning or afternoon care in the cafeteria.



COOKIE FAIR

Saturday, December 10th

9:00 a.m. - Noon

In the Emmaus Gym



Save this date to buy a variety of delicious homemade cookies (all-time favorites and Christmas varieties will be available). Fill up a decorated tin (two sizes to choose from) of these homemade goodies—they make a wonderful gift and an easy way to do your "Christmas baking" for your holiday gatherings!

BIRTHDAYS

Emily Hile, gr. 2
Carolyn Kenefic, kdg.
Karsten Smith, gr. 1

- Thursday, November 24th
- Tuesday, November 29th
- Wednesday, November 30th





CHEERLEADING

- Monday, November 28th - practice 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 30th - practice 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 1st - games vs Concordia 4:15 & 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 2nd - games at Bethlehem, Ossian 5:30 & 6:15 p.m.



VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

- Monday, November 28th - practice 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 1st - game vs Concordia 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 2nd - game at Bethlehem, Ossian 6:15 p.m.

JV BOYS BASKETBALL

- Monday, November 28th - game at Ascension 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 29th - practice 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 2nd - practice 5:00-6:30 p.m.

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL



- Monday, November 28th - practice 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 29th - practice 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 1st - game vs Concordia 4:15 p.m.
- Friday, December 2nd - game at Bethlehem, Ossian 5:30 p.m.

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Monday, November 28th - game at Ascension 4:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 30th - practice 3:30-5:00 p.m.

LUNCH MENU

Mon, Nov. 28 th	Tues, Nov. 29 th	Wed, Nov. 30 th	Thurs, Dec. 1 st	Fri, Dec. 2 nd
Chicken Nuggets	Sloppy Joes	Southwest Subs	Beef Stroganoff	Taco Salad Bar
Mac & Cheese	Bake Beans	Rice	Vegetable	Bread
Vegetable	Potato Skins	Vegetable	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Dinner Roll	Jell-o



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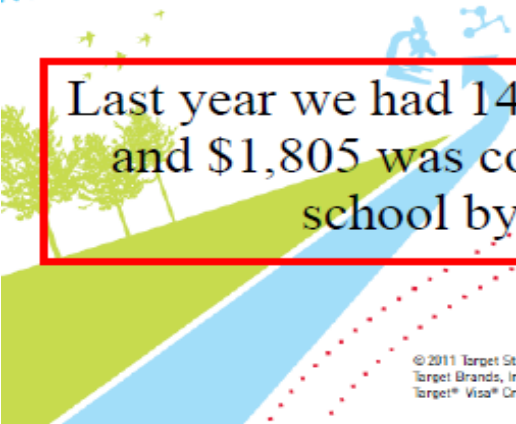
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Learn more at Target.com/redcard or stop in a Target store to apply.

Grandparents, alumni, friends and neighbors are all welcome to participate in the program. The more people we involve, the harder the program works for our school. If you're already participating, thank you! Check out our school's progress anytime at Target.com/tcoe.

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