

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
There is no law against such things.
Galatians 5: 22 & 23

Something from Me

On the second page of this newsletter is some information about the 2009 Youth Gathering in New Orleans. You might think that it's way too early to start thinking about July 2009 but that's not true. We have a lot of HARD work ahead of us to insure the success of the trip, so the sooner we start the easier it will be and the better off we will be.

1. The Gathering is only offered one week this time. That means we will need to register on September 15, the day registration opens. So, I need to have your decision about going by September 10 so I can get all the information I need collected so the on-line registration can go smoothly. I will also need to have you pay at least \$75 as the first installment of the family payment.
2. The Gathering planners have decided to include students who will be entering high school in the fall of 2009. (That means those of you who are in 8th grade this school year.) Emmaus has decided to implement the change also. The final decision on whether you (Jason, McKenzie, Jordan, Summer, Abby, Kaycee, and Hayden) can attend the Gathering rests with your parents and whether you can make the time and energy to commit.
3. Check over the Registration covenant carefully and let me know if you have any questions. I want you to understand everything involved in attending the Gathering. Reach me at:

Work: 344-1150, Home: 683-5258, Cell: 515-0743
e-mail: yd_lpa@hotmail.com
or: lois@rio.com

Help wanted

Phunday Nite Dinner Coordinator

1. Schedules volunteers to prepare dinner
2. Plans menus and purchases supplies for dinners when no volunteers are available (Food costs would be reimbursed)
3. Schedule volunteers to serve as the second adult presence for Phunday Nite activities

Lock-in Supervisor

1. Help provide supervision at Middle School lock-ins
2. Coordinate scheduling if several adults volunteer

Rally Sunday:

Sunday School classes begin on September 7.

High school students: We will be using some DVDs called *Nooma* to spark some discussion. Come share and learn together.

Middle school students: Your teacher for this year is Bruce Brown, and if I do say so myself, he's a pretty good teacher. So put the date on your calendar and plan on spending Sunday mornings at church this school year.

Looking Ahead:

I'm giving you some dates for the upcoming year, so that you can check your calendars and reserve these dates if at all possible. This is a list of things I am aware right now. There will be lots more information as we get closer to events and, of course, more activities here at church will be planned.

September 7: First Phunday Nite

September: Confirmation Classes Begin

Sept. 19-21: Lutherwood High School Recharge (more about costs etc. in the next newsletter)

Sept. 26-28: Lutherwood Middle School Recharge (more about costs etc. in the next newsletter)

October 10-11: Living Faithfully

October 26: Confirmation Sunday

October 29(?): Halloween Mini-Carnival

November 7-9: OLYO Fall Gathering (HS)

April 24-26: OLYO Rally (MS)

July 22-26: New Orleans Gathering

Community Service

After working together in Washington D.C., several of you asked me to arrange some ongoing community service here in Eugene that we can do on a regular basis. It's hard because I'm not sure how many of you have how much time how often and I would hate to commit to something that we can't follow through on. But I think that I have the perfect project for us to get started with. A couple times a month Our Redeemer Lutheran on Maxwell Rd. serves as the place where people can pick up food boxes. Pastor Dan Schlewitz said they would be grateful for any help on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. They are open from 10 to 1 for people to come and get food, with the most amount of traffic from 10 to 11. So here is the plan. I will have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the youth room. You sign up for the Saturdays that work for you and we'll let Dan know when someone can be there. I'm hoping that this will give us enough flexibility to get started. (I hope we can get at least 2 or 3 one Saturday a month. It will be more fun if there's a group of us.)



Registration Covenant for Gathering in New Orleans, 2009

- I commit to worshipping at Emmaus a minimum of one Sunday a month.
- I commit to worshipping at Emmaus a total of fourteen Sundays before June 30.
- I commit to attending Sunday School a minimum of one Sunday a month.
- I commit to attending Sunday School a total of fourteen times before June 30.
- I commit to participating in the worship or service life of Emmaus in at least one area, using the Time & Talent questionnaire as a guide.
- I commit to participating in the fundraisers which include, but are not limited to:
 - Emmaus Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 1
 - Christmas tree pick up (tentative dates: Dec.27, 28, Jan. 3, 4, 10, 11)
 - Yard sale (tentative date June 20, with set up happening June 15-19)
 - 144 Envelopes (staffing the information table and soliciting donations.
 - Can and bottle recycling
- I commit to attend the group meetings in preparation for the trip
- I commit to paying a family fee of \$350.00 by February 15, with the first payment of \$75 due by Sept. 10

Signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Please return this form to me as soon as possible. You may also begin paying the family fee at any time. It can be paid all at once, or in whatever installment plan works for you. If you have any questions about this trip or this commitment, feel free to call me. I can be reached at

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General information

The Gathering is scheduled for July 22 to 26.

The Gathering is for students entering high school, Fall 2009 through those graduating high school, June 2009.

We need adults as advisors, a minimum ratio of 1 to 7 students. My personal preference is 1 to 5.

Several churches are exploring the option of going a couple days early, or staying a couple of days later, and serving on our own at a different location.

Preceding the Gathering, July 19-22, is a Multicultural Youth Leadership Event. We have never participated before, but I'm willing to check it out if anyone is interested.

Following the Gathering, July 26-29, is the LYO Convention. The Oregon Synod can send 3 delegates, including the incoming OLYO president. Let me know if you're interested and we can check out how to serve as a delegate.

We're also looking into the possibility of traveling with all the Oregon churches.

We're checking out some way to do a synod wide fundraiser to support all the young people who go to the Gathering. Your ideas are welcome.

We regularly sell a limited amount (2 cases) of Cosmos Caramel Corn and a small number (25) of Entertainment Books. Anyone who wants to sell on their own will earn money into their 'account' for the trip. Ask me about this any time this soon.

Please get an Albertson or Safeway card and connect them to our donation account. (I don't care if you ever plan to shop at either of these stores, but just in case you end up there one day in an emergency I want you to be able to add to the amount they donate to us.)

Solicit cans for recycling from friends and neighbors. We already earn about \$700 a year just from members of the church bringing their recycling to church. If you actively ask for more donations, we can easily reach \$1000 to \$1500.

