

Emmaus Youth Newsletter

October 2008

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

Lots of information for you this month and very little room for other stuff. I was looking at the Bible verse again. Many times you see this verse illustrated as a bunch of grapes, with each grape labeled as joy or love or self-control. Makes me think that maybe we should try to be God's harvest, full of refreshment and nourishment for the lives of our friends. Think of the possibilities. Your friends need a little more peace in their lives, so they come to you because you're growing it all the time, and you can provide it for them by the power of the Holy Spirit. And it doesn't cost anything to them and you don't lose anything either!

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Phunday Nite

October 5: Dinner & a game

October 12: Dinner & a game

October 19: NO DINNER

Meet at Emmaus at 7:30. We will car pool to Lone Pine Farms for the 'Prepared to be Scared' Haunted Night Tour. We should be done by 9:30. Your cost: \$5.00. Help me be prepared with cars & tickets by signing up on the Youth Bulletin Board.

October 28: Maybe Dinner & Game
We'll take a vote on the 19th to see if we meet because many of you will be confirmed earlier in the day or have family members confirmed. And you might have family in town. Stay flexible.

Thank you all who are attending Phunday Nite. Remember, it is open to all high school students whether they attend church or not!

Confirmation Classes

October 1: Lesson at 5:45

October 8: Service at 5:45

October 15: Lesson at 5:45

October 22: Lesson at 5:45

October 29: Halloween Mini Carnival

You'll come to Emmaus as soon as you can on Wednesday afternoon. We'll set up the Fellowship Hall for the Carnival. We'll get dressed in our costumes. We'll have pizza for dinner. At 5:45 children will come in their costumes. We'll give them prizes and candy. The Carnival will end at 6:45. Clean up will happen quickly, and you'll all head home as soon as the Fellowship Hall is clean, usually within a half hour. We have so much fun!! (If you have a friend who would like to help please feel free to include them.)

Confirmation Sunday

October 26: Confirmation Sunday

Congratulations Ashley Arts, Alex Golbek, Cameron Lindsey, Luke Lindsey, Alan Shirk, Taylor Smothers, and Tayla Sutherland on your Affirmation of Baptism. May God bless each of you as you continue to grow in faith.

Community Service

Help with food distribution at Our Redeemer:

Saturday, October 11

Saturday, October 25

Middle School Lock in

Friday, Oct. 24 to Saturday, Oct. 25

Begins at 8:00 p.m.-ends at 8:00 a.m.

Plans include

- Visit the Cut Throat Island Corn Maze
- Old favorites like Pig in the Pen
- Harry Potter Movie
- Lots of food & fun

You bring:

- \$5.00
- Sleeping bag
- Dark clothes (to play Pig in the Pen)
- Your favorite drink to share
- Your favorite snack to share

You can invite friends. PLEASE let me know as soon as possible, so I can arrange rides and get necessary tickets. Sign up sheet is in the Middle School room.

Fall Gathering in Bend

For all High School Students

November 7-9

Theme: Stand As 1

At Phoenix Inn, Bend

Worship Sunday at Nativity Lutheran, Bend

Your Cost: \$75.00 (Please let me know if this is a problem. Funds are available to help. I want everyone who can go, to go.)

Registration begins at 5:00. We will be leaving as soon as school gets out on Friday.

Activities conclude noon on Sunday. Planning team includes Christian Brantley & Tad Golbek. Kara Strickland is a band member.

Sign up on the Bulletin Board in Youth Room

Help wanted (from a parent or two)

Phunday Nite Dinner Coordinator

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

Lock-in Supervisor

Help provide supervision at Middle School lock-ins
Coordinate scheduling of adult volunteers



Registration

September 15, at 10:30 p.m. (12:30 Central Daylight time) I was finally able to log on to the ELCA Gathering web page and register to attend the New Orleans Gathering. Over 24,000 people registered in the first couple of hours. A few more of you have signed up and I will add you in. If any more high school students are interested please let me know as soon as possible. I am including the Registration Covenant for one more time in this newsletter.

Registration Covenant

Several of you have given me money, several of you have given me the signed covenant, and a few of you have given me both. Please get both to me in this next week, or let me know when you'll be taking care of it.

Holiday Bazaar

We are helping the Women of Emmaus with their holiday bazaar. We'll be selling Cosmos Caramel Corn and Entertainment Books. In addition, we will be serving coffee and sweet rolls to shoppers. This is the first of the fund raisers mentioned in the Registration Covenant. The work sign up is on the bulletin board in the Youth Room.

Can & Bottle Collection

I want students to be at the door of the church to help people bring bottles & cans inside (or to the trunk of my car.) For your first fundraising task, sign up to help on Sunday mornings. You can work before or after either service.

Entertainment Books

The books are for sale in the Gathering area. Please come and help sell all 27. If you can sell one or two or more outside of the church, please do so. Just let me know how many books you want.

Updated Information

Immediately after the Gathering, we will travel to Mississippi to help build some houses. This means the coming home date is set for July 31. So the dates to save are July 21 to July 31.

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 by 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 by June 30.
- I commit to participating in the worship or service life of Emmaus, using the Time & Talent survey 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)
144 Envelopes
Can & 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 now.

Signature: _____

Parent
signature: _____

