

Emmaus Youth Newsletter

December 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

The radio is playing Christmas music. All the stores have their trees, lights, and decorations up. And, of course, all the ads are telling us to buy, buy, buy, and buy even more. So, what are we, as Lutheran Christians, focused on for the next four Sundays? ADVENT! It's a time to look forward, spiritually, to Christ's first coming, and look forward, actually, to Christ's second coming. And, since we don't know when he will come again, we practice patience. Many generations have felt that the second coming would happen in their lifetime and obviously they were wrong. We don't know when it will happen; we just live with the assurance that it will happen. We live with that tension, living in the now and looking, with patience, to the future. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN. ALLELUJA
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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)
Schedules volunteers to serve as the second adult presence for Phunday Nite.

Lock-in Supervisor

Help provide supervision at all lock-ins.
Coordinate scheduling of adult volunteers.

Phunday Nite (High School)

December 7: Dinner and a game
December 14: Dinner and a game
December 21: Dinner and a game
December 27: Holiday lock in
Thank you all who are attending Phunday Nite. Remember, it is open to all high school students whether they attend church or not! Please let me know if you have a suggestion for a game. Remember it needs to be one that can be played by 7 to 10 people.

Confirmation Information

December 3: Lesson from 5:45 to 6:15
Dinner from 6:15 to 7:00
Advent Worship from 7:00 to 7:30
December 10: Lesson from 5:45 to 6:15
Dinner from 6:15 to 7:00
Advent Worship from 7:00 to 7:30
December 17: Lesson from 5:45 to 6:15
Dinner from 6:15 to 7:00
Christmas Program from 7:00 to 7:30
(Our Redeemer: please check with Pastor Dan to see what your schedule will be for the weeks of Advent.)
PARENTS: Confirmation Camp is offered 3 times; June 21-26, July 5-10, and August 2-7. Which week fits your schedule the best? We will pick the week this is best for the most number of you who have not attended camp.

Community Service

Help with food distribution at Our Redeemer:
Saturday, December 13
Saturday, December 27

Looking Ahead

February 1: Souper Bowl of Caring
February 8: Spaghetti Feed and Talent Show to benefit Camp Lutherwood
April 24-26: OLYO Middle School Rally
April 27 to May 3: Interfaith Shelter at Emmaus
Congregation Meeting
December 7: At this meeting the congregation votes of the budget for 2009. Have you ever wondered how Emmaus uses the offering monies received each week? This meeting will answer any questions you might have. And, as a confirmed member, you have a voice and a vote. Consider making a regular contribution (pledging) to help keep Emmaus functioning.

Holiday Lock In

When: Sunday, December 28 to Monday December 29
For: all high schoolers & middle schoolers
Schedule: 7:30 p.m.: meet at Emmaus
8:00: Puffers for a round of Laser Tag
9:00: Back to Emmaus for Veggie Tale movie
11:00: Vegetables in the Garden (Pig in the Pen with a Veggie Tale title) and Veggie Tale movies and games (if I can find any) all night
8:30 to 9:00 pick up by parents
Bring: your favorite drink to share
your favorite snack to share
\$10.00 for Laser Tag
dark clothes for V. in the G.
your favorite Veggie Tale DVD
something to sleep on
any Veggie Tale games
personal hygiene items
Wear: Veggie Tale accessories



Can & Bottle Collection

Let collect a lot of cans and bottles after Super Bowl Sunday. Be prepared to canvas your neighborhood for donations in the morning of Saturday, Feb. 7. Then we'll meet at church around 1:00, sort, and hit the machines in the afternoon. Anyone, high schoolers or middle schoolers, can help with this effort. The sign up is on the bulletin board in the youth room.

Entertainment Books

The unsold Entertainment Books go back by the end of December. If you have not bought your own book NOW is a good time to do it. If you haven't sold a book to someone NOW is a good time to do it. If you want to buy a book as a gift NOW is a good time to do it

Mardi Gras Dinner

In cooperation with Central Lutheran, we will host a Mardi Gras Dinner on February 21. The details are not all set, but I need people to help do the planning. We hope to include jazz, chocolate, Cajun food and other goodies that tie into the New Orleans and Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras themes

Christmas Tree Pick Up

We will be offering Christmas Tree pick up on December 27 & 29, January 3 & 4, and January 10 & 11. We need workers and trucks. Any one in high school or middle school can help. But those of you going to New Orleans need to work as many days as you can. There will be flyers at several Christmas tree lots, and information about this service in the newspaper, so I anticipate a lot of potential money raised from this effort. Again, please sign up in the youth room.

Mac Court Clean Up

Several of you helped clean up Autzen Stadium and that led into another possibility for fund raising for us. So, I need to hear from you by December 3. Do you want me to pursue opportunities to clean up Mac Court after basketball games? For the men's games we need 30 to 35 people and get \$600. For the women's games we need 20 to 25 and get \$375. Would you guys be willing to help me find the extra people we need, and are you willing to work at 5 to 10 games?



