

Emmaus Youth Newsletter April 2009



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

Last month I challenged you to take on regular attendance at church and Sunday school during Lent. Well, I don't think you did any better than before. (Yes, I know I was not here on the 15th & the 29th, but the other three Sundays don't look so great either!) So here is my question to you. What keeps you from coming to church? Would you just e-mail (or text) me with a short explanation? Or, if you'd rather, answer this question. What ONE thing would you change at Emmaus' worship services that would encourage you to come for worship on a regular basis? Be as specific as possible. Because I believe that worshipping together is very important for Christians. It keeps our hearts and minds focused on God. It helps us support one another in good times and bad. It joins us with the past and helps us look forward to the future. It reminds us of Christ's sacrifice and allows us to participate in his triumph. So when you are not here for worship, you and I lose out on blessings and that shouldn't happen for either of us.

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Phunday Nite (High School)

April 5: Dinner & a game

April 12: Happy Easter

have fun with your family because there will be NO PHUN at church

April 19: Dinner & a game

April 28: Construction Class at 4:00 (for those going to New Orleans) followed by dinner & a game

Confirmation Information

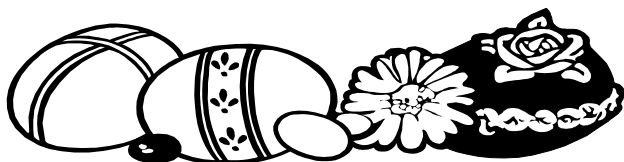
Wednesday, April 1: Soup Supper, Worship & Mentors

Wednesday, April 8: No Confirmation Class

Wednesday, April 15: Lesson at 5:45

Wednesday, April 22: Lesson at 5:45

Wednesday, April 29: Lesson at 5:45



Easter Breakfast

The high school youth are in charge of the breakfast this year. Save the Saturday before Easter to set up and get ready to serve on Easter Sunday. We need you to sign up to work on Saturday and Sunday. The letter and the casserole recipe that I usually send out to parents separately are included with this newsletter. All the information you need is in it.

OLYO Rally (Middle School) April 25 & 26

ELCA World Heroes organization

As part of your training you will:

- Meet other middle schoolers from Oregon
- Praise God with service, song, & scripture
- Play absolutely EPIC games
- Eat incredible food
- Meet and become Superheroes
- Watch a fantastic movie starring Tad Golbek & Christian Brantley

All this for only \$20--includes an official T-shirt.

Sign up in the Middle School room.

- We will leave Emmaus at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25
- We will return by 3:00 p.m. on Sun., April 26
- Bring:
 - Clothes to work in
 - Close-toed shoes
 - Personal hygiene items
 - Sleeping bag, pillow, etc.
 - Your Bible
 - A willingness to participate and try new things
- Do not bring:
 - Electronic items (you won't have time to use them)
 - Negative comments

I will need your money and a complete medical release form and a signed covenant before we leave.



Construction Learning

April 26, May 3, May 31

Mission by the Bay asks that everyone who works with them get some basic education in building. So, we have set up three dates to work with Home Depot and Central. April 26 we will learn the basics about tools and safety and tiling; May 3 we will learn about framing and May 31 about dry-walling. The classes will be at the Home Depot on West 11th and will run from 4:00 to 5:30.

(Afterwards we can come back to church and have dinner and relax together!) I know that all of you will probably not be able to attend all three sessions, but I would like you to make it a priority to attend as many as possible. We want to do the best job possible when we're in Mississippi. I will have a sign up sheet in the youth room so you can let me know which classes you're attending. Oh, one more thing. Bring a hammer and tape measure with you.

Can & Bottle Collection

April 18 May 16 July 11

Put these dates on your calendar—start asking neighbors, family, & friends to save their cans & bottles for you. Let's see how much money we can make with this simple, but dirty, project. In order to reach our goal we need to raise about \$1000 more by July 21 when we leave for New Orleans.

Mardi Gras Dinner

Our earnings were \$1270.75!! Great job!!

Yard Sale

The date is **June 20**. For now, just remember the date.

Albertson/Safeway

If you have not signed up for the Community Partner or Escrip program, or if you have friends or relatives who have not, please let me know. I can register them.

144 Envelopes

I counted, and about 40 envelopes are gone. That leaves 100. By March 15 we deposited \$673 leaving \$9767 to reach our goal. YOU need to help by soliciting donations here at church and through your contacts.

Also, I've asked all of you for a picture to put a 'face' on who's going to the Gathering. So far, I've only received ONE. Please get me your pictures ASAP.

Pampered Chef

We made \$91.50. Thank you to all of you who sold items and bought some for yourself. And a BIG thank you to Heather Harrison who gave up her earnings to help us raise this money.

Your Responsibility

I try very hard to plan to fund raise all the money for the shared portions of each summer trip. But there are two areas where I ask you to give your own money.

1. Jacksons for Justice: Please bring an offering of at least \$20. There will be a place in the Interactive Center to leave your gift.
2. Tips for the hotel employees: Please bring a \$2.00 tip for each day we are in the hotel. That's \$10.00. You will need to leave the \$2.00 each day, since we won't know if the same people clean our rooms everyday. It's important to have the money ready each day and not just as an afterthought.