

Emmaus Youth Newsletter

February 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

By the time you get this newsletter, I'll be about half way through my yearly youth workers conference known as the Extravaganza. I have a chance to check out New Orleans this year, so that I'll be better prepared for the July Gathering. I get a chance to meet with other youth workers from all around the country and learn from them. I get a chance to worship, to sing, and to learn. I look forward to this time every year and this year is no different. I'm also excited because this year 8 Oregon youth workers are going, two for the first time. (It's the largest number from our Synod in the 13 years of the Extravaganza.) I ask that you keep me in your prayers while I'm gone: for safe travel, health on the road and a great learning time.

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Looking Ahead

April 12: Easter Breakfast

April 24-26: OLYO Middle School Rally

April 27 to May 3: Interfaith Shelter at Emmaus

Phunday Nite (High School)

Sunday, February 1 at 5:30

February 8, at 6:00 we will meet at United to participate in the Spaghetti Feed and Talent Show. Sign up now with your talent, just like you did when you were at camp. And, if you've never been to Camp Lutherwood, come to this dinner. You'll have a great time and it will be a great way to support Camp Lutherwood.

Sunday, February 15 at 5:30

Sunday, February 22: Want to go to a Kutless concert? Let me know, or sign up in the Youth Room. It's in Eugene, and starts at 7:00 p.m.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, Feb. 1. This year the money will be divided between Food for Lane County and the ELCA Hunger Appeal. Cans of food will be given to FISH. Please volunteer to help collect money.

Confirmation Information

Wednesday, February 4 at 5:45

Wednesday, February 11 at 5:45

Wednesday, February 18 at 5:45

February 25; Ash Wednesday

The first 3 weeks of Lent begins on February 25. During Lent, we ask you to spend some time on Wednesday with a mentor. The mentor is an adult, not in your family and not already connected to Confirmation. Start thinking about whom you might want to ask. Pastor Steve, and I will be glad to help you find someone.

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

Helps provide supervision at all lock-ins.

Coordinates scheduling of adult volunteers

Spaghetti Feed and Talent Show:

February 8

- Begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Authentic Lutherwood Dining!
- Songs & Skits! (you can help)
- Door Prizes!
- Famous Lutherwood DVD!
- Held at United Lutheran

Global Mission Event

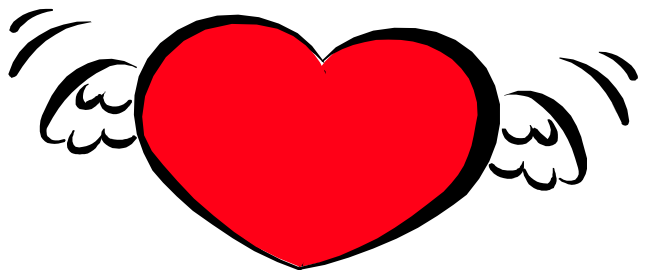
Held on February 2

At Our Savior's, Salem

Begins at 10:00, ends at 3:00

A great opportunity to learn what the ELCA is doing in the world and how YOU can help

If you want to go, I can help you find rides with people who are going. (I can't be there this year.)





Can & Bottle Collection

Let's collect a lot of cans and bottles after Super Bowl Sunday. Canvas your neighborhood for donations on 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 school or middle school, can help.

Mardi Gras Dinner

February 20 at 5:30

I have tickets for you to start selling. Please take some for outside the church too. People have their choice of Jambalaya (can also be the vegetarian choice) or shrimp gumbo. We'll know numbers of dishes needed by the color ticket that's sold. I already have a couple of you signed up for working; the rest need to sign up in the youth room. A couple of creative basket ideas that are being worked on: camping/chocolate and coffee/chocolate. You can help each other out with ideas and with putting the baskets together. I am enclosing a letter, on Emmaus stationary, for you to copy and use as you solicit donations.

Yard Sale

The date is **June 20.** Set up is the whole week before. Let's make this the biggest yard sale we have ever had! And plan on working **HARD.** A question: Do you want to have a car wash at the same time? Usually that adds a couple hundred dollars more to the earnings.

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'll be showing videos of past Gatherings during the Breakfast.

Albertson

Albertson is requiring everyone to **re-register** for the Community Partner Program by **February 28.** Here is the information you need.

- Web page: www.albertsonscp.com
- Emmaus ID#: 49-000119169
- Your preferred Savings card number (on your blue card or on a Albertson receipt or call 877-932-7948.
- Your phone number

Talk to friends and neighbors and ask them to link to Emmaus Community Partner. A person can link to **FOUR** different organizations.

There is another program for Safeway and P.C. Market of Choice. I have that information too, so let me know if you want to set that up.

144 Envelopes

The 144 Envelopes program has a lot of the potential. I will be putting the envelopes out in the Gathering Area on March 1 along with some information about who is going to the Gathering. But we need to make this fund raising effort personal. **YOU** need to be here to introduce yourselves to members of the church, so they know whom they are supporting. **YOU** also need to solicit donations from people outside of Emmaus. The goal is to have every one of the envelopes taken and returned by Easter **Sunday (April 12).** We can help people be creative too. For instance, if someone wants to give \$50 and that envelope is taken, offer the \$33 and \$17 envelopes (or the \$51.) Or just make up another \$50!

Pampered Chef

- Take orders from now until February 28
- Turn your orders in all month long
- If someone wants to book a party, see me or call Heather Harrison (name & email on the catalogue and order form)
- Pick up catalogues and order forms in my office the next time you're at church.

