

Emmaus Youth Newsletter July & August 2009

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10

Something from Me

This newsletter has lots of miscellaneous information in it. Please note the pieces you need and make note of them.

1-I've added the area code to my list of phone numbers. By the first of next year, you must dial 10 digits on phone numbers. You can start doing it in August. So, I thought I'd be ahead of the game and just list the numbers that way now!

2-You might notice the new Bible verse at the top of this page. I'll share more about my thoughts on this verse in later newsletters.

3-There are some events that in which we participate on a regular basis. I'm including those dates in this newsletter so you can save the dates.

4-We have some weekly events at church during the school year. I have included them in this newsletter. As you make plans for the fall, keep church in your plans.

5-The Youth Ministry at Emmaus has a mission statement worked out at a Visioning Retreat in the summer of 2007. It is: **To facilitate growth in commitment to Christ and in connection to people through the church.** All our activities are organized around this main function.

6-Although the newsletter is addressed to you, the young person, there is a lot of information for parents. So, please share it with them. I am also willing to send parents their own newsletter if they want.

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General Stuff

Friends are always welcome at all our activities. When there is a charge from an outside source, they may be asked to pay the full fee. If we're leaving town, I would like to speak to the parents.

Signups for events are on the bulletin boards in the Sunday School rooms. Please use them- it helps me organize food and transportation.

Sunday School classes begin September 13

October 9-10: Living Faithfully-Empowering Leadership at Immanuel in Silverton. This is an inter-generational event for all of the Oregon Synod, so invite your parents to go with you.

Middle School Stuff

Confirmation classes begin mid-September, probably Sept 16 with a parent meeting before that. Classes continue on Wednesday nights until the end of May. Included in the Confirmation program is the very popular Halloween Mini-Carnival.

Several lock-ins are planned for middle school students throughout the year. Our tentative dates are Sept. 18, Dec. 27, Feb. 19, & May 21.

Lutherwood Middle School Recharge is scheduled for October 2 & 3.

Middle School Rally-March 2010 is an opportunity to meet for service, learning and fun with students from all over Oregon. I'll let you the exact dated later. Plans are made by the OLYO Board.

Just Girls Retreat at Lutherwood on April 9-11 includes 4th to 8th grade girls.

Guys Only Retreat at Lutherwood is on April 16-18. It is open to 4th to 8th grade boys.

High School Stuff

Beginning September 13 there is a weekly get together for High School students. It begins at 5:30 and ends at 7:00. Phunday Nite is an opportunity for students to relax around dinner and a game.

Camp Lutherwood High School Recharge on Sept. 25-27 officially begins our event season.

Fall Gathering: November 13-15 at Twin Rocks Retreat Center, Rockaway Beach. This is an event for all Oregon high school students. Plans include music, fun, service, and learning. The OLYO Board makes the Fall Gathering plans.

OLYO Youth Convo: May 28-30 Held in conjunction with the Oregon Synod Assembly. We are entitled to two delegates in addition to the two officers from Emmaus (Christian Brantley and Alex Golbek). New officers for the OLYO Board are elected at the Convo (although you do not have to run for an office.)

Leadership Training School will be held sometime next summer. Anyone interested in is welcome to attend although I usually target freshmen and sophomores.



Bake Sale: July 19

We're cookin' & bakin' & sellin' & hopin' to get the last of the money we need. Bake lots of stuff & be prepared to encourage others to buy!

Can & Bottle Collection: July 11

One last day to focus on collecting cans for this trip. We'll meet at Emmaus in the morning and then canvas several neighborhoods asking for cans. After lunch, we'll sort and return the cans. In addition, in this Sunday's bulletin, I am asking people to bring their cans to church all week long or to call the church if they want their cans picked up. That way we'll have a lot of work to do on the 11th.

144 Envelopes

We've collected \$2154. Again, I know that many of you took envelopes so you could ask family members to make a donation. We need them returned NOW so that we can see how much more money we need for the trip!! If all the outstanding envelopes are turned in we would have an additional \$2000-which by the way, is approximately what we are short as of this newsletter!

Yard Sale & Car Wash

In case you didn't hear- we raised \$2284 on the yard sale and \$286 on the car wash. That adds up to \$2570. That means we beat my projected earnings by \$1520!!! What a great job. St. Vincent DePaul picked up the leftovers on Tuesday.

Poland

Something brand new. The two exchange students from Poland, who will be in New Orleans, will be in Eugene on July 14, 15 & 16. We need a place for them to stay-one male & one female. I also would like to arrange some stuff for us to do together, us being those going to New Orleans. Can you help with housing or ideas? Call me.

Getting ready to go information

Your Responsibility

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. The goal is to raise a million dollars for ELCA Hunger Appeal.
2. Tips for the hotel employees: Please bring a \$2.00 tip for each day we are in the hotel. That's \$10.00 in \$1's. You will need to leave the \$2.00 each day because we won't know who cleans the room each day.

Getting Home from Portland

Are there some parents with vans (we need room for 16 people plus drivers) who are willing to drive up to Portland on the 30th & bring us home? We will be arriving in Portland at 9:40 p.m. on Thursday, July 30. Please call or e-mail me by the 10th if you can help.

Covenant

I will have the Covenant ready for everyone to sign on the 19th. I'll also have the list of phone numbers and all the other information, including when we're leaving from Eugene, ready for you.

Commissioning

On Sunday, July 19 we will be commissioned for our trip during the worship service. Wear your Jesus, Justice & Jazz t-shirts. (Since we're in front of the entire congregation, you might consider wearing long pants, too.)

Other stuff

Right now, my mind is blank, but feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions or need some quick information. If you're not sure about something, chances are some one else is wondering too, so feel free to ask.

AND ONE MORE THING!

Summer Mission Trip 2010

Yes, it's scary to think about it already but here's the information so far.

Dates will be determined by participants. Right now, I'm looking at focusing on Oregon and Washington. . . developing a trip where we go from city to city for a variety of service projects . . . stay at churches on the way. . . doing some local sightseeing. Let me know what you think.

This trip will be open to everyone entering high school in September 2010 through those graduating in June 2010.