

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

I would like to share something that I was thinking about during the Confirmation service. All six of the confirmands were baptized in 1995. I began working here in December 1996, one year later. I'm not sure what this means, except for one thing. I am privileged to have served here at Emmaus for this length of time; to be part of your lives –your birth, baptism, Sunday school, confirmation, graduation, and beyond. And I am looking forward to being here even longer and to see the people who were baptized in '96, '97', '98, and on grow in their physical lives and in their faith lives. What a blessing you are to me!

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Middle School Stuff

Confirmation: Begins at 5:45 and ends at 7:00

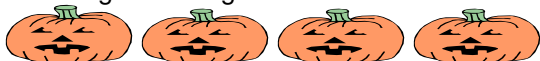
- November 4: Lesson
- November 11: Lesson
- November 18: Service

Our service project is to help Our Redeemer prepare food boxes. Please bring some cans of food with you to help fill the boxes. If you need some ideas, check out the boxes that are in our Gathering Area. (You can bring food to either church anytime this month.)

As for getting to Our Redeemer, 255 Maxwell Road, you can either go there directly, OR you can meet me at Emmaus to car pool. (Same options for the end of the confirmation.) I will need to know what you are planning on doing by Sunday, the 15th. Pastor Dan will start the project right at 5:45, so those going with me will be a little late. But we will also be returning to Emmaus late, since we'll be staying until 7:00.

- November 25: Thanksgiving Eve Service
Come for the service and pie social. This is a great way to begin your Thanksgiving celebration. (Note that the service starts at 7:00 p.m.)

THANK YOU to all of you for working at the Halloween Mini Carnival. All our guests had a great time and got lots of goodies!



High School Stuff

Phunday Nite: Begins at 5:30 and ends at 7:00

Except for changes this month

- November 1: dinner and a game (Cancelled because I got sick)
- November 8: Camp Lutherwood meeting
**There is an important meeting about the future of Camp Lutherwood at 3:00 in Albany. I would like to take a lot of you up there for the meeting. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Youth Room. We'll stop for dinner on the way home.
- November 15: dinner and a game
**We'll be coming back from the OLYO Gathering. So, do you want to meet again at 5:30 or is the time spent together on the way home enough?
- November 22: dinner and a game
- November 29: dinner and a game
**This is Thanksgiving weekend. Have you had enough time with family, or do you want to cancel?

OLYO November Gathering

November 13 to 15 at Twin Rocks Bible Camp, Rockaway Beach, Oregon

The theme: CSI: Creation's Servant Investigators

The weekend at the Oregon Coast will be a time of exploration, service and fun as we take a closer look at the creation that surrounds us, and discover what it can show us about our own faith journey and the God who loves us. Helping to lead this time will be OLYO officers (including Christian and Alex) and students from Oregon State. We'll be leaving shortly after school gets out on Friday and returning around 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

You'll need to bring: clothes, personal items, a Bible and money for dinner on Friday & lunch on Sunday (\$10 to \$15). If I don't have a current medical release form, I will also need that.



Fund Raising Opportunities

We have several on-going or repeating fund raising programs.

Cosmos Caramel Corn: This is the BEST caramel corn you have ever tasted. And there are no husks to get caught between your teeth! Seven ounce bags cost \$5.00 each. You can buy them at the Bazaar (November 7) or on Sunday mornings from November 22 through December 13. Every bag we sell nets us \$2.00.

Entertainment Book sales: Yes, I know that lots of groups sell Entertainment Books each year. And we are not doing as well this year as we have in the past. We usually sell about 30 books, just by having them available on Sunday morning. This year we've sold less than 15 that way. So, I'm asking each one of you, both middle & high schoolers to take one book and sell it to a friend, neighbor or relative. Or pay for the book yourself, use it or give it as a gift. The books cost \$20.00 each and, at the least, a person can use the \$5.00 off coupons to save on grocery shopping. (There are 8 in the book.) Some of you have already helped sell books. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Cans & Bottles: Okay, do you want to do something that nets around \$700 a year without having to work hard? Start saving your redeemable cans and bottles. Ask your neighbors or other family members to save cans for you. (You'd be surprised how many people hate having to redeem them.) Bring the bags to church. I turn them in at Safeway, Albertsons, Fred Meyer, WalMart, P.C. Market of Choice or any other recycling center. Those five cents add up! And, if you don't want to carry the bags around, you can turn the cans in yourself and give the money to the youth account.

Albertsons Community Partner or

Safeway Escrip: Both these grocery chains have programs that directly donate money to youth groups of all kinds. If you have an Albertson Preferred Savings Card or a Safeway card you can link the number and a percentage of your purchases will be donated to Emmaus Youth. This is done at no cost to you and you can choose to donate to more than one program. Both of these programs are offered throughout the United States, so if you have family or friends elsewhere, they can sign up too.

Bazaar: Finally, something that will involve your time and is a one shot effort. November 7, from 9:00 to 2:00 is the annual Bazaar. We have lots of Christmas wrapping paper and would like to offer a gift wrapping service. Can you help? Please say YES when I call and ask you to work. If you're not a good gift wrapper, you can help by encouraging people to buy Entertainment Books or Cosmos Corn.

Summer Mission Trip

Why, you may ask, is Lois spending so much time this month on fund raising? And Lois says, "That's a great question"! Our fund raising efforts support the mission trips every summer. Last summer we went to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans. This summer's plan is to head down towards San Francisco, stopping each day to serve in a local community. On the way back, we'll stop to sightsee or do something fun. I don't have the details worked out, but I am suggesting that the trip take about 10 days, sometime between July 11 & July 25. If you want to go, you commit to worship regularly, come to Sunday school regularly, help plan the trip, and help with the fund raising. Summer mission trips are open to all youth currently in 8th through 12th grades. If you're at all interested, please sign up on the bulletin board, or talk to me personally.

YOU ARE INVITED

United Lutheran High School Youth are planning a lock in on November 20 to 21. YOU have been invited to attend. I don't have any further details right now, but I will pass on stuff as I hear.

Looking Ahead

High school lock in:

Tentative dates: Dec. 4 to 5 or Dec. 11 to 12
I have talked to the people at Paint Ball palace. They suggested that we play during the day, (so I thought from 9:00 to 1:00 on Saturday.) I have checked the availability of Camp Lutherwood. Now I need your help to put this lock in together. We need:

- ✓ at least one other adult
- ✓ someone to cook breakfast
- ✓ plans for the rest of the lock in

Call me if you want to help make this the BEST LOCK-IN EVAH!

Middle school lock in:

Tentative dates: Dec. 18 to 19 or Dec. 27 to 28
I need your help here too. What would you like to do, where would you like to go, what other adults are available to help? Talk to me!!



To facilitate growth in commitment to Christ and in connection to people through the church

