









ON THE ROAD

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ADVENT

"Christ Be Our Light" is the theme of Advent at Emmaus this year. Devotional booklets with that title were distributed last Sunday.

-  **Advent Vespers** with **Holden Evening Prayer** will be on the four Wednesdays of Advent at 7:00 pm.
-  **Supper** at 6:15 pm will precede **Advent Vespers**. Catered by Churchill High School students, the cost will be \$5.00. Parents can determine the cost for their children.
-  **Oregon Festival Choirs** presents Benjamin Britten's **Ceremony of Carols** on Saturday, December 11th, at 3:00 p.m. at Emmaus. The program will feature performances by OFC's touring division, ages 11-18, who will also sing other carols from around the world. (Emmaus singers Alycia Thatcher and Alex Grabofsky are both featured soloists in the concert.) In gratitude for the hospitality shown to **Oregon Festival Choirs** by Emmaus over the years, the proceeds of any tickets purchased by Emmaus members will support the **Interfaith Shelter** program. Tickets are available in the church office and at the concert for \$7 regular admission and \$5 seniors and students.
-  **The Eugene Concert Choir** will present **A Celtic Christmas** featuring **The Willis Clan** on Sunday, December 5th, at 2:30 p.m. Emmaus members are invited to go together. Purchase tickets on-line or at the Hult Center ticket office. If enough people are interested, the Fellowship Ministry will provide a soup and sandwich lunch following 11:00 worship and carpooling to the Hult Center. Sign up is necessary at the Gathering Place information table, or call or e-mail the church office.
-  **Christmas Caroling** to homebound Emmaus members will follow 11:00 worship on Sunday, December 12th. Please bring chili to contribute to the "chili dump" before caroling.
-  **The Sunday School Christmas Program** will be between worship services on Sunday, December 19th.



TURKEYS

A freezer is in the Gathering Place until December 7th in which to put turkeys for St. Vincent de Paul to distribute in the community for Christmas.

CRECHES

You are invited to bring crèches (manger scenes) to be displayed in the Gathering Place during the Advent and Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

You are invited to bring ornaments from your homes to decorate the Christmas tree in the sanctuary to make it truly an "Emmaus family" Christmas tree.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Friday, December 24th
5:00 and 10:00 pm
(Childcare offered at 5:00)



“GIFTED TO GIVE” is the theme of our stewardship emphasis with consecration of pledges on Sunday, December 12th. Watch your mail for information.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED...

On Sunday mornings during the sermon time:
☞ to oversee children making crafts for about 20 minutes;
☞ the craft projects are planned and material is supplied;
☞ the goal is to have up to ten adults who would be responsible for one service, one Sunday a month.



Contact Lois Brown if you are interested in helping in either of these capacities.

FORUMS

~ every Sunday between worship services in Elgaard Fellowship Hall ~

While children and youth are in Sunday School, all adults are invited (whether or not you have kids in Sunday School).

December 5th
Congregation Meeting

December 12th
New Members Orientation
For EVERYONE!

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

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THE EMMAUS QUARTET (Pastor Steve, Mary Walker, Ellen Walton, and Stephen Vorhes) will be presenting one hour of music during the Eugene Symphony Guild’s Christmas Tour this Saturday, December 4th. They will be singing at the Secret Garden Bed and Breakfast at 1910 University Street from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.



MEN’S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY continues to look at familiar Old Testament characters following breakfast from 8:30 to 10:00 am this Saturday, December 4th, in Elgaard Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome!

IN LIFE AND DEATH...

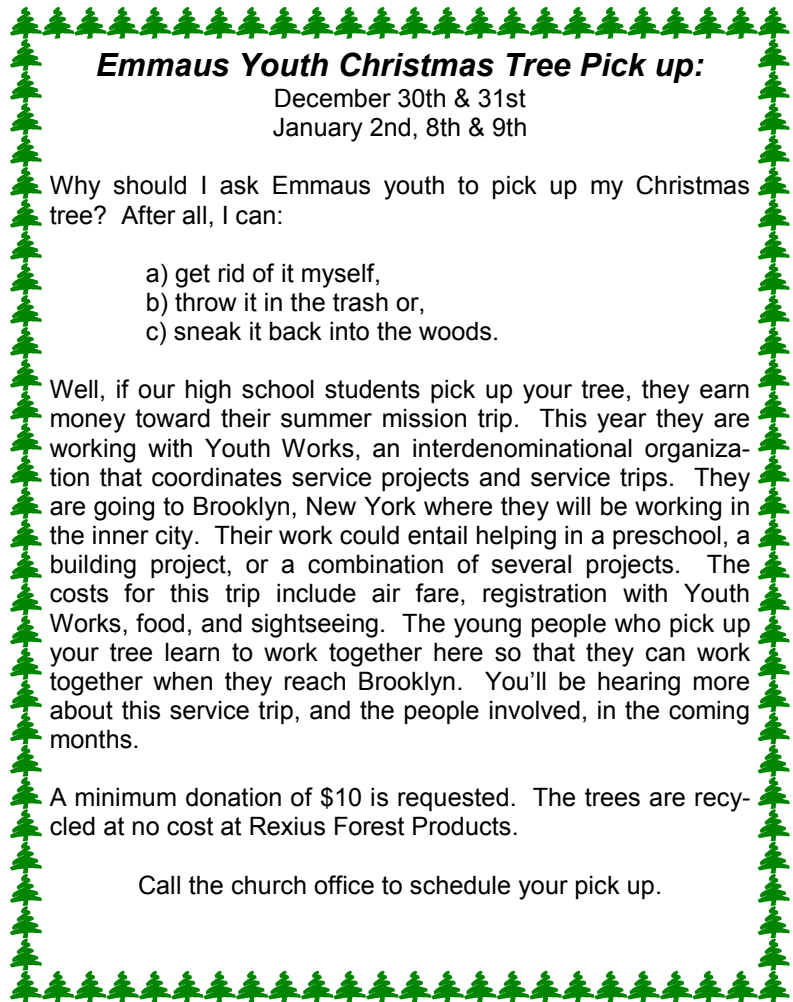
We mark the death of **Edna Smith** on November 6th. Edna’s niece and family live in Coos Bay, where Edna was buried. Peace be to her memory.

OOPS!

The names of David and Ruth Warwick’s sons, Zachary and Jackson, were unintentionally omitted from the list of new members in the last “On the Road” newsletter. Please add their names.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated shampoo, conditioner, soap and lotion, a total of 40.5 pounds!! The items will be donated to local agencies that provide services to homeless people in our community on behalf of Emmaus.

~Linda Henry



Emmaus Youth Christmas Tree Pick up:

December 30th & 31st
January 2nd, 8th & 9th

Why should I ask Emmaus youth to pick up my Christmas tree? After all, I can:

- a) get rid of it myself,
- b) throw it in the trash or,
- c) sneak it back into the woods.

Well, if our high school students pick up your tree, they earn money toward their summer mission trip. This year they are working with Youth Works, an interdenominational organization that coordinates service projects and service trips. They are going to Brooklyn, New York where they will be working in the inner city. Their work could entail helping in a preschool, a building project, or a combination of several projects. The costs for this trip include air fare, registration with Youth Works, food, and sightseeing. The young people who pick up your tree learn to work together here so that they can work together when they reach Brooklyn. You’ll be hearing more about this service trip, and the people involved, in the coming months.

A minimum donation of \$10 is requested. The trees are recycled at no cost at Rexius Forest Products.

Call the church office to schedule your pick up.

“BREAD BOWL”

Grace Lutheran in Corvallis beat Emmaus by a “narrow margin” of about 200 acts of compassion addressing hunger ~ approximately 1,400 for Grace, approximately 1,200 for Emmaus! The “post-game” commentary about the “10 in ’10 Bread Bowl:” Thank you, in behalf of all those who have been served through our efforts!

Here are two more end-of-year opportunities:

- Fans of the Oregon Ducks and the Oregon State Beavers are invited to participate in raising funds to fight hunger in Oregon, for FOOD for Lane County and the Oregon Food Bank Network. Through December 4th, text-message your donations to **20222**. To donate \$5.00, text either **GoDucks5** or **GoBeavs5**; donate \$10.00 by texting **GoDucks10** or **GoBeavs10**. The winning “team” will be announced December 4th during the Civil War football game!
- Right now your gift to **ELCA World Hunger** can go twice as far to help people who are hungry and living in poverty. Good friends of **ELCA World Hunger** have promised to match ~ dollar for dollar up to \$25,000 ~ every gift given between now and December 31st. You may use the envelopes in your box of offering envelopes and the Emmaus office will send your gifts right away.



CONGREGATION MEETING

Our Congregation Council will present a proposed budget/spending plan for 2011 at a congregation meeting between worship services this Sunday, December 5th. If you are a confirmed member of Emmaus, thank you for planning to be present at this meeting.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

FISH

8:30 am — Holy Communion
9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am — Sunday School & Congregation Meeting
11:00 am — Holy Communion
5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30 am — Pastor's Text Study
2:00 pm — ELCW Executive Board

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders
10:00 am — Bible Study
6:15 pm — Supper
7:00 pm — Advent Vespers
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
*6:00 pm — Valley Calligraphy Guild: Fellowship Hall

*Community group meeting at Emmaus
Prayer Calendar: Week 18

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Stewardship Consecration Sunday
8:30 am — Holy Communion
9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am — Sunday School & Adult Forum
11:00 am — Holy Communion
12:00 noon — Chili Dump & Caroling
5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30 am — Pastor's Text Study
1:00 pm — Rebecca Circle
7:00 pm — Mary Circle

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders
10:00 am — Bible Study
6:15 pm — Supper
7:00 pm — Advent Vespers
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
9:30 am — Naomi Circle Potluck Brunch @ the home of
Harriet Shultz, 2082 W. 26th Place

Prayer Calendar: Week 19

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Dear Emmaus Family,

From the Pastor...

I recently attended an event that left me with a happy heart! It was the "Shining Star Reception" at Lane Community College. It is an annual event hosted by the Lane Community College Foundation in recognition of donors and recipients of student scholarships. In 2005 Emmaus was the recipient of a bequest of approximately \$120,000 from Harry Hanson. Harry's wife, Lucille, was a nurse. So it was decided to designate 10% of the bequest for a nursing scholarship through the Lane Community College Foundation known as the "Lucille Hanson Memorial Scholarship" donated by the Emmaus Foundation. I had the opportunity to meet the scholarship recipient for this year, David Vizcaino. The large room at LCC was filled with donors and students who are receiving scholarships. Their stories of appreciation were heartfelt.

I was also intrigued by a story that appeared in The Register-Guard last week about two sisters, who lived quite frugally, who bequeathed significant gifts to the Eugene Public Library, Goodwill Industries, and the Eugene Mission. You may remember that I also commented not too long ago in "On the Road" about the financial gifts Emmaus receives annually from the estate of long-time Emmaus member Darlene Smith.

I hope these stories might inspire you to consider your blessings and how they can be a blessing to others both now and following your death. Thanksgiving and Christmas, a time to focus upon the gifts of God and how they are shared, provide an opportunity to ponder how you might arrange for gifts from your estate to be a blessing to ministries and causes for which you are passionate.

In Christian partnership,

Pastor Steve

MISSION STATEMENT

EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH IS A
FAMILY
OF GOD'S CHILDREN,
RESPONDING
TO THE GRACE OF GOD, WHICH
UNITES
US IN JESUS CHRIST BY
SERVING
THE LORD WITH GLADNESS.
EMPOWERED
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE
ADDRESS THE NEEDS
OF GOD'S CREATION BY MAKING
JESUS CHRIST KNOWN.

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9:00 AM-1:00 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3