



ON THE ROAD

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BAKE SALE THIS SUNDAY

Traditionally the first Sunday of each month is the day to bring food and clothing to church for FISH. On the first Sunday in May ~ this coming Sunday ~ bakers and buyers are needed to contribute to a *Bake Sale*, the proceeds of which will be given to FISH and Bread for the World.



OFFERING OF LETTERS

This year the *Offering of Letters* will be focused on poverty in the United States. Several of the tax laws, especially the income tax credit, are due to expire this year. Our effort will be to encourage congress to extend the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit to help get more money to poor families for food. Come to the May 2nd Forum to hear more about this effort.



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flower chart is located on the wall across from the church office for you to sign up to provide chancel flowers on any given Sunday. We have several spots available during the rest of this year. Sign up today!

SPRING INGATHERING

The Lutheran World Relief Spring Ingathering concluded this Sunday, April 25th. Thank you for your commitment and assistance to make the drive a success. Thursday, April 29th is the day for packing donated items for shipment. Please join us at 9:00 am for donuts and coffee as we help pack, weigh and label. We will need a couple volunteers to help transport boxes to Messiah Lutheran on River Road. Thank you.

WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING

The annual Women's Thankoffering will be received on Sunday, May 9th. All women are invited to present an offering which helps support the worldwide ministry of the Women of the ELCA.

ANNUAL MEETING

All confirmed members are requested to be present between worship services on Sunday, May 16th, for the Annual Meeting of Emmaus Lutheran Church. It's a time to take "inventory" of the past program and fiscal years while looking forward to opportunities before us. In addition, new council members and delegates to the May Synod Assembly will be elected.



The summer program schedule is now on the web! Go to www.lutherwood.org to plan what week you'll be at camp this summer. Summer staff is also being recruited. If you ~ or someone you know ~ are at least 18 years old and have a heart to work with youth in a camp setting, please e-mail andrea@lutherwood.org. All Emmaus middle school students are encouraged to attend camp the week of June 27th—July 2nd. The Women of Emmaus is offering a \$100 scholarship to any Emmaus child/youth who attends camp at Lutherwood this summer. Check with Lois for more details.



THINK SUMMER!

Something new is on the horizon for kids this summer instead of *Kids' Adventure Week* as it's previously been done. Emmaus and United Lutheran Churches will be sharing *Day Camp* with Central Lutheran the week of June 28-July 2 for kids having completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Day Camp will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day at Central. Then *Vacation Bible School* for preschoolers and also those who have completed kindergarten will be the week of July 19-23 each morning at Emmaus. (Parents of kindergartners can decide whether Day Camp or VBS is more appropriate for your child.) Mark your calendars and start inviting neighbors, friends, and relatives!

THE LUTHERAN

The Lutheran subscriptions have been ordered. You should receive your first issue in May. Watch your mailboxes for your issue of the Lutheran.

BREAD BOWL CIVIL WAR

The list of suggestions for addressing hunger that you generated will be available in the Gathering Place. Please take a green or yellow cup labeled "At least 10 in 2010" and use it as a reminder. (There are no orange cups for you Beaver fans). We will be asking you to report monthly by putting a sticky note with your activities on the poster illustrating the breadbowl or by turning your activities into me. Watch the gathering place for further information.

Please pick up a list of hunger related activities in the Gathering Place on the information table. These activities were generated in adult forum. You can use this list to get ideas, and to track your activities if you wish. Turn in your activities on a monthly basis to me. We will be reporting our activities in April and find out how Grace in Corvallis is doing.

~Debi Eisert

 *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*
Where Values Thrive:

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has launched Thrivent Choice, a new charitable grant program and benefit of membership in the organization.

Thrivent Financial members 16 and older can help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable funds each year.

Members can participate in the first voting event now! It's quick. It's easy. And it can make a big difference. Help choose where Thrivent Financial distribute \$1 million in outreach funds from the following. Vote for one of these organizations:

- ELCA World Hunger
- Lutheran Disaster Response
- Lutheran Malaria Initiative
- American Heart Association
- Feed My Starving children
- Habitat for Humanity
- Thrivent Financial Should Select

Each organization receives a portion of the \$1 million, based on the percentage of votes it receives. Learn more about these organizations and cast your vote at thrivent.com/choicevote. Or, complete the reply card in the spring issue of Thrivent magazine. Voting is open April 19th—May 21st.

If more than 350,000 members vote, just 15% of membership, Thrivent Financial will distribute a bonus \$1 million to these national organizations.

DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TOO OLD TO GO TO CAMP? HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Camp Lutherwood is sponsoring two work days, May 8th and June 5th. Construction, grounds keeping, painting, cleaning, and remodeling are some of the tasks of each workday. You are invited to bring your hammers, saws, power tools, hand tools, rakes, shovels, gloves, and a willingness to work. Snacks and lunch are provided free of charge. Come and join in the fun getting camp ready for the summer camping season. Questions call the camp office at 541-988-6444.

YOUTH YARD SALE IS COMING...

As you begin your spring cleaning, save your items for the annual yard sale on June 19th. Donations will be accepted the week before the yard sale.



DID YOU KNOW . . .

that the Emmaus Foundation helps support our Emmaus youth with their education at Lutheran colleges.

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).*

May 2nd

“Offering of Letters”
presented by Mat Purvis

May 9th

“The Ministries of
Worship, Finance and Property”

PASTOR STEVE UPDATE

As many of you know, Pastor Steve had open heart surgery on Tuesday, April 20th. His aortic valve was replaced and he had a double by-pass. By Wednesday he was moved from the ICU to the cardiovascular area of the hospital. He is doing very well. Continue to pray for him as he recovers. *Pastor Steve is not receiving visitors at this time, but Claudia is checking in with the church office on a regular basis. If you want an update, please contact the church office.*



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

May 2 — Fifth Sunday of Easter — Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35				
<u>8:30</u>	Lector:		<u>11:00</u>	
	Communion Assistant:	Jackie Barbour		Karri Mealy Merry Burbank
	Acolyte:			Pam Mealy
	Ushers:	Jay Knight Ken Rydbrink		
	Greeters:			Dorothy Seamans
Coffee Fellowship: Marty Dunlap & Judy Ramstad				
Flower Delivery:				
May 9 — Sixth Sunday of Easter — Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29				
<u>8:30</u>	Lector:	Dave Frosaker	<u>11:00</u>	
	Communion Assistant:			Claudia Carlson
	Acolyte:			Alycia Thatcher
	Ushers:	Dave & Deena Frosaker		
	Greeters:			Claudia Carlson
Coffee Fellowship: Barbara & Willard Grabofsky				
Flower Delivery:				

You will notice blank spaces! Please sign up on the charts in the Gathering Place to assist.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

SUNDAY, MAY 2

OFFERING OF LETTERS

FISH SUNDAY

8:30 am — Holy Communion

9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship

10:00 am — Sunday School/Forum

11:00 am — Holy Communion

5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite

TUESDAY, MAY 4

8:30 am — Pastor's Text Study

2:00 pm — ELCW Executive Board

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders

10:00 am — Bible Study

*3:00 pm — Girl Scouts: Youth Room

5:00 pm — Youth Choir

5:45 pm — Confirmation

7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 6

9:30 am — Library Committee

7:00 pm — Social Concerns Ministry

Prayer Calendar: Week 7

*Community groups meeting at Emmaus

SUNDAY, MAY 9

WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

8:30 am — Holy Communion

9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship

10:00 am — Sunday School/Forum

11:00 am — Holy Communion

5:00 pm — High School Phunday Nite

TUESDAY, MAY 11

8:30 am — Pastor's Text Study

1:00 pm — Rebecca Circle

7:00 pm — Mary Circle

*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir End of Year Potluck:

Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders

10:00 am — Bible Study

5:00 pm — Youth Choir

5:45 pm — Confirmation

7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 13

9:00 am — Naomi Circle

FRIDAY—SATURDAY, MAY 14 & 15

Middle School Lock-in—30 Hour Famine

Prayer Calendar: Week 8

*Community groups meeting at Emmaus

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

Dear Emmaus Family,

From the Pastor...

Pastor Steve asked me to write his 'column' during his absence. It's not an easy task!

On Sunday we blessed the quilts, layette kits, health kits, school kits, and soap which we're packing on Thursday and shipping to the Lutheran World Relief headquarters. From there they will be sent to Haiti, Chili, China, and where ever the next disaster occurs. Or, if there is no major disaster, they will be used to help in daily living. Which made me think about the bumper sticker: *Think Globally, Act Locally*, and all the ways we at Emmaus live out that philosophy.

Our quilters act locally by recycling lots of fabric, yarn, and thread. They act locally when they donate quilts to the Eugene Mission, Womenspace, and the Relief Nursery. They act locally as they work and fellowship together. They think globally when the quilts are sent away; no one knows how the quilts will be used or by whom.

Our young people act locally when they recycle soda and water cans. Over a year's time, approximately 15,000 cans are recycled. Acting locally, ten percent of the profit goes back to the Emmaus building and general funds. Thinking globally, the mission trips help them see beyond the borders of this community into the whole world.

Our Sunday school students act locally with their Sunday school offerings, half of which go to Camp Lutherwood. They think globally by giving the other half to special projects overseas. Last year money was given to build wells in Africa. This year \$175 was given to help buy nets to protect against malaria.

I could go on, but I think each one of you can think of ways in which you, too, *Think Globally, Act Locally*, maybe without even realizing what you're doing. May God bless you as you live out his care for the whole world.

In Christian partnership,
Lois

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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10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:**
FRIDAY, APRIL 30