



ON THE ROAD

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EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RELIEF

You may offer your help in the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti by immediate offerings to **Lutheran World Relief** or **Lutheran Disaster Response**. Go to www.lwr.org or www.elca.org/haitiearthquake for information, or give through Emmaus by designating your offering for "Haiti earthquake" which will be sent immediately.

"TASTE OF EMMAUS" KICK-OFF

Do you remember signing up last fall to be part of a group to dine and share fellowship together with church friends? Now it's time to "kick off" these groups! Please come to Elgaard Fellowship Hall this Sunday, January 24th, at 12:00 noon to share a baked potato bar provided by our Fellowship Ministry. You'll meet with your dining group to plan your first gathering. Bring a calendar!



HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS?

Thanks to your regular giving, end-of-year giving, and the extra "push" in Jubilee offerings, we ~ the Emmaus family ~ ended 2009 in the "black!" We no longer have a deficit carried over from the previous year. That is something to celebrate in these challenging economic times. Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry we share together in the name of Christ.

INTERFAITH HOMELESS SHELTER

Emmaus will host this shelter in partnership with the St. Vincent dePaul Society during the week of February 8-15 (Monday to Monday). Several churches in Eugene and Springfield open their doors to make this ministry happen during the school year.

Van Drivers: Families arrive at 5:00 p.m. Some do not have transportation, so they are picked up at the First Place Family Center at 1995 Amazon Parkway in a St. Vincent dePaul van. Those needing transportation are returned to the First Place Family Center by 8:00 the next morning. Currently, van drivers are still needed for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday mornings (February 13-15).

Hospitality Hosts: Families are welcomed to Emmaus by hospitality hosts who assist them to check in, eat supper with them, and are available to answer questions and maybe do a craft or play games until 10:00 p.m. Currently hospitality hosts are still needed for Wednesday through Sunday evenings (February 10-14).

Food Servers: Suppers and breakfast are served each day, coordinated by Emmaus member Marilyn Deaton. Supper preparation begins at 4:30 p.m. and everything is cleaned up after serving by 7:30. Currently food servers are still needed for Saturday and Sunday (February 13 and 14).

Night Chaperones: St. Vincent dePaul provides mattresses and space dividing screens for family sleeping quarters. One male and one female chaperone spend the night on call beginning at 10:00 p.m., sleeping at the church, and serving breakfast before families leave in the morning. Currently night chaperones are still needed for Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday nights (February 8, 10, and 13).

Cleaners: After families leave each morning at 8:00, two people clean the kitchen and restrooms and do some vacuuming. Currently cleaners are still needed for Thursday, Friday, Sunday and Monday (February 11, 12, 14, and 15).

If you would like to serve in any of these ways during the week that Emmaus hosts the Interfaith Homeless Shelter, please sign up at the table in the Gathering Place or call or e-mail the church office.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Pictorial directories of the Emmaus family have been done every five years since 1995. Our Congregation Council has contracted with Olan Mills Photography to publish another new directory in 2010. Photography dates and times are:

- Thursday, February 25th, from 2:00 to 9:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 26th, from 2:00 to 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 27th, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Please participate by signing up for an appointment if you've not already done so. Consult the display in the Gathering Place at church or call or e-mail the church office. With today's technology, you will be able to select a pose for the directory right after you are photographed. In addition to receiving a complimentary 8 X 10 portrait, you will have opportunity to purchase additional portraits.

GOODBYE

Christa Barcellos served as the nursery attendant for 2 1/2 years. She decided late in 2009 that she needed to step down from that position as she is working full time in another position. Good-bye, Christa. Thank you for the wonderful job you've done over the years. All our little children will miss you.

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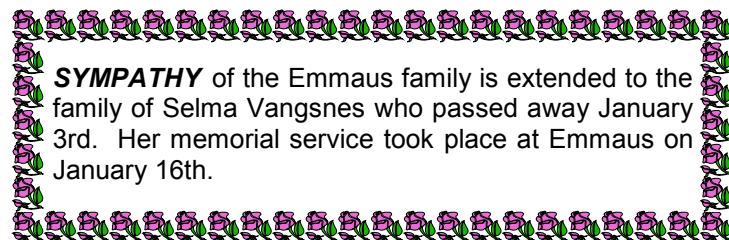
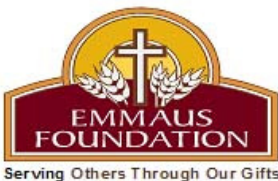
Welcome to Terra Goschie, the new nursery attendant. Terra began her tenure here on December 20th when she assisted Christa for two weeks. She also oversaw the nursery on Christmas Eve. Terra is a member of Emmaus, the daughter of Charlotte and sister of Chriss. Terra has had training in early childhood education and is already getting acquainted with all the children who attend the nursery during worship.

LOOKING TO FEBRUARY . . .

- ❖ **Global Mission Event – Saturday, February 6th**
Author Anne Basye will address “Sustaining Simplicity” at this annual event sponsored by the Oregon Synod to be held at Milwaukie Lutheran Church in Milwaukie (Portland area) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Visit www.oregonsynod.org for details, or call our church office.
- ❖ **Souper Bowl of Caring – Sunday, February 7th**
Every year on Super Bowl Sunday Emmaus youth join others across the nation to raise millions of dollars to address hunger in the United States and around the world by inviting you to contribute at least one dollar in a soup pot as you leave worship.
- ❖ **Sweetheart Dinner – Sunday, February 14th**
It falls on Valentine's Day this year!
- ❖ **Ash Wednesday – February 17th**
Our 40-day Lenten journey begins. There will be additional worship opportunities each Wednesday at noon and 6:30 p.m. accompanied by soup lunches and suppers.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

That the Emmaus Foundation has current assets of over \$70,000 that earns income for the work of the church? Imagine what might happen if that amount was doubled!



SYMPATHY of the Emmaus family is extended to the family of Selma Vangsnes who passed away January 3rd. Her memorial service took place at Emmaus on January 16th.



GLOBAL MISSIONS

The December 2009 Lutheran World Relief newsletter includes an article about our sister congregation, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, in Eugene. The names of Gordon and Dorothy Vangsnes are mentioned in the article (Gordon is the son of the late Selma Vangsnes of Emmaus). A copy of the article is posted on the Global Mission bulletin board; the newsletter is in the magazine rack next to the bulletin board.



NEW YEAR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FISH (Friends In Service to Humanity) is a 100% volunteer ministry. Volunteers are currently needed in the “clothes closet” on Tuesdays or Thursdays for two to three hours. Contact Nancy Holcomb at 541-683-2523.

Additional volunteers are needed in the “food pantry” on Monday or Friday afternoons. Contact Del Hawkins at 541-342-8214.

SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING DIFFERENT

The office staff is responsible for assigning people who help on Sunday mornings. This has led to some problems, such as being assigned to serve on a Sunday when one is not present, or serving twice on the same Sunday, or just being scheduled for several different roles in one month. So, during the Sundays of Lent, February 21st to March 28th, we are asking you to participate in an experiment. There are sign up sheets on easels near the sanctuary doors. Please sign up to serve in any capacity, on any Sunday, for either worship service. If you did not complete a Time & Talent survey, you are welcome to use this opportunity to participate. Please, sign up early and sign up often. We would like to see every position filled by willing volunteers.



Save the Date: April 17, 2010

'An April Shower'

Emmaus Lutheran Church Women (ELCW) are planning to hold a household goods shower to benefit Womenspace. Save the date; plan to come. Bring a gift that will help a woman move out on her own. Learn more about the work of Womenspace. All women of Emmaus are invited. Look for more information in the coming months.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

January 24 — Third Sunday after Epiphany — Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21				
<u>8:30</u>	Lector:	Claudia Carlson	<u>11:00</u>	Bob Vreim
	Communion Assistant:	Jay Knight Doraine Gerlitz		Marilyn Deaton Charlie Cole
	Acolyte:	Emily Potucek		Bruce Brown
	Ushers:	Bob Bower Pat Cook		Lynn Kahle Judy Fowler-Langston
	Greeters:	Doraine Gerlitz Elaine Herbison		Jeanne Hubbard Tayla Sutherland
Coffee Fellowship: Lori Nicklin & Judy Ramstead				
January 31 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany — Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30				
<u>8:30</u>	Lector:	Charlie Cole	<u>11:00</u>	Judy Fowler-Langston
	Communion Assistant:	Jim Henry Bill Jones		Willard Grabofsky
	Acolyte:	Tristan Arsenault		Alexander Grabofsky
	Ushers:	John Dobson Dale Dukes		Dick & Trina Robertson
	Greeters:	Brian & Mary Hamilton		Brad & Evie Swank
Coffee Fellowship: Kris Stark & Lisa Vaughan				

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

8:30 am — Holy Communion
 9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 am — Sunday School/Forum
 11:00 am — Holy Communion
 12:00 noon — "Taste of Emmaus" Kick off
 5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

8:30 am — Pastor's Text Study
 9:00 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers
 7:00 pm — Congregation Council
 *7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

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, JANUARY 28

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

1:30 pm — Prep @ The Dining Room
 5:30 pm — Serve @ The Dining Room

Prayer Calendar: Week 13

*Community groups meeting at Emmaus

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8:30 am — Holy Communion
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 11:00 am — Holy Communion
 5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:30 am — Pastor's Text Study
 9:00 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers
 2:00 pm — ELCW Executive Board
 *7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
 9:30 am — Library Committee
 7:00 pm — Social Concerns Ministry

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30 am — Men's Breakfast Bible Study
 9:00 am — Global Missions Event: Milwaukie Lutheran

Prayer Calendar: Week 14

*Community groups meeting at Emmaus

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

Dear Emmaus Family,

On All Saints' Eve in 1517, a monk walked the length of the main street in Wittenberg, Germany from the monastery to Castle Church. Perhaps a few passersby noticed him nail a poster to the church door, the sixteenth-century equivalent of today's letter to a newspaper editor. It was not unusual for professors to post statements or propositions in public places, but no one dreamed his poster with its 95 theses would launch the Reformation, changing the course of world history.

In Thesis 62, Martin Luther went to the very heart of the church's mission: "The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God." Jesus told his disciples to "continue in my word," and this saving "word alone" became the reformers' central principle.

The treasure of the gospel (good news) is meant to be shared by everyone. Toward the end of his life, thousands of sermons later, Luther stressed that every Christian can speak this word to others. "A parent speaks the Word of God as well as God does," he told the people of Wittenberg, "and your neighbor speaks as well as the angel Gabriel. There is no difference between the Word when uttered by a child and when uttered by the angel Gabriel. They vary only in rhetorical ability."

We are all qualified to speak the gospel to family, friends, and neighbors. Share this treasure in the confidence that when you speak about Jesus, God is present through the Holy Spirit, working through your words!

In Christian partnership,

Pastor Steve

From the Pastor...

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
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 22