



ON THE ROAD

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OREGON SYNOD BISHOP AT EMMAUS

Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke of the Oregon Synod will join Pastor Steve in leading worship by preaching the sermon on Sunday, January 17th. Bishop Dave was elected in May 2007, having previously served congregations in Milton-Freewater and Newport, both in Oregon. He will also present the Forum between worship services on the topic of the *Book of Faith*.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EVERYONE!

Celebrate birthdays this Sunday, January 10th, at the **BirthDay BINGO Brunch** that will be at noon in Elgaard Fellowship Hall. Sit with others who share your birthday month at tables decorated with the theme of that month. The birthday game will be ~ what else? ~ BINGO!

Brunch is a combination of breakfast and lunch, so bring whatever foods seem appropriate to you. Beverages will be provided. Please also bring a small unwrapped gift item for a Bingo prize.

If you worship at 8:30 on January 10th, please return at noon. Food items brought by 11:00 worshippers that need to be kept warm during worship can be placed in warm ovens.



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

The **Book of Faith** initiative put forth by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (E.L.C.A.) “calls the whole church to become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, empowered, and sent by the Word.”

The Director of this initiative is Dr. Diane Jacobson, professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. She will be in Eugene on Sunday, January 17th, to offer a presentation from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 4445 Royal Avenue. Everyone and anyone with a love for the Scriptures is invited!

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.

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.

Van drivers from Emmaus are needed.

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.

Hospitality hosts are needed.

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.

Food servers are needed.

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.

Night chaperones are needed.

After families leave each morning at 8:00, two people clean the kitchen and restrooms and do some vacuuming.

Cleaners are needed.

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.

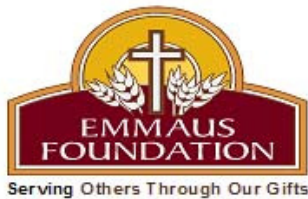


PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

At its December meeting, our Congregation Council decided to contract with Olan Mills Photography to publish a pictorial directory of the Emmaus family, following a pattern that has been established at Emmaus of doing a pictorial directory every five years. Photography dates and times are as follows:

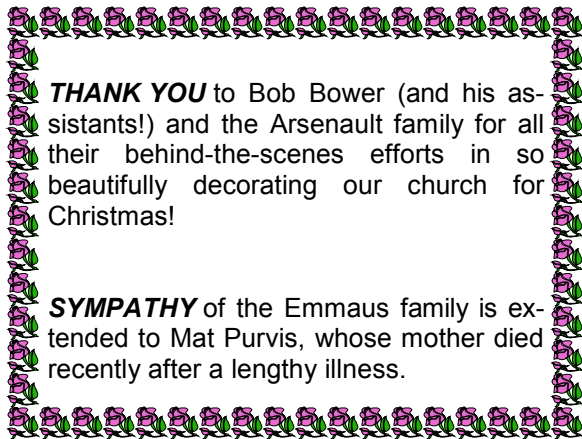
- Thursday, February 25th, from 2:00 to 9:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 26th, from 2:00 to 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 27th, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Each household will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait. After being photographed, you will have opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Each household photographed will receive a copy of the pictorial directory. Please sign up for your photography time at the table in the Gathering Place or call or e-mail the church office.



DID YOU KNOW . . .

that the first gift given to the Emmaus Founder's Fund in 1986 is still earning income to fund current scholarships given by the Emmaus Foundation?



THANK YOU to Bob Bower (and his assistants!) and the Arsenault family for all their behind-the-scenes efforts in so beautifully decorating our church for Christmas!

SYMPATHY of the Emmaus family is extended to Mat Purvis, whose mother died recently after a lengthy illness.

GLOBAL MISSION BULLETIN BOARD

While you're enjoying coffee in Elgaard Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, check out the global mission bulletin board on the west wall. Unclip and browse through the Christmas *Messenger* from Lutheran Bible Translators, reading about the hopes and fears of new translators to Botswana and Cameroon. Our support is always welcome.



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 during the worship service. 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 21 to March 28, we are asking you to participate in an experiment. There will be a sign up sheet on the information table and you may 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.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

January 10 — **Baptism of Our Lord** — Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<u>8:30</u>	Lector:	Bob Vreim	<u>11:00</u>	Diane Neet
	Communion Assistant:	Bob Vreim Lynn Kahle		Deena Frosaker James Henry
	Acolyte:	Brad Schoellhorn		Alycia Thatcher
	Ushers:	Gerry & Heidi Stolp		Judy Ramstad Mo Omran
	Greeters:	Marilyn Deaton Lucille Fortier		Barbara & Willard Grabofsky

Coffee Fellowship: Loran Burbank & Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

January 17 — **Second Sunday after Epiphany** — Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

<u>8:30</u>	Lector:	Bruce Brown	<u>11:00</u>	Gerry Stolp
	Communion Assistant:	Marilyn Deaton Brent Erickson		Claudia Carlson Alan Shirk
	Acolyte:	Pam Mealy		Hailey Wiper
	Ushers:	Geoff & Sandra Arsenault		Rod & Mitzi Shirk
	Greeters:	John & Darlene Dobson		Dave & Deena Frosaker

Coffee Fellowship: Pat & Ashley Arts and Debbie Bertsch

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
8:30 am — Holy Communion
9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am — Sunday School/Forum
11:00 am — Holy Communion
12:00 noon — Birthday Bingo Brunch
5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 am — Pastor's Text Study
1:00 pm — Rebecca Circl
7:00 pm — Mary Circle
*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders
10:00 am — Bible Study
11:30 am — Congregation Visitors
5:00 pm — Youth Choir
5:45 pm — Confirmation
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
9:30 am — Naomi Circle

Prayer Calendar: Week 11

*Community groups meeting at Emmaus

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:30 am — Holy Communion
9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am — Sunday School/Forum
11:00 am — Holy Communion
"Book of Faith"
5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Pastor Steve at Bishop's Convo through Wednesday
10:00 am — Esther Circle

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 am — Pastor's Text Study
*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

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, JANUARY 21

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
*7:00 pm — Valley Calligraphy Guild: Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

11:45 am — Ever Young Senior Potluck Lunch
*6:00 pm — Oregon Festival Choir Rehearsal:
Fellowship Hall

Prayer Calendar: Week 12

*Community groups meeting at Emmaus

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

Dear Emmaus Family,

A song sung by pre-school children
in a Sunday School Christmas program went like this:

I can't go to Bethlehem far off across the snow.
But I can go to church and learn of Christmas long ago.

I can't see the manger crib where baby Jesus lay.
But I can wheel our baby out and mind him every day.

I can't give such gifts as those the wise men had to show.
But I can give a smile and love to everyone I know.

In these simple words are three excellent ideas for 2010 New Year resolutions:

Verse one suggests growing in our relationship with God
through faithful participation in the Church.

Verse two suggests family commitments,
more quality time at home nurturing each other.

Verse three suggests an attitude of caring
and serving all people.

Worship, family, serving ~ that's a great formula for a terrific year in 2010!

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
JESUS CHRIST KNOWN.

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9:00 AM-1:00 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:**
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