



# 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](http://www.lwr.org) or [www.elca.org/haitiearthquake](http://www.elca.org/haitiearthquake) for information, or give through Emmaus by designating your offering for "Haiti earthquake" which will be sent immediately.

**Thrivent Financial members, please note:** This fraternal benefit society will add \$1 to every \$2 its members donate, up to a total Thrivent contribution of \$1 million. You must visit [www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti](http://www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti) to contribute.



## **GLOBAL MISSION EVENT**

Author Anne Basye will address "Sustaining Simplicity" at this annual event sponsored by the Oregon Synod to be held at Milwaukie Lutheran Church (Portland area) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. this Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to drive/ride together with others from Emmaus, please let Lorie know in the church office.

## **INTERFAITH HOMELESS SHELTER**

Emmaus will host the shelter in partnership with the St. Vincent dePaul Society next week, February 8-15 (Monday to Monday). Thank you to those who have responded to the request to assist, especially coordinators Mat Purvis and Jackie Barbour and food coordinator Marilyn Deaton. For those who cannot be present to assist, donations of food and/or money are welcome.



trees offer a setting for that renewal!

Some of us remember that not that many years ago Lent was six weeks of dreary music and feeling sad! The word "Lent" comes from an Old English word for spring. During this "season" of the Christian Church Year, the emphasis is upon repentance ~ turning around and starting anew by renewing our identity in Christ. Longer days and buds on

The last several years we have gathered on the Wednesdays of Lent for "Prayer Around the Cross." This year we will consider "Whose Cross Is It, Anyway?" using a series of dramatic sketches as we gather for Prayer Around the Cross. If you would be interested in participating in any of these sketches, please contact Pastor Steve.

Here's the layout of Lent at Emmaus this year:

### **Wednesdays, February 17<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) through March 24<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Prayer Around the Cross**

**12:00 noon**

for those who prefer not to go out at night  
and those who may want to come during their lunch hour from work

#### **followed by Soup Lunch**

Please sign up at church or call or e-mail the church office  
if you would like to help provide soup.

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#### **Soup Supper**

**5:45 p.m.**

Please sign up at church or call or e-mail the church office  
if you would like to help provide soup.

#### **Prayer Around the Cross**

**6:30 p.m.**

This schedule is intended to enable those of you who work during the day to come from work, have supper, worship, and arrive home by 7:30 p.m.

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#### **WORLD HUNGER**

is our emphasis during Lent.

Offerings received at soup lunches and suppers as well as a special offering received on Palm Sunday will be given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

#### **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

participate in soup suppers and Prayer Around the Cross during Lent.

Their families are encouraged to participate with them.

Students meet with mentors following worship until 7:30 p.m.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Since the Global Mission Event is scheduled on February 6<sup>th</sup>, the Men's Breakfast Bible Study for February is being re-scheduled to the second Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. All men are invited. Participants take turns preparing breakfast, and the Bible study is informal and conversational.



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

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. Your contributions gathered this Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, will be sent to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

## SWEETHEART DINNER

Valentine's Day falls on Sunday this year! You are invited to share dinner that evening with Emmaus friends at Marie Callender's Restaurant at 5:30 pm at \$20 per person plus gratuity. Sign at church or call or email the church office.



## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The response to being photographed for a new pictorial directory has been so positive that an additional day has been scheduled on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 to 9:00 pm to photograph those who were unable to make appointments for February 25-27. Please sign up in the Gathering Place at church or call or e-mail the church office.

## STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to 76 Emmaus households who have pledged to steward (care for) the mission and ministry of Emmaus in 2010 with intentions to offer \$190,504! If you would like to add your pledge, you are invited to pick up a pledge card in the Gathering Place or call or e-mail the church office.

## HEARING AIDS

If you have trouble hearing in worship, you are invited to request one of the new hearing aids from an usher. Ask Elmo Fowler how well they work! Thank you to our "sound technician," Jim Walker, for pursuing them.



## DID YOU KNOW . . .

That an estimated 70% of people do not have a will or other formal estate plan when they die? Do you? Please consider leaving a portion of your legacy for the mission and ministry of Emmaus that continues after you die.

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.



## 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.



On Feb 19 & 20, our young people will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine sponsored by World Vision. Beginning at noon on Friday, they will voluntarily start fasting for 30 hours. During that time they will participate in learning activities about hunger problems and service projects in the Eugene community. The thirty hours will end with a communion service at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and a light dinner together.

You can help support this effort by making a donation. All the money raised will be sent to World Vision, "a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by faith in Jesus Christ, World Vision serves alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people."

By the way, you may also participate in the fast, either with the group or at home.



## GOOD NEWS FROM CAMP LUTHERWOOD

First, Andrea Scofield has accepted the offer of the Camp Lutherwood Board to become the Interim Executive Director until October 1<sup>st</sup>! Many will remember her from years past. She is experienced, enthusiastic, and faith-filled. Her leadership will be welcome as plans are made for the summer camping season.

Second, people and congregations have responded generously to the year-end appeal by giving \$43,000 to support its work! Thank you to all who contributed. Such contributions will continue to be necessary for the immediate future as Camp Lutherwood pursues more financial stability.

Bruce and Lois Brown of Emmaus continue to live on-site at the camp.



The Bachhuber family would like to thank all the congregation of Emmaus for their love, prayers, food, support, cards, flowers and for the Christian love shown to us after losing our dear husband/father/grandfather, Jim. The bountiful outpouring helped lighten our sorrow.

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

February 7 — **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany** — Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

<u>8:30</u>	<b>Lector:</b>	Bert Toepel	<u>11:00</u>	Bruce Brown
	<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Jay Knight Karri Mealy		Bruce Brown Ashley Arts
	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Pam Mealy		Hailey Wiper
	<b>Ushers:</b>	Mike Barnes Marilyn Deaton		Dave & Deena Frosaker
	<b>Greeters:</b>	Bert & Mildred Toepel		Judy Ramstad Alan Shirk

**Coffee Fellowship:** Claudia Carlson & Marty Dunlap

February 14 — **Transfiguration of Our Lord** — Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

<u>8:30</u>	<b>Lector:</b>	Abby Erickson	<u>11:00</u>	Judy Ramstad
	<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Brent Erickson Lois Brown		Diane Neet Merry Burbank
	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Emily Potucek		Bruce Brown
	<b>Ushers:</b>	John Dobson Dale Dukes		Linda Henry Ashley Arts
	<b>Greeters:</b>	Linda Gosch George Hull		Dorothy Seamans Tayla Sutherland

**Coffee Fellowship:** Dave & Deena Frosaker

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

FISH SUNDAY / SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

8:30 am — Holy Communion

9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship

10:00 am — Sunday School

**Adult Forum:** Assistant Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul will address homelessness in our community.

11:00 am — Holy Communion

### FEBRUARY 8—15 INTERFAITH SHELTER

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:30 am — Pastor's Text Study

9:00 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers

1:00 pm — Rebecca Circle

7:00 pm — Mary Circle

7:00 pm — Emmaus Foundation Committee

\*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

9:30 am — Naomi Circle

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:30 am — Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Prayer Calendar: Week 15

\*Community groups meeting at Emmaus

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

8:30 am — Holy Communion

9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship

10:00 am — Sunday School/Forum

11:00 am — Holy Communion

Sweetheart Dinner

4:00 pm — High School Phunday Nite

Serve at Interfaith Shelter

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

2:00 pm — Esther Circle

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 am — Pastor's Text Study

9:00 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers

\*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders

10:00 am — Bible Study

12:00 noon — Prayer Around the Cross

followed by Soup Lunch

\*3:00 pm — Girl Scouts: Youth room

5:00 pm — Youth Choir

5:45 pm — Soup Supper

6:30 pm — Prayer Around the Cross

7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

7:00 pm — Valley Calligraphy Guild: Fellowship Hall

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

\*6:00 pm — Oregon Festival Choir:

Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

7:00 pm — Middle School Lock-In—30 Hour Famine

Prayer Calendar: Week 16

\*Community groups meeting at Emmaus

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

DATED MATERIAL

*Dear Emmaus Family,*

**From the Pastor...**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, the beginning of 40 days of preparation for Easter. The 40 days calls to mind the number of days of the flood, the years the Israelites spent in the wilderness, and the 40 day fast of Jesus before his temptation. Lent calls us to examine our lives and our need for a savior.

The use of ashes on Ash Wednesday as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice often mentioned in scripture. The early Christian church accepted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence. In our time ashes symbolize several aspects of our human experience.

- ❖ First, ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin. As God said to Adam, "You are dust and to dust you shall return."
- ❖ Second, ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. Ashes were used in the ancient world in the absence of soap. On Ash Wednesday the ashes are a substitute for water as a reminder of our baptism. Just as water both drowns and refreshes, so too ashes are a symbol of both death and renewal.
- ❖ Third, ashes remind us of the shortness of human life. As we say at the time of burial of the dead, "We commit his/her body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Having ashes placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday is a reminder that one day those words will be said over our bodies.

I hope you will be able to worship on Ash Wednesday as a way to enrich your experience of Lent.

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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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5