

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12: 1 & 2

To facilitate growth in commitment to Christ and in connection to people through the church

High School Stuff

PHUNDAY NITE

October 3: We got most of the painting done last week, but the trim on the windowsills needs to be finished. Thanks to Elva's Raiders on Wednesday the room was cleaned up very well, but we might find a few spots that still need cleaning. And we need to start working on the hand prints you guys want to hang on the wall and we need to figure out what else goes on the walls and we need to . . . So, we'll try to get most of this done and still have time for a game and dinner!

October 10: Dinner and a game

October 17: It's October and the Corn Maze is available. Do you guys want to go there, either the 17th or the 24th? OR dinner & a game. (If I can get someone else to oversee the Nite, that will help me a lot, as I head for New York at 6:00 a.m. on Monday!)

October 24: Lois is on vacation this Sunday, so we need to get someone to oversee this week's Phunday Nite. This might be the best day to go to the Corn Maze.

October 31: We'll have a REFORMATION PARTY!

Sign up to help provide the meals

SUNDAY SCHOOL

October 3: Jennifer Dills returns for her second dance lesson. Come and learn, and maybe you can join the contestants on *Dancing with the Stars*!

October 10: Tammie Lindsey has some great ideas for using video. See what she has to offer.

October 17: A second chance to work with Tammie.

October 24: More dancing with Jennifer.

October 31: Reformation Sunday and Confirmation Sunday, so I'm not sure what we're doing in class! Come and be surprised.

Let me know if you have any ideas of what themes and ideas you want to explore during Sunday School time. (If you want a particular adult to share, let me have the name.) We have lots of open dates from December through the end of the school year.

OTHER STUFF THIS MONTH

Crop Walk: October 3

Living Faithfully: October 8 & 9

Central's Lock In: October 23 & 24

LOOKING AHEAD

November 12-14: OLYO Fall Gathering at Twin Rocks Retreat Center. Open to high school students throughout Oregon, so you get to meet lots of new people. Two Emmaus kids are on the planning team, so we need to support them. Sign up by Oct. 24, but you have until Nov. 10 to pay your portion of \$75.00. I'll have the list of things you need to bring in the next newsletter.

December 10: *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* is opening on Friday. Let's plan a *Narnia* night here at church!

Middle School Stuff

CONFIRMATION

October 6: Planning the Mini-Carnival

October 13: Lesson-bring your Bible

October 20: Lesson-bring your Bible

October 27: Halloween Mini-Carnival

(You will need to get here as soon as possible after school to set up stuff for the Carnival. You can change into your costume here. We'll have dinner available too.)

OTHER STUFF THIS MONTH

Middle School Recharge: October 1, 2, 3

Sign up on the bulletin board if you want to go to the Middle School Recharge at Camp Lutherwood on October 1. Your cost: \$50.00

Crop Walk: October 3

Let's have a team of Middle Schoolers take part in this walk. I'll share more at the Confirmation Potluck.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Because of a variety of circumstances, including a deer, Sunday School has gotten off to a slow start. Bruce is back now with lots to share, so let's make Sunday morning a habit.

Some General Stuff

- You are an important part of the worshipping community here at Emmaus. Remember to sign up to help as greeters, acolytes, lectors, ushers & communion assistants.
- Ask your friends to join us for any activities here at Emmaus. They are always welcome

Stuff from Me

Keep your focus on Jesus!

We continue this month with reading the letters of Paul to churches in various cities. Romans is the book that influenced Martin Luther and Ephesians currently is my personal favorite. As you read this month, see if you can figure out why Paul wrote to that particular church.

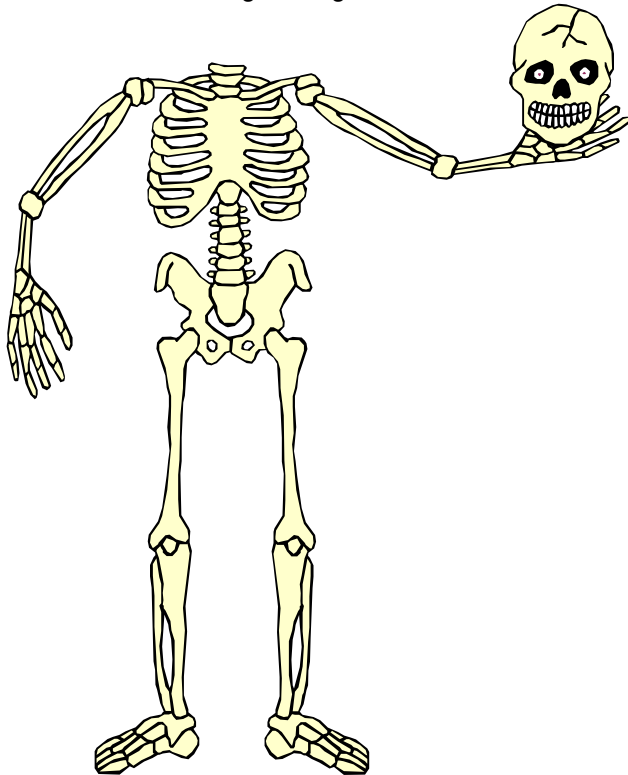
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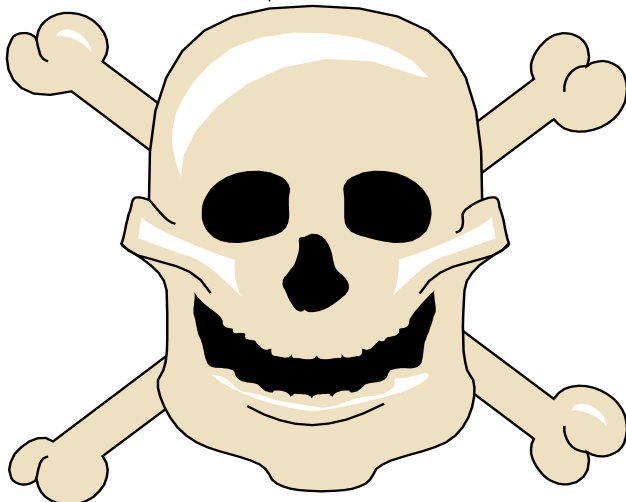
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Summer Mission Trip Stuff

It's been decided! We will be going to Brooklyn, New York, participating with YouthWorks, for the 2011 Mission trip. The next thing we need to decide is the date we go. Here are the choices, with conflicts noted. Please mark the dates you CANNOT go (for example you have a family vacation scheduled.)

Open to this year's eighth graders through this year's seniors

June 20 _____ (Confirmation Camp) (LTS)

June 26 _____ (Day Camp) (2 High School Camps)

July 3 _____

July 10 _____

July 17 _____ (Confirmation, Altitude Camp)

July 24 _____ (Altitude Camp)

July 31 _____ (Confirmation Camp)

I will pick the date that fits the most personal schedules.

Remember, too, that we will need to leave Eugene on Saturday in order to be in New York in time for YouthWorks. Then we will stay a few days longer for the sightseeing part of the trip. So far, what I've heard is that the July 3 week is the best one.

I also want you to see some of the commitments you need to make in order to go on this trip. As soon as we decide the dates (probably by the middle of October) I will have a formal Covenant for you to sign with this information on it. In the meantime, this is approximately what you're getting yourself into!

- You will commit to worshipping and attending Sunday school at least once a month between now and June 30.
- You will commit to participating in the worship or service life of Emmaus in at least one area, for example as a greeter or communion assistant.
- You will commit to participating in the fundraisers which currently include,
 - Yard sale (tentative date June 19, with set up happening June 14-18)
 - 144 Envelopes (staffing the information table and soliciting donations.
 - Can and bottle recycling
- You will commit to attend the group meetings in preparation for the trip
- You will commit to paying a family fee of by May 31, with a portion being non-refundable.