



ON THE ROAD

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LENT ELCA HUNGER EMPHASIS

Thank you for your response! The offerings for *ELCA Hunger* throughout Lent ~ including gifts at soup lunches and suppers, coin boxes, and Palm Sunday ~ was \$1,532, the most ever given for hunger during Lent at Emmaus! Thank you on behalf of all who minister to the hungry and those who are ministered to.

THANKS, "SOUPSTERS"

That's the name Pastor Steve has coined for those who provided soup during Lent for Wednesday lunches and suppers!

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| Jackie Barbour | Lynn Kahle |
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| Jeanne Hubbard | Mary Walker |
| Bob and Linda Jacobson | Emma Williams |
| Georg and Miriam Jaschek | |

WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING

Women of the ELCA are invited to express thanksgiving for God's blessings through the annual Thankoffering on Mother's Day, May 8th. This offering helps women to help the church reach out in ministry to and with people throughout the world. The Thankoffering will be received during worship.

EVENING OF CELEBRATION

You are invited to Camp Lutherwood Ministries *Evening of Celebration* on Sunday, May 15th, in Emmaus' Elgaard Fellowship Hall. A pre-dinner social will begin at 4:45 p.m.; dinner will be served at 5:30. Guest speaker will be Dr. Paul Hill, Executive Director of *Vibrant Faith Ministries*, connecting faith formation with camping adventures. This is a non-ticketed fundraising event. There is no cost to attend, but donations will be welcomed. Please come and support the ministry of Camp Lutherwood. RSVP by phone, 541-998-6444, or e-mail, office@lutherwood.org. Contact the camp office to host or sponsor a table for eight.

P.S. There will be another **Work Day** at the camp on Saturday, May 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch and snack will be provided. Bring your heart and willing hands for a day of service and fun! Willard Grabofsky and Pastor Steve assembled Adirondack chairs at the last Work Day so you can sit awhile to enjoy Camp Lutherwood too!

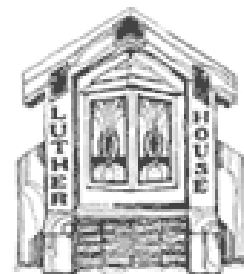


LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thanks to all who have been assembling personal care, baby care, and school kits for the LWR *Spring Ingathering*. This Sunday is the last. These kits are needed now more than ever in the wake of recent natural disasters. Monetary donations toward kits and shipping costs are still welcome too. Your help is needed to pack, weigh, and label kits and quilts from Emmaus on Wednesday morning, May 4th. Come for coffee and goodies at 9:00 a.m!

"85 ALIVE"

Luther House will celebrate 85 years of continuous Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University this Sunday, May 1st. A member of Emmaus has donated \$85 in Emmaus' name to *Luther House* in recognition of this anniversary. Pastor Jim Norlie leads a healthy, vibrant ministry on campus to students, faculty, and university staff. You are invited to visit *Luther House* at 211 NW 23rd Street whenever in Corvallis.



SPRING TEA

Mark your calendars to attend a tea at Emmaus on Saturday afternoon, May 14th, at 1:00! Did you enjoy doing tea parties when you were growing up? Do your daughters and/or granddaughters enjoy doing tea parties now? This opportunity for all women and girls and their guests is being planned by the Mary Circle of Emmaus. There will be no cost. Please RSVP by writing your name on the paper on the information table in the Gathering Place or calling or e-mailing the church office.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS

The annual assembly of voting members from the 110 congregations of the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will take place Friday afternoon through Sunday morning, June 3rd through 5th, at the Hilton Hotel Convention Center in Eugene. Each congregation is requested to send one lay male voting member and one lay female voting member in addition to the pastor(s). For those who have not previously attended a synod assembly, the opportunity to attend offers a wonderful learning experience of the mission and ministry of the Oregon Synod and ELCA. Would you consider serving this year as a voting member from Emmaus? Please contact Congregation President Karri Mealy (541-726-8609, karri@wwdb.org) or Pastor Steve (541-344-1150, pastor-steve@emmauseugene.org).



- **Day Camp** for kids having completed kindergarten through 5th grade will be the week of June 27th to July 1st.
- **Vacation Bible School** for pre-school children will be the week of July 25th to 29th.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

It's Easter ~ the season for flowers! Would you like to offer flowers for Sunday worship? A flower chart is located on the wall across from the door of the church office on which you are invited to indicate which Sunday(s) during the year you would like to provide flowers. Office manager Lorie Leighter will contact you the week prior to the Sunday you have selected to make arrangements with you. Garden flowers in season are welcome. Flowers may be given in memory of someone, or in honor of persons or occasions, or simply to the glory of God.

FIRST PLACE FAMILY CENTER

A picnic supper and concert will take place on Thursday, May 12th, at St. Mary Catholic Church as a friend-raiser / fund-raiser for this ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It will begin with a silent auction at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 and dessert and a concert by the *Steel Magnolias* at 7:30. Please let Jackie Barbour (541/687-8895; jackbar6@hotmail.com) know if you want more information and/or would like to attend. She needs a guest list by May 5th.



RECITAL

David Horton, Emmaus' pianist and organist, will present his Master of Music Composition Recital, "Somatic Soundings," on Friday, May 6th, at 8:00 p.m. at the University of Oregon School of Music and Dance in Room 190, "The Cube." Emmaus friends are invited!

FORUMS

~ **Sunday between worship services**
in Elgaard Fellowship Hall ~

May 1st

Guest speaker: Gail Carlson,
Master Gardener

Container and small plot gardening

May 8th

"Offering of Letters"
to members of Congress
in partnership with
Bread for the World

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-21

SUNDAY, MAY 1

FISH

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

TUESDAY, MAY 3

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders
9:00 am — Lutheran World Relief Packing
10:00 am — Bible Study
5:45 pm — Confirmation
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 5

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
9:30 am — Library Committee
4:00 pm — Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger
7:00 pm — Social Concerns Ministry

SATURDAY, MAY 7

8:30 am — Men's Breakfast Bible Study
9:00 am — Camp Lutherwood Work Day

Prayer Calendar: Week 19
*Community Events at Emmaus

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 17-23;
Luke 24:13-35

SUNDAY, MAY 8

MOTHER'S DAY

Women's Thankoffering
8:30 am — Holy Communion
9:30 am — Sunday School/Forum
11:00 am — Holy Communion

TUESDAY, MAY 10

8:30 am — Pastors' Text Study
9:00 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers
1:00 pm — Rebecca Circle
7:00 pm — Mary Circle
*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir Potluck/Rehearsal:
Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

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

THURSDAY, MAY 12

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
9:30 am — Naomi Circle
*5:30 pm — Big Little School Ice Cream Social
Fundraiser

SATURDAY, MAY 14

1:00 PM — Spring Tea: Fellowship Hall

Prayer Calendar: Week 20
*Community Events at Emmaus

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED YOUR HELP...

144 ENVELOPES

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the "144 Envelope" fund raising program. If you took an envelope, and haven't returned it, please drop in the offering by May 31st. If you would like to contribute, but your envelope is gone, please take a blank one and make any donation that fits your budget. Your monetary support, of any amount, means a lot for this trip and the young people are grateful.

CANS & BOTTLES

We're making a special effort during May to get lots of cans and bottles recycled. And we'll be glad to pick up any if you'd rather not bring them to church yourself.

YARD SALE

Donations will be accepted, beginning June 13, for the Yard Sale on June 18. While you're shopping that day, you can also get your car washed. So come, get rid of your old stuff, find some new treasures, and go home in a clean car.

THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING of Emmaus Lutheran Church will take place on Sunday, May 22nd, between worship services in Elgaard Fellowship Hall. All confirmed members of the congregation are requested to be present.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

Thank you to a member of Emmaus who gave me the following by Ann Weems:

From Pastor Steve...

What is all this touching in church?

It used to be a person could come to church and sit in a pew
and not be bothered by all this friendliness...and certainly not by touching.

I used to come to church and leave untouched.

Now I have to be nervous about what's expected of me.

I have to worry about responding to the person sitting next to me.

I wish it could be the way it used to be;

I could just ask the person next to me, "How are you?"

And the person could answer, "Oh, just fine."

And we'd both go home...strangers who have known each other for twenty years.

But now the pastor asks us to look at each other.

I'm worried about that hurt look I saw in that woman's eyes.

I'm concerned, because when the pastor invited us to pass the peace,
the man next to me held my hand so tightly, I wondered if he had been touched in years.

I'm upset because the woman next to me cried and then apologized
and said it was because I was so kind and she needed a friend right now.

Now I have to get involved. Now I have to suffer when this community suffers.

Now I have to be more than a person coming to observe a service.

That man last week told me I'd never know how much I'd touched his life.

All I did was smile and tell him I understood what it is to be lonely.

Lord, I'm not big enough to touch and be touched! The stretching scares me.

What if I disappoint somebody? What if I'm too pushy?

What if I cling too much? What if somebody ignores me?

"The peace of Christ be with you always." "And with you."

And mean it. Lord, I can't resist meaning it! I'm touched by it; I'm enveloped by it!

I find I do care about that person next to me! I find I am involved!

And I'm scared. O Lord, be here beside me.

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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BULLETIN DEADLINE:

10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, APRIL 29