



ON THE ROAD

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HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY

April 17th

Offering for ELCA World Hunger
Bring coin boxes distributed
at the beginning of Lent.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 21st

Holy Communion
at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 22nd

Worship
at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.



Sunrise Worship

6:30 a.m.

at Rest-Haven Memorial Park
39th and Willamette

Festival Worship

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

between worship services
served by
Emmaus youth and families

INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC

~part 2 of a 2-part series by Ellen Walton

I GOT ME FLOWERS

In the second song, a continuation of the poem "Easter" again describes the joy of the day. The speaker is addressing Christ, and speaks of gathering flowers to "strew thy way" reminding us of the palms which strewed Christ's way as he entered Jerusalem. But the speaker is too late; Christ has already died, and has risen by "break of day," and what's more, the sun rising can't compare ("contest") with Christ's arising. "Can there be any day but this? Though many suns to shine endeavor; we count three-hundred, but we miss; there is but one, and that one ever."

LOVE

"Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin." This poem goes on to describe the invitation to share at Love's table and the feeling of unworthiness on the part of the guest. Love reminds the guest that Jesus has taken the weight of our sins upon himself and all we have to do is accept his invitation.

THE CALL

You will recognize this song as part of our Lenten Vespers service. Once again "three" becomes important: my way, my truth, my life, quoting from the Gospel of John, and then adding two more groups of three: my light, my feast, my strength, and my joy, my love, my heart, and giving each of these gifts a place in the life of Christ's people.

ANTIPHON

The most glorious of the Five Mystical Songs is called "Antiphon," which is defined as "a devotional composition sung responsively as part of a liturgy." The repetitive ending of each section, "Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!" is our antiphon as we are charged with continuing the celebration of Christ's Resurrection not only in the Church, but in our own lives.

One more note:

The choir sincerely appreciates the congregation expressing their enjoyment of the music, and it is gratifying to get applause from time to time. On Easter, since we will be offering special music at various times in the service, we would like to suggest that the congregation, if so moved, applaud loud and long at the end of the service. Thank you for your support of our efforts!

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).

SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

The Elder Help Program assists seniors so that they may continue living independently in their homes. Volunteers are needed to spend a couple of hours a week helping a frail senior with shopping and errands, trips to medical appointments, assistance with reading and correspondence, and simple household tasks. If you would like to know more about this important work, please call Carole Ford, Elder Help Coordinator, at 541-682-3793 or e-mail cford@lcog.org.

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE

Gifts to aid continuing relief efforts from the earthquake and tsunami in Japan may be offered through the *ELCA Disaster Response*. Use the *Global and Local Mission Offering* envelopes in your offering envelope boxes or pew envelopes, clearly designating your gift for *ELCA Disaster Response*. Make checks payable to Emmaus.

CAMP LUTHERWOOD

- **Work Days** – Saturdays, April 16th and May 7th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Many projects for all skill levels are planned. Lunch and snack will be provided. Bring your heart and willing hands for one or both of these days of service and fun! RSVP to office@lutherwood.org or call 541-998-6444.
- **Spring Celebration Dinner** – Sunday, May 15th, at Emmaus. Pre-dinner social at 4:45 p.m., dinner served at 5:30. No cost to attend
- **Summer Camp** brochures are available in the information rack in the Gathering Place. Remember that all Emmaus kids receive \$100 toward the cost of camp from the Emmaus Lutheran Church Women (ELCW). See Lois Brown for details and arrangements.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

April is LWR Spring Ingathering month. Given the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the timing works well to address the needs of victims. Please actively support these efforts by consulting the display on the round table in the Gathering Place and deciding how you are able to respond. Pick up lists of specific items needed for kits. ELCW (Emmaus Lutheran Church Women) Circles will assemble kits for shipment, but you are welcome to assemble your own kits as well. If you would like to offer a monetary donation toward kits and shipping costs, envelopes are available at the display. Packing of kits and quilts for shipment will be Wednesday, May 4th.

CONGRATULATIONS...

- to David and Melissa Batterson who welcomed their first child, Tanner Jerome, on March 27th in Germany where his parents serve in the Air Force. Proud grandparents are Jane and Denny Batterson.
- Bob and Barb Whitford who welcomed their first grandchild, Cooper Andrew Michaud, born March 5th in New York to their daughter, Darci, and husband, Jake (who has just been deployed to Afghanistan).

Mary Circle is having a children's book shower for these two new grandmothers this Saturday, April 16th, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Linda Henry, 3350 Strathmore Place. Bring your favorite children's book to start the babies' library. Continental breakfast will be served. RSVP: 541-345-6275 or babybookshower@gmail.com.



COOKBOOKS

Sometimes someone else does all the work, and you get all the benefits! That's what's happening for our youth who are planning their summer mission trip. The Big Little School teachers and parents have developed and published a cookbook, *Cooking with Class in 2011*, which is now available for \$12.50. Any sold through Emmaus will net the mission trip \$2.00. The books will be available on Sunday mornings and through the office during the week. You'll especially enjoy the "cooking with kids" section. One example:

"Noodles" — You put them in a bowl and then when they're ready you turn the burner off. Then you eat them.

This recipe was submitted by a three year old. Covers all the important points, doesn't it?

THINK SUMMER!

- **Day Camp** for kids have 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;
Matthew 26:14-27:66

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

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

MONDAY, APRIL 18

2:00 pm — Esther Circle

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

8:30 am — Pastors' Text Study
9:30 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
9:30 am — Naomi Circle
12:00 noon and 7:00 pm — Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22

12:00 noon and 7:00 pm — Worship

Prayer Calendar: Week 17
*Community Events at Emmaus

FORUM

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

April 17th

Presenter: Debi Eisert
Jasper Mountain,

a treatment center for abused children

EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4;
Matthew 28:1-10

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

6:30 am — Sunrise Worship @ Rest-Haven Memorial
Park @ 39th & Willamette
8:30 am — Festival Worship
9:30 am — Easter Breakfast
11:00 am — Festival Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 25

10:00 am — Book Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

8:30 am — Pastors' Text Study
9:00 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers
7:00 pm — Congregation Council

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

11:45 am — Ever Young Seniors Potluck Lunch
1:00 pm — Prep @ The Dining Room
5:00 pm — Serve @ The Dining Room

Prayer Calendar: Week 18
*Community Events at Emmaus

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Emmaus Congregation Council would like to propose a By-law amendment to our congregation's constitution. The following will be considered at the Emmaus Annual Meeting which is slated for Sunday, May 22nd. The current wording is enclosed in brackets. The amended wording is underlined.

The Congregation Council shall supervise the preparation of an annual budget for adoption by this congregation, and shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption. If the treasurer's monthly report to Council shows accumulated actual operating expenses to be in excess of income by \$5,000.00 or more [**Council shall call a special congregation meeting to inform the congregation and present alternatives to correct the problem. If expenses still exceed income by \$5,000.00 or more 90 days after the congregation meeting, Council shall call another special congregation meeting for the purpose of receiving and acting upon recommendations from the Council to balance the budget.**]

without improvement for two (2) consecutive months, Council shall inform the congregation of the ongoing deficit in a targeted communication. Targeted communications shall continue until the expense-to-income difference is reduced to less than \$5,000.00. If actual operating expenses are in excess of income by \$10,000.00, Council shall call a congregation meeting for the purpose of communicating the deficit and how to address it.

Reason for this proposal: Due to the current wording of this By-law, the Council spends an inordinate amount of its meeting time focused not on the mission of the church, but on our finances. The By-law as it is currently written mandates the Council to call a congregation meeting whenever expenses are in excess of income by \$5,000. With a budget of a quarter of a million dollars, \$5,000 is a very small percentage and can fluctuate from month to month. The proposed amendment gives the Council more flexibility in the manner in which it communicates the financial state of the congregation, thereby freeing up time to focus on the mission of the church. If you have any questions concerning this proposed amendment, please speak with any member of the Council.

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DATED MATERIAL

Dear Emmaus Family,

From Pastor Steve...

Each year at the Jewish seder meal, a child asks, "Why is this night different from all other nights?" A series of questions follow as faith is passed on by telling the story of the Exodus, the central story in the Old Testament of God's love and salvation for God's people. We might ask, "Why are the days of Lent and Holy Week different from all others?" In all other weeks, we gather for worship only once. Why during these weeks do we come so often? These days are a special time set aside each year to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

You have been invited to gather for Prayer Around the Cross on the Wednesdays of Lent as the "Seven Wonders of the Word" have been offered. Each of the wonders now hang on branches where the baptismal font normally stands.

Next week is Holy Week. People with busy lives may be tempted to worship on Palm Sunday and Easter Day, but miss worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. But these once-a-year liturgies offer a unique environment for the retelling of the central events of the last days of Jesus' life and of God's saving act in the resurrection. Maundy Thursday recounts Jesus' last meal with his disciples, his commandment to love one another, and his being handed over to death. Good Friday retells Jesus' death and burial and anticipates his resurrection. These are truths we carry with us every day!

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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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, APRIL 15