



ON THE ROAD

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HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Sunday, September 11th, will be a new beginning as two worship services resume at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School for children and youth and Forum for adults take place between worship services beginning at 10:00.

Coffee fellowship will be from 9:30 to 10:00 in Elgaard Fellowship Hall. If you worship at 8:30, you are encouraged to stay for fellowship and Sunday School/Forum. If you worship at 11:00, you are encouraged to arrive in time for coffee fellowship and Sunday School/Forum before worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new format awaits pre-school and elementary school children in Sunday School this year. Students will rotate through learning centers. Please bring your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors! Instead of going to the Fellowship Hall during coffee fellowship, children are invited to the Sunday School rooms for their morning snack before Sunday School begins.

CHOIR

Weekly rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 7th, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome! The choir sings weekly at alternating 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. Please contact director Ellen Walton with questions or for additional information (541-688-3699, ellwal@yahoo.com).



QUILTERS

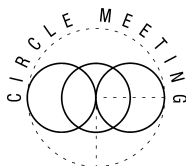
Beginning on Tuesday, September 6th, everyone interested in making quilts for the Emmaus bazaar and caring ministries in our community is invited to come between 9:00 a.m. and noon (coffee at 10:00!) to Elgaard Fellowship Hall. Contact Lori Nicklin (541-653-8119, lhnicklin@comcast.net) if you would like to know more!

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDIES

All men are invited to gather monthly for a Saturday morning breakfast and Bible study, normally on the first Saturday of the month. In September it will be on the 10th because of the first Saturday falling on Labor Day Weekend. Come to Elgaard Fellowship Hall at 8:30 and be done by 10:00 to have time to do other Saturday stuff!

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

All women are invited to participate in any of four monthly gatherings for fellowship, support, Bible study, and service. Naomi Circle meets on the second Thursday at 9:30 a.m., Rebecca Circle meets on the second Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., Mary Circle meets on the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., and Esther Circle meets on the third Monday at 2:00 p.m. Call or e-mail the church office for additional information.



2nd ANNUAL LUTHERAN BALL GAME

The West Lane County Chapter of *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans* invites you to participate in a fun non-competitive softball game on Sunday, September 18th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 4445 Royal Avenue. Teams will be divided evenly amongst young and old for cross-generational fellowship and fun. There will be snacks ~ including ice cream and watermelon ~ along with baseball caps. There is no cost for this event. If you have questions, call Randy von Ronne at 541-343-0327.



FARMER'S MARKET



Wintergreen Farm continues to sell produce in the Emmaus parking lot each Wednesday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. You are invited to stop by to purchase your produce!

ATTENTION, COLLECTORS!

I am collecting those small bottles of shampoo, conditioner and lotion, as well as soap bars you may have collected during your summer travels. I will deliver them to local social service agencies that provide services for homeless people, like the Eugene Mission and St. Vincent de Paul. Look for a box in the Gathering Place or give them to me on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, you can call me at 541-345-6275. Thank you.

~Linda Henry

OFFERINGS

Weekly offerings are received in Emmaus' Sunday School. Of the amount given each year, 10% is contributed to the general fund of the congregation, and the remainder is divided equally between a global and local ministry decided by the students. The total given during the 2010-11 year was \$344, which means that \$34 was contributed to the congregation's general fund. The remaining \$310 was divided equally between *Camp Lutherwood* and the *ELCA Disaster Response*. Daily offerings totaling \$90 were also received at Vacation Bible School in July which were added to Sunday School offerings for *ELCA Disaster Response* (a total of \$245). Way to go, kids!

CRISIS: Of grave concern is the worst drought in 60 years in the "horn" of Africa that is putting more than 11 million people in danger of starvation. You can help through gifts to *Lutheran World Relief* or the *ELCA International Disaster Response*. You may give through Emmaus using Global and Local Mission Offering envelopes from your box of offering envelopes (please designate "Africa") or online at lwrgifts.org or elca.org and press "ELCA Response." Thank you.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: In developing countries, an education can mean the difference between a lifetime of struggle or a future of promise. But students face many challenges to getting an education. Many families can't afford school fees and supplies and students may walk up to 10 miles to school along a dusty, rough roads that become muddy and slippery during the rainy season. The *school kits* we assemble are a tremendous help to children around the world. Now is a good time to purchase school supplies with back-to-school sales. Pick up a list of items needed on the information table in the Gathering Place and drop off the supplies. The women's circles will assemble the school bags in the fall.

ALL IN THE FAMILY...

A sincere thank you for the cards, memorials, telephone calls and hugs I received when Ralph passed away. You will never know how much this congregation has meant to me during this difficult time. May God bless each and every one of you.

With much love,
Barbara Hoehne & family

My dear friends; my fellow collaborators and colleagues; my family,

I am completely overwhelmed by the amazing kindness, support, and love you have given me over the last couple of years while at Emmaus. First, I am so grateful and blessed for your kind words and gifts. I honestly cannot fully express how wonderful my experience has been working, worshipping, and of course laughing with all of you. Emmaus is has been one of the most wonderful parts of my life while in Eugene and a place to seek sanctuary from crazy graduate school. I can honestly say that almost all my compositions for the last three years have been conceived from the inspiration of the people of Emmaus as well as the amazing space where we worship together. I take a large part of Emmaus with me into the next part of my life and you've all helped to shape my music, my compositions, and my way of worship forever. I will keep you posted on various events in my life and will always continue to send new music your way. It is difficult to leave my church family, but just know that visits must and will happen. Finally, please do not hesitate to let me know when any of you are visiting the Twin Cities!

With love and blessings,
David Horton

*"Into your hands, merciful God,
we commend your servant..."*

Stanley (Sandy) Sanders died on August 10th, at the age of 86 years. A memorial service took place at Emmaus on August 20th. Sandy and Ruth's (who died in 1997) sons are Paul, who lives in Alaska, and Scott, who lives in Portland.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 TIME AFTER PENTECOST

*Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14;
Matthew 18:15-20*

FISH

9:30 am — Holy Communion

Coffee Fellowship following worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 OFFICE CLOSED—LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:30 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers

2:00 pm — ELCW Executive Board

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders

10:00 am — Bible Study

2:00 pm — Wintergreen Farm Stand

7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

9:30 am — Naomi Circle @ Elaine Herbison's,
3555 Knob Hill

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 am — Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Prayer Calendar: Week 17
*Community Events at Emmaus

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 TIME AFTER PENTECOST

*Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13; Romans 14:1-12,
Matthew 18:21-35*

HOMECOMING

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 Nite

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders

10:00 am — Bible Study

5:45 pm — Confirmation

7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 am — Eugene Symphony Guild: Fellowship Hall

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

*7:00 pm — Valley Calligraphy Guild: Fellowship Hall

Prayer Calendar: Week 18
*Community Events at Emmaus

COMING YOUR WAY...

September 24 – Work day in the Emmaus churchyard

October 9 – Blood Drive at Emmaus for the Lane Blood Center

October 16 – CROP Hunger Walk beginning and ending at Alton Baker Park
sponsored by the Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger
(OFRAH)

November 13 – Camp Lutherwood Association Annual Meeting in Albany

November 13 – Workshop: "See Poverty, Make the Difference"
sponsored by the Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger
(OFRAH) at Emmaus

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Dear Emmaus Family,

It's important to remember that the Emmaus family is part of a much larger family, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are also part of the Oregon Synod, one of 65 synods of the ELCA. Synod means "on the road together," which I think is a very apt description of the church ~ and certainly fits the theme of the Emmaus story!

An ELCA Churchwide Assembly has taken place every two years, and an Oregon Synod Assembly takes place annually. Lay voting members from Emmaus at the Oregon Synod Assembly in June, Heidi Stolp and Lou Willcox, will offer a presentation of their experience at a Sunday Forum this fall.

The latest churchwide assembly just took place August 15-19 in Orlando, Florida. Here's a brief summary of significant actions:

- ✓ The assembly officially launched the ELCA Malaria Campaign under the auspices of ELCA World Hunger to work toward a malaria-free future with the goal of raising \$15 million over a four-year period.
- ✓ The assembly adopted a social statement, "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility." The statement, described as the first by a North American church, develops a comprehensive ethical framework for addressing advancements in medical and agricultural research.
- ✓ The assembly considered and approved a variety of resolutions designed to set a course for the ELCA's future and to consider the church's structure and relationships, as well as resolutions ranging from suicide prevention to confronting injustices in immigration.

In Christian partnership,

Pastor Steve

From 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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10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2