



ON THE ROAD

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Thank you for the gifts of sharing ministry with you!

Merry Christmas from the Emmaus Staff!

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS

by Herb Brokering

'Twas the night before Jesus when all through the earth
every creature was stirring for a new baby's birth.
Some faces were watching far out in the sky,
believing God's Son would be soon coming by.

The wisemen were searching the heavens with care,
hunting signs of God's love in some stars up there.
Shepherds were tired, weary, and beat;
their sheep had just b-a-a-a-ed their last sleepy bleat.

When up in the air there arose such a clatter,
they looked and saw angels, and asked, "What is the matter?"
Up on their feet, they stood straight and tall
to see hundreds of angels and to hear angels call.

It sounded like glory, and looked bright as can be.
It was hard to believe, and so hard to see.
It happened so sudden, it happened so quick.
Was it real? Was it true? Or was it a trick?

More rapid than eagles, the shepherds they came,
found Mary and Joseph, and whispered His name.
It's Jesus, Jehovah, Messiah, the Son
Emmanuel, the Lord. He is all and each one.

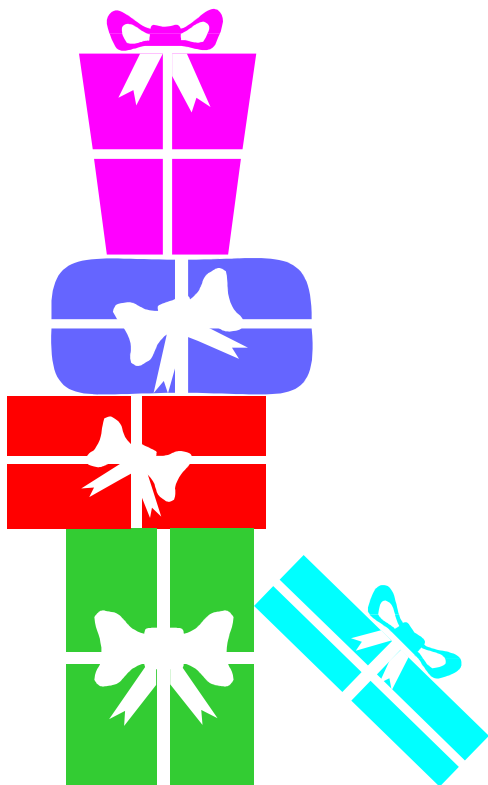
So up to the hillsides their running feet flew
With their eyes full of Jesus, and their hearts now like new

Far away, wisemen stood on a roof
searching the stars for biblical proof.
"There, there!" each one shouted, "out in the east!"
and mounted with speed his two-humped beast.

They were filled up with questions from head to toe,
asking, "Where's the new king? We really must know."
And three kinds of gifts they had piled on their back:
gold, frankincense, myrrh in a sweet smelling pack.







They saw God had given his Son to the earth.
They took up God's gift and put theirs on the earth.
They had nothing to do and nothing to say.
It was truly God's world and this was God's day.

Christ was on earth; old things were like new.
Now people could see what God surely can do.
When it's the night before Christmas from the ground to the sky,
God's glory is near and Jesus comes by.



GIVING TREE

There's still time to offer gifts at the Giving Tree! You are invited to take paper ornaments from the tree on which there is a gift need. Some are for monetary gifts, others for particular material needs. If you choose to offer a monetary gift, please enclose it in an envelope found on the gift box that corresponds to that ministry, and place it in the slotted "envelope return" box. If you choose to give a material gift, please attach the paper ornament to it and place it at the tree. There are six ministries from which you may choose to offer gifts:

-  **First Place Family Center**
for homeless families
-  **Eugene Mission**
for homeless men and women, mothers and children
-  **Womenspace**
a shelter from domestic violence
-  **FISH (Friends In Service to Humanity)**
offering food and clothing
-  **Jasper Mountain**
treatment center for abused children
-  **Stove Team International**
providing innovative stoves for families in Central America



THANK YOU for filling the freezer with turkeys, hams, and chickens and the barrel with more food in St. Vincent de Paul's Interfaith Food Drive, and...

THANK YOU for providing 46 pies (14 more than last year!) to serve at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Whiteaker School...and to Tove Hall and Judy Ramstead for delivering them.

THANK YOU for toiletries that have been donated. Linda Henry has brought them to the Eugene Mission, First Place Family Center, and Hosea Youth Services. All were very appreciative. There is a three-drawer container in the Gathering Place for ongoing donations of toiletries for these agencies ~ as well as cloth napkins for the Food for Lane County Dining Room.

THANK YOU to those who have decorated our church for Christmas: Bob Bower and "Elva's Raiders" (Mike Barnes, John Dobson, Elva Duvall, Willard Grabofsky, Jay Knight), Jerry Strand, and Geoff, Sandra, and Tristan Arsenault.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

- ✓ The last **Advent Vespers and Supper** is this Wednesday evening, December 21st.
- ✓ You are invited to bring **poinsettia plants** to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.
- ✓ There will be **one worship service at 9:30 a.m.** on both Sundays ~ Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- ✓ Pick up **offering envelope boxes for 2012** in the Gathering Place.
- ✓ Offerings for 2011 must be **dated by December 31st**.

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

Margaret VanDevender died on December 2nd at the age of 89 years.

Ethel Carlstrom died on December 9th at the age of 97 years.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

NAVITY OF OUR LORD / CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

9:30 am — Holy Communion (**one service**)
Coffee Fellowship following worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Office Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 pm — Congregation Council
at the home of Pastor Steve

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders
10:00 am — Bible Study
Christmas Tree Pick up

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
5:00 pm — Serve @ The Dining Room
Christmas Tree Pick up

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Christmas tree Pick up

Prayer Calendar: Week 13

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

NAME OF JESUS

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

FISH
9:30 am — Holy Communion (**one service**)
Coffee Fellowship following worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers
2:00 pm — ELCW Executive Board
*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders
10:00 am — Bible Study
6:30 pm — Confirmation
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

*8:30 am — Eugene Symphony Guild:
Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30 am — Men's Breakfast Bible Study
Christmas Tree Pick up

Prayer Calendar: Week 14

*Community events at Emmaus

COMING IN JANUARY 2012 . . .

- **Emmaus Quilt Makers** get back to work each Tuesday morning from 9:00 to noon, beginning January 3rd, in Elgaard Fellowship Hall! All the quilts made during winter/spring will go to Lutheran World Relief. It's a new year; come and give quilting a try!
- **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** will be on Saturday, January 7th, from 8:30 to 10:00. New Year's resolution: Come!
- **"Birthday Bash"** follows worship on Sunday, January 8th. This is an annual event to celebrate everyone's birthdays! Bring a "brunch" dish to share; ham, beverages, and birthday cake will be provided.
- **Consecration Sunday**, at which time our giving intentions for 2012 will be consecrated, will be January 15th. You will be receiving further information.

COMING IN FEBRUARY 2012...

- **The Interfaith Homeless Shelter** will be hosted by Emmaus the week of Monday, February 6th, to Monday, February 13th. Stay tuned for opportunities to assist.



EMMAUS YOUTH CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Help our high school youth earn money for the summer ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We will pick up and dispose of your Christmas tree for a donation of any amount (\$10 suggested).

Pick up dates are:

December 29th, 30th, 31st,

January 7th & 8th

The trees are recycled courtesy of Rexius Forest Products.

Contact Lois or call the church office to schedule your tree pick up.

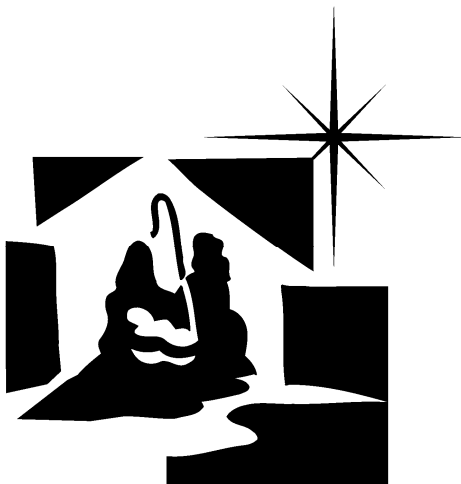


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“THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT”

CHRISTMAS AT EMMAUS

Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24th

Candlelight Worship
at 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Worship at 5:00 is oriented toward
families with children.

The choir sings at 10:00 worship.

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25th

Holy Communion
at 9:30 a.m.

New Year's Day
First Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, January 1st, 2012

Holy Communion
at 9:30 a.m.

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, DECEMBER 23