



# ON THE ROAD

A BI-WEEKLY PUBLICATION

DECEMBER 2, 2011

**ADVENT VESPERS** are each Wednesday of Advent at 7:00 p.m., with December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> remaining. The liturgy is Holden Evening Prayer. Preceding vespers, catered **ADVENT SUPPERS** are served at 6:15 p.m. at a cost of \$5. Parents can determine a fair price for their child(ren).



**POINSETTIA PLANTS** to decorate the sanctuary are not being ordered this year. However, they are still welcome if you would like to bring them.

## **CHRISTMAS AT EMMAUS**

**Christmas Eve**  
**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**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 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Communion**  
**at 9:30 a.m.**

**New Year's Day**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**  
**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

**Holy Communion**  
**at 9:30 a.m.**



## OREGON FESTIVAL CHOIRS CONCERTS

“Hope for the Holidays” is the theme of concerts to be presented by the Oregon Festival Choirs this Saturday and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. at Emmaus. Tickets are \$7 (\$5 seniors/students), available in the church office. In appreciation of Emmaus’ hospitality, the proceeds of tickets purchased by Emmaus members will be given to the Egan Warming Center.

## EVER-YOUNG SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

All of you who are retired are invited to share the joy of the season on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, in Elgaard Fellowship Hall. Come at 11:45 a.m. with food for a potluck lunch that is a Christmas tradition from your heritage. The program will include singing of Christmas carols and a “white elephant” gift exchange. Bring a gift costing under \$5 appropriate for male or female.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

“Christmas Treasures” is the theme of the program to be presented by Emmaus children between worship services on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The congregation is invited!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

A “chili dump” (Everyone brings chili that is dumped together!) at 12:00 noon will precede Christmas caroling to Emmaus homebound members on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to be part of this very special Christmas event.



## WREATHS

Thanks so much to the 15 individuals who ordered wreaths from Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas, the Hispanic women’s group in Woodburn. Your purchase contributes to the economic well-being of farm worker families and supports their efforts to develop business and leadership skills. Please pick up your wreath in the Gathering Place at church if you haven’t done so already.

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FALL INGATHERING RESULTS

Oregon Synod contributions included 2,287 quilts, 121 blankets, 242 pounds of soap, 3,699 school kits, 712 personal care kits, 104 fabric kits, and 450 baby care kits.

The totals for our entire ingathering area (southwest Idaho, Oregon, southwest Washington, and northern California) were 4,398 quilts, 227 blankets, 368 pounds of soap, 4,896 school kits, 1,486 personal care kits, 330 fabric kits, and 570 baby care kits.







## SILENT AUCTION AND BBQ DINNER

*Sandy Franklin, Betty Erickson’s daughter, is battling Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and requires a lung transplant. A fundraising evening of great music and food and the opportunity to bid on and win some outstanding items will be this Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Emmaus.*

**LOST:** Woman’s 3/4 length beige-tan raincoat with hood after November 6th 8:30 am worship service. Please contact church office if you found it.

## GIVING TREE

The wrapped boxes around the Christmas tree in the Gathering Place are a visual reminder to offer gifts to ministries that serve people. 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 around the tree. The Giving Tree offers 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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

8:30 am — Holy Communion  
9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 am — Sunday School & Congregation Meeting  
11:00 am — Holy Communion  
\*3:00 pm — Oregon Festival Choirs Concert  
5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

1:00 pm — Rebecca Circle  
7:00 pm — Mary Circle  
at the home of Barbara Grabofsky  
1286 Alfaretta Drive

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders  
10:00 am — Bible Study  
6:15 pm — Advent Supper  
7:00 pm — Advent Vespers  
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

9:00 am — Staff Meeting  
9:30 am — Naomi Circle Potluck Brunch  
at the home of Harriet Shultz,  
2082 W. 26th Place

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**

11:45 am — Ever Young Senior Potluck Lunch &  
Christmas Party

Prayer Calendar: Week 11  
\*Community events at Emmaus

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

2 Samuel 7:1-11; 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27;  
Luke 1:26-38

8:30 am — Holy Communion  
9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 am — Sunday School Christmas Program  
11:00 am — Holy Communion  
12:00 noon — Chili Dump & Christmas Caroling  
5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 19**

2:00 pm — Esther Circle

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders  
10:00 am — Bible Study  
6:15 pm — Advent Supper  
7:00 pm — Advent Vespers  
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22**

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 (Christmas Eve)**

5:00 & 10:00 pm — Candlelight Worship

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 (Christmas Day)**

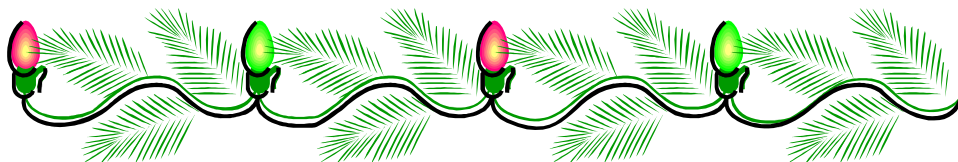
9:30 am — Holy Communion

Prayer Calendar: Week 12  
\*Community events at Emmaus



## **CONGREGATION MEETING THIS SUNDAY**

*All confirmed members of Emmaus are requested to attend a congregation meeting this Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, between worship services in Elgaard Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is for the Congregation Council to present a proposed budget/spending plan for 2012.*





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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

Dear Emmaus Family,

*From Pastor Steve...*

The season of Advent offers an opportunity to be intentional about setting aside time each day for devotion and meditation because of a visual Advent wreath. The four candles mark the four weeks of Advent anticipation, the circular shape of a wreath suggests God's eternal love, and the greens represent life and growth. It's easy to assemble an Advent wreath. Put four candles in candleholders; they need not match. Or, use four pillar candles. Arrange them on a flat surface in the shape of a circle. Cut some green boughs from trees or bushes in your yard or the yard of a neighbor, and place them at the base of the circle of candles. If the greens get too dry before Advent ends, replace them with fresh ones.

Light one candle each day of the first week of Advent, two the second week, and so on. The fire light represents Jesus, the light of the world, as his coming (advent) is anticipated. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) A white candle can be placed in the center to light when Christmas arrives.

In addition to the Portals of Prayer devotion booklets that are offered throughout the year, an additional resource entitled "There's a Voice in the Wilderness" is available on the information table in the Gathering Place. It is provided by two seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) ~ Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California.



My prayer is that Advent is a meaningful time for you to ponder the advent/coming of God in Jesus Christ.

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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**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**  
10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9