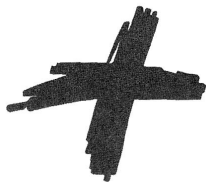




ON THE ROAD

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LENT

The word means spring, referring to the lengthening of the days in the spring. In the Christian church it is the period of forty weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It is a time to face the reality of the sinfulness of humanity that led to the death of Jesus; it is a time to face the reality of our own sin.

Ash Wednesday this year is March 9th, when we hear, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return," from Genesis as ashes are placed on our foreheads in the form of a cross. In addition to Sunday worship, during the forty weekdays of Lent that follow you are invited to "Prayer Around the Cross" on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The theme of these worship gatherings will be "**Seven Wonders of the Word.**"

Simple meals of soup and bread will be served following the midday and preceding the evening Prayer Around the Cross. If you would like to provide and help serve soup any of these Wednesdays, please indicate it on sign-up sheets that will be on the Gathering Place information table, or call or e-mail the church office.

ELCA World Hunger will be our social justice emphasis during Lent.



This annual lecture series comes in February this year rather than October as in the past. The presenter will be Dr. Gordon Lathrop, Emeritus Professor of Liturgy at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Sessions will take place at 7:30 p.m. next Friday and Saturday, February 19th and 20th, at Central

Lutheran Church (18th and Potter), and Saturday, February 19th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Northwest Christian University. Early Christians imaged the four New Testament Gospels as the four Living Creatures of Revelation who point to Christ. Entitled "The Four Beasts on Sunday," Dr. Lathrop's lectures will consider how the Gospels shaped the assemblies of early Christians, and how they continue to reform Christian assemblies for worship today. You're invited to attend as many of the presentations as you would like or are able.

WORSHIP IN TODAY'S WORLD

That's the theme of an opportunity hosted by the people of United Lutheran Church, 2230 Washington Street, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 4-6. If you have ever wondered about a possible disconnect between worship and our community and what to do about it, then this event is for you! The leader will be Dr. Christian Scharen, who is Assistant Professor of Worship at Luther Seminary and the Director of the Learning Pastoral Imagination Project. This event is a gift to the community and all are welcome.

Friday, March 4th

7:30-9:00 p.m. (gathering with refreshments at 7:00)
"Faith in a Secular Age: What does it mean for people of faith to live in a post-Christian society?"

Saturday, March 5th

10:00-11:30 a.m.
"Constricted Imagination: How churches fail to connect to the vital changes of God's world today"

6:15-7:45 p.m.

"Singing a Broken Hallelujah: How churches can join God's creative and redeeming work in the midst of culture and change"

Sunday, March 6th

9:45-10:45 a.m.
"Hearing the World's Cries: Transfiguration as a model for mission today"

EVER-YOUNG SENIORS



The February gathering of retired folks will be lunch at *Our Daily Bread*, a restaurant and bakery in a former church building in Veneta. The date is Friday, February 25th.

Meet at Emmaus at 11:45 a.m. to pool rides to the restaurant.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The raffle tickets earned \$70.00 (The winner of two tickets to the Oregon Coast Aquarium was *Elaine Herbison!*); the Souper Lunch, \$239.00; and the offering on Super Bowl Sunday, \$316.50. This means that Food for Lane County and ELCA Hunger Appeal will each receive a gift of \$312.75. This is the 11th year we've participated in this nation wide event and we almost tripled the previous average of \$235.00. What a great gift this congregation is to those who are hungry.





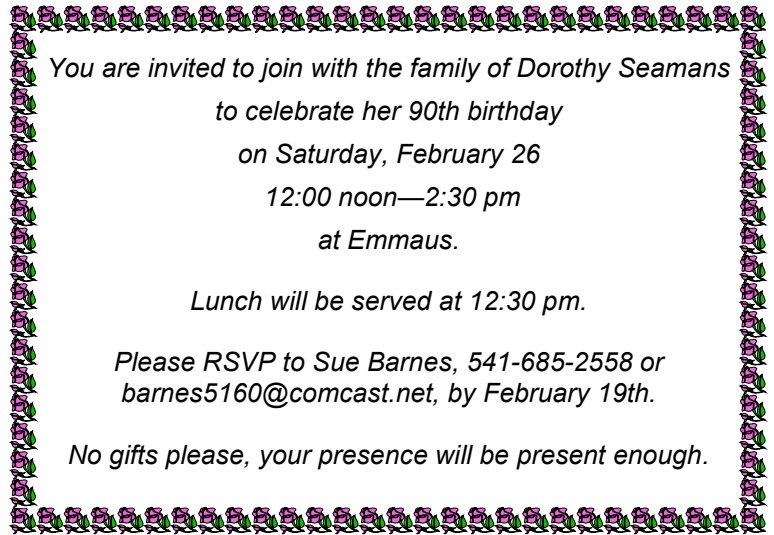
CAMP LUTHERWOOD

The summer brochures have been mailed! You can also download the information and registration form at www.lutherwood.org. Parents, grandparents... here are wonderful faith-growing opportunities for your children/grandchildren at church camp! Emmaus Lutheran Church Women (ELCW) will contribute \$100 toward the cost of every Emmaus child/youth who goes to camp. (Contact Lois Brown.)

ROBERTA HAS A CALL!

Roberta Smythe completed her studies at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California in December 2009. She spent nine months of field experience at Emmaus while a student at Northwest House of Theological Studies in Salem. She was substitute worship leader for Pastor Steve during his recovery from surgery last spring.

Roberta has received a call to serve as a pastor in Galata, Montana. The parish she will serve consists of three congregations. Her first Sunday was February 13th. Having received a call, her ordination is tentatively scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 20th, at Central Lutheran Church, which has been her church in Eugene. Her new address is P.O. Box 112, Galata, MT 59444.



You are invited to join with the family of Dorothy Seamans to celebrate her 90th birthday
on Saturday, February 26
12:00 noon—2:30 pm
at Emmaus.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm.

Please RSVP to Sue Barnes, 541-685-2558 or barnes5160@comcast.net, by February 19th.

No gifts please, your presence will be present enough.

Thank you, Emmaus Family, for the wonderful cards with caring words of comfort and faith during my sister's battle with cancer. We are so grateful for the prayers, love and care we received from everyone.

~Jennifer Knight Dills, Dan & Erik



What has 75 mouths, 150 arms and legs, and 75 brains?

Why, it's the OLYO (Oregon Lutheran Youth Organization) Middle School Rally, hosted this year here at Emmaus on March 5th & 6th. Using technology and service, middle school students from throughout Oregon will be exploring what it means to be part of the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:14). The activities, begun on Saturday, conclude with our 8:30 worship service. If you'd like to help with food preparation or food service, contact Lois at the office. (541-344-1150)

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED YOUR HELP...

- ☞ Middle school and high school students participating in the 30 Hour Famine are looking for pledge support. After the Famine on February 26th the monies will be sent to World Vision.
- ☞ Our high school students are preparing for their summer mission trip with YouthWorks to Brooklyn, New York. A major fund raiser is **144 Envelopes**. There are envelopes, numbered from 1 to 144, on the information table. When you take an envelope and return it with the donation indicated by the number, you will be updated by e-mail as we prepare for the trip, and while we're gone. You will be invited to a celebration dinner when we return. This program will be offered for several months, or until all 144 envelopes are gone. And by the way, duplicate gifts are welcome!
- ☞ Call the office, 541-344-1150, if you would like your cans and bottles picked up. We can arrange for ongoing pick ups too, or you can bring the cans here to church. You would be surprised at the money that can be raised this way. In 2009, we made \$816; in 2010, \$487.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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, FEBRUARY 21

2:00 pm — Esther Circle

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 am — Pastor's Text Study
9:30 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers
7:00 pm — Congregation Council
*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

11:45 am — Ever Young Seniors to "Our Daily Bread"
restaurant

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:00 noon—2:30 pm — Dorothy Seaman's
90th Birthday: Fellowship Hall

Prayer Calendar: Week 9
*Community Events at Emmaus

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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, FEBRUARY 28

10:00 am — Book Group: Library

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

8:30 am — Eugene Symphony Guild: Fellowship Hall
9:00 am — Staff Meeting
9:30 am — Library Committee
7:00 pm — Social Concerns Ministry

FRIDAY—SUNDAY, MARCH 4 – 6

Oregon Synod Middle School Rally @ Emmaus

Prayer Calendar: Week 10
*Community Events at Emmaus

FORUMS

~ every Sunday between worship services
in Elgaard Fellowship Hall ~

*While children and youth are in Sunday School,
all adults are invited
(whether or not you have kids in Sunday School).*

February 20th

Guest speaker: Paul Berg
Water Engineering Mission in Uganda

February 27th

Guest speaker: Jim Barta, Director
Good Samaritan Society – Eugene Village



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

Dear Emmaus Family,

From Pastor Steve...

You are receiving this *On the Road* newsletter on or near Valentine's Day. The Catholic Church recognizes three different martyred saints named Valentine, but the story of one emerges as the origin of Valentine's Day. The three stories surrounding the mystery of this day all lead to a man who was sympathetic, heroic, and romantic.

St. Valentine was a temple priest who performed marriages for young lovers in secret when Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for single young men, claiming they made better soldiers than those with wives and children. When the emperor caught Valentine performing marriages, he ordered Valentine be put to death. The night before his death, he wrote a farewell note to the jailer's daughter with whom he had fallen in love, signing the note "From your Valentine." His execution was on February 14th, around the year 270. In the late 490s, Pope Gelasius marked it as a day of celebration of St. Valentine, the patron saint of lovers.

Over time, it became the date for exchanging love messages. In the United States, Miss Esther Howland is given credit for sending the first valentine greetings. They were made with lace, ribbons, and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Today Valentine's Day is second only to Christmas as the largest card-sending time of the year. But we all know that any time is a good day to send a message of God's love and ours!

In Christian partnership ~ and love,

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
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18