



ON THE ROAD

A BI-WEEKLY PUBLICATION

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LENT

40 Weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter

*The word "Lent" means spring, referring to the lengthening of the days in the spring.
(Note that daylight saving time this year begins on March 13th!)*

*During this "season" of the Christian Church Year,
the emphasis is upon repentance ~ turning around and starting anew
by renewing our identity in Christ.*

Each Wednesday, March 9 – April 13

11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

"Seven Wonders of the Word"

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**Simple meals of soup and bread will be served
at 12:00 noon and 5:45 p.m.**

*If you would be willing to help provide and serve soup
on any Wednesday(s), please indicate it
on a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place
or call or e-mail the church office.*

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World Hunger

*is our social justice emphasis during Lent
with several opportunities to learn about and contribute to
ELCA World Hunger efforts.*



CONFIRMATION

Regular confirmation does not take place during Lent. Instead, confirmation students participate in soup suppers and Prayer Around the Cross each Wednesday. Following worship, students meet with adult mentors. Families are encouraged to participate in supper and worship with their student.



PRAYER VIGIL

Join your Emmaus family in prayer this Lenten season. The annual prayer vigil is scheduled for, Saturday, March 26th. The Vigil begins at 6:00 a.m. and concludes at 6:00 p.m.. Your prayer time will be enhanced with a variety of activities. Check out the sign up sheet in the Gathering Place, find a time that fits your schedule, and commit to pray for at least a half hour.



WORSHIP IN TODAY'S WORLD

That's the theme of an opportunity hosted by the people of United Lutheran Church, 2230 Washington Street, this 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"

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Since the Oregon Lutheran Youth Organization (OLYO) Middle School Rally is going to be at Emmaus on the first Saturday of March, men are invited for monthly breakfast and Bible study on the 2nd Saturday, March 12th, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in Elgaard Fellowship Hall.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Hospice of Sacred Heart is in need of interested people to become hospice volunteers. An information meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Hospice of Sacred Heart in the Physicians and Surgeons Building North at 677 E. 12th Avenue. To register with no obligation or for more information, please contact Victoria Spear at 541-242-8755 or vspear@peacehealth.org.



ST. PATRICK'S BUNCO PARTY

This annual event will be on Saturday evening, March 19th, at 7:00 in Elgaard Fellowship Hall. Wear green and bring a green snack to share! Bunco is an easy chance game of throwing dice ~ but more importantly, it's a game that connects people with one another. Bring yourself and friends (all ages) for a great evening of fun, fellowship, refreshments, and prizes!

ORDINATIONS

Two Eugene friends will be ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament in March, both to which you are invited.

- ❖ **Tom Welch** will be ordained on Sunday, March 13th, at 2:00 p.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church. Tom has been called to serve as associate pastor at Bethesda. He did his internship at another of our neighbor congregations, United Lutheran.
- ❖ **Roberta Smythe** will be ordained on Sunday, March 20th, at 4:00 p.m. at Central Lutheran Church. Roberta has been called to serve a three-point parish in Galata, Montana. She did a nine-month field experience with Emmaus.

FINANCIALS

Available for you to pick up from the Gathering Place information table are copies of a financial summary of our congregation's mission and ministry in 2010 along with a brief descriptive evaluation.



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 this Saturday and Sunday! 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).

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED YOUR HELP...

- ☞ 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, MARCH 6

FISH SUNDAY

Oregon Synod Middle School Rally @ Emmaus
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

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

8:30 am — Pastors' Text Study
9:30 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers
1:00 pm — Rebecca Circle
7:00 pm — Mary Circle
*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders
10:00 am — Bible Study
11:30 am — Prayer Around the Cross (Holy Communion)
12:00 noon — Soup Lunch
5:45 pm — Soup Supper
6:30 pm — Prayer Around the Cross (Holy Communion)
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
9:30 am — Naomi Circle

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

*6:00 pm — Oregon Festival Choir Rehearsal:
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Emerald Cluster Retreat
8:30 am — Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Prayer Calendar: Week 11
*Community Events at Emmaus

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Daylight Saving Time—Set Clocks Ahead one hour!
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

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders
10:00 am — Bible Study
11:30 am — Prayer Around the Cross
12:00 noon — Soup Lunch
5:45 pm — Soup Supper
6:30 pm — Prayer Around the Cross
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 pm — St. Patrick's Day Bunco: Fellowship Hall

Prayer Calendar: Week 12
*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).*

March 6th

Committed Partners for Youth

March 13th

Guest speaker: Andrea Scofield
Director, Camp Lutherwood

LOOKING AHEAD...

April 10th — Blood Drive...Those of you who give regularly,
please wait until then for your next donation.



CALLING ALL WOMEN!
A workshop tying comforters (quilts) will be on Saturday, March 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (coffee and goodies at 10:00). There will be a demonstration of laying out a quilt top and a discussion about sewing together quilt top kits. But the priority is to have you come to learn how to put together the *Lutheran World Relief* quilts. Don't let the very word "quilting" keep you away from the project! YOU are needed! Come as you are able on March 26th; you need not spend the entire morning.

SHEETS NEEDED

If you have "gently used" sheets of any size in your linen closet with which you are willing to part, the Emmaus Quilters can use them as the backs of quilts being made for *Lutheran World Relief*.

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DATED MATERIAL

Dear Emmaus Family,

"*Joyous Journey of Faith*" was the title given to the effort of this congregation to bring about the building that now facilitates our mission and ministry. The year was 1999. Members of the congregation pledged \$500,000 over a three-year period. The building addition and renovation was completed in 2002. It truly was a *Joyous Journey of Faith!*

The journey continues as the congregation meets the obligation of the mortgage held by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Since 2002, there have been three more phases in which the congregation has been asked to pledge an amount over a three-year period to the *Joyous Journey of Faith* Building Fund to meet our monthly mortgage payments. The current balance of our mortgage is approximately \$377,000.

The last phase began in 2008 and will conclude in June of this year, 2011. Our monthly mortgage payment is \$4,857. Monthly pledges received for the current three-year period were \$3,653. The balance has been received from those who have contributed but did not pledge. Offerings to the *Joyous Journey of Faith* Building Fund over recent months have not, however, been enough to meet the monthly mortgage obligation. The Congregation Council established a policy to retain a minimum \$15,000 balance in the fund to provide a "cushion" when offerings are less than needed. Because we have had to use some of that money to meet recent monthly mortgage payments, the current balance is approximately \$12,000.

Please consider this information as you are able to contribute to the *Joyous Journey of Faith* Building Fund. Use envelopes that are in pew racks on which there is a designation for the Building Fund. You will be hearing more as we get closer to June and the end of the current three-year giving period.

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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9:00 AM-1:00 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, MARCH 1