



ON THE ROAD

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The 40 days of **LENT**

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS *“Seven Wonders of the Word”*

Each Wednesday through April 13th
11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

SOUP LUNCHEAS AND SUPPERS *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 the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place or call or e-mail the church office.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Put loose change in coin boxes throughout Lent; a special offering will be received on Palm Sunday. Offerings received at soup lunches and suppers after expenses are designated for ELCA World Hunger.



INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC *~part 1 of a 2 part series by Ellen Walton*

At Emmaus we have moved ahead with the service music we use, often singing it in modern English instead of translations dating from King James' time. Luther himself was all about doing worship in language everyone could understand, and we have been happy to seek out new music and styles. There are, however, many wonderful older compositions that have stood the test of time and still deserve to be sung. Some of them have been paraphrased not only to update them but also to make them more inclusive. Some we wouldn't presume to change, and the texts in the music our choir will sing for Easter are examples of this. The poetry is too special to be altered. Instead, here is a bit of introduction to it, hoping to enhance your enjoyment of music that the choir has been working very hard to learn.

Ralph Vaughan Williams was an English composer who lived from 1872 to 1958. He wrote arrangements or original music for many well-known hymns. The wonderful All Saints hymn “For All the Saints” and the lovely Pentecost hymn “Come Down O Love Divine” are his work. He wrote secular works as well, and in fact considered himself to be agnostic, but somehow glorious church music flowed out of him anyway. He selected five poems from the early 16th century to set in a song cycle that is especially appropriate for Easter.

The poems Vaughan Williams chose are by George Herbert, who lived from 1593 to 1633, the time of King James. Herbert came from a wealthy family, and was educated at Cambridge University. He was expected to go far in the scholarly and political worlds. However, his original intention had been to become an Anglican priest, and he spent the last years of his short life serving a small parish as a kind and generous pastor. He wrote religious poems throughout his life, and was described by a contemporary as “a soul composed of harmonies.” He described his poems as “a picture of spiritual conflicts between God and my soul.” This theme is especially evident in the third of the Five Mystical Songs, set to a poem called “Love.”

EASTER

The first song in the cycle is called “Easter.” Its soaring tune and rich harmonies give voice to the joy and wonder of the day. The Cross is described as teaching all wooden instruments “to resound” Christ's name, and Jesus' “stretched sinews” as teaching all stringed instruments “what key is best to celebrate this most high day.” The number three has long been important to religious writing as symbolizing the Trinity. Herbert's poem says “all music is but three parts vied and multiplied,” which in his time was probably true; most music was based on chords made of three harmonious notes, or “triads.” The poem invites the third member of the Trinity to “bear a part.”



MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

The meeting date for April is again the 2nd Saturday (April 9th), which has been the pattern the last several months! Another event will be taking place in Elgaard Fellowship Hall, but the men will meet in the Youth Room. The time is 8:30 to 10:00. Please come!

END OF THE WORLD OR BEGINNING OF HOPE?

Lutheran theologian Barbara Rossing, professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, will offer two presentations on the book of Revelation at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street, this Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, at 2:00 and 4:00. The cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call the church at 541-345-8764.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lane Memorial Bloodmobile will be in the Emmaus parking lot on Sunday morning, April 10th. You are invited to donate blood if you are able. Please schedule a time on the chart in the Gathering Place or call or e-mail the church office. If you give blood regularly, you are encouraged to wait until April 10th for your next donation.

CAMP LUTHERWOOD WORKDAYS

It's time to start getting Camp Lutherwood ready for summer! There are two workdays scheduled for Saturdays, April 16th and May 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many projects for all skill levels are planned. Lunch and snack will be provided. Bring your heart and willing hands for a day of service and fun!

THE DINING ROOM operated by FOOD for Lane County is still in need of cloth napkins. Please consider sharing any of your extras.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Quilts and kits are needed now more than ever in the wake of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. They provide essential items that families need to survive the weeks following a disaster. Our generous and quick response will ensure that *Lutheran World Relief* has the quilts and kits for Japan as well as several other areas of pressing need around the world.

The annual *Lutheran World Relief* Spring Ingathering has begun and will continue through the month of April. Following a global evaluation, *LWR* made a decision that some changes to the kits will help meet changing needs. Specific changes are included on the round table in the Gathering Place. Please take a list with you. Purchase as many items as you would like and place them in the labeled boxes on the table. Circles of the Emmaus Lutheran Church Women will assemble kits for shipment.

You are also welcome to make monetary donations toward kits and shipping costs, using envelopes that are available at the *LWR* display. It costs *LWR* approximately 54 cents per pound to ship items throughout the world.

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE

In the earliest stages of any disaster, the most effective way to help is with cash gifts so that responders can meet immediate and urgent needs. Your gifts to aid relief efforts following the earthquake and tsunami in Japan may be directed through the *ELCA Disaster Response* of our church. You can use the *Global and Local Mission Offering* envelopes in your offering envelope boxes or pew envelopes, clearly designating your gift for *ELCA Disaster Response*. Make checks payable to Emmaus.

JONATHAN RUNDMAN IN CONCERT

Many of you remember Jonathan Rundman, youth director at Emmaus from 1992 to 1996. Jonathan and his wife, Dawn, now have two children and live in Minneapolis. As Jonathan has continued his career in music, he has formed a new folk music duo with Sara Pajunen called "*Kaivama*," which will be in concert in Eugene on Sunday afternoon, April 10th, at 4:00 at the Sons of Norway Sonja Lodge on the corner of McKinley Street and West 7th Place.

Referring to themselves as "Finnish-American multi-instrumentalists," Jonathan and Sara explore a shared Nordic heritage. Each was born and raised in Finnish-immigrant epicenters not far from the shores of Lake Superior. Sara's hometown of Hibbing, Minnesota and Jonathan's own Ishpeming, Michigan are famous for vast open-pit iron ore mines. The folk duo's name reflects this spirit of excavation. "*Kaivama*" is a Finnish word stemming from "kaivaa," to delve or dig.

Tickets for the performance to be purchased at the door are \$10, students \$5.

SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

The Elder Help Program assists seniors so that they may continue living independently in their homes. Volunteers are needed to spend a couple of hours a week helping a frail senior with shopping and errands, trips to medical appointments, assistance with reading and correspondence, and simple household tasks. If you would like to know more about this important work, please call Carole Ford, Elder Help Coordinator, at 541-682-3793 or e-mail cford@lcog.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

FISH

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, APRIL 5

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

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, APRIL 7

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
9:30 am — Library Committee
7:00 pm — Social Concerns Ministry
*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir Auditions: Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

*5:00 pm — Creative Memories: Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

*8:00 am — Creative Memories: Fellowship Hall
8:30 am — Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Prayer Calendar: Week 15

*Community Events at Emmaus

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

BLOOD DRIVE

8:30 am — Holy Communion
9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am — Sunday School/Forum
11:00 am — Holy Communion
4:00 pm — Jonathon Rundman "Kaivama" Concert,
@ Sons of Norway

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

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, APRIL 14

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 am—3:00 pm — Camp Lutherwood Workday

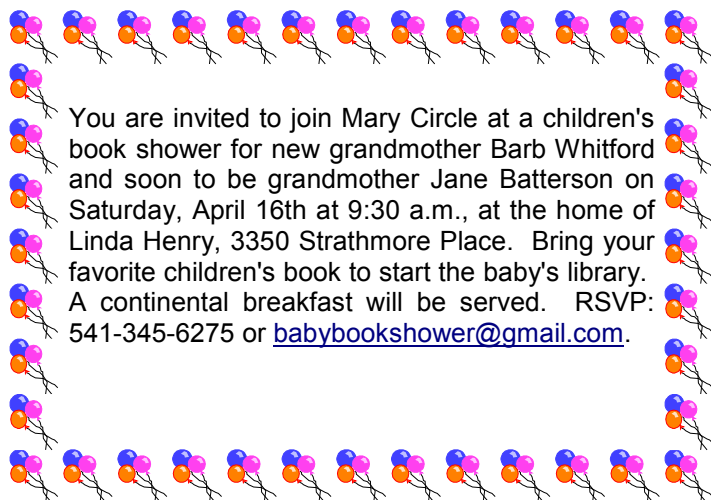
Prayer Calendar: Week 16

*Community Events at Emmaus

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 church office if you would like your cans and bottles picked up. We can arrange for ongoing pick ups too, or you can bring the cans to church. You would be surprised at the money that can be raised this way. In 2009, we made \$816; in 2010, \$487.



You are invited to join Mary Circle at a children's book shower for new grandmother Barb Whitford and soon to be grandmother Jane Batterson on Saturday, April 16th at 9:30 a.m., at the home of Linda Henry, 3350 Strathmore Place. Bring your favorite children's book to start the baby's library. A continental breakfast will be served. RSVP: 541-345-6275 or babybookshower@gmail.com.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

Dear Emmaus Family,

From Pastor Steve...

What's the crux of the issue during Lent? The Latin word for "cross" is crux. The journey of Lent leads to the cross. To be at the crux is to be at a crucial point, a critical moment. Crux also appears in the word "crucify" ~ and even the word "excruciating." Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him. Our response is "crucial."

We sing several familiar hymns about the central place of the cross in our faith journey:

- ✓ "Lift High the Cross"
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
- ✓ "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time.
- ✓ "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand.
- ✓ "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"
Jesus keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain.

It is during Lent that we in the church get to the crux of what we are all about.

In Christian partnership,

Pastor Steve



MISSION STATEMENT

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FAMILY
OF GOD'S CHILDREN,
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TO THE GRACE OF GOD, WHICH
UNITES
US IN JESUS CHRIST BY
SERVING
THE LORD WITH GLADNESS.
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BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE
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MONDAY-FRIDAY
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, APRIL 1