



ON THE ROAD

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SPRING TEA THIS SATURDAY

It's a *real* tea party with fancy cups and sandwiches and cookies! Come to Elgaard Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. (May 14th). Thank you Mary Circle for planning this event!



EVENING OF CELEBRATION

"Mother Hubbard" (Jeanne) is the chef for this *Camp Lutherwood Ministries* spring dinner on Sunday, May 15th, at Emmaus. A pre-dinner social will begin at 4:45 p.m., and dinner will be served at 5:30. Guest speaker will be Dr. Paul Hill, Executive Director of *Vibrant Faith Ministries*, connecting faith formation with camping adventures. There is no cost to attend, but donations will be welcomed. Since Emmaus is hosting, a large group from Emmaus is anticipated! Please RSVP by phone, 541-998-6444, or e-mail, office@lutherwood.org.

IT'S A PARTY!

That' right ~ it's an Emmaus Yard Work Party, and YOU are invited! The Property Ministry wants your help to spruce up Emmaus' yard on Saturday, May 21st, from 9:00 a.m. til noon. There is lots of yard, and there will be plenty of projects to go around. Please bring gloves and any tools you have, i.e. rakes, trowels, clippers, etc. Coffee and goodies will be provided! It will be a time of fun and fellowship as we work together to beautify our grounds for the Spring and Summer months.



BAKE SALE

The Social Concerns Ministry encourages you to be both bakers and buyers for the Spring Bake Sale on Sunday, May 22nd. Proceeds will be divided between our local *FISH* (**F**riends **I**n **S**ervice to **H**umanity) and *Lutheran World Relief*.

TANGLED BLUE IN CONCERT

Come and join our confirmation students in an end of the year concert on Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 pm. A musical duo, Aimee & Joel Pakan, known as *Tangled Blue*, are residents of Minneapolis. They are providing the music for the Holden Youth Weekends and are touring the Pacific Northwest. They have "a unique sound that incorporates latin and electric percussion with acoustic and electric guitar. The music was created largely in front of audiences, so it is designed to engage the listener." A freewill offering to defray costs will be received.



EVER-YOUNG SENIORS

Emmaus retired folk and friends are invited to "kick-off" summer with a day trip to enjoy iris and peony gardens in the Willamette Valley just north of Salem! The date is Friday, May 27th, departing from Emmaus at 9:00 a.m. with lunch at a restaurant. Please sign up at the Gathering Place information table or call or e-mail the church office so transportation can be arranged. Van rental and gasoline cost will be divided among participants upon return.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS MAY 29TH



This will be the fifth summer that we have gathered for one worship service at 9:30 a.m. Many of you have expressed appreciation for the opportunity to worship with those who normally worship at a different hour than you during the school year. The first Sunday of one worship service this summer will be the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, May 29th. The Sunday School year will conclude, therefore, on May 22nd, which is also the day of the Emmaus Annual Meeting of confirmed members of the congregation.

NEW MEMBERS

On Pentecost Sunday, June 12th, new members will be welcomed to the Emmaus Family. If you or someone you know are interested, and Pastor Steve may not be aware of it, please let him know.

PENTECOST BRUNCH

You are invited to a Pentecost Brunch following 9:30 worship on June 12th. Watch for details!

BOOK GROUP will be meeting Monday, May 23rd at 10:00 am. The group is currently reading *House Rules* by Jodi Piccutt.

EUGENE COALITION FOR BETTER SCHOOL FOOD is presenting *Dr. Daniel Marks* speaking on nutrition's impact on health and learning. He is a pediatric endocrinologist and Director of the Oregon Child Health Research Center at OHSU. The date is Thursday, May 19th, at 6:30—8:30 pm at Jefferson Arts and Technology Academy Cafeteria, 1650 W. 22nd Avenue. A poster on the kiosk is posted with more details or contact Jackie Barbour.



Lutheran World Relief

THANK YOU to all who participated in creating the Lutheran World Relief quilts, especially the Tuesday morning "regulars", but also those who sew quilt tops at home, who donate sheets and other fabric, the Emmaus Youth, the attendees at the Women's Quilting Workshop, and those who set up and take down our work tables. Our quilts will join thousands of others to help people around the world keep warm in times of extreme distress. We are blessed to be able to contribute.

~Lori Nicklin

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thank you for your response to the *LWR Spring Ingathering* during March and April. This effort ~ which takes place each fall and spring ~ came at a particular time of great need worldwide. Your gifts resulted in the following being shipped on May 4th:

- 116 quilts
- 105 personal care kits
- 9 school kits
- 11 layettes
- 50 pounds of soap



- **Day Camp** for kids having completed kindergarten through 5th grade will be the week of June 27th to July 1st.
- **Vacation Bible School** for pre-school children will be the week of July 25th to 29th.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

It's Easter ~ the season for flowers! Would you like to offer flowers for Sunday worship? A flower chart is located on the wall across from the door of the church office on which you are invited to indicate which Sunday(s) during the year you would like to provide flowers. Office manager Lorie Leighter will contact you the week prior to the Sunday you have selected to make arrangements with you. Garden flowers in season are welcome. Flowers may be given in memory of someone, or in honor of persons or occasions, or simply to the glory of God.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING NATIONAL STATS

Remember long, long, time ago. . .as long ago as last February, when you watched the NFL Super Bowl? Well, that was the day you supported the *Souper Bowl of Caring* with gifts totaling \$555.60. We just received a report: nationally, 11,456 groups participated raising a total of \$9.2 million toward hunger relief. Thank you, thank you, for your part in this great effort.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED YOUR HELP...

144 ENVELOPES

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the "144 Envelope" fund raising program. If you took an envelope, and haven't returned it, please drop in the offering by May 31st. If you would like to contribute, but your envelope is gone, please take a blank one and make any donation that fits your budget. Your monetary support, of any amount, means a lot for this trip and the young people are grateful.

CANS & BOTTLES

We're making a special effort during May to get lots of cans and bottles recycled. And we'll be glad to pick up any if you'd rather not bring them to church yourself.

YARD SALE

Donations will be accepted, beginning June 13th, for the Yard Sale on June 18th. While you're shopping that day, you can also get your car washed. So come, get rid of your old stuff, find some new treasures, and go home in a clean car.

SYMPATHY of the Emmaus family to:

- ❖ **Celia Lechnyr** and family following the death of her mother on April 26th in Cedarburg, Wisconsin.
- ❖ **Helen Berg** and family following the death of her mother on April 26th in Willmar, Minnesota.

FORUMS

~ **Sunday between worship services in Elgaard Fellowship Hall ~**

May 15th

Chris and Shannon
from Wintergreen Farm
(who sold and will again sell produce in Emmaus' parking lot)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

SUNDAY, MAY 15

8:30 am — Holy Communion
 9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 am — Sunday School/Forum
 11:00 am — Holy Communion
 4:45 pm — Camp Lutherwood "Spring Celebration" Dinner

MONDAY, MAY 16

2:00 pm — Esther Circle

TUESDAY, MAY 17

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

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

THURSDAY, MAY 19

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 21

9:00 am — Emmaus Yard Work Party

Prayer Calendar: Week 1
 *Community Events at Emmaus

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10;
 John 14:1-14

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Bake Sale: FISH & Lutheran World Relief
 8:30 am — Holy Communion
 9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 am — Sunday School/Annual Meeting
 11:00 am — Holy Communion
 5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite

MONDAY, MAY 23

10:00 am — Book Group

TUESDAY, MAY 24

8:30 am — Pastors' Text Study
 7:00 pm — Congregation Council
 *7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

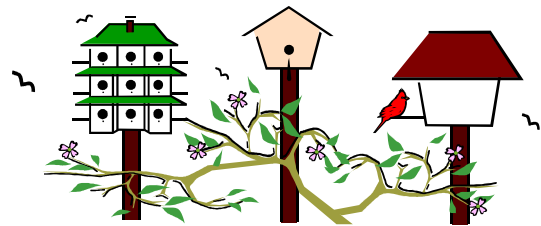
9:00 am — Elva's Raiders
 10:00 am — Bible Study
 5:45 pm — Confirmation Potluck & Concert
 7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 26

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
 *7:00 pm — Valley Calligraphy Guild: Fellowship Hall

Prayer Calendar: Week 2
 *Community Events at Emmaus

THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING of Emmaus Lutheran Church will take place on Sunday, May 22nd, between worship services in Elgaard Fellowship Hall. All confirmed members of the congregation are requested to be present.



BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Emmaus Congregation Council would like to propose a By-law amendment to our congregation's constitution. The following will be considered at the Emmaus Annual Meeting. The current wording is enclosed in brackets. The amended wording is underlined.

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The Congregation Council shall supervise the preparation of an annual budget for adoption by this congregation, and shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption. If the treasurer's monthly report to Council shows accumulated actual operating expenses to be in excess of income by \$5,000.00 or more [**Council shall call a special congregation meeting to inform the congregation and present alternatives to correct the problem. If expenses still exceed income by \$5,000.00 or more 90 days after the congregation meeting, Council shall call another special congregation meeting for the purpose of receiving and acting upon recommendations from the Council to balance the budget.**]

without improvement for two (2) consecutive months, Council shall inform the congregation of the ongoing deficit in a targeted communication. Targeted communications shall continue until the expense-to-income difference is reduced to less than \$5,000.00. If actual operating expenses are in excess of income by \$10,000.00, Council shall call a congregation meeting for the purpose of communicating the deficit and how to address it.

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Reason for this proposal: Due to the current wording of this By-law, the Council spends an inordinate amount of its meeting time focused not on the mission of the church, but on our finances. The By-law as it is currently written mandates the Council to call a congregation meeting whenever expenses are in excess of income by \$5,000. With a budget of a quarter of a million dollars, \$5,000 is a very small percentage and can fluctuate from month to month. The proposed amendment gives the Council more flexibility in the manner in which it communicates the financial state of the congregation, thereby freeing up time to focus on the mission of the church. If you have any questions concerning this proposed amendment, please speak with any member of the Council.

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Dear Emmaus Family,

From Pastor Steve...

Emmaus members on the active roll have been receiving *The Lutheran*, the monthly publication of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, for one year. This has been made possible by a gift from a member of Emmaus, who has again offered a gift making it possible to renew your subscription for another year.

I very much appreciate the generosity of this donor because I feel that *The Lutheran* is a valuable source of news, education, and inspiration. Yes, I'm the pastor, so call me biased! I also know that reading publications which you have not chosen to come into your home may be an issue for you. But I hope you are at least giving *The Lutheran* a chance. The church is challenged by an ever changing culture. Just as our lives are not the same as they have been in the past, so the church is not the same. I feel that *The Lutheran* reports fairly and honestly about the realities of being the church in the world.

In the May issue there are wonderful thoughts by Pastor Peter Marty about fear. There's an article about new ways of doing your offerings to the church by "e-giving." The focus of this month's issue points out challenges of matching pastors and congregations. That's just three of a wide variety of articles. Most of them are not long and can be quickly read.

I hope these thoughts might enable you to benefit from the gift of *The Lutheran* provided by a generous donor.

In Christian partnership,

Pastor Steve

MISSION STATEMENT

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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
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OF GOD'S CREATION BY MAKING
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FRIDAY, MAY 13