



# ON THE ROAD

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## **LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD**

You are invited to worship  
on the evening before Thanksgiving Day.

7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

The offering received will be given to the Egan Warming Center.  
Special Thanksgiving offering envelopes are included in your box of offering envelopes.

A pie social will follow worship.  
You are invited to bring pie to share.

Last year people of Emmaus provided 32 pies for the annual community dinner served at Whiteaker School on Thanksgiving Day. Can we provide even more this year? Please bring them to church on Thanksgiving eve or before.

Our annual support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Interfaith Food Drive begins on Thanksgiving Eve. Although hunger is a year-round issue, it particularly touches our hearts during the holidays. There will be a freezer in the Gathering Place from November 23<sup>rd</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup> to receive your donations of frozen turkeys, hams, or chickens. In addition, there will be a barrel for donations of other food items. Finally, you are welcome to make monetary contributions to St. Vincent de Paul so that they will be able to purchase the items most in need. Last year St. Vincent de Paul provided 2000 holiday food boxes.

### **ADVENT**

#### **VESPERS**

Holden Evening Prayer will be the liturgy for Advent Vespers each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. during Advent: November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. This brief liturgy will conclude no later than 7:30.

#### **SUPPERS**

Enjoy supper with Emmaus friends on the Wednesdays of Advent at 6:15 p.m. prior to Advent Vespers. Prepared by middle and high school catering students coached by Emmaus member Wendy Yess, meals will be provided at a cost of \$5.00. Parents can determine a fair price for their child(ren).

#### **DEVOTIONALS**

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness" is the theme of Advent devotionals published by Luther Seminary and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. They are available on the Gathering Place information table for your personal use.

## RE-ROOF OUR MINISTRIES



Thank you for your wonderful response to the challenge to match the \$6,000 gift given to re-roof the Fellowship Hall with offerings to reduce our deficit by the same amount. The challenge has been met and exceeded! Your faithful support of the ministries of Emmaus truly provides a roof of God's love under which people gather to worship, learn, and serve.

**FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY** is looking for people who enjoy planning and carrying out events that allow us, as members of the Emmaus family, to get better acquainted with each other. We currently have some annual events that work well, but are in need of new ideas. A lot of us are very busy and a yearlong commitment may not be feasible. If you are one of those people, perhaps you would be able to help with just one of the events. You will find a listing of the events on the information table in the Gathering Place. There is one sign up sheet for individual activities and one if you would be willing to serve on this ministry for a year or two. For further information please contact Sue Barnes at (541) 685-2558 or email [barnes5160@comcast.net](mailto:barnes5160@comcast.net) or just catch up with me at church.



**CHRISTMAS WREATHS** made by Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas ~ Women Striving for Progress ~ are again for sale at this time. The wreath sales contribute to the economic well-being of farm worker families and support their efforts in developing leadership and business skills. Wreaths are hand-tied and made of fresh Oregon noble fir and decorated with holly sprigs, pine cones, and a red bow. They are 24 to 28 inches in diameter, and cost \$30. Please place your order at the Gathering Place information table, and give your check to Debi Eisert or leave it in the office. Orders are due by this Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please call Debi at 541-484-4376.

## CROP WALK RESULTS

The total of contributions to the CROP Walk for the Hungry in October was \$19,839 ~ \$240 more than the first CROP Walk last year! Along with 19 other faith communities from Coburg, Eugene, Junction City, and Springfield, people of Emmaus contributed \$1,847 of the total. Of Emmaus' contributions, \$462 went to Food for Lane County, \$208 to Church World Service, and \$1,177 to Lutheran World Relief. The "Golden Sneaker" Award to the church that contributed the most went to First Congregational Church of Eugene (\$3,915). Thank you to all who contributed and to the 13 Emmaus walkers!

## CONGREGATION MEETING

Our Congregation Council will present a proposed budget/spending plan for 2012 at a congregation meeting between worship services on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are a confirmed member of Emmaus, thank you for planning to be present at this meeting.

## NEW SIGNS

Signs identifying Emmaus are now at the two parking lot driveway entrances on Polk and Tyler, thanks to a team headed up by member and sign maker Jerry Strand and the bequest from Harry Hanson.

Emmaus received a bequest of \$121,000 from the estate of Harry Hanson in 2005. This gift has benefited the mission and ministry of Emmaus in a variety of ways:

- ✓ Lane Community College Nursing Scholarship (Harry's wife, Lucille, was a nurse.)
- ✓ Emmaus Foundation
- ✓ New roof on the office wing
- ✓ HVAC (heat, ventilation, air-conditioning) in office wing
- ✓ New tables and chairs
- ✓ New riding lawnmower
- ✓ Indoor and outdoor crosses
- ✓ New carpet
- ✓ Signs on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Polk and Tyler Streets

Harry's bequest ~ along with annual gifts to the Emmaus Foundation and general fund received from the Lutheran Community Foundation in memory of Darlene Smith ~ are reminders of how the church can benefit from our gifts even after our death. Thank you for considering Emmaus and the Emmaus Foundation as you do your estate planning.

## TIME AND TALENTS

Thank you to many of you who have returned Time and Talents forms included in the last newsletter. The form can also be downloaded from the Emmaus website. And there are more available on the information table in the Gathering Place.

**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.

## COMING IN DECEMBER...

- **Oregon Festival Choirs** "Hope for the Holidays" concerts Saturday and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m. at Emmaus  
In appreciation of Emmaus' hospitality, the proceeds of tickets purchased by Emmaus members will be given to the Egan Warming Center. Tickets @ \$7 (\$5 seniors/students) may be purchased on Sunday mornings from OFC members Alex Grabofsky and Alycia Thatcher.
- **Sunday School Christmas Program** "Christmas Treasures" Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, between worship services
- **"Chili Dump" Lunch and Christmas Caroling** Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;  
Mark 13:24-37

8:30 am — Holy Communion  
9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 am — Sunday School & Forum Advent Festival  
11:00 am — Holy Communion

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

10:00 am — Book Group

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

\*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders  
10:00 am — Bible Study  
1:00 pm — Prep @ The Dining Room  
5:00 pm — Serve @ The Dining Room  
6:15 pm — Advent Supper  
7:00 pm — Advent Vespers  
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

9:30 am — Library Committee

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

8:30 am — Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Prayer Calendar: Week 3

\*Community events at Emmaus

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a;  
Mark 1:1-8

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 Nite

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

\*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

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 8**

9:00 am — Staff Meeting  
9:30 am — Naomi Circle  
\*7:00 pm — Valley Calligraphy Guild: Fellowship Hall

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**

\*6:00 pm — Fundraiser for Sandy Erickson Franklin's  
(Betty Erickson's daughter)  
Lung Transplant: Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

\*3:00 pm — Oregon Festival Choirs Concert

Prayer Calendar: Week 10

\*Community events at Emmaus

## **FORUM**

~ Sundays at 10:00 a.m.  
in Elgaard Fellowship Hall ~

A new monthly format for forums began in November.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Bible study
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – discussion of feature article  
in the current *Lutheran* magazine
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – speaker or program of interest  
related to living our faith
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Bible study
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Fellowship

This Sunday November, 27th is the First Sunday of Advent.  
Sunday School and Forum will combine for an Advent Festival.

In December, a Congregation meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday,  
the Sunday School Christmas Program will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday,  
Christmas Day is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, and  
there is no 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday!



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DATED MATERIAL

Dear Emmaus Family,

**From Pastor Steve...**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

These are the words of thanksgiving that we speak as we prepare to receive Holy Communion. Now in the last week of the church year ~ the Thursday before the beginning of Advent ~ we are given one last opportunity to give thanks on Thanksgiving Day. Christians are to live lives of constant thanksgiving. Our thankfulness should be so transparent that it is obvious to others.

As we continue to live thankfulness into the Advent and Christmas seasons, a creative way to do just that is to consider Christmas gifts from the *ELCA Good Gifts* catalog. Select from more than 50 gifts to give in thanksgiving and honor of friends or loved ones. You can order your gift(s) by mail, phone, or online. Cards and eCards are available to give or send to the person to announce the gift you have given in his/her honor. *ELCA Good Gifts* catalogs are available on the information table in the Gathering Place, or you may call the church office to obtain one.

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, NOVEMBER 25