



# ON THE ROAD

A BI-WEEKLY PUBLICATION

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## **CROP WALK THIS SUNDAY!**

CROP = Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty  
Sponsoring organization: Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger (OFRAH)

There's still time to participate! Stop by church to pick up a donation envelope or call or e-mail the church office to make arrangements. Arrive at Alton Baker Park any time after 1:00 on Sunday to register, turn in donations, and warm up. The walk will begin at 2:00. There will be three-mile and one-mile options.

If you are unable to walk, please seek out a walker\* to donate. One-quarter of your donation will go to Food for Lane County. The balance can be designated to a number of hunger-fighting agencies, including Lutheran World Relief. If you have no preference, the balance of your donation will go to Church World Service, an ecumenical ministry of 36 Christian denominations working in partnership to eradicate hunger and poverty.

You can also donate in a container at the CROP Walk display in the Gathering Place.

Last year Emmaus raised \$1,600 with 20 walkers participating!  
Can we do more this year??



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Pastor Steve Carlson  
Claudia Carlson  
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Lori Nicklin

Diane Palmer  
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Zachary Perry  
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## Lutheran World Relief

This is the month! You have two more weeks to put together school kits and personal care kits and bring soap.

Lists of the contents of school and personal care kits can be found on the Gathering Place information table or on Emmaus' website. You may also donate money for shipping costs. (For every dollar given, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential items!)

Let's flood the Gathering Place with our donations!  
Packing for shipment will be on Wednesday morning, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.  
Can you help? Let Evelyn Swank (541-744-2404, [beswank@comcast.net](mailto:beswank@comcast.net)) know!

## LIVING FAITHFULLY...WITH COURAGE

Every Fall the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) presents "Living Faithfully." This is an intergenerational event that seeks to nurture and empower disciples. The dates are Friday and Saturday, October 14-15 (this week!) at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Salem, 790 Marion St. N.E. (near the capitol). The guest speaker will be Lisa Dahill, Associate Professor of Worship and Christian Spirituality at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. The hours are 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Call or e-mail the Emmaus church office NOW if you are interesting in attending all or part of the event!

## GAME NIGHT



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is hosting a game night for all the congregations of the Emerald Cluster (ELCA in Eugene/Springfield/Junction City) this Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will

be board games for all ages. Bring a dessert to share; beverages will be provided. Everybody's welcome! Our Redeemer is at 255 Maxwell Road (just west of River Road).

## HALLOWEEN MINI-CARNIVAL



Confirmation students will host a "mini" carnival for children of Emmaus and the community on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Elgaard Fellowship Hall. Spread the word! There will be simple games and prizes for all. There is no cost. Children ~ and parents ~ are invited to come in costume!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

For this year's Sunday School Program we are using a curriculum entitled "Sparks" from Augsburg Publishing. This program presents a Bible story and teaches it in several different ways. For instance, the story of Joseph is presented using games, cooking, computer skills and art. Our plan is to begin with music and snacks each week, use a different focus for the Bible story for 2-3 weeks, and then move onto the next story. All the children, pre-school to 4th grade, will be together with a lead teacher and 2-3 aids. The Education Ministry requests your help as a lead teacher or an aide. Please sign up at the information table in the Gathering Place. Feel free to visit our Sunday School anytime.

## FISH

FISH is a 100 percent volunteer organization and has been collecting both food and clothing to distribute free to needy individuals. **Unfortunately, the clothing portion of the ministry is closed until a new space can be found to house the ministry.**

The food ministry is still active and deeply appreciates any donation of food or money that we can provide. Canned fruit, vegetables, stew, meats and spaghetti and ravioli are on the wish list, as well as peanut butter, cold cereals, and hot chocolate mixes. In addition, hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and deodorant are needed. You can leave these items in the FISH boxes located in the Gathering Place any time.

~Lori Nicklin,  
Congregation Council liaison to Outreach Ministry

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Many of you have designated your Thrivent Choice Dollars to be sent to Emmaus, and you may have intended your dollars to go to a specific group or purpose. Unfortunately, we have found it impossible to separate and track individual gifts. Thrivent does not send an accounting with their remittance so we do not know what member(s) the Thrivent payments are from, nor the dollar amount from a given member.

While the Congregation Council supports the idea of designated giving and would prefer to honor the intent of these gifts, since we lack any way to do so the Council has directed that all Thrivent Choice gifts (current and future) will be applied to the general operating fund. Thank you very much for your contribution of Choice Dollars and your understanding as we move forward. Thanks.

~Diane Neet  
Congregation Council liaison to Finance Ministry

## EVENTS FOR EVER-YOUNG SENIORS...

### WINE TOUR

Ever-Young Seniors (retired folk) are invited to go on a three-hour tour of local wineries on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, leaving Emmaus at 11:45 a.m. It will begin with lunch at Sweet Cheeks (\$9.50 / person). You need to sign up at the Gathering Place information table or call or e-mail the church office by Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.



### SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE

Portland's "Singing Christmas Tree" is a special annual event held at the Keller Auditorium. Ever-Young Seniors are invited to welcome December by traveling to Portland for the performance on Thursday night, December 1<sup>st</sup>, spending the night in a motel, "hanging out" in Portland on Friday, and driving back to Eugene in the afternoon. The estimated cost per person for tickets, lodging, transportation, and meals is \$125. You must sign up by Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sign the sheet on the information table in the Gathering Place or call or e-mail the church office. Friends are welcome!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;  
Matthew 22:15-22

8:30 am — Holy Communion  
9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 am — Sunday School/Forum  
11:00 am — Holy Communion  
2:00 pm — CROP Hunger Walk @ Alton Baker Park  
5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite  
6:00 pm — ELCA Cluster Game Night  
@ Our Redeemer Lutheran

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

2:00 pm — Esther Circle

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers  
\*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders  
10:00 am — Bible Study  
\*2:00 pm — Wintergreen Farm Stand (last)  
6:30 pm — Confirmation  
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

\*9:00 am — Creative Memories Workshop:  
Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Prayer Calendar: Week 3  
\*Community Events at Emmaus

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;  
Matthew 22:34-46

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, OCTOBER 25

9:00 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers  
7:00 pm — Congregation Council  
\*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00 am — Lutheran World Relief Packing  
9:00 am — Elva's Raiders  
10:00 am — Bible Study  
6:30 pm — Halloween Mini-Carnival  
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

11:45 am — Ever-Young Senior Wine Tour

Prayer Calendar: Week 4  
\*Community Events at Emmaus

## FORUM

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

Bible studies are being offered each Sunday.  
Please indicate your response with your attendance.

## ALL IN THE FAMILY...

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and well wishes  
during my illness.

~Betty Erickson

## EMMAUS HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 5th  
9:00 am—2:00 pm

Baked Goods ~ Quilts ~ Crafts ~ Lefse  
Cookie Jar ~ Pies ~ Quilt Raffle  
Gently Used Books for adults and children  
Join Us for Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls!  
Proceeds help local and global missions.

### How can you help with our Emmaus Bazaar?

- ✓ Donate baked goods and pies.
- ✓ Bake holiday cookies for the cookie jar.
- ✓ Craft items are welcome.
- ✓ Do you bake lefse?
- ✓ Donate gently used adult and children's books.
- ✓ Buy raffle tickets for the beautiful hand-made quilt displayed in the Gathering Place. Tickets are available on Sunday mornings and at the bazaar.
- ✓ Help set up on Friday, November 4th at 9:00 am

A volunteer sign up sheet and book donation box are located in the Gathering Place. If you have questions, contact Jeanne Hubbard, 541-684-3913 or Celia Lechnyr, 541-687-0300.

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DATED MATERIAL

Dear Emmaus Family,

**From Pastor Steve...**

It's early October; we're well into another school year. You who are old enough may remember TV personality Art Linkletter and his conversations with children. The following are some thoughts about God from a six-year old:

"One of God's main jobs is making people. God makes them to put in place of the ones who die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. God doesn't make grown-ups, just babies ~ I think because they are smaller and much easier to make. God doesn't have to take up valuable time teaching them to talk and walk because God leaves that to mothers and fathers. I think it works out pretty well.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on because some people, like pastors, pray other times beside eating and bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or watch TV on account of this. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps God very busy. So you shouldn't waste God's time by going over your parents' head and asking for something they said you cannot have.

Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on the water and doing miracles, trying to teach people about God who didn't want to learn. They finally got tired of his preaching and they crucified him. But he was good and kind like his Father, and he told his Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them. And God said OK."

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  
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**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**  
10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14