



ON THE ROAD

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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

October is "Fall Ingathering" month! That means it's time to assemble school and health kits and bring soap ~ all to be distributed worldwide by *Lutheran World Relief!* Lists of the contents of school and health kits are at the *LWR* display in the Gathering Place. The items you bring will be assembled into kits by Emmaus' women's circles, or you can assemble your own complete kits. You may also donate money for shipping costs. (For every dollar given, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential items!) Envelopes in which to donate are also at the *LWR* display.

LIVING FAITHFULLY...WITH COURAGE

Every year the Oregon Synod of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)* presents "Living Faithfully," an intergenerational event that nurtures and empowers disciples! This year it will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 14-15, at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Salem. Go to www.oregonsynod.org or call the church office if you're interested and would like to know more.

BLOOD DRIVE



The bloodmobile from the Lane Blood Center will again be in Emmaus' parking lot on Sunday, October 9th. If you are a regular donor, you're encouraged to wait until then for your next donation. Sign up for a time to donate on the chart in the Gathering Place at church or call or e-mail the church office. If you have questions or concerns, contact Dr. Mat Purvis (541-687-8895, mlpurvis10@hotmail.com).

CROP HUNGER WALK

The *Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger (OFRAH)* invites you to participate in the second annual *CROP Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Hunger)* on Sunday afternoon, October 16th, beginning at 2:00 at Alton Baker Park. One-fourth of funds raised by walkers will go to *Food for Lane County*. The remaining three-fourths will support international hunger relief through *Church World Service*, the serving arm of the National Council of Churches. There will be both one and three-mile walking courses, so there's something for families and walkers of all ages. Sign up at the Gathering Place information table and pick up an envelope in which to gather donations.

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE

In the wake of several natural disasters in recent months, please remember that you are welcome to donate at any time to assist in relief efforts. Yellow *Global & Local Mission Offering* envelopes in your offering envelope boxes offer an opportunity to designate offerings for ELCA Domestic/International Disaster Response. If you wish to designate your gift for a specific disaster, please indicate that on the envelope. Offerings given through Emmaus to any global and local missions are forwarded monthly to the designees.

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

Karri Mealy, Emmaus' immediate past congregation president, has volunteered to chair a committee to review the Constitution and By-laws of Emmaus to consider any possible revisions. If you would be interested in serving and/or have questions or input into the process, please contact Karri at karri@wwdb.org or 541-726-8609. This is a short-term opportunity that should take no more than a few meetings with e-mail exchanges between.

JOYOUS JOURNEY OF FAITH

Those of you who were part of the Emmaus family ten years ago may remember that the congregation was preparing to begin construction of the addition and remodel to the building. The congregation had pledged \$500,000 over a three-year period in the initial *Joyous Journey of Faith* capital campaign. Since then, the congregation has enjoyed doing ministry in a beautiful, functional facility. The *Joyous Journey of Faith* Capital Building Fund has continued by asking members to pledge offerings in three-year giving periods to make monthly mortgage payments on the balance of the cost.

The latest request to offer *Joyous Journey of Faith* pledges was in June. These pledges are for the three years from June 2011 to May 2014. Thank you to 45 households of the Emmaus family who pledged \$137,222. The current monthly payment on the mortgage held by *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans* is just under \$5,000. You can do the math to see that more will be needed through additional offerings. If you would like to pledge for the current giving period and have not yet done so, you are invited to find pledge cards on the Gathering Place information table or call or e-mail the church office.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE

Fundraising for Emmaus high school youth to attend the 2012 *ELCA Youth Gathering* in New Orleans next summer is already underway. You are invited to buy 2012 *Entertainment Books* for \$25 each that you can begin using now. Here are a few examples of what is offered in the book:

- 6 coupons for 10% off total purchase at Albertson's
- buy one, get one free admission to University of Oregon athletic events (softball, women's basketball, track and field, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball)
- discounts at Cold Stone Creamery
- 1 coupon every 3 months for \$5 off on a \$50 purchase at Market of Choice

BAZAAR NOVEMBER 5TH

Emmaus Lutheran Church Women (ELCW) are planning another annual holiday bazaar. October will be a busy month of quilting, crafting, baking, and collecting! Books are being collected; children's books are especially needed. Place them in the labeled box in the Gathering Place. A special quilt is made for the 3rd annual raffle. Tickets will be on sale in October.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2011

2011 budgeted expenses	280,550.21
2011 actual income	+175,517.65
2011 actual expenses	-185,854.57
Difference between actual 2011 income and actual expenses	-10,336.92
2010 deficit carryover	-3,867.42
Financial condition as of August 31, 2011	-14,204.34

FORUM

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

OCTOBER 2

"What is being Taught
in Confirmation?"
presented by Pastor Steve

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14;
Matthew 21:33-46

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 Nite

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers
2:00 pm — ELCW Executive Board
*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 am — Staff Meeting
9:30 am — Library Committee
7:00 pm — Social Concerns Ministry

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

*9:00 am — Oregon Festival Choir: Sanctuary,
Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Prayer Calendar: Week 1
*Community Events at Emmaus

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9;
Matthew 22:1-14

BLOOD DRIVE

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 11

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, OCTOBER 12

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders
10:00 am — Bible Study
6:30 pm — Confirmation
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

*5:00 pm — Oregon Festival Choir: Sanctuary,
Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

FRIDAY—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14-15
"Living Faithfully" in Salem

Prayer Calendar: Week 2
*Community Events at Emmaus

Dear Emmaus Family,

This is the beginning of the tenth year that the Big Little School has leased space from Emmaus. Alongside other activities that take place in the building, it makes for a very busy place! I feel that it's a visible sign of our church's commitment to be part of the community. Until this year, the Big Little School has offered classes for children from age 2 to 5 (pre-kindergarten). This year a kindergarten class is also being offered Monday-Thursday mornings for a one-year trial period.

That means that more space is needed in the building by the Big Little School. Negotiations have resulted in Emmaus allowing the Big Little School to utilize the Youth Room for its kindergarten class. The monthly rent paid to Emmaus by the Big Little School has been increased from \$1,250 to \$1,700. The room across from my office that formerly has been primarily used by middle school youth has been transformed to enlarge its use for Emmaus' youth. However, Emmaus can use any of the rooms used by the Big Little School whenever it is not in session.

The Emmaus staff is willing to work with the Big Little School to experience how these arrangements work before being evaluated prior to a new school year. If you have concerns, please contact me.

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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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY—FRIDAY
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30