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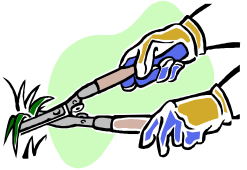
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EVER-YOUNG SENIORS

If you are retired, would you like opportunities to gather with other retired members of the Emmaus family? *Ever-Young Seniors* is the title given to those who enjoy gathering to share in a variety of activities. A potluck lunch gathering will take place on Friday, September 23rd, at 11:45 a.m. in Elgaard Fellowship Hall. Come to help shape the activities of *Emmaus Ever-Young Seniors!*

YARD WORK PARTY TO RETURN



After a very successful yard work party in the Spring, the Property Ministry invites everyone to join in a Fall work party to "spiffy" up the church yard for the Fall and Winter months. Plan to come on Saturday, September 24th, from 9:00 am till 12:00 noon to weed beds, and prune shrubs, especially the hedge along Tyler Street, which has not been attended to since last Summer. If you have gardening tools, gloves, etc., please bring them. Many hands make light work! Get to know others of your church family as you work, and share fellowship together over coffee and donuts during a mid-morning coffee break. Questions? Please contact Bob Bower at 541-345-4909.

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

All women are invited to participate in any of four monthly gatherings for fellowship, support, Bible study, and service. Naomi Circle meets on the second Thursday at 9:30 a.m., Rebecca Circle meets on the second Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., Mary Circle meets on the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., and Esther Circle meets on the third Monday at 2:00 p.m. Call or e-mail the church office for additional information.

2nd ANNUAL LUTHERAN BALL GAME



The West Lane County Chapter of *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans* invites you to participate in a fun non-competitive softball game on Sunday, September 18th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 4445 Royal Avenue. Teams will be divided evenly amongst young and old for cross-generational fellowship and fun. There will be snacks ~ including ice cream and watermelon ~ along with baseball caps. There is no cost for this event. If you have questions, call Randy von Ronne at 541-343-0327.

FARMER'S MARKET

Wintergreen Farm continues to sell produce in the Emmaus parking lot each Wednesday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. You are invited to stop by to purchase your produce!



ATTENTION, COLLECTORS!

I am collecting those small bottles of shampoo, conditioner and lotion, as well as soap bars you may have collected during your summer travels. I will deliver them to local social service agencies that provide services for homeless people, like the Eugene Mission and St. Vincent de Paul. Look for a box in the Gathering Place or give them to me on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, you can call me at 541-345-6275. Thank you.

~Linda Henry



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 October 16th 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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

In developing countries, an education can mean the difference between a lifetime of struggle or a future of promise. But students face many challenges to getting an education. Many families can't afford school fees and supplies and students may walk up to 10 miles to school along a dusty, rough roads that become muddy and slippery during the rainy season. The **school kits** we assemble are a tremendous help to children around the world. Pick up a list of items needed on the information table in the Gathering Place and drop off the supplies. The women's circles will assemble the school bags in October.

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 are 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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EMMAUS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

*Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30;
Matthew 20:1-16*

8:30 am — Holy Communion
9:30 am — Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am — Sunday School/Forum
11:00 am — Holy Communion
2:00 pm — Lutheran Ballgame @ Bethesda Lutheran
5:30 pm — High School Phunday Nite

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

2:00 pm — Esther Circle

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 am — Emmaus Quilt Makers
*7:00 pm — Eugene Concert Choir: Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 am — Elva's Raiders
10:00 am — Bible Study
2:00 pm — Wintergreen Farm Stand
5:45 pm — Confirmation
7:30 pm — Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

11:45 am — Ever—Young Senior Potluck Lunch

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 am — Yard Work Party

Prayer Calendar: Week 19
*Community Events at Emmaus

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13;
Matthew 21:23-32*

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:00 am — Book Group

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 am — Staff Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

1:00 pm — Prep @ The Dining Room
5:00 pm — Serve @ The Dining Room

Prayer Calendar: Week 20
*Community Events at Emmaus

ALL IN THE FAMILY...

*"Into your hands, merciful God,
we commend your servant..."*

Doris Fletcher died on August 26th at the age of 93 years. A memorial service took place at Emmaus on September 2nd. Helen Berg of the Emmaus family is her niece who has been like a daughter to Doris.

Farewell and Godspeed to **Andy, Amy, and Alex Kolb**, who moved to Amarillo, Texas in early August. Having been part of the Emmaus family for six years, they continue to be in our hearts.

FORUMS

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

SEPTEMBER 18

High school youth report
on their summer mission trip
to New York.

SEPTEMBER 25

Heidi Stolp and Lou Willcox report
on their participation in the
Oregon Synod Assembly.

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DATED MATERIAL

Dear Emmaus Family,

As we embark upon another "program" year, it seems appropriate to reflect upon the biblical story from Luke 24 from which the name of our congregation comes. I encourage you to read it again.

The road to Emmaus is not a road of the past. It is an everyday road. Someone is still walking along beside us opening the scriptures to us and breaking bread with us. And we are still rather slow about recognizing what's happening.

It takes so long to be a church. We seem so unable to trust the struggle as a divine struggle ~ and even in the struggle to cry out: "It is the Lord!"

We long to recognize Christ before we trust that stranger he sends down our road. And so often we miss the blessing. It's not that we're on the wrong road. It's rather that we fail to trust and to recognize strangers.

The road we walk each day is the road to Emmaus.

A partner on the road,

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
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10:00 AM THURSDAY EACH WEEK

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16