

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. . . . For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light (for the fruit of the light consists of all goodness, righteousness, and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Ephesians 5:1-2 & 8-10

To facilitate growth in commitment to Christ and in connection to people through the church

Stuff from me

About half way through this month you begin reading the book of Matthew. The first chapter lists the ancestors of Jesus. Most of the time I tell you to skip over the lists, but since you've just finished reading Samuel & Kings, see if any of the names in the list sound familiar. Or, just consider that God remembers us by name, even if hundreds of years have gone by.

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Stuff For Middle School

Sunday School: Remember to attend regularly.

Middle School Recharge at Lutherwood

It's not too late to sign up
October 7th (7:00 p.m.) to 9th (at noon)
Theme: Dr. Seuss Style
Your Cost: \$50.00
Sign up in the Middle School Room
Invite a friend

Confirmation (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

Oct. 5th: Lesson
Oct. 12th: Planning the Mini-Carnival
Oct. 19th: Lesson
Oct. 26th: Halloween Mini-Carnival 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (You'll need to get here as soon after school as possible to get things set up. We'll have pizza here before the carnival starts. Afterwards, you'll clean up and be out of here by 7:30. And don't forget; you need to be in costume for the carnival. And yes, friends who help are welcome.)

Stuff For High School

Phunday Nite

Oct. 2: Dinner & last half of *Return of the King*
Oct. 9: Dinner & game
Oct. 16: Dinner & *Search for the Holy Grail*
Oct. 23: Dinner & game
Oct. 30: Dinner & *Young Frankenstein*

Sunday School attend regularly-as in every week

We're using a curriculum called *re:form ancestors*. Come and try it out. I think you will enjoy it a lot!

OLYO Fall Gathering

November 11th to 13th
Theme: Breaking Barriers
Where: Camp Cascade, Lyons, OR
Who: Agape (David Scherer) and Rachel Kurtz with a lot of Oregon Lutheran high schoolers
Your cost: \$75.00
Sign up in the Youth Room
Bring a friend

Stuff About The Youth Gathering

The ELCA Youth Gathering is scheduled for July 18-22. The Gathering is open to anyone who is going into high school in 2012, or in high school in 2012, or graduating from high school in 2012. Registration begins in October 9th and continues until 39,000 people register. If you want to go, let me know.

What is this trip going to involve for you and your family?

Your family will pay a \$325 deposit. The first payment of \$100 is due by October 9th. The remainder can be paid at any time and in any installments, but must be paid by May 1.

We have several fund-raisers that you will be asked to participate in. For instance, you will need to work a minimum of 4 hours preparing for the yard sale, and a minimum of 4 hours on the day of the yard sale (tentatively scheduled for June 23rd). If we work more than once at the I-5 rest stops, you will be asked to work shifts on varying weekends. And you will need to help pick up and recycle Christmas trees. There will be more opportunities, because we need about 1500 per person for this trip.

You will be asked to participate in the worship and service life of this church. You can sign up to help on Sunday mornings, or volunteer for some of the other activities that happen at Emmaus – like the Interfaith Shelter in February.

Stuff To Look Forward To

Interfaith Shelter at Emmaus

Feb. 6th to Feb 13th

30 Hour Famine

Feb. 24th to 25th

High School Recharge at Lutherwood

April 13th to 15th (Tentative dates)

Convo (in conjunction with Synod Assembly)

April 27th to 29th

Other Stuff

Entertainment Books

Only cost \$25.00
We have 25 left to sell
We make \$4.00 on each book sold
There are some great coupons in the book

Escrip

This is a program where we get money when people buy things at Safeway using their Safeway card. We just have to register names and numbers. We make about \$100 a year, but could make a lot more.

Rest Stop

I have run into some problems with organizing this for Oct. 1st so don't worry about it right now. Watch for more information, either by e-mail, text or in future newsletters.

Cans & Bottles

Last year we recycled 19,174 cans. Let's reach 20,000 this year (July 2011 to June 2012.) That way we'll make \$1000