

# Emmaus Youth NewsLetter

January 2012

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 For Middle School

#### Sunday School

- January 8<sup>th</sup>: Class
- January 15<sup>th</sup>: Class
- January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Class
- January 29<sup>th</sup>: Class

#### Confirmation

Confirmation classes begin on January 4 with a fellowship night. We will continue the tradition of having a night of Bunko. This is a great game, but it's lots more fun if we have lots of people, so invite your parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. It doesn't matter if they haven't played before or don't remember the rules. We all learn together and have a great time. The following week we'll return to classes.

Here's the schedule for January. Remember, everything begins at 6:30 p.m.

- January 4<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship/Bunko
- January 11<sup>th</sup>: Class
- January 18<sup>th</sup>: Class
- January 25<sup>th</sup>: Service

#### OLYO Middle School Rally

March 17 & 18

You'll have a great time at West Linn with other middle school Lutherans. Save the date.

### Stuff For High School

#### Phunday Nite: from 5:30 to 7:00

- January 8<sup>th</sup>: Dinner & a game
- January 15<sup>th</sup>: Dinner & a game
- January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Dinner & ?
- January 29<sup>th</sup>: Dinner & a game

Sunday School classes begin again on January 8<sup>th</sup>

### Stuff To Look Forward To

#### Souper Bowl of Caring

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>

We will ask for donations immediately following the worship services. We will also collect canned foods. Our donations will go to ELCA Hunger Appeal and Food for Lane County. In twenty years \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country. Let's be the answer to the prayer. . . *Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.*

#### Interfaith Shelter at Emmaus

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> to Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

Consider helping in the kitchen or with hosting or crafting with the kids.

#### 30 Hour Famine: Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

Several of you have asked to participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. I have pledge forms and information to help you prepare for this service event. Please pick up a packet. I would also like some of you to help plan the weekend. Let me know if you're interested.

#### High School Recharge at Lutherwood

April 20<sup>th</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Convo (in conjunction with Synod Assembly)

April 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

### Money Stuff

#### Rest Stop

Be ready. I am working with ODOT and hope to have either Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> as our day serving coffee at a rest stop. I'm not trying to schedule the whole weekend until we see how everything works out.

#### Christmas Tree Pick Up

Scheduled for January 7 & 8

Need parents to drive trucks

Fundraiser for New Orleans

Everyone can help

New Orleans participants must help

#### Entertainment Books

We made a profit of \$130.00 on the sale of Entertainment books.

#### Cosmos Corn

Three boxes with thirty-six bags in each box purchased for \$2.99 per bag and sold for \$5.00

We have SEVEN more bags to sell

Our current profit is \$172.08

Help sell the last seven bags, so we can reach the full potential of **\$217.08**

#### Can & Bottle recycling

Our goal is to raise \$1500. That means we need to recycle 90,000 cans. Get to work collecting!!

#### Super Subs: February 5<sup>th</sup>

Several years ago, we took orders for sub sandwiches on Super Bowl Sunday. Do you want to do this again, and is there someone who will help oversee and organize the project. Let me know soon, so we can start the publicity.

#### Cajun Dinner: April 22<sup>nd</sup>

We will be co-hosting a dinner and silent auction with Central Lutheran. Everyone going needs to put together a chocolate themed basket for the Silent Auction. Then we need people to help prepare the dinner. Others will be needed to help with the entertainment. And finally, all of you need to help publicize and serve, so put this date on your calendar.

#### 144 Envelopes

This fund-raiser has the potential of making the most money. There will be more information to church members. But you need to be prepared to send letters asking for donations to family and friends outside the church. I will have a sample letter available for you.

### Stuff from me

*Happy New Year!!*

I would like to challenge you with the first four words of this year's Bible verse. "Be imitators of God" In this new year, how can you imitate God? Is it in as simple a way as greeting others with a smile? Or will you have to make some difficult choices on how you spend your time and money? Or how about how you take care of your body? Or decisions about your future? I'll be asking those questions of myself. Maybe we can share answers with each other.

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