

# August Newsletter

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**Emmaus  
Lutheran  
Church**

## Pastor's Update

Hello Everyone! I hope you are all well.

Life continues on at Emmaus, even though we are not together in person. One thing to look forward to is a new liturgy, which will begin at the beginning of September.

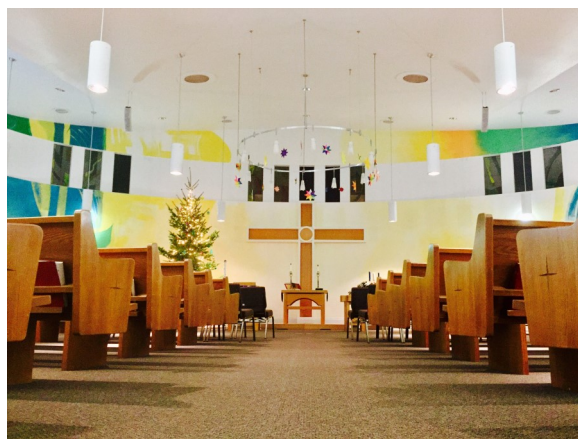
Andrew and I are thinking ahead to the new program year in September, even though most of our programs will continue to be virtual. We are looking at how best to engage as a community

while also ensuring everyone's safety. Our commitment to figuring out ways to serve our larger community remains, as that is one of the central aspects of the mission of Emmaus.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a staff or council member. In the meantime, know that we are holding you all in prayer.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Rachel

*\*Our newsletter is abbreviated this month. We will be back with our regular columns and stories in September.*



## Outdoor Gathering

We are considering having another all-church outdoor gathering in August. Stay tuned for a date and time!

## August Office Hours

Both Melinda and the pastoral staff will be in and out during the month of August. One of us will be in the office most days, but we recommend calling or e-mailing to make an appointment if you need specific help. Please note that regular office hours for the summer are 9:00-12:00, Tuesday through Thursday. We will update you on Fall hours in the September newsletter.

## Pastoral Phone Line

Pastor Rachel has a new phone number! You can reach her at 541-799-5514 (this information is also in Breeze). You may also reach Andrew when you call. When Pastor Rachel is on vacation, you will be able to contact the council member or retired pastor who is on-call for pastoral emergencies at this number.



## Building Use

Even though we're limiting the number of people in our building at any given time, we are still finding ways to share space and utilize our facilities.

- ◆ Our two PhD students, Rob Moore and Noah Kerr, are using the library and one of the offices to work on their dissertations. Marie Rodiet has started a program in computer coding and also uses the library to study.
  - ◆ Victoria Moreira, the director of Westwinds Flute Choir, uses the Youth Room for flute practice.
  - ◆ Eduardo Moreira, Victoria's husband and a concert pianist, uses the grand piano in the sanctuary to practice, as UO facilities are closed.
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- We also use the Sanctuary to record worship. We are there in person and you are there in spirit!*
- ◆ Connections Behavior Consultation, a group that trains caregivers of people with disabilities, holds a two day workshop in the Fellowship Hall once a month.
  - ◆ Rob Moore records *The Chinese Literature Podcast* in the library with a colleague. Their podcast has thousands of listeners!
  - ◆ Dan and Brent continue to use the Sanctuary to practice and record music.
  - ◆ The Wednesday Bible Study is meeting once a week in the Fellowship Hall.

- ◆ Melinda continues to staff the office so she can get mail, answer the phone, and facilitate the administrative work of the church.
- ◆ Deanna, Dave, Jane, and Pastor Rachel count money and deal with financial matters in the office.
- ◆ The quilters come in small groups to lay out new quilts in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Every once in awhile, Louis and Mathis Moore come to run around and play in the nursery.
- ◆ *If you would like to use our space in some way, please contact a staff member. You can also see when the building is in use by checking the Breeze event calendar.*

## August Worship, Fellowship, and Education Notes

During the month of August, we will be taking a brief summer break from a few of our regular offerings. Worship will continue to be online, as usual. We will have fellowship time at 10:15 am each Sunday. However, we will not be doing adult forum between August 9th and August 31st. We will also be taking

a break from “Ask the Expert.” Both of these educational offerings will resume in September with the launch of the program year.

Our weekly Wednesday “Coffee Breaks” at 9:00am will continue on Zoom, as usual. Bible Study is at 10:00am on Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall.



## Blood Donors Needed!

Covid-19 has impacted blood donations at Bloodworks NW, our local bloodbank.

- In July, only 36% of appointments were booked.
- Our community’s blood supply has dropped by over 25% since the beginning of June.
- Appointments have decreased by 8% since the beginning of June.

*“Yes, the act of blood donation is safe.”*

Is blood donation safe? Yes, the act of blood donation is safe. Bloodworks complies with all social distancing requirements, CDC and FDA guidelines, wear masks and require our donors to wear

masks. Everyone must have an appointment and we sanitize all areas between each donation..

Please consider donating at the Eugene Donation Center (2211 Willamette St., Eugene). You can find more information at: [www.bloodworksnw.org](http://www.bloodworksnw.org).

## Final Summer Food Drive



Thanks to everyone who has helped with and contributed to our summer food drives. We will be having one more food drive in August in conjunction with a Thrivent Action Grant. Please come and drop off food on Monday, August 17th between 5:30-7:00pm or Tuesday, August 18th,

from 9:00-11:00am. We will send out an updated list of the foods most needed by Food for Lane County the week prior to the food drive. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to help on Monday evening or Tuesday morning. We will be sure to wear masks and keep our distance.

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## August Birthdays

Leslie Bjornbak — AUG 1	Taylor Cavanagh — AUG 22
Marilyn Deaton — AUG 4	Cathy Smith — AUG 22
Herb Koppermann — AUG 7	Sidsel Tompkins — AUG 23
Jackie Thomas — AUG 12	Brandon Burbank — AUG 23
Andrew Langford — AUG 12	Diane Hill — AUG 25
Robin Wiper — AUG 13	Bill Jones — AUG 25
Larry Strickland — AUG 14	Rachel Langford — AUG 27
Sarah Palmer — AUG 14	Em Smith — AUG 28
Ben O'Rourke — AUG 17	Lois Brown — AUG 30
John Dobson — AUG 18	Peter Kugler — AUG 30
Melinda Garcia — AUG 21	

## Prayer List

Nola Baird, Carolyn Bauder, Leslie Bjornbak, Denise Blake (daughter of Billie Scott), Dean Burkhart, Donna Burlingame, Gloria Churchill, David Crane (nephew of Carolyn Bauder & Judy Koppermann), Mitchel Card (Nola Baird's grandson), Willard Grabofsky, Melissa (former daughter-in-law of Mary & Brian Hamilton), Bill Jones, Zair Khademian (uncle of Noah Kerr), Valerie McCormick (grandmother of Charlotte Trent), Lorinne McKeeman (Marilyn Kalstad's sister), James Petersen (son of Ruth Nyegaard), David Peterson (nephew of Elaine Herbison), Jeanette Rydbrink, David Schmitz (son of Larry & Donna), Lisa Teigland (family friend of Mitzi Shirk), Bruce Vogel (friend of the Stricklands).

- Homebound: Marge Churchill
- Hospice: Michael Barker

## Did You Know . . .

. . . that even though the Emmaus Quilters closed down in March due to the pandemic, many of them have continued to quilt at home and have 42 quilts completed for Lutheran World Relief in October. Some of them were finished prior to the shut-down, but they should have close to 50 by the deadline. They will also have seven quilts for Jasper Moun-

tain, the number they normally give them every fall, and a quilt was made for each of our graduating seniors. Even though it looks like there will not be a Bazaar this year, one quilter is making some quilts to sell. As the saying goes, "Old quilters never die, they just go to pieces."

