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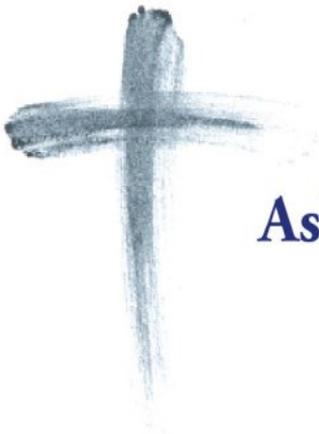
February 2020



ANNUAL EAST WOODS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

and ANNUAL REPORT 2019

after Worship on Sunday, February 9



February 26 at East Woods

Brief noontime service

12—12:30 PM

Ash Wednesday

— Lent Begins

FAMILY MINISTRIES

FEBRUARY “ALL-AGES” EVENT:

This month’s all-ages event puts the spotlight on our Youth Group and three gracious homes that open their doors for a **Progressive Dinner on February 16th**. We invite 6th-12th grade students and their friends to be the guests of honor, and ask for three East Woods homes to host one of three courses (appetizer, main course, dessert). Please contact Kevin if you are interested in hosting one of these stops on our journey, driving students, and participating in an opportunity to build a relationship with some of our teens.

The March “All-Ages” Event is being planned in such a way as to include a larger number of our church family. Look for details coming soon!



YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Sunday, February 16th - 6:00 – 8:00pm

6th-12th graders are encouraged to dress up nicely (or in costume – either way is fun!) as we gather for a 3-course Progressive Dinner together. We will be traveling to 3 different homes of East Woods folk for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Please be sure that we have a permission form for your student. Meet at the church by 6:00pm.

Church members: We are looking for 3 homes nearby to host these students! We hope to have appetizers, main course, and dessert. If you are interested in hosting a course, please let me know as soon as you can, along with which course you would like to prepare. We also would like to have a couple of extra drivers in case we have a large group of kids. Thank you for all your support of youth here at East Woods!

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NO YOUTH GROUP

Feb. 2 (Superbowl Sunday)

FROM THE DEACONS:

Did you know....

Over a half million people are currently homeless in the United States. While a great deal of effort has gone into addressing homeless families and veterans, little has been done to address a growing vulnerable group, namely senior citizens. At a recent Council for the Homeless meeting, we learned about a 78-year-old man, living in his car with his dog, because he had been priced out of the apartment where he lived for over 22 years and was never late with his rent. Fortunately, he was able to get help.

The number of homeless elderly individuals has increased 48.2% in the past few years. Unfortunately, the situation is projected to get worse. Faith Partners for Housing, is exploring a solution to address this situation. A homesharing program, similar to the one run by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, is being introduced here in Clark County. At this point, they are trying to estimate how many home providers and home seekers in the faith community would consider participating in a home sharing program. On Gathering Sunday, the Deacons will distribute a short survey to determine the interest in it. The survey is completely anonymous and only the totals will be forwarded to St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Thank you for participating and please continue to pray for our unhoused brothers and sisters.



THE WALK TO EMMAUS

Have you wondered what the Walk to Emmaus is? Do you question if it's right for you? The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience that takes you away from the world to spend time surrounded by God's Love. You hear 15 talks on the subject of Grace. You are fed well, physically and spiritually. The Walk's purpose is to inspire you to return to your church with renewed enthusiasm for serving Christ. Unlike retreats, you only participate as a pilgrim once. For many, it is a life-changing experience. Anyone who feels the desire to deepen his/her relationship to Christ is welcome to participate. Please contact Cynthia Younger or anyone who has attended the Walk if you have any questions.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES, SUNDAYS AT 9 AM

BIBLE IN HISTORY

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, 9 AM

DVD w/ Ray Vander Laan in Israel - Discussion with **Pastor Brian**



THEOLOGY BOOK CLUB

2nd and 4th Sundays, 9 AM—Willow Room

The First Paul by Marcus J. Borg, John Dominic Crossan

For more information, contact **Carol Domench** at 360-687-6911



East Woods Women's Retreat—2020—March 6-8

Ladies, our annual Women's Retreat will be here soon!

On Friday, March 6, we will gather at our retreat location,

A lovely, huge home in Brush Prairie. The great thing about staying Local for our retreat is that you have a choice of either staying over and sleeping at the retreat house, or going home to your own bed each evening.

Overnight lodging, 5 meals, an amazing program
and lots of fellowship for \$125.

If you will be heading home to your own bed each night, the cost is \$100.

Scholarships are available: please see **Peggy Konzek**,
Lynne Helmke or **Gwen Wagner**.



East Woods - You Did It!

**We not only met the \$30K in 30 Days
Challenge,
we exceeded it! We raised \$35, 228.
Thank you all for your support and giving.
Go mighty, mighty Chickens!
Thank you, thank you.
*Henrietta & Session***



BUILDING OUR FAITH FAMILY THROUGH INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Over the years I have grown to understand the value and blessing of the instruction in Titus 2 for older godly men and women to teach and train younger men and women in wisdom and godliness. I see the necessity and blessing of walking alongside other redeemed sinners to encourage and equip each other to live lives that reflect the image of Christ to the world. This holds true whether it is a young person, or a new believer.

God has designed a system of having men and women of sound doctrine teach and train the next generation of believers. I know that many among us do this beautifully, but there is still great need for the older generation to step up and fulfill their God-given role in the lives of younger people in our midst. Likewise, God's Word calls the younger generation to accept and seek the wisdom of those who have gone before them, listening to their stories of faith, love, loss, and learning.

As the first part of a continuing series in our Newsletter, here are six encouragements to consider from author Sarah Walton that I feel will benefit our faith family at East Woods:

To the Older Generation of Believers

1. You aren't required to have life figured out, a ministry resume, or an unshakable faith in order to pass on wisdom and training to those younger than you.
2. Pray and step out in faith, trusting that God will equip you and use your life for His purposes in the lives of those He brings into your path.
3. Make time to intentionally invest in those younger than you. Your example will teach us to do the same.

To the Younger Generation of Believers

1. Pray and ask God to reveal if hardness of heart or pride is causing you to resist wisdom and guidance from those who are older than you.
2. Be aware of the tendency towards giving too much weight to your feelings in the name of being "vulnerable and honest."
3. Christ will use passionate, bold "trail blazers" to powerfully advance His gospel when they lead with humility and teachable spirits that are dependent on Him.

This is our unified purpose.

Let us lay aside whatever hinders us from investing in one another's lives and open ourselves up in humility and obedience to receive every blessing that God has designed to give us through the beauty of intergenerational living. If you see yourself in these brief ideas, please feel free to reach out to me and share what the Spirit has shown you in growing our church together.

Kevin Gates

East Woods Activities - Save the Date

- Feb. 2 **Family Promise Guests**, 5:30 PM – 7:30 AM
Feb. 2 **Gathering Sunday Lunch**
Feb. 5 **Worship Comm.**, 10 AM
Feb. 8 **Men's Breakfast**, 7:30-9 AM, Evergreen Hall
Feb. 9 **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
Feb. 11 **Women's Bible Study**, 10 AM, Maple Room
Feb. 13 **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 1 PM, Redwood Room
Feb. 16 **Children & Family Ministry Meeting**, 11:45
Feb. 16 **Youth Progressive Dinner**, 6 PM
Feb. 20 **Session Meeting**, 6 PM
Feb. 24 **Men's Fellowship Happy Hour**, 5:30 PM, McMenamins
Feb. 25 **Women's Bible Study**, 10 AM, Maple Room
Feb. 26 **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**, 12-12:30 PM

Also see: "Events" web page at <http://eastwoodspress.org/events>

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

For any Deacon needs and Prayer Requests:

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