



## Pathways and Passages

Feb  
2012

### *FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENTS*

Feb 3-5	High School Baking Marathon
Feb 11	SMART Book Sale
Feb 12	H.S. Bake Sale/SMART Book Sale
Feb 21	Augustana Band Concert
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday
Feb 26	Bishop Dave visits
Feb 29	Lenten Suppers and Worship begin

**Communion Worship every Sunday-9:30 AM.**

#### **LOOKING AHEAD...**

- ◆ AARP Tax-aide will be using Ascension's facility beginning February 1.
- ◆ High School baked goodies will be delivered Feb. 12
- ◆ Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22. Worship will be at 6 pm
- ◆ Augustana Band will perform Tuesday, Feb. 21 at First Presbyterian Church, Medford
- ◆ Bishop Dave will be here on Feb. 26
- ◆ Lenten suppers begin Wednesday, Feb 29. Watch your bulletin for further, detailed information

Church website: [www.ascensionlutheran.com](http://www.ascensionlutheran.com).  
Watch for Council Minutes and Committee Reports  
under Publications on our website.



## **People who listen** *Pastor Doug Vold*

From time to time I hear married couples joke about the hearing loss of the other. While hearing loss is not really anything to joke about, what they are actually teasing about has to do with listening, or the lack of it. I have heard it called "selective deafness" this phenomenon of only hearing some things, or only hearing what one wants to hear. It is a common malady in many areas of life.

Communication has been frequently cited as an issue here at Ascension. It is a top priority as something we need to work harder on and be better at. Communication, in these conversations, seems mostly to mean some form of information sharing. "Who is doing what?" we want to know. "Why did it happen that way?" And the point is certainly well taken.

We want to be diligent about letting everybody know clearly what is going on.

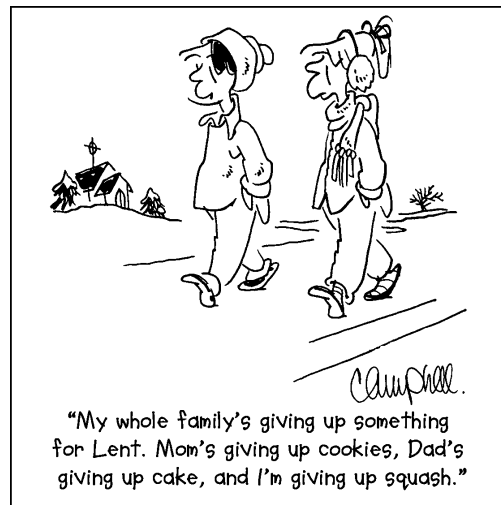
But there is a deeper aspect to communication and it turns out to be a key aspect of the Christian life: listening. In *Life Together* Dietrich Bonhoeffer says, "The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as love to God begins with listening to God's Word, so the beginning of love for those in the community of faith is learning to listen to them."

Listening is a great gift to give one another, especially because it is in such profoundly short supply in our world of talk and action, noise and busyness. Much of what passes for listening is simply waiting ones turn to speak, usually while preparing one's next point. (OK. Not interrupting one another is a good start, but only a start.) But real listening means actually seeking understanding. It takes all of one's attention. And it is an absolutely essential ingredient to community, to know-

ing one another, and to loving as God has loved us.

Even more, Bonhoeffer identifies listening as the key to reaching out. We tend to think that outreach and evangelism mean us having something that we give to others. We give them food. We bring them the Gospel. But what if the Gospel is in fact calling us to relationship? "Many people are looking for an ear that will listen. They do not find it among Christians because these Christians are talking where they should be listening." "Listening can be a greater service than speaking."

What if our evangelism began with listening? Could we hear everything and not just some things? Would that be a worthy offering of ourselves? What if our love for one another manifested itself first and primarily in listening to each other? Could we hear more than just what we want to hear? What would it be like if God were at work in us to help us really pay attention? We might become known as people who listen. What kind of a reputation would that be?





## February . . .

Sunday Morning Workshops: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:45. All Middle Schoolers are welcome, grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>!

This class has identified Cancer as their service project focus and will donate their morning offering toward this cause. Check in with them and watch for next month's news letter for an in-depth look at their project!

The Oregon Lutheran Youth Organization  
is presenting...

"Tomorrow Starts Today!"  
2012 OLYO Middle School Gathering

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

1 Timothy 4:12

***This is The Event for Middle Schoolers!  
It's time to register!***

**WHEN:** March 17-18

**WHERE:** West Linn Lutheran ,West Linn, OR

**COST:** \$25

Contact Susan Detwiler for registration forms.  
We need adults to accompany the kids, let me know if you would consider it!



Oregon Lutheran Youth Organization



High School  
Activities

## February ....

### **February 3, Friday**

Begin Baking! 8:30ish and on ...

### **February 4, Saturday**

Continue baking in the afternoon through evening!

### **February 5, Sunday**

Recuperate from weekend of baking. How about a movie in your room and something different than Almond Roca, Peanut Butter Cookies and Lemon Squares to eat! All High Schoolers Welcome!!

### **February 12, Sunday**

Distribute Baked Goods in the Fireside Room

### **February 19, Sunday 10:45am**

"Citizens with the Saints" – Intro.

### **February 26, Sunday 10:45am**

Forum with Bishop Dave

**February activity, date to be determined: Home Town Buffet & a Movie!**

## Sunday School Workshops

Theme for the Year: "God Calls Us!"

**"Mary and Martha"**

### Workshops:

BIBLE SKILLS AND GAMES

SCIENCE

### Dates:

February 5: Rotation Workshops

February 12: Rotation Workshops

February 19: Shepherd Sunday



On "Shepherd Sunday" classes meet with their shepherds to extend their learning.

**If you want to volunteer please contact  
Susan Detwiler at 826-2289  
or [childrensministry@ascensionlutheran.com](mailto:childrensministry@ascensionlutheran.com)**

### MEDICAL TEAMS INTERNATIONAL

Submitted by Susan MacKinnon, M.D.

Medical Teams International is non-profit Christian-based organization centered in Portland. It has projects all over the world including the United States. These projects include:

- ◇ community health projects - maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, water and sanitation projects
- ◇ dental programs, including mobile dental units in Washington, Oregon and Minnesota
- ◇ disaster response services
- ◇ medical and surgical teams to provide patient care and train local health personnel
- ◇ delivering medical and humanitarian supplies

MTI usually partners with local organizations which know the local culture and language, are aware of the needs of the local communities and are respected by community leaders. By taking care of logistics such as housing, food, transportation and translation, these in-country organizations make it easier for the teams to function efficiently and provide services that are needed and wanted by the communities.

The duration of the medical missions varies-usually one to four weeks, and except for disaster relief missions, they are paid for by the volunteer. My missions have included two weeks in New Orleans providing basic health care to displaced persons shortly after Hurricane Katrina and two weeks in rural Nicaragua. Beginning February 25 I will be part of a medical training project for a month at the 82 bed Hope Hospital in Burundi, 100 miles from the capital, teaching African medical students basic physical examination and diagnostic skills, and caring for patients. Hope Hospital is one of three teaching hospitals for Hope Africa University's medical school in Bujumbura, the capital. The hospital serves a population of 250,000 and is a referral location for ten rural health centers. It lacks running water, has unpredictable electricity, and no internet access. We will be bringing the hospital its first ECG machine. My team will have 4 people beside myself: a nurse midwife and her friend, a 4th year medical student from the University of Washington, and a lab technician who will be helping the hospital upgrade its laboratory. The hospital does have a staff of African physicians.

Watch our bulletin for information about contributing directly to Susan's mission. More than anything, however, she will be thankful for your thoughts and prayers. ~Carla

**SMART: Start Making A Reader Today**

Submitted by Jan and Hal Herdrich

If children don't learn to read by the third grade, they can't read to learn. SMART recruits thousands of volunteers to read one-on-one with PreK-3 children in need of literacy support. Every week for seven months, volunteers read aloud with kids to help them gain confidence in their reading ability. Educators agree this helps reinforce reading and language skills learned in the classroom. Research proves that children who participated in SMART are 60% more likely to reach state benchmarks.

In 1991 SMART founders came together to address the troublesome reality that Oregon's children were routinely reading below grade level. SMART's unique model was developed, blending early childhood reading support, adult mentorship and community engagement to positively impact literacy outcomes. SMART started in the Rogue Valley in 1994 in Jackson and Washington Elementaries.

Twenty years later, SMART has served more than 144,000 children across Oregon and given away nearly 2 million books. In 2011-12, we will serve 7,700 children in 230 sites statewide, with the help of 5,000 community volunteers. In the Rogue Valley, SMART will serve over 880 children in 31 sites thanks to 600 volunteers. Together, with support from communities and schools around the state, SMART is improving the reading capacity of Oregon's children.

For more information contact the Rogue Valley SMART office at 541-734-5628 or [www.getsmartoregon.org](http://www.getsmartoregon.org).



**SMART BOOK SALE**

The SMART Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, February 11. Start saving your books, but please don't bring them to the church until Sunday, February 5 after the service. We don't have room to store them. Please have your books here by Friday morning Feb 10 in order to have them organized for the sale. Volunteers don't have time to organize books brought in on Saturday morning. For more information or to volunteer, call Hal and Jan Herdrich at 541-488-8704 or [sewnmow@ashland97520.com](mailto:sewnmow@ashland97520.com)

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Submitted by Hal & Jan Herdrich

The American Red Cross is a community-based organization with the advantage of nationwide resources and experience. In order to assure that blood is available when someone needs it, healthy people are asked to donate blood regularly throughout the year. The Red Cross philosophy is an altruistic appeal to community responsibility based on the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor. The result is a practical approach to meeting community, state, and national blood needs through shared responsibility.

Every day, area hospitals are filled with cancer and surgery patients, premature babies, accident victims and other ill and injured people who need transfusions to live. Blood cannot be manufactured, it can only come from donors and because all blood and blood products are perishable, the supply must be constantly replenished. When you donate blood, your single unit can be separated and transfused as components: red cells, platelets and plasma, so by donating one unit of blood, you may help save more than one life. Knowing how important blood is to patients helps overcome the fear of needles that worries many people before donating. The actual process of donating blood only takes about 15 minutes and is almost painless. The entire process takes about 1 hour. If you are interested in donating life-saving blood, contact the American Red Cross at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800--RED-CROSS (1-800-448-3543).

The Red Cross also offers a wide range of services through its area Chapters including disaster relief, health and safety, community services, armed forces emergency services, and more. The Red Cross has a unique opportunity to respond to national emergencies through its nationwide network. The blood supply is a critical national resource for everyone across the country to be made available when and where the need strikes.

Besides donating blood, here are other ways to help:

1. Become a volunteer—call Debi Dailey at 541-261-1206
2. Sponsor a blood drive—call Christina Dunlap at 541-842-4707
3. Take a CPR class—call 541-779-3773
4. Donate money—call 800-RED-CROSS or [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)
5. Train to become an emergency volunteer--call 541-779-3773

Our local representative is

Christina Dunlap

1174 Progress Dr. Ste 102, Medford

541-842-4707 or [dunlapc@usa.redcross.org](mailto:dunlapc@usa.redcross.org)



During Jesus' time in the wilderness after his baptism, Satan tempted him to do three things. Which of the following was not one of the temptations?

- A. To change water into wine so wedding guests would know he was God's Son
- B. To throw himself down from the top of the temple, expecting angels to save him
- C. To turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger
- D. To worship Satan in order to gain all the world's kingdoms

Answer: A (See Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13.)

*Ash  
Wednesday*

**Ash Wednesday Service and Lenten Midweek Services Begin**

Ash Wednesday is February 22. Worship including the imposition of ashes will begin at 6:00 pm.

Midweek services begin the following week. We are still exploring our schedule and format for this year's Lent. So be alert for possible changes. Information will be available in the bulletin and on the website. Stay tuned!



# FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

## •••• DIRECTIONS ••••

To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.



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for \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

# FORGIVENESS Game

Try this twist on musical chairs.

## What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

## What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.

## TRANSFIGURATION

All over this magnificent world, God calls us to extend his kingdom of shalom-peace and wholeness — of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, of joy, of reconciliation. God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us.

What can separate us from the love of God? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. And as we share God's love with our brothers and sisters, God's other children, there is no tyrant who can resist us, no opposition that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed, no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned into love, no dream that cannot be fulfilled.

—Desmond Tutu,



# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
			<i>1</i> <i>Bible Study</i> <i>AARP Tax-</i> <i>Worship M</i> <i>Choir -6:3</i>
<i>5</i> <i>Worship-9:30</i> <i>X'n Ed-10:45</i>  <i>High School Baking</i>	<i>6</i> <i>AARP Tax-9:00</i> <i>Grace Notes-6:00</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Quilters-8:30</i> <i>Knitters-12:00</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Bible Study</i> <i>AARP Tax-</i> <i>Choir -6:3</i>
<i>12</i> <i>Bake Sale/Book Sale</i> <i>Worship-9:30</i> <i>X'n Ed-10:45</i>	<i>13</i> <i>AARP Tax-9:00</i> <i>Admin Mtg-1:00</i> <i>Grace Notes-6:00</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Sarah Circle-9:30</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Bible Study</i> <i>AARP Tax-</i> <i>Choir -6:3</i>
<i>19</i> <i>Worship-9:30</i> <i>X'n Ed-10:45</i>	<i>20</i> <i>President's Day</i> <i>Church office closed</i> <i>AARP Tax-9:00</i> <i>Grace Notes-6:00</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Quilters-8:30</i> <i>Knitters-12:00</i> <i>Community Life- 6:30</i> <i>Augustana Band Con-</i> <i>cert-1st Presby-7:00</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Ash W</i> <i>Bible Study</i> <i>AARP Tax-</i> <i>Worship-6:</i> <i>Choir -6:4</i>
<i>26</i> <i>Worship-9:30</i> <i>X'n Ed-10:45</i>	<i>27</i> <i>AARP Tax-9:00</i> <i>Grace Notes-6:00</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Quilters-8:30</i> <i>Council-6:30</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Bible Study</i> <i>AARP Tax-</i> <i>Supper, We</i> <i>Choir -TB/</i>

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Study-9:30</i> <i>Tax-11:00</i> <i>ip Mtg.-4:30</i> <i>-6:30</i>	2 <i>Joyful Noise-9:00</i> <i>Girl Scouts-6:00</i>	3 <i>AARP-9:00</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">High School Baking Marathon</div>	4 <i>MODA-7:30</i>
<i>Study-9:30</i> <i>Tax-11:00</i> <i>-6:30</i>	9 <i>Joyful Noise-9:00</i> <i>Martha Circle-12:30</i> <i>Girl Scouts-6:00</i>	10 <i>Book Sale Set up</i>	11 <i>Book Sale-9:00</i>
<i>Study-9:30</i> <i>Tax-11:00</i> <i>-6:30</i>	16 <i>Joyful Noise-9:00</i> <i>Girl Scouts-6:00</i>	17 <i>AARP-9:00</i>	18
<i>sh Wednesday</i> <i>Study-9:30</i> <i>Tax-11:00</i> <i>ip-6:00 pm</i> <i>-6:45</i>	23 <i>Joyful Noise-9:00</i> <i>Girl Scouts-6:00</i>	24 <i>AARP-9:00</i>	25
<i>Study-9:30</i> <i>Tax-11:00</i> <i>r, Worship &amp;</i> <i>-TBA</i>			

## ADULT FORUMS

Feb 5—Pastor Doug: Discussion of this week's lessons  
Feb 12—Pastor Doug: Discussion of this week's lessons  
Feb 19—Bjorn Heglie and Pastor Doug: "The Cross—  
Music and the Word"  
Feb 26—Bishop Dave: A conversation with our Bishop

## USE OF OUR FACILITY

We are in a very visible location and have a nice, large space for use by community groups. One of our goals is to increase our visibility in our community. We are happy to share our space, but of course, church activities always take precedence.



On a weekly basis we host Community Quilters, Girl Scouts, Rogue Valley Youth Chorus, and Just for Today Alanon/AA. During tax season AARP Tax-Aide will be borrowing Blaar Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

"Living Well," a program of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, will be doing leadership training one week in February. In addition Adroit Construction rents our space for a Safety Engineers Conference each October and Life Line Screening rents space once or twice a year.

## CPR Training

CPR Training is being organized. There may be a few slots open for someone who is interested. The cost for the class is \$15 per person. We are currently looking at Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and an evening class, date to be determined.



Contact Susan Detwiler  
at 541-826-2289 or email  
[childrensministry@ascensionlutheran.com](mailto:childrensministry@ascensionlutheran.com)  
if you are interested.



Remember how stunning the quilt-draped pews were at the Thankoffering service. What happened to all of those quilts? They were donated!

6 receiving blankets for the Spring luncheon baskets  
5 for graduating high school seniors  
3 for the Habitat raffle  
12 for 2 Habitat families (1 for parents & 1 for each child)  
1 each as gifts for Pastors Zane and Doug  
2 for Advocacy Help Now raffle  
2 Baptism chests  
19 Dunn House  
11 CASA  
24 Children's Service  
16 + pillows to Northwest Seasonal Workers  
7 Three Fountains  
8 Gospel Mission  
8 + pillows to Salvation Army  
10 + pillows to Maslow

How can you help? Remember the Quilters if you're cleaning out a closet or have fabric stored. They always appreciate fabric donations.

### **Special dates**

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 5, 2012
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2012
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 19, 2012
- Presidents Day, February 20, 2012
- Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012
- First Sunday in Lent, February 26, 2012

**Poem Created by the "BIG Fish" Sunday School Class  
in response to the story, "The Burning Bush".**

Moses saw a burning shrub,  
near a baby cub.  
God spoke to him,  
"Take off your shoes  
and come on in."  
"Go to Egypt,  
talk to Pharaoh, dude."  
"Let my people go!"



Anyone interested in the participating in a planning discussion for VBS 2012, join me in the "Gathering Room", the long room off Blaar Hall, February 5<sup>th</sup> after Sunday School.

Vacation Bible School If you have volunteered in the past and have ideas and suggestions, if you have experienced VBS elsewhere and would like to add to the discussion, you are welcome!

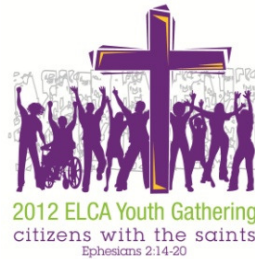
This is not a commitment for the week of VBS, but a willingness to participate in the process and if you can ... join in the fun the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August!

Questions or more information contact Susan Detwiler at  
541-826-2289 or  
[childrensministry@ascensionlutheran.com](mailto:childrensministry@ascensionlutheran.com)

## ELCA Youth Gathering Update:

***Okay, we are calling for as many M&M tubes to "Come on Home", back to Ascension! The news is in ... there is the potential for a Thrivent match!***

***The more quarters we get in by the end of February, the more money we could make. Help us out and bring in your M&M tubes!!!***



By the time that you read this, the ELCA Youth Gathering Presale for their delicious baked goods will be finished. The Almond Roca, Peanut Butter Cookies, Spritz Shortbread cookies, Chocolate Covered Pretzels and Lemon Squares will be available for pick-up on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Fireside Room.

The teens headed to New Orleans will be having a Baking Marathon starting Friday evening, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and continuing on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>.

You may see them sleeping in their aprons on the pews Sunday morning!

If anyone has the urge to join us ... please do! See Daniel, Mackenzie or Samuel for more information!



**Crater Lake Cluster Women's Retreat –  
March 9— 11  
“What's in Your Cup?”**

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Crater Lake Cluster Retreat will be held at St. Rita's Retreat Center in Gold Hill beginning Friday, March 9 and continuing through lunch on Sunday, March 11. Theme for the event is “What's in Your Cup”, based on Psalms 23:5. All women of the church are invited to attend all or a portion of the Retreat and celebrate over 20 years in friendship, fellowship and faith together! Information and a registration form are available on the table in the hallway. ***Deadline for registration is Friday, February 24.*** Plan to join us at St. Rita's!

Friday, March 9: Arrival 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Welcome & Evening Activities 8:00 p.m. - ?

Saturday, March 10: Saturday Attendees arrive 9:15-9:45 a.m.

Sunday, March 11: Worship together

Cost for the entire weekend is \$110, one overnight is \$50, Saturday only \$25. Funds are available both from the Cluster and from our ALCW for two partial scholarships toward the cost of the Retreat. For information regarding funds please contact Jeanette Eliason.

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New ALCW officers have begun their term of office. Barbara Guisler accepted the office of President and Jean Adams is the new Secretary. They join the continuing Board Members: Dee Wittenberg, V.P.; Jeanette Eliason, Treasurer; Shiena Polehn, Mission Coordinator; Peggy Skeelee, Sarah Circle; Terry Helmling, Martha Circle; and Diane Barnes, Member at Large. Debbie Wright has agreed to serve as Ambiance Chair, serving as a resource for programs and themes.

**Future dates:**

Spring Luncheon April 21, Combined Circle July 10 (Sarah), Combined Circle August 9 (Martha), Bazaar November 3, Thankoffering November 11, Advent Luncheon December 1.

## 2012 Bazaar Crafters



The Monday crafters have a varied supply of crafting supplies that we would like to disperse. All interested crafters are invited to come on Monday February 6<sup>th</sup> to look over the supply of crafting supplies and take what they think they can use to make items for the bazaar. The supplies will be on display in Blaar Hall from 10am-noon.

We encourage you to continue to make handcrafted items to donate to the annual bazaar. We would like to keep track of what people are making for the bazaar so if you are crafting at home please contact Lois Heinrich at 541-512-8789 and let her know what you will be donating.

### **Augustana College Concert Band**

**In Concert on February 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church  
The concert is FREE**

Ascension and the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church are co-hosting the band in the Rogue Valley. We need help with the following:

- \* Housing pairs of students the night of February 21<sup>st</sup>
- \* Feeding them breakfast on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and returning them to 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church so they can meet their bus.
- \* Preparing a meal for the band members on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> you can: help with meal prep beginning at 2pm or donate towards the purchase of ingredients for the meal.

Contact Diane Barnes at 541-708-0365 to volunteer to host students, help cook or to donate supplies.

### **Ascension's Handbell Program**

To date \$2055 has been raised and/or pledged towards the 4<sup>th</sup> octave of handbells. The amount allows us to purchase the upper half of the set of bells, 7 high bells ranging from C#7 to G7 and the case to house the bells. We will continue to raise funds for the purchase of the lower half of the set of bells over the coming months. Thank You to all who have donated or pledged towards the purchase of the 4<sup>th</sup> octave.

COLORING PAGE ... RETURN TO SUSAN  
The Story of "Mary and Martha"



With love, Jesus said, "Martha, Martha!  
You are worried about every little thing!"

Worship Assistants, Ushers, Communion Set up  
Cookies, Coffee Maker and/or cleanup, & Acolytes

**PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY For February**

## PRAYER CHAIN

Ascension has an active prayer chain waiting to meet your needs. If you or a loved one has a need or is in crisis and in need of support and prayer please call Jeanette Eliason at 779-2912 or bjeliason@charter.net or the church office. Our prayer chain is generally an email chain, but some phone calls can be made. The most important criteria for the prayer chain is that members can maintain the confidentiality of the information received. Your prayer request will be shared with the members of the prayer chain only and all information is confidential. ***If you are currently a member of the prayer chain, please contact Jeanette to verify your continued membership or your desire to opt out. If you have a calling to pray for others, your participation is welcomed.***



~Jeanette

## ELCA PASTOR LEADING TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND



Pastor Nick Doversberger of Zoar Lutheran Church in Canby is leading a trip to the HOLY LAND, including Jordan and a optional extension to Egypt. They will be traveling November 1-12, 2012. For more information contact:

Pastor Nick Doversberger  
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## MODA February Meeting

MODA will continue its Bible discussion on 1 Samuel 28: 3-25 on Saturday, February 4th at the 7:30 am breakfast meeting in Blaar Hall. Don Gripp will provide our normal light breakfast. The session is open to all men of faith at Ascension.

~Culley

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

January, 2012

(We plan to publish a new picture directory in April, 2012.)

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## Wayside shrines

Along European and Latin American roads, especially in Catholic countries, it's common to encounter sculptures of Jesus, Mary or another religious image often set within a little shelter. People have erected these wayside shrines for centuries to mark an important event's location, indicate a parish boundary or help a traveler find the way. They may be at crossroads, on hilltops or along stretches of open road. The shrines allow travelers to pause, offer prayers and turn heart and mind to God.

What places in your life serve as wayside shrines, encouraging you to turn to God? For many Christians, weekly worship is such a place. Daily devotional reading might be a wayside shrine for you. Could the "empty" time, not of your choosing, between jobs or other life experiences be a wayside shrine, inviting you to step off the road and rest, pray and listen to God? When you take up your journey again, heart refreshed, remember that God always walks with you.



**40** times in Scripture, often indicating a time of trial or testing, or simply marking something significant. It rained 40 days and nights during the Great Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted

for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. Taking this symbolic number to heart, the Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).



*With Deepest Sympathy*

In Memoriam  
Annie Larrine Note

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We, the members of Ascension Lutheran Church, gratefully rooted in the Good News of God's Grace, proclaim our partnership with the whole church of God and give ourselves to worship, witness and service.

### **Our Vision**

We are a community of believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit to support and serve one another.

We believe that we are called to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through our words and especially through our deeds toward all who live in the greater Rogue Valley of Southern Oregon.

