

# The Messenger September 2024

Emmanuel Episcopal Church P. O. Box 1028 400 Highland Avenue Coos Bay, OR 97420

## **Rector Reflection**

As of this writing, the page of August is about to flip to September and the beginning of the fall season. With it the Emmanuel Choir rehearsals begin, the Contemporary Choir returns on the 1st Sundays beginning October 6, Wednesday Adult Study returns, and Morning Prayer on Wednesdays return. All this after 8 months of contending with many issues with our building. These have, by God's grace and a whole lot of work on the part of our Junior Warden Al Rumsch, been resolved. It feels good to return after the summer break. It is in many ways a fresh start. So far, here is what the fall schedule holds for Emmanuel in addition to everything I mentioned above:

Rummage Sale: Saturday, September 28, 9:00am-2:00pm

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, September 29, service in the breezeway with weather permitting

Preparations for the Christmas Baskets Ministry begins

A Fellowship dinner just to gather and spend time together with the theme of "Spaghetti Western" is being planned for some time in October.

Bob Huggins, Sally and I will begin planning for the 2025 Budget.

The Annual Stewardship Dinner is planned for November 3.

With the conclusion of all the building maintenance and now taking up a robust fall schedule, what comes to mind is the words of the old hymn by S.J. Stone written in 1866:

"The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord, She is From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died."

Our building is important because it holds generations of worship, learning, weddings, funerals, baptisms and prayers. But the "One Foundation" is not made of mortar or wood but the saving work of Christ who has shown us how great a love God has for all humankind. A love that seeks the lost. A love that can forgive and restore even the vilest soul to a state of grace. A love that sustains and sanctifies our souls to follow Jesus daily in that love and hope for the life to come.

I am hoping the Vestry will use this as the theme for fall stewardship as Budget preparations for 2025 begin. The image of Christ as our 'One Foundation', as the hymn states, seems important to contemplate. How is Christ, the 'One Foundation' of our lives and our congregation, seen in all that we do?

God Bless you and those you love!

See you Sunday! Patti+

Please note the parish office will be closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.





#### **SAVE THE DATE!!!!!**

#### **Emmanuel Rummage Sale**

Saturday, September 28th, from 9am until 2pm Emmanuel will have a rummage/collectibles/tool sale in the Undercroft. It will be similar to the "Auntie Em's Attic and Uncle Ed's Tool Shed" that we have previously done. We plan to have everything in the Undercroft.

We will need help with preparations on 9/26 & 9/27, as well as the day of the sale. We will also need donated items, including gently used clothing, collectables, books, tools, etc.

We plan to make this a fun day! Proceeds will go towards our Christmas Baskets for families.

More information to follow in the near future. Feel free to contact Teri Whitty, Terrye Laird or Nancylee Stewart with any questions.



#### **Coos Food Cupboard**

For the month of September, the food cupboard would appreciate donations of toilet paper and/or canned fruits and vegetables. Clean, reusable grocery bags are also still needed.

Please consider a monetary donation to the Coos Food Cupboard. Checks should be made out to "Coos Food Cupboard" and can be dropped off to the parish office or mailed to P.O. Box 1028, Coos Bay, 97420.



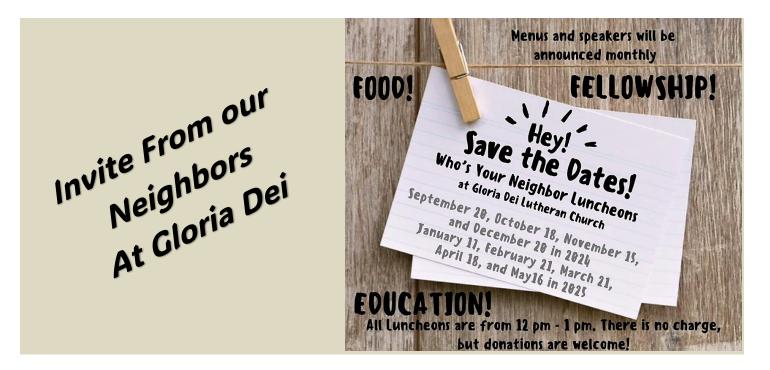
#### Donations are tax-deductible. EIN: 47-1558602

Questions? Ready to donate? Ready to volunteer? Please contact Rev. Doug Hale for more information.

Phone: 541-654-1020 or Email: buckdeaver55@gmail.com

Thank you as always for your generosity and support of the Coos Food Cupboard!

Brian Sullivan, CFC Board Member





Coastal Families Relief Nursery - Update!

This year has seen a lot of growth and change for CFRN. Both classes, 2-3 year olds (Wobblers) and 3-4 year olds (Toddlers), are full! Families are very pleased with the program and are referring many other families. Other highlights include:

- An Outreach worker, Erin Hellman, has been hired and will start in September. Erin will be working with families that are not able to come to regular class times.
- CFRN is holding an online auction beginning early November and running until early December. Items will continue to be added for our fundraising efforts. If you have something you would like to donate to the auction, please reach out to Evan 541-212-7027.

https://givebutter.com/c/35VRTZ (link to auction)

- A new grant has been secured for a van purchase. In the coming months CFRN will
  have a van that we will be able to transport kiddos to/from classes.
- Diapers and Wipes are always needed by CFRN families. Specifically sizes 4,5, & 6
- Donations of boxed cake mixes, canned icing, sprinkles, birthday candles, aluminum cake pans, bowl scrapers, birthday plates, napkins, and birthday table clothes are also appreciated. CFRN gives families a "birthday box" (kit) with everything they need to have a birthday party! This is a very popular item!
- CFRN's Care Closet including food items, personal hygiene items, diapers & wipes, cleaning supplies and new children's clothing is also very popular. Almost 200 items were given to families in July.





### We need your help solving a little mystery!

The president of All Saints Columbarium, Diana Wall, needs your help solving a little mystery. Two niches were purchased in 1999 by Louis Duncan and Jacqueline Duncan, but we have no information to contact them. If you knew/know either of these individuals and can help us to find a way to connect with them or their families, please let Diana Wall or Kerri in the parish office know. Thank you!



Teri Whitty Birthday - September 3

Nancylee Stewart & Cary Pugh Anniversary - September 4

Lynn Nasburg Birthday - September 5

Sally Jaeggli Birthday - September 6

Joe McKeown Birthday - September 12

Sr. Amy Linder Birthday - September 25

Tammy Gilson Laird Birthday - September 29

Kathleen Vineyard Birthday - September 30

Rebecca Spencer Birthday – September 30

If you don't see your name(s) on the birthday and anniversaries list, please let Kerri in the office know so we can add you to our parish list. *Thank you!* 

\*\*October Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Tuesday, September 24th\*\*