



The Messenger

September 2026

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

Rector Reflection

A Blessing for September

MAY GOD BLESS YOU with discomfort,
at easy answers, half truths,
and superficial relationships
so that you may live
deep within your heart.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU with anger,
at injustice, oppression,
and exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU with tears,
to shed for those who suffer pain,
rejections, hunger, and war,
so that you may reach out your hand
to comfort them and
to turn their pain to joy.

And MAY GOD BLESS YOU
with enough foolishness
to believe that you can
make a difference in the world,
so that you can do
what others claim cannot be done,
to bring justice and kindness
to all our children and the poor.
Amen.

-Shared as a closing prayer at the Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study



Flower Power

Our Altar Guild is amazing! The lovely fresh flowers and greenery add brightness and joy to our worship service. The fresh arrangements provided show talent and care. For those of us, like myself, sitting in the congregation, the arrangements appear seamlessly (almost like magic) and consistently. It's such a joy. It also gives us a way to express remembrances of loved ones who are no longer physically with us; also, in celebration of special occasions.

Thanks to all who work with our beautiful flowers and flower arrangements, and to all those who donate to the flower fund to make this possible.

Your grateful Senior Warden, *Nancy Lee Stewart*



FALL RUMMAGE SALE!



Saturday, September 12
8:00 am - 2:30 pm



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS • CLOTHING • BOOKS
TOYS • FURNITURE • TOOLS

Emmanuel Parish
400 Highland Ave, Coos Bay



**Proceeds will be used to support
local families through our Christmas
Baskets Outreach Program.**





Coos Food Cupboard

For the month of September, the food cupboard would appreciate donations of clean, reusable bags. Plastic or paper are welcome. Please also consider a monetary donation to the Coos Food Cupboard. Checks should be made out to "Coos Food Cupboard" and can be dropped off at the parish office or mailed to P.O. Box 1028, Coos Bay, OR 97420. **Donations are tax-deductible.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Ready to volunteer?

Please contact Brian Sullivan for more information.

Phone: 541-217-0258 or Email: brianjcfc@gmail.com

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

Brian Sullivan, CFC Board Member

Special Request from the Parish Office

We keep a small supply of items on hand in the parish office for those extenuating circumstances when we are asked for help, but other resources are closed/unavailable. Our supply has gotten very low, so we are making a special request for the following items:

*shelf stable, ready-to-eat food items such as tuna or chicken "Lunch To-Go" meal kits

*boxes of raisins

*protein bars

*tall socks

*gloves/hats

*\$10 gift cards to local food places such as McDonald's (for a warm meal/drink)

Thank you for your generosity, Emmanuel!

MENUS & SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED MONTHLY

SAVE THE DATES

WHO'S YOUR NEIGHBOR LUNCHEONS

FALL 2026 - SPRING 2027

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026	JANUARY 15, 2027
OCTOBER 16, 2026	FEBRUARY 19, 2027
NOVEMBER 20, 2026	MARCH 19, 2027
DECEMBER 18, 2026	APRIL 16, 2027
	MAY 21, 2027

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR LUNCH, BUT DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

ALL LUNCHEONS ARE AT 12 PM
HELD AT
GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
541-267-2347

If we could really see
what each other carries
inside, I think we'd all be
a little softer, a little
gentler, and a whole lot
kinder to one another.



Teri Whitty Birthday - September 3

Nancylee Stewart & Cary Pugh Anniversary - September 4

Lynn Nasburg Birthday - September 5

Amy Wall Eades Heavenly 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 Friday, September 25th*****