

WE

S

TART DATE : November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

E

ND DATE : December 20<sup>th</sup> 2008

SAY

United our sponsor.  
Ways

YES

No act of kindness,  
however small,  
is ever wasted.

Aesop

EMMAUS  
YOUTH

BOUP  
G2 008-09

1-4 personal notes

5-8 bullitens and advertisements.

reciepts and finacial  
paperwork.

(stappled into book)

Also Included a slide show  
of pictures from our project  
(DVD)

While doing this project, I learned many lessons. But the big one is that not everybody is as well off as most of our youth. This project also showed me the reality around me. It showed me how others lived and what was normal for them.

This project made me a lot more grateful for what I have. I have also improved on my teamwork, leadership, and communication skills. I would like to thank you for your time and support, while the project was being done. ☺ and ☺

☺ HyAnn Hosterman-  
Thillmann ☺

I didn't get to spend as much  
time on the project as the other  
youth. Beacause i was sick  
But the felling of helping others  
warmed my heart so i came  
the last week to help orga-  
nize the food

Sincerely, Noah Breiwick

ood  
n of  
s to  
Gift  
s.

During this experience, I saw how people care about the situation. When we went to go to see if we could get the grant we were all really nervous. I was sick for a good portion of this new experience but that didn't stop me. I saw how we worked together to prepare the baskets & how it was done with all the goodness of people's heart. Thankyou for the help & thanks for the chance of a new experience.

Sincerely ::

Jonica *Fin*

ood  
n of  
s to  
Gift  
s.

I didn't believe that we could put  
together around 27 baskets! As I thought  
we would achieve our goal but I did  
not believe that we would get so  
much more than we thought. We  
also couldn't have made so many  
baskets without our congregation!

Sincerely,

Andrea Aleman ☺

ood  
n of  
s to  
Gift  
s.





***Christmas is over but our ministry is not!***

The Youth Group at Emmaus Lutheran Church organized a Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Basket Drive. With a grant from United Way-Youth As Resources and generous contribution of non-perishable goods from Emmaus congregation, they were able to provide 6 food baskets to neighborhood families in need at Thanksgiving and 24 families in need at Christmas time. Gift cards for groceries, and a ham or turkey were also included with the non-perishable items.



## Response to Call for Food is Strong

At a time when shelves of the food pantries are bare and more families than ever are in need of assistance, the people of Emmaus are responding generously. The youth group has used a number of grocery bags filled with food to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for five families in need. In addition to non-perishable food items, three turkeys and grocery gift cards have been donated.

On Monday, November 17, representatives of the youth group made a presentation at United Way for a Youth as Resources grant. Provided funds are granted, the youth will prepare an additional twelve baskets to be distributed the weekend before Christmas.

Jhon Freddy Correa and Sandy Strini are organizing the shopping and basket preparation and distribution with the youth. Youth from Lutheran Church of the

Redeemer have also been invited to participate in this project.

Would you like to make a gift to help feed the hungry of Racine? You may do so by brining in a bag of non-perishable food items,



buying a grocery store Scrip card and donating it, or giving a gift of money earmarked "Gift of Food." (Check

worship bulletins for

the name of the store.)

All items not needed for the Christmas food baskets will be given to the Northside Food Pantry.

## Have You Done Your Christmas Shopping?

*by Cathy Meyer*

A variety of Scrip gift cards are available for sale after Saturday and Sunday worship services. These make great holiday gifts, and we now have free gift card enclosures for your use.

If you don't see what you need, please ask; we can often

order additional gift certificates by the following weekend.

The last order before Christmas will be made on Monday, December 15. If you have questions or special requests, please contact Cathy Meyer at 321-9050



2009 JAN. Visitor

## United Way Grant Awarded to Emmaus Youth

"Yes, we can!" was the theme of the grant proposal made by the Emmaus youth to the board of Youth As Resources (YAR) of the



United Way. The proposal included plans to prepare two to three Thanksgiving food baskets and an additional nine baskets for Christmas. A portion of the funds were also designated to pay for food for the December 17

Wednesday night Christmas dinner.

Not only did needs of families exceed expectations, but the additional donations of food and money were also more than expected. The \$800 grant, together with the generous donations from

Emmaus members, made it possible to prepare more than double the baskets planned – a total of 27!

Sandy Strini and Jhon Freddy coordinated the youth project, filling the large plastic totes with a wide variety of non-perishable goods, topped off with potatoes and a ham or turkey for each family. The outpouring was far more than anticipated, bringing both food and hope to families in great need.

Thank you to everyone for your gifts!

Script Sales

## Continue in New Year

by Cathy Meyer

Thank you to all who have participated in the Scrip fund raising program by purchasing gift cards to various businesses. We will continue to sell Scrip after services in the Sunset Room throughout the year.

In addition to a variety of gift cards that we have on hand, we also have a complete list of businesses that offer Scrip gift cards and we can order those cards for you. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Meyer.



december

Seventeenth

ry ★ Twinkling Lights

ly HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM

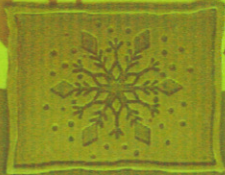
r ar. EMMAUS YOUTH GROUP 08-09 nta

the Stockings Festive

Dear Family,

You are invited to a special dinner  
dedicated to gathering other families who  
need some extra help this holiday season.  
It will be held at Emmaus Lutheran Church  
December 17th, 2008. You will also be  
getting a holiday basket because we all  
understand your struggles.  
Happy Holidays from Emmaus Youth

Day Christmas



Design by Ryan Mackin

# Invitation to Christmas Dinner

## Christmas Dinner

Please come and share with us!

December 17, 2008 at 6:00pm

Place: Emmaus Lutheran

Church

1925 Summit Av. Racine WI,

53404

If you have questions please <sup>feel</sup> free to call us

414-881-1403 (Jhon Freddy)



Thank You  
for your time and  
support.

Emmanuel Youth  
2008-2009

Jude

Joe

Noah

Jan

Ryhus

Selina

Jessica

Jesenia

Luis

Mason

Alejandra

Andrea

Brandon

Even

Ryan

Allison