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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BREMERTON, WA

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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In February the Lord invites us to walk with Him, and Peter, James and John, to the top of the Mount of Transfiguration (see Mark 9). From that vantage point one has an expansive view of the surrounding countryside. I remember as a young man climbing several of the local mountain peaks where I lived. The view was breath-taking. All of the Northwest Whatcom County lay before my feet. It was as if their grandeur and glory were within my grasp. With Jesus, from the top of the mountain, we gain a perspective of more than the country side, we have a view of the spiritual landscape of life. From this vantage point Jesus, the human, is revealed in all His dazzling glory as the Son of God, until finally we behold, "Jesus only." This spiritual view from the mountain top reveals that priority which is above all others, that Jesus reigns first and foremost in our lives. Of course we cannot stay on the mountain, our lives are lived at the foot of the mountain. There we face challenges and problems and difficult decisions.

The purpose of climbing the Mount of Transfiguration with Christ and of beholding Him in all His glory is to bring that priority down with us. Jesus enables us to arrange all the priorities of our lives in an order that honors God and makes us a blessing to others. I hope your mountain climbing trips this month will be a source of strength and inspiration to you.



Pastor Tim Cartwright

In case of an Emergency

Please call
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on his cell
phone

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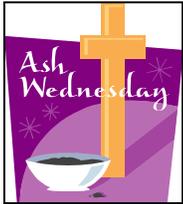
Secret Prayer Partner Program

I choose to serve God and to support one His precious people for the period of **FEBRUARY 12th—MARCH 18th, 2012**

I promise to pray daily for my prayer partner; to weekly offer words of encouragement (not required).

Signature _____

- Notes may be placed in the church mailboxes or mailed through the Postal Service.
- Gifts, with name tags, may be placed on the narthex table.



Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2012. At our Ash Wednesday Service we will sing songs of praise that bring us to the cross where Jesus paid the price for our debt of sin, songs like “The Old Rugged Cross,” and “Beneath the Cross of Jesus.”

We will also hear the Law from God’s Word, that we a guilty sinners in need of redemption. Our culture is content to measure our guilt by looking at others and declaring, “I’m as good as the next person,” or “I’m better than most.” But God does not measure us against the standard of how good others are, He measures us against His own holiness. By that standard we have “all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

There is only one way to enter the presence of the Lord of Heaven and Earth, through repentance, confessing our guilt and trusting Jesus to be our Savior. Through this avenue, prepared by God, we can enter His presence and hear His word of forgiveness.

Please join the Ash Wednesday Service of Repentance/Confession, Absolution and Praise offered to God by His faithful people.

What do they mean?

Have you found yourself looking at the banners that are hanging up right now and ask yourself, “What do all of these symbols mean, and what do they have to do with Christianity?”

Carol Henning has given us the answer to this question. She, along with former members Christine Fischer-Benzon, Marilyn Hansen and Sylv Keller constructed these banners several years ago.

Where did they get the ideas? The designs came from a book entitled “Patchwork Patterns from Bible Stories” by Judy Rehmel.

Thank You Carol, for sharing this information with us.



Jacob’s Ladder—Genesis 28:12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

Pattern Notes: The many variations and names for this pattern tend to reflect current events in the development of our country. One of the oldest of the names, “Jacob’s Ladder,” reflects the importance of religion in the daily life of early settlers. When set without sashing, this pattern gives a distant feeling of a very long ladder or stairway, the stairway seen by Jacob in his dream.

Palm Leaf—John 12:13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him shouting, “Hosanna!”
 “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the King of Israel!”

Pattern Notes: The reference to the crowds waving palm branches when Jesus entered Jerusalem is the most familiar one from the Bible, although palms are mentioned frequently. The palm is a very useful tree. Date palms produce dates for eating. The fibers of some palm trunks may be twisted into ropes or woven into mats. The seeds of some palms provide food for camels. The sap can be fermented into wine. And the trunk is cut into lumber and the leaves woven into many useful objects. This very old quilt pattern probably originated in Maine before the Revolutionary War.



Joseph's Coat– Genesis 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him.

Pattern Notes: It is interesting to note that the New International Version translation describes the coat as a “richly ornamented robe.” The many-colored patterns were created long before modern translations were done. But the “coat of many colors,” described in older translations, has inspired artisans as they helped tell a favorite Bible story about the man who ultimately saved his people from starvation. These blocks are attractive when set eight with or without sashing.



Tree of Knowledge– Genesis 2:16-17 And the Lord God commanded the man, “you are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”

Pattern Notes: When done all in green, this pattern makes a lovely tree. The red blocks represent the fruit of the tree. The trunk of the tree is pieced. The complete quilt of this block creates an overall orchard effect.



Job's Tears- Job 16:20 My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God.

Pattern Notes: One book of the Bible is devoted to Job, a man who was tested numerous times by God.



Cross- John 19:17 Carrying His own cross, He went out to the Place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

Pattern Notes: The most common symbol of the Christian faith, the cross, is used in all art forms and in many sizes, shapes and details. This quilt pattern is reminiscent of St. Andrew's cross, which was the form of an X.



King David's Crown— Psalm 89:19-21 Once you spoke in a vision, to your faithful people you said: I have bestowed strength on a warrior; I have exalted a young man from among the people. I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him. My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him.

Pattern Notes: The many triangle points of this pattern look like the points on a king's crown, a crown befitting David whose descendants would include the Messiah. This block calls for strong, vibrant colors reflecting the personality of the one for whom it was named.

Storm at Sea– Luke 8:23-24 As they sailed he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke Him, saying “Master, Master, we're going to drown !” He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided and all was calm.

Pattern Notes: Storms at sea must have created terrifying experiences for sailors in the small, fragile boats of Jesus' day. A storm left St. Paul shipwrecked, on the island of Malta. This quilt pattern is an optical illusion. All of the lines are straight but the variations in angle give a wavelike sensation. Quilters say they sometimes get seasick while working with this pattern.



A Rich History of 66 years Chapter seven

In the late 1960's the women's group continued to be very active and strong in our community. During 1966, Mrs. Walter Wuethrick (Mae McConnell's Mom, Miki Turowski's Grandmother) served as Vice-President of the Tacoma Conference of American Lutheran Church Women and represented Emmanuel at a state-wide conference. The women's group still sponsored their annual "Mother-Daughter" Banquets. The banquet in 1967 was a Norwegian theme complete with a menu written in Norwegian. The program was provided by Vi Haugan who showed slides from a Norwegian wedding she attended. The cost of the banquet was \$1.00 per person. A poem about mothers was shared at the banquet. During the "60's" psychedelic drugs were prevalent among the younger generation. The mother's group tried to stay informed. At one of their meetings they watched a film titled, "LSD 25."

"Pastor O.A.Crawford came to us from Lynnwood, WA. and was installed in a special ceremony on Sunday, September 15, 1963. During this time our membership grew to 1,241 baptized members. Pledges and drives were discontinued and tithing was stressed through an offering of "love" instead at this time. Pastor Crawford left to go to Enumclaw, WA on December 1, 1970.

"M" - is for the million things she gave me,
 "O" - means only that she's growing old,
 "T" - is for the tears were shed to save me,
 "H" - is for her heart of purest gold,
 "E" - is for her eyes, and right she'll always be,
 "R" - means right, and right she'll always be,
 Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER",
 A word that means the world to me.

"M" - is for the mercy she possesses,
 "O" - means that I owe her all I own,
 "T" - is for her hands that made a home,
 "H" - is for her hands that made a home,
 "E" - means ev'ry thing she's done to help me,
 "R" - means real and regular, you see,
 Put them together they spell "MOTHER"
 A word that means the world to me.



Confirmation Class of 1968— First row—1st on left, Sandy Schmidt Gillespie (Rose Schmidt's daughter), 3rd from left, Judy Crawford (Pastor Crawford's daughter). Second row—3rd from right, Miki Turowski (Mae McConnel's daughter). Third row—4th from the right, next to Pastor Crawford, Steve Boyce (Richard and Sylvia Boyce's son)

Emmanuel Lutheran’s Military during the Vietnam Years

During the late 1960’s our country was deeply involved with the Vietnam War. This war touched many of the families at Emmanuel. One family in particular was the Shields family, Lester and Betty Shields’ son, Joe, held the rank of Sergeant in the United States Army. While serving in Vietnam, Joe was awarded the Silver Star. (The **Silver Star** is the third-highest combat military decoration that can be awarded to a member of any branch of the United States armed forces for valor in the face of the enemy.) As stated in his Army citation and recorded in The Bremerton Sun in March of 1967 it read; “During the early morning hours a large force of Viet Cong launched an attack on a fire support base. The attack was started with a barrage of mortar rounds followed by a human wave attack with automatic and recoilless weapons. Sgt. Shields’ squad was in an open area when the attack occurred and he quickly moved them into position. He covered the area with very effective fire so the machine gun could be brought up into it’s position.

When the Viet Cong were within 25 feet of the perimeter Sgt. Shields exposed himself to the intense enemy fire in order to resupply positions with ammunition. When the friendly unit was pounding the Viet Cong in front of his position, Sgt. Shields kept exposing himself to the accurate enemy fire to observe the route of the incoming force of Viet Cong. The sheer number of advancing Viet Cong was too great and Sgt. Shields, though seriously wounded, kept firing into the ranks of the oncoming enemy until he finally lost consciousness. Sgt. Shield’s extraordinary heroism in close combat against a numerically superior Viet Cong force is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit and the US Army.” During the action, he suffered shrapnel wounds in the back and a bullet wound in the stomach. His family were long-time members of Emmanuel . They currently reside in Poulsbo. His mother, Betty, served as the church treasurer for many years.

During the Vietnam War years Emmanuel lost several members while in combat. There were a total of five young men .

- 1966—Sargent Donald Davenport
- 1967 - Lance Corporal WM. Harris
- Lieutenant Robert Sime
- Corporal David Betts
- 1968—Patrick Whitlock



1966	Baptisms43	Confirmed.....25	Marriages.....16	Deaths.....17
1967	Baptisms29	Confirmed29	Marriages.....28	Deaths.....20
1968	Baptisms.....28	Confirmed..... 30	Marriages.....30	Deaths.....19
1969	Baptisms.....33	Confirmed.....30	Marriages.....32	Deaths.....12

Member's Memories



Jean Reed moved to Bremerton when she was only 13 years old. Her family relocated here from a small town in Oregon. Even though she was born in Portland, they lived in Jervais. It is a small town 14 miles from Salem. She attended a small country school. All grade levels (1-8) were taught by one teacher in one room. Her mother was the school custodian. Jean has fond memories of her mother going to school in the early hours, stocking the woodstove so the room would be warm for the children by the time school started. The teacher rode a bus to school and then had to walk 1 mile beyond that to teach. When she moved, it was quite a culture shock for her to attend George Dewey Jr. High School (where the current Mountainview Middle school stands). She attended Bremerton High School and graduated there. One of her long-time friends and classmates is Carol Henning. She is the youngest of 5 sisters. They all faithfully attended Sunday School and her mom played the piano at church. Today Jean is the only one in her family that still attends church. After the death of both her parents she was pleasantly surprised to find in an old chest, paperwork and pictures of her dad. She was honored to find out that her dad had served in World War I. He served in the United States Marine Corps. Her dad was only 5 foot tall and started out his military career as a bugler. During his service he earned the Victory Medal, a West Indies Clasp and the Bronze Star. What a wonderful surprise to find out your dad was a war hero. She is very proud of this and she should be.

She, her husband Bill, and their three children came to Emmanuel Lutheran in 1975. They transferred their membership from Silverdale. Prior to their transfer, her son Tom actually played ball for Emmanuel under the guidance of coach Alex Sutherland. In her early years at Emmanuel she remembers. She has been baking our communion bread for as long as she remembers.

Jean and her husband, Bill, were married in 1957. They had 2 girls and a boy. She and her husband felt it was very important to raise their children in the church. They considered this part of their education. Her husband, Bill, was raised a Lutheran too. Bill went to be with the Lord in 2006 he was followed by her daughter Jackie in 2007. Jean says that she could not have made it through these trials without her faith and church family. She said the church family rallied around her for support.

In addition to her church commitments and gifts, she is very active in the community. She worked at PSNS for 3-1/2 years in the electrical shop. She drove a school bus for Central Kitsap School district for 20+ years. She finally left in 2005 to spend more time with her husband. Are you familiar with the term, "retirement is not for wimps"? Jean is a fine example of this. When she is not working at church or spending time with her family, she is active member of the Kiwanis Club. She knits and quilts for the Salvation Army. She is always helping a neighbor in need, or driving an elderly friend to an appointment. She is also a member of the Olympic Peninsula Antique Engine and Tractor Club. During the Christmas holidays you may have noticed the two tractors that are adorned with Christmas lights. They are an annual attraction in our area and sit on the corner of Riddell and Pine Roads. This is Jean's home. (continued on Page 7)

(continued from Pg 6) Jean continues to volunteer with children and young people. Every year she sits on a panel evaluating Senior Boards. This is held at Olympic High School. Each student researches an occupation and presents it in an oral report complete with visual aides. This is a requirement for their graduation. She has been involved with this for years.

If you have noticed that some of the faucets in the church building have been replaced, we can thank Jean's son, Tom, for that. Tom has also been updating some of the plumbing in our daycare. Thank You, Tom.

Jean is also quite the seamstress. She has sewn many of the linens we use for communion. She also has altered many wedding dresses. She is a member of the "Red Hat Society." In her spare time you may find her playing cards with her neighbors.

Jean says that if you reach out to the Lord he will give you comfort.

Thank You Jean for your many years of dedication to Emmanuel, for your faithful service to Altar Guild, and for being fine example of a Christian Woman.



Evelyn and Jean at Evelyn's 90th birthday celebration.

Council President's Message

It's been awhile now since Sharie has had space enough for me to write any kind of newsletter message or report. I guess that it's a good thing, since she fills the newsletter with interesting and informative articles. I hope that you have enjoyed seeing the ongoing series of articles telling of the rich history of our church, as well as the interviews with members of our congregation which provide a personal perspective of where we have been and where we are going. I know that I have certainly learned a lot, and know that it is all of our responsibility to keep this church alive and moving into the future. I am confident that we are! By the way, have you had a chance to really look at the new pictures we have on the wall near our mailboxes? What a great way to see where we have come from....

Each week I look forward to seeing both returning members and new faces during worship services. Our weekly attendance seems to be growing, and we are certainly becoming more involved in the community. If you haven't looked at our website, I encourage you to do so. First off, this newsletter will be shown in color. But more importantly, you can look at our calendar. Every blue square that you see on the calendar coincides with a scheduled activity, and we sure have a lot of them now. Our outreach into the community will be apparent and our in-church activities are growing. If you would like to reserve a time for any event, first look at our website calendar and then contact me for scheduling your time. I am more than happy to add events.

I would also like to encourage your participation in our roof replacement campaign. Although we have raised about \$27,000 so far, this is far less than half of the anticipated costs. I have three bids now and a fourth on the way. Like Pastor Tim says, "The good news is that we have more than enough funds to replace the roof. The bad news is that most of it is still in our pockets". Emmanuel Lutheran is a special place and it deserves our full attention. Please help us make this happen this summer. Thanks for your trust and your support. Glen Adrig

News from the Childcare ~ February 2012



Theme for February

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Week 1: Valentines

Week 2: Presidents

Week 3: Inventors & Inventions

Week 4: African Americans

Letters: P Q R

Numbers: 16 17 18

Colors: Pink & Red

Shapes: Heart

What's Happening!

Feb. 6th: A visit from Miss. Sharie!Miss. Sharie will do a craft project with the preschool classes.

On Monday February 27th at 11:30am Mr. Carl Jakobsson, who is the Chairman of the Political Action Committee for the Bremerton NAACP, will come in and speak to our children about his work in our local community.

*On Thursday February 9th from 5:30-6:30pm, you are invited to join us for family literacy night.
We will make Valentines Day cards and book markers. We will also enjoy a special Valentines Treat!*

More Fun.....Field Trips!

On Tuesday February 28th from 9:55-11:55am the Preschool class will go to Fred Meyer to shop for their sweet potato pie cooking project.

On Wednesday February 29th from 9:55-11:55am the Pre-K class will go to Fred Meyer to shop for their peach cobbler cooking project.

Dates To Remember!

Feb. 22nd: Ash Wednesday

Feb. 28th: Closed for our Monthly Employee Meeting



February Birthdays

- 2Tiffany Johnson
- 5Pat Alcantra
- 16Helen Mills
- 17..... Brandee Haynes
- 22..... Dollie Hage
- 23 Jim Turowski
- 24 Roger VanDellen
- 27 Jim Tewksbury

February Anniversaries

- 11Bob & Liane Armstrong

March Birthdays

- 5Chelette Williams
- 19.....Melody Knight
- 19 Diona Busby
- 25Kneeda Williams

March Anniversaries

- 18Steve & Judy Armstrong
- 20Mark & Colleen Ditlefsen

Note: If I have a date incorrect or have left your important date off of the calendar, please let me know. Sharie @ 377-2448 or gadrig@comcast.net

Members serving in February

- Altar Guild.....Carol Henning
- ReaderCheryl Fox
- Sunday SchoolMary Moen
Judy Armstrong
Judith Dautenhahn

Members serving in March

- Altar GuildSharie Adrig
- ReaderBill Erickson
- Sunday SchoolMary Moen
Judy Armstrong
Judith Dautenhahn

Check us out at

<http://www.elcbremerton.org>

Don't forget that we offer opportunities to study your Bible.

For Adults: Wednesday 6:00 PM –Joshua
Sunday 9:00 AM –Galatians

For Children: Sunday School
9:00 AM

If you need to contact Pastor Tim Cartwright you can call—286-1090.

If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sharie Adrig 377-2448 or Judy Armstrong 479-4892.

Any comments or questions about the newslet-