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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BREMERTON, WA

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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July 21, 1969, Americans and people around the world were glued to their radios, listening to the events of the first lunar landing by human beings. We heard Neil Armstrong say those famous words, "One small step for (a) man, one giant leap for mankind." That event changed human lives. It gave us a new perspective on the universes and what was possible. In the month of January, God's people celebrate a season called, "Epiphany." Epiphany is a Greek word which means "manifestation," "revelation," or "sudden appearance." We might say the sun makes a "sudden appearance" over the western horizon each morning, marking the dawn of a new day. In our spiritual journey epiphany refers to the Good News of God which, "...has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:10). When , in Holy Scripture we behold Jesus, who appeared in this world to reveal to us the Father, our lives are changed. Like those people who heard the first astronaut speak as he stepped on to the surface of the moon, we see life from a new perspective and discover new possibilities for life. Jesus draws us near to the Creator God and we understand more fully why He created us. Jesus makes us new and we understand more fully why He redeemed us. Jesus reveals heaven to us and we have a deeper appreciation for the scope of eternity.

The Bible story that is the theme of Epiphany is from Matthew 2 where we read of the Wise Men who followed the star in search of God's King. God made His epiphany or appearance to the Wise Men from the east and He makes His epiphany to us in Holy Scripture. May this be a year when we sit before the Lord, reading His Word, reveling in His epiphany, and experiencing life changing revelation.

Pastor Tim Cartwright



### In case of an Emergency

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Pastor Tim  
on his cell  
phone

286-1090

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## Emmanuel Celebrates the Advent and Christmas Season

In November we collected gifts that were packaged up in shoeboxes to be sent all over the world to needy children. Congratulations to all of you to helped us send 37 shoeboxes through **Operation Christmas Child**. Thank You to all that helped bring in gifts, provide money to send them and helped to pack the boxes.

You have made a difference in some child's life.



We were able to provide several food baskets to help families in our community for Thanksgiving. Also, we provided food baskets at Christmas. In addition to this we were able give several families Christmas gifts for their children. **Thank You to all that were able to contribute to this wonderful ministry. Thank you Steve and Judy Armstrong for coordinating this.**



Miki shares a special story with the children

On December 3rd, a new tradition was started. Thanks to the leadership of **Carol Reese and Miki Turowski** we had a wonderful, successful Christmas Tea. What a special way of putting us in the Christmas Spirit. The food was terrific, thanks to all that brought your special dishes. Judith Dautenhahn blessed us with her special voice. She sang the songs "Mary Did You Know" and "Away in the Manger." Miki read a special story to the children and we enjoyed it too. If you didn't attend this year ,you may want to add this to your calendar of holiday events for next year.



Special thanks to Carol and Miki for such a special and meaningful day.



Mom & Daughter

Mae & Miki



Judith sings two special solos

The Christmas Pageant (as always) was a coordinated effort between our Childcare Center and our Sunday School. The attendance was an outstanding 154 people this year. We have **Judy Armstrong, Carverlynne Prothero, and Chelette Williams** to thank for coordinating the program. The wonderful props were constructed by **Judy , Carol Reece, Miki Turowski and Steve Armstrong**. We brought back an old tradition this year. Each child went home with a bag of special treats. Thanks to all that made this such a special event. Thanks to all of you that attended.



Our cute little king.



Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service would not be complete without a visit from our St. Nick. He enjoys coming every year and telling the children about the *real story of Saint Nicklaus*. As a special treat, all children (and most adults too) go home with a candy cane treat from St. Nick.



***A special thank you to all that helped to make this such a special Advent and Christmas season. We are blessed with such wonderful, generous members.***

Special Thanks to **Mary Moen** for providing many of the photographs used in this layout.

*A Rich History of 65 years ..... Chapter six*

During the year of 1965, the Board of Property Management were happy to report that they had installed acoustical tile on our basement ceiling ("with the help of many men, women and youngsters"). Other tasks such as: cleaning, roof repair, and general repair was completed. Some of the projects that went uncompleted were: painting inside and out, railings that needed to be installed on stairways (the fire inspector would not allow this today), window wells and stairways that needed repair, and many windows that need to be replaced. It sounds like these are ongoing problems. The proposed budget for 1966 was \$39,258.60.

The president of the Altar Guild in 1965 was **Kay Kannitzer**. The general duties of the Altar Guild were pretty much the same as they are now. Back in 1965 all flowers that were on the altar were given to the ill or shut-ins. Meetings were held almost every month. "Pastor Crawford held the Bible study on "Prayer" the first six meetings and the last four meetings he discussed different religions." "Just before Easter we had a day for cleaning the Altar and the Altar room. For Christmas we had a party and purchased gifts for the Horton Home (I am not sure what that is). Members brought cookies to the party and those that were left we put in boxes and gave to the Servicemen's Center. " Today we still get together before Christmas and bring cookies. These cookies are given to our shut-ins.

The Women's group was still very active. They met on a regular basis. They showed filmstrips, had guest speakers (including missionaries), sent representation to conferences, catered a Mother-Daughter Banquet for Sylvan Way Baptist Church and the Christian Missionary Alliance Church, and for the PTA District Banquet, plus they held their own Mother-Daughter Banquets, They also served lunch to 10 Lutheran Pastors at Emmanuel, catered 9 weddings, served luncheons for 4 funerals. All I can say is that these women must have had quite a reputation with their cooking skills. They also boxed up and sent clothing for Lutheran World Relief, and they also sent money to various missions.

The Scout troop had a busy year too. Six boys went to Camp Werner and 25 boys went to another camp. Plus, the boys went out 10 nights for outdoor camping. Three of the boys achieved their Eagle Scout Award. They had a Rummage sale and earned \$164.00 for their expenses. The Cub Scout Pack won a council award for recruiting new members. The cub pack alone had 46 members. The troop gave food baskets to three needy families within the church body.

As Pastor Crawford stated in his 1965 annual report, "History will record many things that have happened this year! Records have been broken each time men were sent into space. The earthquake that gave us such a shake surely will not be forgotten (I remember this earthquake, it was quite significant.). The situation in Viet Nam has become a central concern of the world with the thousands of our men being sent over to fight."

"Our Lord is faithful to His word when He assures us that He is always with us. He does not change, His love and mercy are as great as ever, and they are meant for ALL PEOPLE." Pastor Crawford 1965

During this year Pastor Crawford also served with the Marines and helped out with the services on base.

*A Rich History of 65 years .....* Chapter six

Statistics for 1965

Total Baptized Members .....	1077
Total Confirmed Members .....	607
Total Family Units .....	366
Baptisms .....	30
Number Communing .....	2114
Average per Sunday .....	176
Weddings .....	19
Funerals .....	12



Several years ago  
The Alex Sutherland  
family gave the beautiful  
Advent Paraments.



A few years ago Carol Henning  
and several other former  
members made these special  
banners for the Advent and  
Christmas Season.

A **Chrismon** is one of a number of Christian symbols intended to represent aspects of the Person, life or ministry of Jesus Christ, and the life, ministry or history of the Church through a single image, emblem or monogram. Many of the Chrismon's that hang from our tree were constructed as far back as 1966 or perhaps even earlier. They not only represent various Christian Symbols, but they have sentimental value to our longtime members.

Some of the symbols you may see are:

Cross of Eternity: (The circle with the cross in the center.) Man's eternal salvation through Christ.

Crown: Christ the King victorious. I Timothy 6:15

Greek Cross: The form used in centuries of Christian art.

Star: Often formed by crosses set at various angles, stars symbolize the close relationship between the birth and death of our Lord.



## Member's Memories



**Steve and Judy Armstrong** and their family have been longtime members of Emmanuel. Steve and his family started attending back in 1956. As a young boy he remembers the sanctuary as being brand new. Pastor Boe was the pastor when he first started attending. He remembers attending Sunday School that was held upstairs and downstairs in the church. One person that stood out to him was Mary Moen's Mom, **Leona Michaels**. He remembers her as an outstanding Sunday School Superintendent. He described her as a very devoted member. He was baptized when he was 12 years old. This was a decision that he made. Pastor Crawford baptized and confirmed Steve. Steve recalls being baptized in his Dewey Junior High band uniform. He was very involved with Luther League and remembers Miki Turowski and her brother being in his same youth group. Steve was in the 1967 Confirmation Class. As a Boy Scout, Steve remembers helping to build an altar and helping the church custodian, Ted Zink. Also, his Dad, Bob Armstrong, did custodial work at the church for a couple of years. Ironically enough, their son, Michael, is filling in for Judith while she is out of town.

Judy was baptized when she was 6 or 7 years old. She was not baptized at Emmanuel. When she met Steve she was serving as the Parish Youth worker at Silverdale Lutheran. They were married in March of 1972 at Emmanuel Lutheran by Pastor Reynolds. After Judy graduated from LBI she taught a summer Bible camp. She remembers **Miki Turowski** being one of her campers. Ironically, Miki was their son Josh's confirmation instructor.

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Steve is the 1st boy on the left in the 2nd row. Also, you may notice in the 2nd row 4th from the left is Kim "Jordan" Bjornemo and the top row 2nd from the left is Bonnie "Pudas" Mace. Also, the back row , 5th person from the left is Robert McConnell (Mae's son, Miki's brother.)

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During the time that Pastor Peterson was here, he taught a 2 year course called the Bethel Bible Series. He taught a group that were trained to be instructors. It was a 2 year course. These instructors turned around and taught Bible classes to others. Judy loved this course and thoroughly enjoyed teaching Bible classes. She remembers in her first class was Rose Schmidt and Rose's daughter, Sandy "Schmidt" Gillespe. Judy served as Church Secretary between the years 1996–2004. She has taught and currently teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She has helped to coordinate the annual Christmas Pageants for years.

Steve and Judy's children were baptized and confirmed at Emmanuel. Pastor Foss married their daughter, Stephanie and son-in-law Jay, and their son Josh and daughter-in-law Rosie. Pastor Foss baptized all of their grandchildren. Even their granddaughter Katlyn was baptized in California at Pastor Foss' current church. **Richard Boyce** was their son Josh's prayer partner when he was in Confirmation Class. Steve and Judy feel like their children were privileged to have not only their own grandparents, but many adopted grandparents in the congregation.

Steve and Judy have been devoted to Emmanuel Lutheran for years. They stayed through the good times and the tough times. When the church talked about closing the doors they hung in there and helped where help was needed (along with several others). The weeks during which the church couldn't pay a pastor Judy filled in with Temple Talks. When they could no longer pay a custodian, Steve did custodial work. He also constructed and printed the weekly bulletins. When something needed to be done Steve and Judy were right there to do it. Currently, you can still see Judy teaching Sunday School and VBS, giving Temple Talks when Pastor Tim is on vacation, serving as our church Treasurer and Book keeper for the Childcare Center. Steve also serves on Council and if you look up in the Choir loft you may see him working the sound system when Tim Cartwright Jr. is out of town. They both have a great love for Emmanuel and its congregants. Judy said that one thing that kept them going was the name itself. The name Emmanuel means "God is with us". The name would remind her that God was with them no matter what. Thank you for your many years of love and devotion to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We are so happy you are here with us to see our church grow once again.

*Little did Judy know that back in 1953 when the name "Manette Lutheran" changed to "Emmanuel Lutheran" Pastor Bragstad explained, "God with Us," as the name implies, serves to constantly remind us we cannot fail if the Lord is asked to guide and direct in every way." Yes, the church was renamed because of the confusion with a neighboring church, but the Lord had his hand in this too. [taken from the document written during Emmanuel's 25th anniversary, written by Hazel Wuethrick {Mae McConnel's mom, Miki Turowski's grandmother.}]*

Steve and Judy said, "As they look around the church they are reminded of all the people that have contributed to make Emmanuel the special place that it is. They mentioned that a former member, Roy Claeys, made the candlestick holder that holds our Christ Candle. They remember Luella Loftus as someone that always gave to the church. Judy recalls that Luella's husband, Arnold, was not a church going person but he continued the financial support after Luella was gone.



Mr. & Mrs.  
Steven Armstrong

## Member's Memories



**Mary Moen** and her family came to Emmanuel Lutheran in 1959. As a child she has many fond memories of Emmanuel. Her family experienced a tragedy in 1961. She lost her dad. This drastically changed her life for her Mom (our dear **Leona Michaels**) her brother and sister. Her mother suddenly had to become the single working mother supporting three children. At the time, Mary was only 14 years old her brother, 16, and her sister only 7. She says, if it hadn't been for the church she doesn't know what the family would have done. All the church members rallied around this precious family. Louis and Adeline Stouffer (**Mark's** parents) suddenly became like second parents to she and her brother and sister. The current Pastor Boe and his wife got involved and helped them. The Stouffer's owned and lived in a duplex . They had her family live in the other half of the duplex. As an adult, Mary later purchased another duplex across the street from the Stouffer's. This is her home today. Other church members assisted the family in a variety of ways. Some of the members provided them with eyeglasses. Others helped the children find summer jobs. A family sent her sister to Bible Camp.

Mary's Choir teacher, Leroy Spitzer, attended Emmanuel. She remembers him singing in the choir and also working with the choir at church. She remembers singing in the choir at church. She recalls her mother always making her sing a solo. She always had to sing "Just As I Am" and the Stouffer boys teased her about it. When she was in Confirmation class she remembers (as Mark Stouffer has mentioned) sitting as a group during church and writing notes. She said she doesn't necessarily remember taking notes about the sermon but, she remembers passing notes to her girlfriends.

In High School she taught at the Bible Camps that were held at Lutherhaven. She remembers sleeping in the cabins and says she believes that the campers came from many of the surrounding Lutheran Churches. She remembers attending Sunday School above the current Fellowship Hall and in the basement. She recalls the classrooms being full of young people. At that time, her mother (Leona), served as Sunday School Superintendent and also served on Council. She and her sister were confirmed at Emmanuel. Mary was also married at the church.

She is so happy to be back and is happy to see Carol Reece back. As a teenager, she always had a deep admiration for Carol . She always tried to bring her singing level up to Carols.

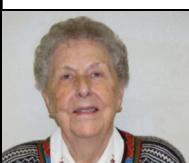
She remembers going to LBI as a young person. She said that they stayed for a week and had the opportunity to meet other young people from other churches. She attended the Bible study classes during the week. One of the precious memories she has from this experience was one involving a picture of Jesus. In this picture Jesus was knocking on a door. They were asked to write a thesis about what they thought was going on in the picture. This made such an impression on Mary that she went out and purchased this picture. It still hangs on her wall today.

Mary is so grateful to Emmanuel for all they did for her family. She loves Emmanuel and felt like it was her second home as a child. She is so glad to be here. She is thrilled to see that Emmanuel is a growing church once again. We are so happy you are here too, and you are an important part of our church. Thank You for all you do for Emmanuel Lutheran.

## We remember those who have gone to be with the Lord....



**Esther Anne Jager** passed away on Thanksgiving day at the age of 86. She and her husband came to Bremerton in 1963. They joined Emmanuel Lutheran the same year. She and her husband had three children, Patricia Peterson, John Jager and Julie Jager. She also had 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She was an active member of the quilting group at church that sent quilts overseas through Lutheran World Relief. She also crocheted baby sweaters for Lutheran World Relief and Harrison Medical Center. At church you would have found her helping in the kitchen with coffee hour. For those that remember Anne, you may have sampled her famous Raisin-Oatmeal Cookies. Judy Armstrong (while she was church secretary) remembers her bringing her cookies in to share. Judy recalls when Anne was in the office during the 2001 earthquake. She was there at the same time as another elderly member. Judy remembers all the books falling off the book shelves. Anne will be missed by many at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.



**Eloise Pudas** went to be with our Lord on December 1, 2011 at the age of 86. She started attending Emmanuel Lutheran back in 1947 but she and her husband, Vern, joined in 1950. She recalls worshipping in the first chapel, a Quonset Hut. She and her husband were very devoted members for years. Even though her illness prevented her from attending the past few months her heart was with Emmanuel. It was important to she and her husband to raise their son Terry, and daughter Bonnie, in the church. She was very proud of her family. She was a person that didn't want to be the center of attention or have a fuss made over her. In the past she taught Sunday School and served on the council. Her husband hand-crafted many of the wooden signs that you see around the church. In addition to being a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and church member, she worked in the banking business for 20 years. She also was a member of the Sons of Norway, Beta Sigma Phi and Harrison Medical Center Auxiliary. Her family was very devoted to Eloise helping to care for her in her own home. She leaves behind her son, Terry & Evelyn, her daughter, Bonnie & Jim, grandchildren; Erik, Kevin, Spencer and Mollie, and great-grandchildren; Bailey, William and Peter. Many of us have wonderful memories of this strong, caring woman. We loved her and will miss Eloise



Last November 14th our dear member, **Alex Sutherland**, went to be with the Lord. He was 85. Even though Alex and Gerri moved back to Colorado to be near their daughter last year, they are still a very important part of the church. Alex was a Veteran serving in the Army and National Guard. He and Gerri were married at Emmanuel on November 18, 1951. Alex retired from PSNS in 1981. Alex's involvement at ELC was extensive. He coached the basketball team at Emmanuel and was the Scoutmaster, Cub Master and Explorer Advisor for the church. Alex helped several scouts achieve their Eagle Scout Award. One Scout Award that Alex was extremely proud of was one that Ken Zehm earned. It was called the "Pro Deo Et Patria" Award (currently called the "God and Country" Award). This particular award was established by the Lutheran Church in 1943. Ken was the first scout (perhaps the only) to be awarded this recognition. Ken Zehm, recalls how Alex took the time to teach him how to swim. In addition to his coaching at Emmanuel, he also helped coach for the Manette PeeWee's Baseball Association. He also drove the girls in the Christian Joy Singers to performances. Alex touched many young people's lives. Glen Adrig fondly recalls playing softball with Alex while attending Family of God Lutheran together. Alex leaves behind his wife, Gerri, his son, Alexander and Joanne, son, James, daughter Joyce & Ron, and 5 grandchildren; Elisa, Joshua, Steven, Rachel & Matthew. Also, his sister, Betty and brother, Paul. We, at Emmanuel, will always remember Alex for his wonderful smile. You will be missed.

January Birthday
18 .....Dolly Williams
21 .....Kiley Johnson
22 .....Heather Felmeir
26 .....Gladys Castagnola
27 .....Marilyn Boekenogen
29 ..... Matt Mills
31 .....Kate Kriewald
No January Anniversaries
February Birthdays
2 .....Tiffany Johnson
5 .....Pat Alcantra
16 .....Helen Mills
17 ..... Brandee Haynes
22 ..... Dollie Hage
23 ..... Jim Turowski
24 ..... Roger VanDellen
27 ..... Jim Tewksbury
February Anniversaries
11 .....Bob & Liane Armstrong
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

The church is recognizing our 90+ year olds again this year. If any of you are qualifying for that group during the 2012 year let me know.

Sharie Adrig ————— 377-2448

### Members serving in January

Altar Guild .....	Carolyn Cartwright
	Gladys Willis
Reader .....	Bob Fox
Sunday School .....	Carolyn Cartwright
	Judy Armstrong

### Members serving in February

Altar Guild.....	Carol Henning
Reader .....	Cheryl Fox
Sunday School .....	Carolyn Cartwright
	Judy Armstrong

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*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.*

## News from the Childcare

### We had A VOICE!!!

The department of Early Learning , in partnership with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and Thrive by Five Washington, has convened a steering committee to undertake a redesign

of the Early Learning and Development Guidelines (formerly known as the Benchmarks) based on feedback from partnering childcare/preschool programs. The goals of the redesign are to ensure the guidelines:

- Are culturally relevant for Washington's increasingly diverse population.
- Provide links to the K-12 system.
- Reflect the most up-to-date knowledge about how children grow and learn.

This is a truly an exciting time for our children who attend partnering childcare/preschools. We believe strongly that these new guidelines will help better prepare our children for their learning future.



#### Literacy Night

*Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>, from*

*5:30-6:30pm we will hold our monthly Literacy Night for our childcare families. This month we will make file folder games to take home, paint with ice and make ice cream for snack. It should be a messy...ah yummy experience!*

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>**: Center closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**January 19<sup>th</sup>**: Literacy night 5:30-6:30pm.

**January 24<sup>th</sup>**: Preschool fieldtrip to the Library from 9:55-11:50am.

**January 25<sup>th</sup>**: Pre-Kindergarten fieldtrip to the Library from 9:55-11:50am.

**January 31<sup>st</sup>**: Center closes at 7pm for staff in service.

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email: [emmanuelchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelchildcare@gmail.com) Hours of Operation 5:30am to 9Pm Monday -Friday