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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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I am grateful for all the participants of the Secret Prayer Partner Program which came to a close this week. Many people were blessed with the support of prayers and words of encouragement. One lady, who is a shut-in, had her cards lining her table and proudly displayed them to me when I visited her. Another woman, living in the nursing home, also had her cards on display and although she cannot remember many things, she remembered her secret prayer partner and her church! Another man came back to church, buoyed by words of encouragement he had received. One young man, deployed in the area of the Mediterranean Sea, where he received emails from his secret prayer partner through the church email address, reported how grateful he was for the prayers and support and how he looked forward to receiving his emails. Upon receiving a bouquet of flowers one recipient was overcome with joy. Some received their notes quietly, all felt the touch of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. Finally, even the pastor was blessed with the unexpected support he received!



Through this entire program God's name was honored among His people. Thank You, Dear Saints, for a job well done.



This month we celebrate the Independence of our nation. It is a time to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy and to recall that these freedoms are given by God and protected by our government. These freedoms make us the envy of others and a light to other nations.
Pastor Tim

In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone
286-1090

Vacation Bible School Needs You

It takes many people working together to have a successful VBS. No, not everyone is a teacher but there are several ways you can help. Could you help in the kitchen? Provide some cookies or juice? Help by being a Classroom assistant? Help with crafts?

VBS runs from Aug 15th—19th, 9:00-12:00

If you are interested in helping, contact Pastor Tim.



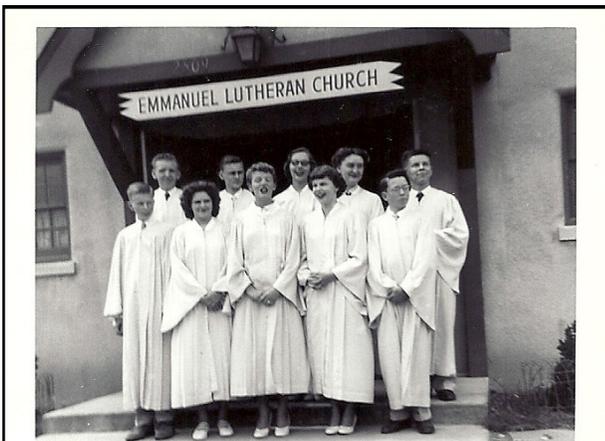
Greetings from Former Members

One Sunday evening (about three weeks ago) I received a phone call from a gentleman living in Arizona. He shared with me that he had been looking up his old boy scout troop from Bremerton on the internet. His scout master was Alex Sutherland. Up popped on the computer "The Wittenberg Door." He began to read the article about our history remembering that he, as a young boy (around 13 years old), helped build our sanctuary. When he looked at our pictures from the past, he discovered that his father was in the picture of the groundbreaking ceremony. His name is **Ken Zehm**. His parents were **Harold and Dolores Zehm**. He and his family lived in the neighborhood and walked to church. He was awarded under the guidance of Alex Sutherland, the **God and Country Award** in scouting.

With his permission, I have included a portion of his email.

"My father is second person to Pastor G's right. I recognize some of the faces in the baptism pictures. (You will need to look back at last month's newsletter to figure this out.) Two of them were my next door neighbors, Frank and Pete Knox. We went all through school together. I also remember very clearly after each children's Christmas Service, that ushers would pass out sacks of apples, oranges, peanuts. We started attending in the old church, and I also remember very clearly that the choir and Pastor would stand in the back of the church before each service, and sing "The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silent." Very moving. Thanks for bringing back a lot of old memories. **God's blessings on Emmanuel and your ministry.**"

A few days ago we received a postcard from our dear friend, **Lody Nelson**. Lody is currently living in Kennewick, WA with her son and daughter-in-law. We send monthly newsletters to her. She says, "Thank You for the news. It makes me homesick but that is ok. So proud to read all the news and it is wonderful. Love, Lody" Lody, we miss you too. If anyone would like to write her, we have her address. I am sure she would appreciate a card or letter. Just call me. Sharie Adrig 377-2448.



Lorraine Shield is still currently a member but not able to come to church. She shared this picture of her daughter's confirmation class. This was taken in 1951. Her daughter, Sharon, is the second young lady from the left. This was before the current sanctuary was built. Thank You, Lorraine.

Childcare News

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Family,

Well we started the month of July by having a BBQ for the children on the playground on the 1st. Miss Carverlynnne and some of our friends decorated the playground with the American flag and red, white and blue streamers and ribbons. Later on in the afternoon the children had potato sack and 3 legged races. It was a lot of fun for all of us and the weather was beautiful !

We also received a visit from our Licensor, Jody Hitchings last month. Jody spoke to the staff and the children and we had a nice visit. There were a few things, however that we needed to take care of, one of them was to purchase more playground chips. The delivery driver, John, dumped the chips outside the entrance of the playground and our wonderful volunteers hauled the playground chips on to the big toy area. Our volunteers did about 5 yards the first night and two more volunteers finished the remaining 5 yards the next morning. So I would like to give a big thanks to those volunteers, **Denise Williams, Lamonte James, Shayne Prothero and Lillian James**. Their hard work was very much appreciated !

This month the childcare has many outings planned for the children, including a trip to the Port Orchard waterfront for a picnic and a "Kite Flying" day at Mountain View Middle School to name a couple. We are also looking forward to participating in VBS next month. The childcare has not participated in VBS with the church in several years, so this is a very exciting time for the staff and the children of the childcare. We look forward to having a great time and learning about God's love for us all.

Thank You all for making it possible for us to take care of the children in our community.

God Bless Emmanuel !

Chelette Williams

Our missionary, Marian Hungerford, works for Wycliffe Bible Translators with the people living in Cameroon Africa. We, as a congregation, not only support her with monetary donations but support her in prayer as she faces daily challenges. We ask you to pray for Marian. Thank You!!!



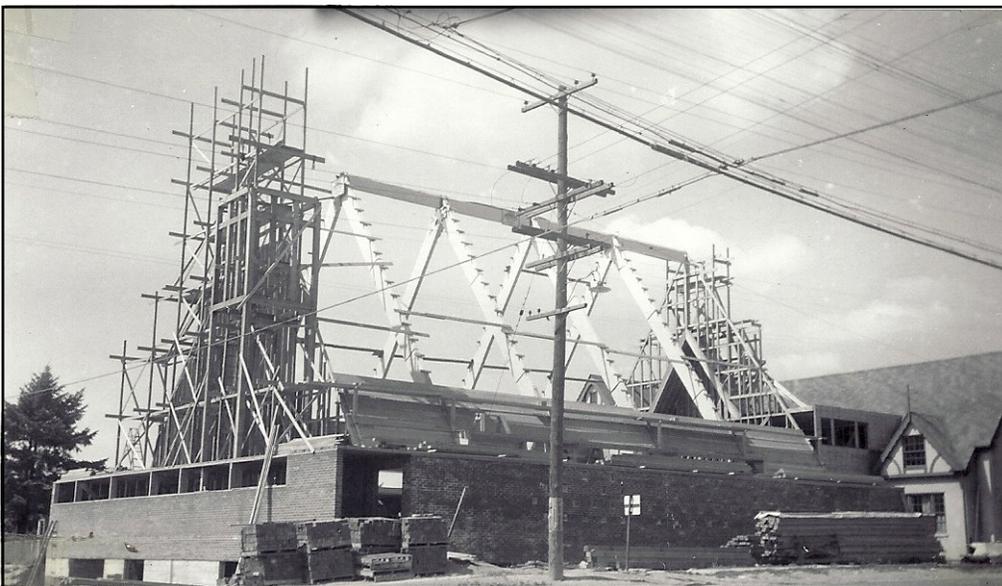
A Rich History of 65 years Chapter Three

The Building Begins: In 1956 the sanctuary (as we now know it) was built. Cranes from Tacoma were brought in to raise the 64 foot laminated beams that were held at the top of an inverted “V” by a steel horizontal beam. Many of the members put hours of labor into building the sanctuary. (As noted by Ken Zehmn) With many members and many talents this church was built. I can’t imagine the thousands of hours that were voluntarily given to the glory of God. There were carpenters, electricians, mechanics (many of which were PSNS workers) that came together for one purpose. A Mr. Rolland Bauman ,who was the building chairman for the original church edifice, carved our pulpit with his own hands. A mortgage of \$75,000 was borrowed. Payments of \$495.00 were paid monthly.

The following words were written by the pastor at the time of the building process and dedication. I know many of you remember him, Pastor Stanley G. Gunsten. He writes, “The glad day of the dedication of our new house of worship has come. Our hearts are filled with praise and gratitude to God. It is His day, and it is ours as His gift. We are gathered to dedicate His house. May we constantly realize that “the Lord is in this place.” Here He will meet with us and commune with us. “This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Wherever the means of grace are rightly used there is free access into His Kingdom. Therefore, reverently, humbly, trustingly, we dedicate this beautiful house and all that pertains to it to the service and worship of God. “ “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace which is able to build you up to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” **“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.”**Amen

Thanks to Pastor Gunsten for this message that was not only meaningful to the congregation in 1956, but to us today.



The church was built after much thought and prayer. The men (and older boys) in the congregation were actively involved in the building process. I can’t even imagine the excitement that the congregational members felt during the construction process. This building is one that has not changed much in the 55 years since it was erected. It is our privilege to maintain this building to the honor and glory of God.

A Rich History of 65 years Chapter Three

The church had to meet two challenges. One challenge was that the church was growing fast and they needed a building that could handle the numbers. Also, the church had to find a way to meet the financial challenge. The goal of the congregation was not what type of building or the cost. The emphasis was entirely on Christian giving. At the end of the canvass a committee was appointed to work with architects to find a building that would be suitable. The problem was deciding whether the present buildings should be sold and move to a new location or add to the facility they already had. It was decided after much thought and prayer to build on the original site and join the two buildings together. The instructions for the architect was to design as large a building as the property could hold and not exceed the amount of pledges from the canvass.



The sanctuary was designed so that all people were within 80 feet of the pulpit. There are enough seats for 432 on the main floor, 60 people in the balcony and room for overflow of 200 chairs on the main floor and 40 chairs in the balcony. Comfort was a consideration with upholstered church pews. When the colors were chosen they were based off the Bible passage of King Solomon's temple, using bright colors (yellow, turquoise and white).

"This building is a tribute to God, showing what God's people can do working together as one for a greater God's kingdom on earth." These words were taken from Lloyd Valentine's (Chairman, Building Committee) article, "Building a Church."

The first service was held on Thanksgiving, in November of 1956, after 1 1/2 years of hard work. The cornerstone ceremony was held after the service. The cornerstone contained the following items: a Holy Bible, the constitution of the congregation, history of the church, dedication brochure of the first unit of the church plan, picture of the groundbreaking ceremony, a copy of The Sun of June 4, 1949, a copy of the Thanksgiving Day worship service bulletin and a 10 cent piece dated 1845.

The **Women's Mission Federation** continues to serve a very active role in the church. The Women's group served the refreshments for the dedication service. The church library was started with the first book, "Ever One God." They purchased a movie projector for the church which was their project for the year. (1956-57) They collected M.J.B. Coffee bands to purchase a coffee urn in their new kitchen. The brass cross and missal stand were given to the church to beautify the Altar.



Memories



Adelaide Jensen and her husband came from Our Saviours in 1958. They lived in Bremerton Gardens when their home was being built. Their first son was baptized at Our Saviours and their second son was baptized at Emmanuel in the new sanctuary. He was baptized at the same time as his cousin. Both of Adelaide's sons were confirmed at Emmanuel. Adelaide was quite active in the church teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and serving on Church Council. The doors that are in between the Narthex and the Sanctuary were given in memory of her husband, Carl. Ironically enough, Kaye Kannitzer's husband Karl installed the doors. Thank you for your years of dedication to the Lord and Emmanuel. You are special to us.

President's Message

As I reflect back on the past year, I can see how very much has been accomplished here in such a short time. And as the husband of our newsletter editor, I have also been privileged to look back upon the history of Emmanuel in our community. This church has been built upon the foundation of love and commitment to our Lord and to each other. It has a rich past, and it seems to once again have a bright future.

This in part, is why I am so proud to be a part of your church council. When I look back at the original construction pictures of our church, I can see a great and proud structure being erected by dedicated members, to stand as a beacon of hope in our community. As you know, we have recently started a capital improvement campaign to replace our leaking roof with a new 50 year roof. I can tell you that your council members discussed options for our roof very thoroughly . Since it has been tried three or more times to seal the roof to eliminate the leaks, this proven ineffective option (at an approximate cost of \$19,000) was turned down. So that left us with options for installing a new 30 or a 50 year roof. We also strongly felt that we didn't want to put our church in financial jeopardy. So, with much faith in our congregation, we decided to try to raise additional funds over the next year of approximately \$30,000 of the total cost of approximately \$67,000, and live with the leaks until we could more comfortably afford to install the new roof. We also did not want to take out a loan to accomplish this job. Since we announced our plans, we have received pledges now for about eight or nine thousand dollars towards our goal. If you are like most, finding money to pledge in a lump sum could be somewhat difficult in these tough economic times. So, I would encourage you to see if you could make a commitment to spread a pledge out over the next year, perhaps by contributing a small portion each month or payday. A pledge or commitment of only \$50 per payday (if you get paid every two weeks), would result in your giving our roof fund \$1000 over a period of only ten months. I hope that you can look towards our proud past and the dedication of those who built this beautiful building, and then help us preserve what so many worked so hard for. Take a look at the pictures in this newsletter, and you will see where we came from. This church deserves a new roof, and I know that we can do it if we put our minds and our hearts into it. We have come a long way from the past, so let's build looking towards the future once again.

Thank you for your consideration and dedication.

Glen Adrig Council President

Many Thanks to Many People

If you notice that the south end of the church looks like it has a few less weeds, that is thanks to our school-age daycare friends. A week or so ago they came out and helped Glen and I with weeding. They learned a lesson on “what is the difference between a weed and a plant.” Also, they learned why spiders and other insects are important to our garden. ***Thank you to the children and their Supervisors, Sam and Kristin.***



Hey, that doesn't look like one of the childcare friends to me. Thanks, Pastor Tim for your hard work.

If you have noticed that the church is clean and shiny lately, you can thank Judith Dautenhahn. Judith is our new church custodian. She is doing more than what is listed in her job description, and it definitely shows.

Thank you, Judith.

If you have wondered who makes our tasty whole grain communion bread, the answer is Jean Reed.

Thank You, Jean

If you have noticed the “Memory Board” that hangs on wall of the fellowship hall and the new bench in progress on the “Perry Ave” side of the church we can thank Richard Boyce.

Thank You, Richard

Mark Your Calendars

Vacation Bible School—August 15th—19th ————— 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

If you know any children that may be interested, pass the word. Also, if you are able to help teach, be a teacher’s assistant, help in the kitchen, help with arts and crafts or even donate snacks and juice, please contact Pastor Tim. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



Family Church Picnic - August 21st

Following our 10:00 AM worship service at church we will be travelling out to Lutherhaven at Wildcat Lake, to celebrate our re-established ties with Olympic Lutherhaven. All members, friends and family are invited. It will be a potluck, so plan on bringing your favorite dish. It will be a relaxing time to socialize, play, fish or swim. Several of us have room in our cars to carry those that would rather not drive there. Let Pastor Tim know if you need a ride, and we will try to set up transportation for you in both directions.

Operation Christmas Child ————— Christmas ? ? Did I read Christmas ?

This is the time of year to start thinking about our support to the Operation Christmas Child ministry. For those that weren’t here last year, this is a ministry that offers support to children in poor, under-privileged, areas around the world. At the end of Oct. or beginning of Nov. we will get together and pack shoe boxes that will be sent out through the Samaritan’s Purse Foundation. Last year we packed over 20 boxes. If you happen to see little items for children that can be packed in a shoe box, start picking them up. In our August newsletter I will have a more complete list of items or ideas. Last year we had school supplies, small toys, and toiletries. Jean Reed made small blankets for our youngest recipients and Richard Boyce made small hand-carved tops for our boxes. With each box the Samaritan’s Purse includes a Christian Curriculum. It will be fun to see what types of gifts you come up with this year.

Operation “Step Forward” - We are in the process of trying to raise money to replace our roof. As most of you know, our roof leaks and desperately needs to be replaced. The total cost for a “50 Year Guaranteed” Composition Roof is over \$60,000. We do not want to deplete our savings account so we are asking for donations. We would like to raise at least \$30,000. Any contributions large or small would be greatly appreciated. Thank You !!!!

