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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BREMERTON, WA

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Verizon Cell Phone User,

I'm writing to tell you that you are being monitored, yes, it's true I'm listening in on all your cell phone conversations. But please don't worry, its for your own good. Yes, its true to have great powers even the ability to listen in on all phone conversations including yours. I know you feel threatened by this after all, this is America and you expect a high level of privacy. You value your privacy and do not want a superpower invading your space. But , well frankly you're important to me and I want to know what you're thinking, what you're feeling and what you're saying about me and about your life in general. To learn about you I've acted on my broad powers to gather data especially the data that's learned by listening in on your conversations.

This revelation has become public knowledge only recently but the truth is I've been listening in for a long time. I now know what you value, how you vote, where you spend your money and your time and I know what you think of me.

Dear One, I wish I could say I was more impressed with the results of my survey, but , well Anyway the good news is that my care for you does not hinge on your opinions or your values or your actions. My care for you is given freely. You are important, indeed you are more precious than gold. I desire to know you and to live in an active relationship with you, to listen to your heart's desires and to walk with you throughout your day. You are special to me.

I promise to level no new taxes on you, but I do want you to give me all that you own and most of all I want your allegiance. I will give you my love, freely, and in return for your allegiance I will give you eternal and abundant life.

Please don't feel threatened by me, for I am your loving Creator,

God

Summer Fun at Emmanuel

Vacation Bible School—Son West Roundup ——— August 12th—August 16th

Annual Congregational Picnic—Lutherhaven ———August 18th

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In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone
286-1090



Mae celebrates a special birthday !!



Emmanuel Lutheran
recognizes all our women on
Mother's Day!!!
Grandmothers,
Mothers,
Aunts !



Thank you , Men of
Emmanuel, for the special
Mother's day !!!



The men served the women. There were special cakes and coffee and tea was served in china cups and saucers.



Thank You!!!

Women of Emmanuel for all you do. Each and everyone of you make Emmanuel the special place that it is. You are all important to us and to the Lord !!!!



Our Dresser Ministry Continues

We have a new dresser in our fellowship hall just sitting there ready to be filled. This is going to the pregnancy center. Use your imagination ! We all know all items that a baby needs.

You Can Help !



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During the Easter season of 1988 there was much activity happening at Emmanuel. The Sunday School children decorated Easter eggs, the youth of the church served an Easter Breakfast and the Lydia Circle put together Easter baskets filled with fruit and goodies for some elderly members of the church.



Sunday School Children decorate Easter Eggs.



After 40 years in the ministry, Pastor Bob Peterson retires.

June 26, 1988 marked a milestone for both Emmanuel and Pastor Bob Peterson. Pastor Bob had served at Emmanuel for 17 years and he retired after 40 years in the ministry. "Peterson ministered to farmers in North Dakota, iron ore miners in Minnesota and state workers in Salem, Ore., before arriving in Bremerton with his wife, Evelyn. He helped build new churches in those parishes, he recalled. The most remarkable developments that have occurred during his 40 year career have been the ecumenical efforts between Protestant and Roman Catholic churches, he said." - Bremerton Sun—6/26/88

There was a simple salad pot-luck following the second service with a short program. The church presented him with a \$500 check so that he and his wife could go on a trip. They were given an engraved "Footprints" clock. Plus there was a "cookie shower." The committee coordinating this event was Luella Lofthus, Marilyn Hansen, Carol Henning, and Joan Bauer. Pastor Peterson's family attended including his son, Mark, that is the associate pastor at Marysville Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



Richard Boyce makes coffee for this special potluck.



Evelyn Stouffer, Marialis Jorges and Susan Ficca (Larry and Ida's daughter) provided special music for this event.

Carol Henning serves at the luncheon.

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Leona Michael's (Council President—1988) helped to lead through time of transition for Emmanuel.

During this time of transition, Leona Michaels (Mary Moen's mom) served as the Council President. Losing Pastor Bob Peterson, after serving Emmanuel for 17 years, had to have been a difficult time for our church. Well done, Leona, for helping to keep things going.

The church had a series of guest pastors until a new pastor was installed on December 4, 1988. Pastor Gordon Christensen was installed by Dr. Steve Morrison. Many of you knew Pastor Steve from Family of God Lutheran. At the time of the installation Pastor Steve was the Assistant Bishop for the Southwestern Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Pastor Gordon Christensen was born and raised in Everett. He graduated from Pacific Lutheran University and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He served in parishes in Redmond, Oregon, Lynnwood and Winlock.

The picture below is what our little playground looked like in 1988. Wow! Has this changed. It is amazing how our play equipment has changed over the years. Perhaps some of you remember playing on this equipment or your children playing on it.



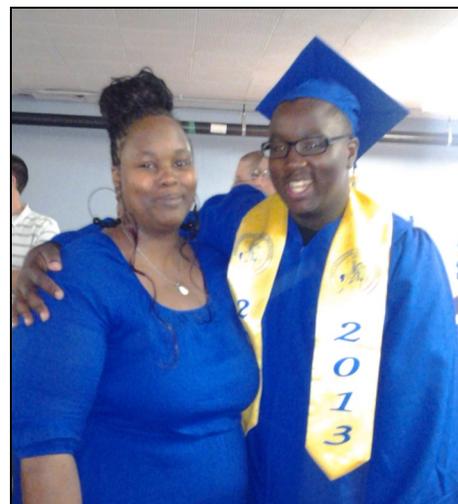
Dr. Steve Morrison installs Pastor Gordon Christensen on December 4, 1988



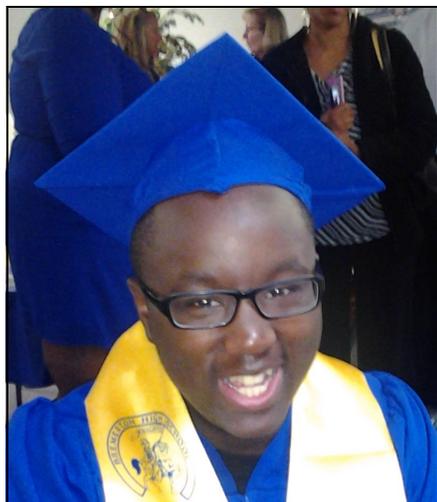
We are proud of our graduateLamonte James

Many of you remember Lamonte as this active little boy running around the church, but Lamonte is a graduating senior this year from Bremerton High School. He spent much of his school career serving in the ROTC program. During his involvement with the ROTC he served as their Chaplain. While at Emmanuel he assisted Pastor Tim with special services. He also assisted with VBS in the summer. The special Coffee Hour for Mother's Day was actually Lamonte's idea.

A couple of weeks ago at a school awards assembly, Lamonte was



Kneeda is a proud mom and has every right to be.



awarded a college scholarship. He was given a total of \$500 to go to the college of his choice. It was "The Memorial Scholarship of Henry Groth, Elsinor Groth and Wayne Elder." He was recognized for his achievement and humanity.

On June 14th Lamonte graduated from Bremerton High School. We know that his family is very proud of Lamonte, but we want him to know that we at Emmanuel are very proud of him too. I know that no matter what you do with your life, Lamonte, you will touch hearts.

Class Motto:

"You don't get what you wish for

You get what you work for."

- Conrad Ostwald

The Sneaky Stewards are at it again.....

In case you haven't noticed..... We have beautiful new plants in the containers by the door, the weeds in the parking lot are dying off and disappearing, the lawn is freshly cut.....The Sneaky Stewards are back again. Each spring and summer they seem to show up. Like Pastor Tim says, "I don't know how it happens, but it just seems to." We are grateful to all of you who come by to beautify our grounds. Thank you to all that seem to wish to stay anonymous. You are noticed and appreciated.

Emmanuel Heads West for VBS !

Yee Haw !! Join us August 12th –16th for a rip-roarin' good time with Jesus at our **Son West Roundup Vacation Bible School !!** This year we are traveling down the trail through the Old Testament stories of Moses to discover God's ultimate plan of salvation in Jesus Christ, who "is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

So saddle up your horses, rustle up your kids, and head on over to Emmanuel Lutheran where you'll discover a colorful old town where all the excitement of the Wild West awaits. There'll be food, games, music, crafts and amazing true stories that point you and your kids to Jesus and His love !

If you'd like to join the posse and help with herding groups (take from activity to activity—no teaching required), rustlin' up grub (help with snacks), wrangling with the young-uns (assist with crafts or games), rounding up supplies (provide needed food and other items), or just help in general as a side-kick give a holler to Sheriff Miki Turowski at 692-5717.



What is the story behind "God of Our Fathers" ?

"This patriotic hymn represents a double celebration of America's one hundredth birthday. The words were written in 1876 by a New England pastor in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The music was written twelve years later in celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution."

The author, Daniel Crain Roberts, was a veteran of the Civil War. He served as a private with the 84th Ohio Volunteers during the war. After the war he was ordained as a deacon with the Presbyterian Episcopal church and became a priest shortly afterwards. As our country celebrated its one-hundredth birthday, he wrote the words and submitted them anonymously to the committee for the Episcopal hymnal and it was accepted. The melody was not the original one. At first Roberts set the words to the tune of the Russian National Anthem. "Twelve years later George William Warren (self-taught organist) composed the stately tune with its trumpet fanfares. " It became known as the "National Hymn", celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of our U.S. Constitution.

George Warren had no formal training, so he was pursuing a business career. He had a natural musical gift which drew him in the direction of a musical career. He became one of "America's premier organists." "When George Warren died in 1902, there was a feeling that no organist could play as well as he could, so not a single note of music was played at his funeral, which was attended by thousands."

