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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH BREMERTON, WA

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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November first is All Saint's Day when we remember those beloved ones who have gone on before us and give thanks for their example of faith, perseverance and love. Once upon a time this holiday was a pagan celebration of the dead. When Christianity came it was converted to Christian holy day called, "All Hallows' (meaning "Saints") Day." Since the celebration of the holy days often began on the eve before the day the holiday was called "All Hallows' Eve." From that name we get the contraction "Halloween."

Many of the masks and decorations of Halloween recall the ancient pagan roots of the holiday. Christians sometimes react to this new tradition by refusing to commemorate Halloween or All Saints' Eve.

Rather than withdraw let us once again boldly lay hold of the ancient and modern traditions and convert them to Christianity. We can do this in our churches by having a commemoration in honor of our dearly departed loved ones. We do this at Emmanuel by inviting everyone to record the names of their loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord. These names are read during All Saints' Sunday worship and the bell is tolled in honor of their witness to Christ. We can also convert this holiday for Christ by telling the thrilling stories of the great heroes of the faith at home, in Sunday School, and in Church. These saints were brave and steadfast in their witness for Christ and they inspire us in our journey through this world testimony and then to convert the culture (and its people) for Christ.



In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone

286-1090

Dates to Remember !!!

- November 10 10 AMOperation Christmas Child Packing Party
- November 199 AMPacking Thanksgiving Baskets & Distribute
- November 216:30 PMThanksgiving Eve Worship Service
- November 23Deadline for ordering Poinsettias for Christmas
- December 8Noon—2:00Christmas Tea Pot-luck
- December 16.....10 AMChristmas Pageant
- December 19th or 20th ... TBAPacking and distributing Christmas Baskets
- December 24.....6:30 PMChristmas Eve Service

You can read details on each of these events on pages 2 and 3.



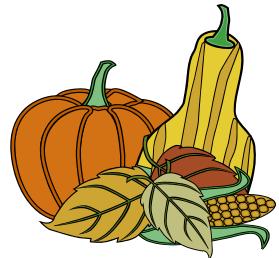
Poinsettias for the Christmas Season

We will be decorating the Altar area with poinsettias during the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase one please contact Carol Henning. The poinsettias are \$9.25 (payable when you order). They may be given in memory/honor of someone. Please print the name/names and give to Carol when ordering. She will be ordering them by November 23rd.

Food baskets for those in need

During November and December we traditionally collect non-perishable foods for our families in need. Currently there are many families that are struggling to put food on the table. One of the important ministries of our church is to help those in need. Suggested food items include:

Pie Crust/Pie Crust Mix	Flour (5 lb.)
Canned Milk	Canned Pumpkin
Pie Fillings	Hamburger Helper
Cranberry Sauce	Bottled Juice
Canned Fruit	Soup



Come and join us on Monday, November 19th at 9:00 AM.

We will put our food baskets together and distribute them to different families in the community.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party



On Saturday, November 10th we are gathering together to pack our Operation Christmas Child boxes. It is fun to put together boxes knowing that a child across the globe will open it. Who would ever imagine that a toothbrush, a bar of soap or pencils and pens could be so appreciated. We take so much for granted. The children that will be receiving these has nothing. Just a small amount of your time would be so appreciated.

Thank You to all that have already contributed. What a wonderful, generous church we have..



Thanksgiving Service

Every year we, at Emmanuel, celebrate Thanksgiving during our Thanksgiving Evening Worship Service. There are so many things for us to be thankful for this year. But, number one on our list is our dear Lord. Without him we would have nothing. Come and hear Pastor Tim's special message and take the opportunity to be grateful for what the Lord has done. Worship service begins at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 21st.

“On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me”

An invite to Emmanuel’s Christmas Tea!

You are cordially invited to

Emmanuel’s Annual Pot-Luck Christmas Tea

Saturday, 8 December 2012

Noon—2 pm

Please join us for fun and fellowship as we learn the Christian meaning behind the lyrics of the beloved Christmas Carol.

The Twelve Days of Christmas



We need your help to fill the dresser?

You may have noticed the dresser in the corner of our fellowship hall under the quilt hanging. Carol Reece's daughter Joanna, donated this dresser and our member, DeWayne Kalista refinished it. It is now waiting to be filled with anything a baby or new mother could use. Use your imagination. The items can either be new or gently used. It can be baby clothes, crib sheets, baby towels or shampoos and lotions. Once we have filled this beautiful dresser, it will be given to a new mother at our local pregnancy center. This organization has been around for many years, offering free services like counseling and pregnancy tests. I know there are knitters, those of you who crochet, and seamstresses in our congregation. Let's see if we can make a difference in our community. Please help us make this a great project that also makes a difference in the life of a young mother and child.



For more information, contact Carol Reece.

A Rich History of 66 years Chapter ten

In 1982, the church held "intentional witnessing" classes. The intention was to help with witnessing and welcoming new people to the church. At the convention that Pastor Peterson attended "merger negotiations were voted to begin with the Lutheran Church in America and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches. This union is targeted to occur in 1988." stated by Pasto Robert Peterson.

The women continued the tradition of a Mother-Daughter Banquet. The program was obviously designed by very creative people. The theme was "Pattern for Living." It was designed like a dress making pattern. This pattern included many clever supplies and directions. To just name a few, under Material Required: it listed Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance. Some other clever instructions listed were; Instruction for cutting: Cut out all unkind criticism, gossip, fault finding! LIP ZIPPER: "Lord fill my mouth with proper stuff and nudge me when I've said enough!"

The women of the church held a unique event during the Mother-Daughter Banquet. They held a bridal fashion show. It was called "Bridal Fashion: Personal History Lovingly Preserved." There were wedding dresses that were worn from 1912–1982. There were 40 dresses total that were modeled. Most of them were wedding dresses but there were a few mother-of-the-bride, bridesmaid, and flower girl dresses. They all belonged to church members and their family or friends. "A wedding can be a sign of one generation growing up and another beginning. At least three generations were represented in both gowns and the audience." from the Bremerton Sun, May 27, 1982



Judy Armstrong, left, wore a dress that had been worn by a former member's grandmother, Anna Burkard Michel. It was worn in Jamestown North Dakota in 1915. Judy had the honor of wearing this beautiful embroidered lace gown. She worn the original satin slippers, stockings and elbow-length gloves. They were all beautifully preserved. Judy's mom, Gladys Willis' wedding dress was also worn that day. There were several old wedding songs sung that day. They included, "I Love You Truly", "Oh Promise Me" from the 1930's and "Oh Perfect Love," from the 50's. It was noted that "long trains and rich satin stated reappearing after the war years. And even in wedding gowns, skirt lengths seem to go in cycles having reached their highest in the 1950's and 60's and almost exclusively touching the ground during the 70's and 80's. Trains and layers of lace and chiffon became more and more prominent as the 80's neared." Ida Ficca modeled a blue and gold taffeta brocade sheath dress with a short sleeved jacket dating from 1959. Ida's own wedding dress was modeled that day. The associate pastor, Rev. Robbie Sachs and his wife sang the ever popular "The Wedding Song" from the 80's.

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As stated in the 1982 Bremerton Sun, "A stately Sylvia Boyce, right, walked proudly down the aisle in her own wedding dress an elegant princess-style gown of ivory satin in cathedral length. She first wore it September 11, 1948.

In 1983 several community members participated in a "Cross Walk" on Good Friday. The rain fell in torrents that day. (Not much has changed.) Emmanuel's associate pastor, Pastor Robert Sachs Jr. participated. As quoted by Pastor Sachs, "A hodgepodge of humanity, ranging from a half-dozen teen-agers to a few folks old enough to be their grandparents. They wore jogging shoes and rubber boots, parkas and ponchos. " The previous year Pastor Sachs had worn his white clerical surplice but in 1983 he traded that for a yellow rainsuit. It was a gathering of several congregations including, First Christian Church, First Baptist, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Our Savior's Lutheran and even the Food Line coordinator. "To commemorate Jesus' walk to crucifixion, they joined in the second annual Good Friday Cross Walk from downtown Bremerton. Carrying a large wooden cross, they walked four miles from the ferry terminal to Miller-Woodlawn Memorial Park. "The group held a brief service at the cemetery/ The wooden cross was laid on the cemetery lawn, and walkers passed by symbolically laying to rest their spiritual burdens in preparation for the new life and Resurrection of Easter."ll



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We Have a Jester in our midst?

Our member, Lamonte James, served as the court jester for Bremerton High School. He was selected by his peers and served on the Homecoming Court. Way to go Lamonte.



We say goodbye to one of our 90+ year olds.....

Roger William Van Dellen was born in Chicago, Ill on 2/24/22 to Dr. Alfred and Birdie Van Dellen. Roger worked for many years for a Steel Company and served in the U.S. Army. He reached the rank of Sergeant. Roger and his dear wife, Nell were married on May 18, 1945. they had 4 children; Joyce, Roger Jr. (who went to heaven in 2003), Carolyn, and Alfred.

“During Roger’s life he has served the Lord in many ways. He served on the boards of the Southwest Christian and Chicago Christian High Schools, he was an elder and deacon for the Kedvale Ave. Christian Reformed Church,. In 1972, Roger and Nell responded to the call of the Christian Reformed Church Disaster Response Agency to work in Xenia, Ohio, the scene of a devastating tornado. It was a life-changing experience and they resolved to commit their retirement years to various projects. In the mid-80’s Roger and Nell participated in 8 projects for the Christian Medical and Dental Society in third world countries. They also served the Christian Reformed Church Back to God Hour Ministry as managers of a Christian radio station on the island of Dominica and distributed Christian literature and information on 5 other Caribbean islands. As team managers for the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, they participated in 28 disaster relief projects in many states before retiring in 2001. “

In 2008 Roger and Nell moved to Crista Shores Senior Living Facility in Silverdale. We were fortunate to have Roger and Nell as members at Emmanuel when Hope Lutheran and Emmanuel Lutheran combined churches. We are going to miss you Roger.

Did you know the story behind “This Is My Father’s World?”

“This Is My Father’s World” was written by Maltbie Babcock. Maltbie was probably one of the most remarkable students that attended Syracuse University. Not only was he brilliant but also very athletic And in addition to that he played several instruments, had a wonderful singing voice, was able to draw and was an avid fisherman.

Maltbie was one of these type of people that could have done just about anything but God called him to the ministry. He attended Auburn Theological Seminary. He became a Presbyterian minister in Lockport, New York. This was a beautiful area. He enjoyed walking and jogging around the area. “Telling his secretary, ‘I’m going out to see my Father’s world’. He would describe it as losing himself in nature. As you can guess by now, this is where he wrote the lyrics to this famous hymn.

In 1899, Maltbie was called to a Presbyterian church in New York City. This was a large congregation and his work load was enormous. He could no longer take time for inspiration hikes. At the age of 42 his church presented him with a very special gift—a trip to the Holy Land. Maltbie departed by ship. Unfortunately, Maltbie never made it to the Holy Land. At Naples, Italy he died from a bacterial fever on May 18, 1901.

Later that year, his wife compiled his writings into a book entitled “Thoughts for Everyday Living.” “This Is My Father’s World” is included in this book.

- This was taken from “Then Sings My Soul” by Robert J. Morgan

Thanks to Geri Sutherland for this copy.



Daycare Report

Another successful Harvest Festival at the daycare center. It was complete with pumpkin rolling contest, a fish pond, temporary tattoos, pumpkin head bean bag toss, a cake walk and a jello eating contest. They had plenty of Halloween treats for all. It looks like the children had a fun-filled evening. Thank you, daycare staff, for providing a safe and fun environment for our children.



November activities for the daycare center

November 16th—Ron Jackson, a Veteran Retired from the US Navy is coming to speak to the children about all of the benefits of serving in the United States Military. He will also tell them about all the places he has been.

November 20th—The Preschool and Pre-kindergarten classes will go on a field trip to the Perry Avenue Red Apple Market to shop for items for their special Thanksgiving lunch on Wednesday , November 21st.

November 28th— This will be their monthly literacy night. They will offer activities for parents and children to enjoy.

December 16th— Annual Christmas Pageant—10:00 AM

Theme for November: Thanksgiving

Letters: G, H,I

Numbers :7,8,9

Color: Brown Shape: Hexagon

Week 1: Elections

Week 2: Veterans

Week 3: Native Americans & Pilgrims

Week 4: Thanksgiving

**November Birthdays**

6 Pastor Tim Cartwright
7 Kimani Johnson
19 Frank Allen
22 Callie Woodward
24 Mark Ditlefson
28 April Mills

November Anniversaries

16 Jay and Stephanie Johnson
20 Bob and Cheryl Fox

December Birthdays

14 Liane Armstrong
19 Tim Cartwright Jr
20 Matthew Johnson
21 Gladys Willis
23 Sylvia Boyce
25 Laura Kalista
29 Denise Williams
29 Daniel Case

No December Anniversaries

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 November

Altar Guild	Sharie Adrig
Reader	Jean Reed
Sunday School	Carolyn Cartwright
	Mary Moen
	Judy Armstrong

Members serving in December

Altar Guild.....	Denise Williams
	Kneeda Williams
Reader	Tim Cartwright Jr.
Sunday School	Carolyn Cartwright
	Mary Moen
	Judy Armstrong

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<http://www.elcbremerton.org>

Hint: If you are seeing this newsletter in black and white, our website has the full color version posted for you !

If you need to contact Pastor Tim Cartwright you can call his cell phone – 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 newsletter call Sharie Adrig–377-2448



Happy Thanksgiving to all