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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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This month we commemorate Columbus Day in honor of his discovery of America. In her day, Heloise Evenson would assert that it was Leif Erickson, not Christopher Columbus who discovered America. When we, in Church, would recognize Columbus, she would always remind us that Leif Erickson did come to America nearly five-hundred years before Christopher Columbus, but they do not give him credit for discovering America because he and his people did not lay hold of the promise and opportunity of the land which they called "Wineland" or "Vinland." They did not move here, settle down here, build homes and farm the ground. They did not raise crops, animals or families here. They came and they left.

It is to Christopher Columbus that honor is given because he and those who followed him did lay hold of the opportunities and promise that the New World held.

God gives us promises too. We can name them and describe them, as Leif Erickson did of Vinland, but that does not lay hold of their life-changing power. It is as we occupy them and work them that the promises of God changes our lives.



In this past month we have had people from Emmanuel experience a stroke, major surgery and we have bid two of our members good-bye who have gone on to their eternal home. Through all the pain, suffering, mourning and loss, God promises that He is with us (Matthew 28:20) and that He will comfort us (John 14:15, 25-27). We can talk of His promises or we can lay hold of His promises as those who followed Christopher Columbus laid hold of the promise of the New World. Come, trust Jesus.

In case of an Emergency

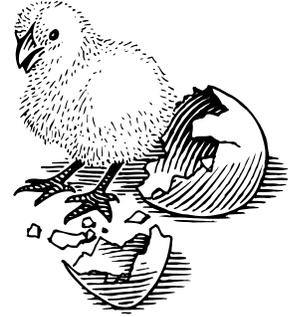
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Pastor - Tim Cartwright

October News From the Child Care Center

Fall is herebeautiful fall evenings and the celebration of Harvest.

This month, Master Gardener, Joyia Rubens, will come in and visit with the children and bring in newly hatched baby chicks. Joyia will explain to the children the process of raising the baby chicks.



The children will also take a field trip to Cooleen Gardens, a nursery in the area. Even though the nursery is right down the street, the children and staff will ride Kitsap Transit to ensure a safe outing.

Of course October wouldn't be the same without our annual Harvest Festival. This year's festival will be held on October 30th at 6:30 pm. We will have games like pumpkin roll races, a jello eating contest, pin the nose on the scarecrow, a bean bag toss and a Monster Mash! Snacks will also be provided including COFFEE! All are welcome to attend.



Dates to Remember

October 8th: Columbus Day Observed, the Center will be closed.

I am please to announce that Emmanuel Lutheran Childcare Center has received our "Non-expiring License" from the State of Washington. What this means is we will not have to renew our License every three years.

We, the staff of the Childcare, feel very blessed to be able to serve our community.

Thank You !

Chelette Williams

Did You Know?

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" is Martin Luther's most famous hymn.

He not only was a great reformer, Bible translator, political leader, fiery preacher and theologian but he was a skilled musician. He started out singing in a boys' choir for weddings and funerals and played the flute. During the reformation Luther was determined to restore worship into the service. He worked with skilled musicians and revived congregational singing. Sometimes he even borrowed popular secular melodies for his hymns.

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" was based on the 46th Psalm. It reflects Luther's awareness of our intense struggle with Satan. When Luther was struggling with difficulty and danger he would turn to the words of this famous hymn.



- information came from "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan which was provided to us by Geri Sutherland

Bible Study Opportunities

In our Wednesday night Genesis class we are studying creationism, evolution and intelligent design. God's Word teaches us that nature, on it's own, is incapable of designing our complex life forms or even of the so-called simple life forms. The Bible boldly declares there was a Designer for all life forms. Now even science in the discipline of micro-biology, has looked into the tiny strands of DNA and the basic building blocks of proteins that make up simple and complex life forms and discovered a new before seen complexity that the evolutionary mechanisms for change fail to explain. The only reasonable explanation of this complexity is the presence of an intelligent designer.

However, the philosophical worldview of evolution excludes all possible reference to an intelligent designer or a creator. It is limited to what nature alone can produce. Because nature cannot explain how these complex forms developed evolution is bankrupt theory that will not let go of its failed explanations. Nevertheless, our educational system refuses to acknowledge the presence of any explanation for origins that lies outside of nature.

Come and join the lively discussions of Genesis on Wednesday nights as we study our origins and the philosophical world views that compete with creationism.

Pastor Tim Cartwright



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 nine

In 1980, Robert L, Peterson continued as Emmanuel’s pastor. The life of the church centered around the services of worship and holy communion. The pastor conducted 18 weddings, 12 baptisms (2 were adults), 8 confirmands (2 were adults), and 7 funerals. The church was in the process for seeking a new associate pastor.

“Within the framework of our congregational life several events of significance were held – participation in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: an adult class from Star of the Sea Catholic Church visited and dialogued with us one evening; a pulpit exchange (the Rev. Lloyd Holloway from St. Luke’s Methodist Church preached one Sunday while I preached at St. Luke’s) ; our annual church council retreat at Christa Lutheran Retreat Center in Belfair with Dr. James Moy as leader; our Temple Choir’s special presentations of the “Requiem” on Good Friday and an Advent Choral Service, and our financial canvass to secure funds for badly needed reroofing and for solving energy problems.” - Pastor Peterson

During this year Pastor Peterson experienced six weeks of silence due to voice difficulties. Wow, that has got to be frustrating for a pastor especially.

In the year, 1981, Emmanuel Lutheran celebrated their 35th anniversary. Many good things came to Emmanuel which included a new associate pastor after 20 months of searching. His name was Pastor Robert Sachs. Pastor Sachs had a very interesting article published in the Bremerton Sun in 1981, The title was “Many Problems Are Foreseen If ‘Prayer in School’ Official. Part of the article states: “While officially prescribed devotional exercises must be carefully excluded from public schools, it is important that our schools recognize the part that religion has played in the social and historical development of civilization, and provide opportunity for the study of religion in accordance with the purposes of public education. This means that freedom and responsibility of the public schools to deal with the materials of heritage in a holistic rather than truncated manner eliminates the distortion of the constitutional principle of state neutrality towards religion.

For example, to eliminate sacred or religious music from school programs would be to distort cultural heritages. To systematically exclude from the curriculum or from school programs all materials expressing religious themes would indirectly support secular humanism as the “religious” viewpoint of the public schools. However, devotional exercises to cultivate and nurture the religious faith of young people do not belong in the public schools, but in the home and the church. Officially prescribed devotional exercises open the door to sectarian intrusion or to governmental prescription of an official faith.

Therefore, parents and the churches must assume their rightful responsibility for communicating their religious commitments and values to their children. The distinctiveness of those commitments and values should be neither promoted nor undermined by the manner of religious expression in the public schools to which we pay our taxes.”

- Pastor Robert Sachs

December 1981

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In 1981, a member of Emmanuel that had been coaching the football team at Olympic College was hired by University of Puget Sound. His name was Orson Christensen. He was the offensive backfield coach for the “Loggers” and helped them get into the playoffs.

September 27th 1981 marked the date of a first for Emmanuel Lutheran. The Pastor Robert L Peterson had the pleasure and honor of ordaining his own son, Mark Peterson. Mark Peterson was the first member of the church to enter the ministry. I am sure that many of you remember this day. I am sure it was a proud day for his dad, Pastor Robert Peterson.

In 1981 Emmanuel also celebrated their 35th anniversary. The church reached out to former pastors and invited them to attend a special service as well as a potluck dinner on October 25, 1981, As quoted from the Bremerton Sun, “Most recently, work has been completed on a \$50,000 remodeling project which included new roofing and redesign of a lower portion. Still in the planning stages are remodeling of the interior by realignment of pews and relocation of the choir from the loft to the front of the church.”



Our current member, Larry Ficca, served as the church council president that year. Through hard work and dedication, Larry and Ida’s son, Paul, received the “God and Country” award . Paul Ficca was an Eagle Scout. I am sure this was a proud moment for both Larry and Ida.

PRO DEO ET PATRIA—Eagle Scout Paul Ficca of Bremerton, Wash., receives the God-and-country award after completing the demanding study and service requirements. Paul accepts the emblem from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ficca. Paul’s father is president of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Bremerton, where work for the award was supervised by Pastors Robert Sachs (far left) and Robert Peterson.



There's going to be a party! ———When: Saturday, November 10th, 10:00 AM

Where: Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Who: All of you are invited !

Who is this party for ? Children that are less fortunate than us.

Come be a part of our Shoebox packing party. What if you can't come to the party? Yes, You can still help. We need all of your help to make OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD a success again this year.

Here are some ways you can make a difference:

Pray: Pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift, and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ.

Bring small gifts for the shoe boxes;

(We will have shoeboxes available this year, so there is no need to bring more from home)

Toys: small cars, dolls & stuffed animals, yo-yo's, jump ropes, a Slinky (anything that fits in a shoe box)

School Supplies: Pens, Pencils, and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or papers, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), combs, washcloths, etc.

Other: Hard candy and lollipops (must be wrapped), **No Chocolate, mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (extra batteries)**

A twenty-three year old journalist, ViKtoria Titova, from Estonia was a recipient of a shoebox 12 years ago. This changed her life and the lives of her family. She vividly remembers the "huge bag of Skittles, the little pink teddy bear, and the smell of the big bar of Dove soap." Viktoria came from a very poor family, She received tickets to an event she thought was a puppet show. It ended up being about Jesus. "The hope and excitement that shoe box delivered ignited a flame in Viktoria at the time she had shunned God. She rededicated her life to the Lord, and soon her family started forming lasting Christian relationships and realizing where true value lies. God opened the door for her to attend a Christian College in Lakeland, Florida." She began volunteering at the church and over the years as become a Christian journalist. The family from North Carolina that sent her box 12 years ago still keeps in touch with her. Twelve years after she received her shoebox she found herself interviewing Franklin Graham. The moment she opened her shoebox as an 11 year old, she realized that the God of the universe loved *her*.

Viktoria Titova (shoebox recipient)

from the magazine, Decision (a publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

2012—The year of Projects, Repair, and Renovation of God's House

What can I say ? This has been a very busy year for Emmanuel Lutheran as far as major projects and renovations go. We started off in March by replacing the old leaking metal roof on the sanctuary with a new shingled roof. Good weather blessed us and we completed the new roof in a very short time. Buckets and containers in the pews are a thing of the past, and we are now we secure in the knowledge that we will remain dry in our sanctuary when the winter rains return again soon.

Subsequent to the roof replacement, we cleaned out all of the outside drains and replaced the gutters on the both the main sanctuary and the fellowship hall buildings, to insure that the rainwater will be dispersed properly.

Then, unexpectedly in August, we discovered that the church furnace system heat exchanger in our one remaining boiler system essentially blew up... leaving our church with no heat source as fall and winter approached. So, last week, we ended up replacing the two old broken inefficient boilers with a new high efficiency unit. The new unit is efficient enough to allow us to apply for an energy rebate from Cascade Natural Gas in the amount of \$1600.00, which will be used towards the repayment of the small loan we took to obtain the system. We also have the need to replace the old leaking hot water tank in the furnace room, and that will be completed later this month.

Thank you members of Emmanuel, for your responsible votes to maintain God's house of worship and the child care center, by approving the expenditure of funds to replace the furnace and water heater units. If you would like to contribute further funds that will be used specifically for the furnace and water heater repayment, it would be greatly appreciated.

Below are pictures of the old and the new furnace systems. It has been quite a year, hasn't it ??

Glen Adrig Council President





October Birthdays

- 3 Evelyn Stouffer
- 4 Helen Allen
- 16 Judith Dautenhahn
- 21 Jay Johnson
- 24 Mark Stouffer

November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

- 16 Jay and Stephanie Johnson
- 20 Bob and Cheryl Fox

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 gadig@comcast.net

Members serving in October

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| Altar Guild | Carol Henning |
| Reader | Matt Mills |
| Sunday School | Carolyn Cartwright |
| | Mary Moen |
| | Judy Armstrong |

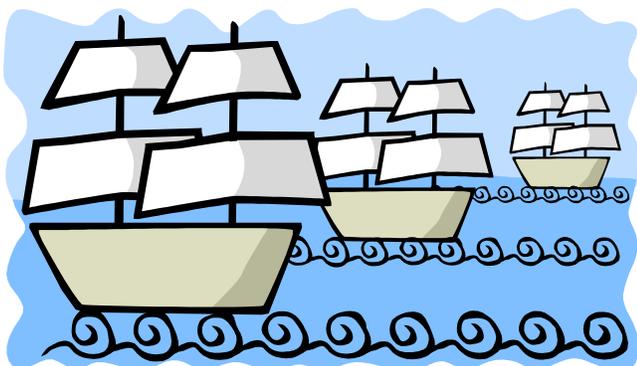
Members serving in November

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

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



Enjoy the Columbus Day weekend with your family and friends.

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