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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BREMERTON, WA

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Lent, Holy Week and Easter—The Spiritual Journey

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Onward we march. Every closer to Jerusalem, to Calvary. Jesus before us. Resolute. Undeterred. Never distracted. We follow. Sometimes we march “Onward Christian Soldiers.” Sometimes we stumble, other times we crawl. Always we are “Beneath the Cross of Jesus.”

This is a journey that is spiritual in nature. Its landmarks are not street signs or significant structures. Its terrain is the landscape of life, triumphs and tragedies, deserts and deep places.

Jesus calls to us, “Deny yourselves.” “Take Up Your Cross.” “Follow Me.” “I Am the Way.” Do you hear His still, small voice? Can you sense the promptings of the Holy Spirit?

“There is a way which seems right to us, but its end is death.” Jesus’ way is the way of humility, of servanthood, of obedience, of sacrifice. “Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped; but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant . And (He) became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.”

We can join Jesus on His journey. He says, “repent.” Turn around from going your own way. Life is not filled with or by possessions. Life is a gift from God, given freely to all who believe.

We stand with the Roman guards at the foot of the cross. “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?” We are there. With the Centurion we proclaim, “Surely this was the Son of God!”

We are united with Him in His death through the waters of Holy Baptism. We go under the water, our old self drowns, we die to sin. We are raised to new life. Hallelujah !

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”

Blessed Journey.

Pastor Tim Cartwright



**In case of an
Emergency**

**Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone**

286-1090

Emmanuel celebrates the Resurrection of our Lord !

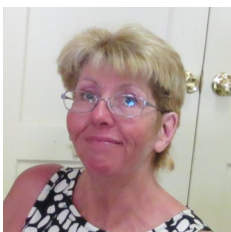


Special thanks to all that purchased flowers to adorn our Altar Easter morning. It was beautiful !
Approximately 70 attended our breakfast and 127 attended the Easter Worship Service. !

Easter began with a time of fellowship at our Easter Breakfast !



Special thanks to those that brought food, helped to set up and serve and those that helped clean up. Fun was enjoyed by all.





Smiles Galore!



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Did you know that our **Carl and Melody Knight** were the guest speakers at the 8 and 10:30 worship services at Emmanuel back in 1987? This was the beginning of their ministry dealing with literacy in Sierra Leone, West Africa. A quote from the Bremerton Sun at that time stated, “The Knights will be working through Lutheran Bible Translators. They are experienced teachers and administrators and hope to work as literacy supervisors teaching people to read and write their previously unwritten language, and train local teachers, writers and supervisors.” Isn’t it terrific to know that Carl and Melody returned to Emmanuel after their retirement from their missionary work.

The Mother–Daughter Banquet was held in May 1987. You may recognize this lovely lady adorned with Tea bags and are those lemon bottles hanging from your earlobes? Some of the models for this style show included Carol Henning and Kay Kannitzer. (Unfortunately their picture was not clear enough to go into the newsletter..) Carol said that this event was so much fun. It gave everyone a chance to be just a little crazy and silly. She said they even took this show on the road. They went to the Kariotts Mobile Home Park and in their meeting room they reenacted the show for the Green Mountain Rehab patients.



1987 was a busy year for the Ficca family. Their daughter, Susan, was confirmed this year. She was confirmed on June 9, 1987. She is the young lady on the left and the other students are Kris Hanson , Laura Zinter and Sean Loftus along with Pastor Bob Peterson. On October 28th of the same year their daughter, Karen, was crowned homecoming queen for Bremerton High School.



Confirmation Class 1987 —Susan Ficca on the left



Bremerton High School Homecoming 1987- Karen Ficca Homecoming Queen

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The annual Christmas Pageants have been a tradition for Emmanuel for many years and 1987 was no exception. You may recognize a couple of children in these pictures.



This sweet little boy is Jim and Bonnie Mace's son, Spencer.



The cute little girl is Mark Stouffer's daughter, Breeze Ann. She currently is a correctional officer at the Monroe State Penitentiary.



Check out the ears
this can't be Joseph?
Do you recognize any
of these children?



The Case of the Missing Ice Cream Cake is Solved.....

Some of you may have been members of the women's group called Lydia Circle? Do you seem to recall an ice cream cake that you had in the freezer that shrank? The mystery is solved. The two guilty ones have confessed. Carol Henning (church secretary) and Bonnie Mace (church custodian) just recently confessed to sneaking into the freezer at church and cutting off little pieces of cake from the Lydia Circle's ice cream cake. By the time Carol and Bonnie were done there wasn't much left for the ladies.

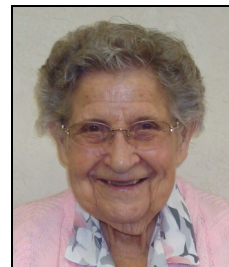
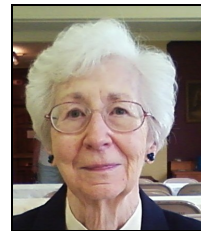


Emmanuel Celebrates Our 80 and 90 Year Olds

On March 17th we recognized our 80 and 90 year olds at a reception following our worship service. You are all precious to us. For many of you, you have been here almost since the beginning of Emmanuel and some of you, you are relatively new members. But, no matter what, you are the backbone of our church and we love and honor you.



There was a special cake in their honor and each person went home with a flower. Thank you to all of you!



Those members not pictured include; Katherine Rundquist, Peter Strom, Betty Shields, Liane Armstrong, Vi Kluth and Cecil and Mae McConnell.





Our dear longtime member, Marilyn Boekenoogen,
went to be with our Lord on March 12, 2013.

Back in 1948 Marilyn started visiting Emmanuel Lutheran Church when she visited her sister in Bremerton. By 1953 she moved here from Chicago. “Marilyn remembers going over to the school across the street (where the Sunday School was meeting) and collecting the attendance information each week. At that time there were hundreds of Sunday School students. On September 11, 1954 Marilyn and her husband George, were married at Emmanuel. The Women’s aid members catered the event. Emmanuel did not have dishes at the time and they had to borrow dishes from Our Saviors. The wedding and the reception were both held where our current fellowship hall is located.” When we think of Marilyn think of her tasty baked goods she brought for coffee hour each week. We remember that smile and laugh. Marilyn leaves behind her three children, Steve (Shelly) Boekenoogen, Terry (David) Cooper, and Randy Boekenoogen. She had several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Marilyn was so very proud of her family. (Special thanks to Jaymie for bringing your grandmother to church the last few weeks.) On March 23rd there was a special service to celebrate Marilyn’s life . We will all miss Marilyn very much. We can all picture her celebrating with Jesus in heaven.

Special thanks to the family and friends that contributed money in Marilyn’s name to help update and remodel our church kitchen. It will truly be “Marilyn’s Kitchen.”

The story behind “The Old Rugged Cross.”

This old famous hymn was written by George Bennard. He was a “short, distinguished looking man with glasses and long white hair.” He was born in Ohio shortly after the Civil War. His father was a coal miner and they eventually moved to Iowa. It was there that “George came to Christ through the ministry of the Salvation Army. He felt led to go into the ministry but that thought was cut short when his Dad died. At age 16 he had to help provide for his family. He was unable to go to theological school and studied books in his spare time. As his family responsibilities lessened he was able to marry and became ordained. He became a travelling evangelist. He realized he needed a better understanding of the power of the Cross of Christ. He wrote; “I was praying for a full understanding of the Cross, I read, studied and prayed. It was like seeing John 3:16 leave the printed page, take form and act out the meaning of redemption. While watching this scene with my mind’s eye, the theme of the song came to me.” It took several months of editing but he eventually completed and published “The Old Rugged Cross.” - 1913

Taken from the publication; “Then Sings My Soul” by Robert J. Morgan—Special Thanks to Geri Sutherland for her special gift

LUTHERHAVEN ANNUAL CLEAN-UP APRIL 20th, 2013



We will begin around 8:30 – 9:00 am on the lodge side of Lutherhaven. Please park in the RV and new parking area unless you have big equipment to unload. C'mon out and have a great Lutherhaven day.

It's that time again – time to get our beautiful camp cleaned up and ready for the camping/picnic season. This is always a fun event (work, but enjoyable) with lots of good fellowship with our fellow Lutherans.



If we get a good number to turn out, the work gets done rapidly and nobody gets “pooped” from the exercise. As usual, bring your cleaning and gardening gear. From past experience we know that small old tarps work quite well for collecting the branches, pine cones, etc., that we rake up, so if you have one, by all means bring it. There is always a need for people who don't mind cleaning the kitchen. It's a BIG job, but probably the most important one to be done.

As always, we will have an enjoyable barbeque lunch. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided and each family is asked to bring a salad, chips or dessert to share. We will begin around 8:30 – 9:00 am on the lodge side of Lutherhaven. Please park in the RV and new parking area unless you have big equipment to unload. C'mon out and have a great Lutherhaven day.

-For further information call Ron Cleveland at 373-6525



- April Birthdays**
- 5Richard Boyce
 - 10Carolyn Cartwright
 - 10Nel VanDellen
 - 12Gail Campbell
 - 15Glen Adrig
 - 15Colleen Ditlefsen
 - 17Judy Armstrong
 - 17Lamonte Williams
- May Birthdays**
- 1 Bill Erickson
 - 2Stephanie Johnson
 - 16Nancy Kerlee
- May Anniversaries**
- 6DeWayne & Laura Kalista
 - 21Loyal & Gail Campbell
 - 30Mark & Bonnie Stouffer
- 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 April**
- Altar Guild..... Laura Kalista
Linda Houlton
 - Reader Carol Henning
 - Sunday School Carolyn Cartwright
Judy Armstrong
Mary Moen
 - Coffee Hour Hosts.....Helen & April Mills
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 - Coffee Hour Hosts ...
1st Sunday—Colleen Ditlefsen
& Gladayce Castagnola
- We still need hosts for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays.*
- 4th Sunday—Glen & Sharie Adrig

Special Thanks to all you that participated in the "Secret Prayer Partner" program. I am sure many were blessed by your prayers & support.



Check us out at
<http://www.elcbremerton.org>

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.

Any comments or questions about the newsletter call Sharie Adrig—377-2448