

THE WITTENBERG DOOR

AUGUST 2019

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2509 PERRY AVE. BREMERTON WA 98310

ELCBREMERTON.ORG



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

PASTOR'S MESSAGE	1
EMMANUEL REACHES OUT	2
BOB & CHERYL WOMEN'S RETREAT	3
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "THE CHILDREN"	4
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "THE STAFF"	5
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC & VICAR BLAKE'S MESSAGE	5 - 8
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES MEMBERS SERVING	9

In case of an Emergency

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

360-286-1090

Pastor's Message

Labor Day is September 2, 2019. It marks the beginning of the school year for many students and the beginning of **Sunday School** for Emmanuel. Our classes will begin on Sunday, September 15th. Pastor Blake will teach the Adult class, the subject will be the early Church Councils and the critical issues they debated. We are planning multiple classes for the children. A word from your pastor to our parents:

Parents, please remember the promises you made to God at the baptism of your children. One of those promises was to bring your children to God's House (for worship and learning), and to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures. Sunday School is an integral part of fulfilling that promise. I ask you to please be diligent in fulfilling your promise. Emmanuel is putting forth the effort to provide quality classes so the students can learn to know and trust God.

Labor Day offers us time to reflect on our labors. God gave His people, in creation and in the revelation of the Law, one holiday each week. Yippee! On that day we cease from our labors, we rest, and we trust that we will still have food to eat and clothes to wear and a house for residing because God will continue to provide for us!

Labor is also a major component in our purpose for being on our journey through life. God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to work the garden so they could eat. By our labors we provide for our needs and we bless others too. By our labors we produce goods and services and so we honor the Lord. Labor is good, it blesses the Lord and provides for us and for others.

As a youth I tended to fret over all the labor my Father required of me and my brothers. Most of my friends did not have my work load. Later I looked back thankfully at the wealth of meaning that work afforded me.

As I age I give thanks for the labor God has now called me to do. I very much enjoy my work as Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. I also enjoy my work as a land surveyor. God has enriched my life through my work and empowered me to serve Him and others.

May you be blessed and be a blessing as you labor in the fields of God's Kingdom.

Tim Cartwright, Pastor
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Just Like Dahlias

Dahlia's come in all sizes, shapes and colors. But, they are after all, just Dahlia's. However, Dahlias, because of their fragile stems cannot stand alone, they need support. People also come in all sizes and colors but we are, after all, just people. And, just like Dahlias need to grow and flourish in our gardens. God provides the support we need in order for us to grow and flourish in His garden here on earth! He has planted us in fertile soil. He is our "master gardener." So, consider inviting your family members, your friends and your neighbors to worship with us at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday where we can all spiritually "grow and flourish" together.



Larry Farner

"First Fruits"

Remember to bring your non-perishable food on First Fruits Sunday, September 1st. Remember children are going back to school. What can be easily packed into a backpack? What is easy for a latch-key child to prepare when they come home from school? A child may be responsible for getting their own breakfast. Keep these options in mind when you bring in your food donations on the 1st Sunday in September. Cash donations are always appreciated. Keep in mind we are striving to meet or surpass the donations that the VBS children brought in during VBS week.



Thank you, Sally and Larry, for all your hard work supporting this vital ministry.

We Welcome Vicar Blake

We are pleased to have Vicar Blake and his family at Emmanuel as he completes his instruction under the guidance of Pastor Tim before his ordination.



How Can You Support Our Missionaries For Only \$4.00?

Our member, Teresa, raises chickens. She sells her **Organic Cage-Free Eggs** for only \$4.00 a dozen. The best part.....the proceeds go toward supporting our missionaries. If you are interested, speak to Teresa.



It's Not Too Early to Start Thinking "Operation Christmas Child"

Mid-October is the time that we start collecting items to pack in our shoeboxes for OCC. Some of us have already been picking up items. Remember, keep it small, no liquids or candy. Right now school supplies are on sale. And for some of you crafty members, it's not too early to start small items that can be included. Some suggestions, small toys, headbands, toothbrushes (no toothpaste), socks. Let your imagination be your guide.) Questions, ask Sharie.



From Our Missionaries: Bob & Cheryl

(submitted by Pastor Tim)

Dear Friends at Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your faithful support as we serve God as missionaries. As you know, God (temporarily) called us away from Niger so that Cheryl could be treated for breast cancer. We are pleased that Cheryl finished chemotherapy at the end of June. The of July is busy with doctor's appointments and short trips to visit family and get some much needed rest so Cheryl can heal before her mastectomy on August 6th. We know this is part of a long process of healing, but we also know God is with us and is keeping us in His care. Your faithful gifts are one of the ways that God has confirmed that in our life.

This week Bob is taking a class so that he will be equipped to teach an AP English course on literature at Sahel Academy. We are both reading several books as well to continue to improve our knowledge and to better understand our students and their needs. We are striving to use our time to be better teachers and servants of God while we are here in the states. While the exact course of our future is uncertain, we have decided that we will be making a trip out to WA before we return to Niger. The course of Cheryl's treatment after surgery is a bit uncertain as it will depend on the pathology reports and a serious discussion between the radiation oncologist and Cheryl's pulmonologist. Cheryl has a lung condition which makes radiation contraindicated if it will reach her lungs. Radiation is likely to speed up the fibrosis, which cannot not be stopped by medication but only slowed down. So please pray that the pulmonologist and radiologist can find a solution that will work for both (or even better that the pathology reports will show that radiation is not needed).

Thank you for supporting our future work at Sahel Academy through you gift and faithful prayers. You are indeed spreading Christ to a region where He is not known. Thank you for being a part of sending light into the darkness. We look forward to seeing you all.

With heartfelt thanks for your support, Cheryl & Bob

"All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers." Acts 1:14 (ESV)

Women of Emmanuel: The Women's Joy Group invites you to *Journey Into Prayer* at a one-day retreat Sept 28, 10am-5pm, at Olympic Lutherhaven.

Our aim is to retreat from the demands of your life (just like Jesus did), so you can have a day to rest and renew with the Father. Prayer is not simply an aspect to plug into our lives, but should be a constant practice and ongoing conversation. The purpose of this retreat is to provide the climate for a deepening of one's prayer life and learning how to listen and follow the Good Shepherd more closely.

Talking with God each day, no matter the form or words used, nourishes our relationship and helps it to grow. More than anything else, the *Journey Into Prayer* retreat is about you encountering the presence of God and hearing His gentle whisper, His unique message for you. Every aspect of this retreat is created with that intention.

Registration forms are available at Emmanuel, in the Fellowship Hall. Registration will continue until Sept 8. Completed forms can be left in the mail boxes of Miki Turowski, Carol Reece, or Judy Armstrong. There is no cost for this retreat, but lunch will be pot-luck.

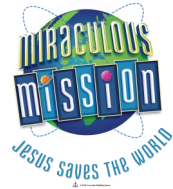


VBS 2019
The Children

Outdoor games



The Bible Challenge



The Bible Stories



The Crafts



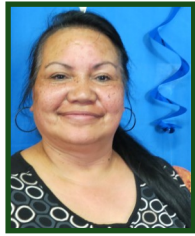
The Snacks



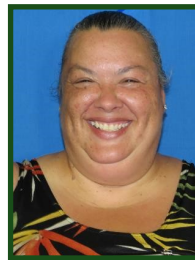
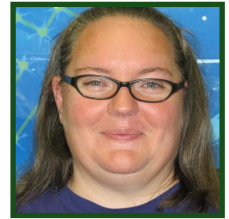
The Singing



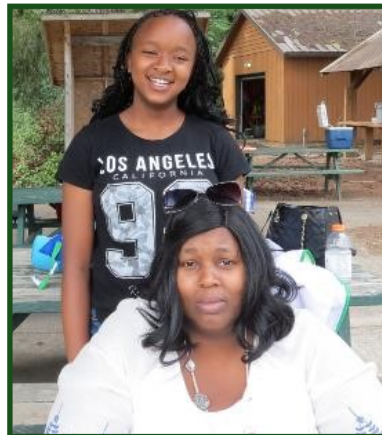
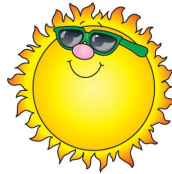
VBS 2019 The Staff



Special thanks to our direc-



*Our Annual
Church Picnic at
Lutherhaven*



Our Amazing Chef does an Amazing job!



The Children enjoyed the lake.



*The Annual
Croquet Competition*



The 2019 Winner



A Message from our Vicar, Blake Kilbourne

"Hi there!

My name is Blake Kilbourne, and I am pleased to be your new Vicar. I graduated from Faith International University in July with a Master of Divinity in the seminary's Lutheran track. With Pastor Tim's help, I am working on ordination through the colloquy process with TAALC's clergy commission. By God's grace and mercy, I hope to become ordained to better serve those whom He calls me to.

My wife, Sharon, is one of our singers up at the front (you can tell which voice is hers by listening for the most angelic one - trust me, my opinion is 100% unbiased). The little boy that loves to stare at the fans and run around, that's my wonderful son Gary. All three of us look forward to serving at Emmanuel as long as possible, and can't wait to be a part of the church family!



As Vicar, I will be learning pastoral ministry in an on-the-job context, but I will still give my all to help in any other way I can. I'm here for you! I can be reached at 760-637-4099, and my email is bkilbour@yahoo.com."

September Birthdays

6Bob Fox (our missionary)
 11.....Victor Gehring
 23Mary Moen
 24.....Kim Bjornemo
 24Carl Knight
 26Judy Lund

October Birthdays

3Helen Allen
 3Wayne McElroy
 21Jay Johnson
 24Mark Stouffer

**To my knowledge there are no
 Anniversaries in September or October**

I am sure that there are many members that I don't have your birthdates or anniversary dates. Any additions or corrections please contact the newsletter editor, Sharie Adrig at gadrig@comcast.net.

Sunday School Begins

**September 15th is the first
 day of this years Sunday
 School Season.**

**It begins at 9:00
 AM. There are
 options for all ag-**



Members Serving in September

Altar GuildSally Farner
 Sharie Adrig
 ReaderCarol Henning

Members Serving in October

Altar Guild Rose Link
 JoEllen Klempan
 ReaderIda Ficca

Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 15th at 9:00 AM. We have adult Sunday School as well for children and young people.

**Men's breakfast will continue.
 First Saturday of the month at 8:00
 am. The location is Der Blokken in
 Manette. Questions? Talk to Larry
 Farner or Pastor Tim.**

Your help during coffee hour?

Thanks to all who are signing up to host coffee hour! If you are interested, the sign up sheet is on the counter in the fellowship hall! Thank you to Carol R. for being our coordinator for coffee hour. Thanks to Rose L. for all your help in the kitchen during coffee hour.

If you are not able to host a coffee hour some of us are giving monetary contributions to help cover the cost. Contributions can be given to Carol Reece.

