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Pastor's Message

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In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone

286-1090

This summer has been scorching hot. At Emmanuel our souls were warmed as we hosted the Presiding Pastor of the AALC. The Rev. Dr. Curtis Leins shared God's Word and brought greetings from the AALC. As God's Servant Leader of the denomination he has committed himself to visiting all our churches and pastors. Flying to Washington was a long trek and we salute him for his



Rev. Dr. Curtis Leins

service and thank him for his service and thank him for leadership and vision.

Emmanuel also welcomed Chaplain Tom Jahrs from Kentucky. Chaplain Jahrs led our worship service and shared about his prison ministry. We're grateful for his service.



Chaplain Jahrs

August is the time for our VBS program at Emmanuel. A record (for these years) of 59 students heard God's Word and praised Jesus in song. The staff is gifted at leading and communicating. Sadly, our dear Miki T., having completed her seventh year as Director, announced this was her last year. We thank her for her service and leadership.

We enjoyed a warm and sunny day at our Lutherhaven for our Annual Church picnic. Good food was shared, people visited and children swam. Thanks to JoEllen and Jay for food and drink and Bob for cooking.

The Sunday School year begins September 10th with Rally Day. This year the older children will tutor the younger ones. We are grateful to Judy Armstrong, our Teacher, and also thankful to Ida Ficca, one of last year's teachers. Larry Farner will teach the first quarter of the Adult Sunday School class.

As we turn toward Fall we'll be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. I will tell two Saint stories from the 1400's and several Luther stories.

The Lord be with you.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

Pastor Jahrs had Glen in handcuffs to prove a point.



Special Thanks to Mary for your photos.

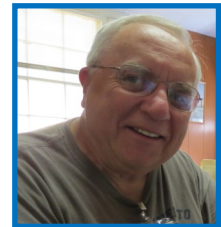


VBS 2017





VBS Staff





Our Church Picnic at Lutherhaven





What's New from our Members?

"Lost But Making Good Time"

Years ago I was crossing the parking lot at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and encountered a young Army officer who showed me his orders and asked me if I could direct him to a certain office in that giant building. I confessed that this was also my first time to the Pentagon and that if we asked the guard at the entrance to head us in the right direction, I was sure we could "find our way together." Is being lost but making good time good enough for you? Join us at Adult Sunday School in the fall, so we can find our way together!

Larry Farner

A Special Man with a Special Gift!

Our dear long-time member, Richard, has a special gift of working with wood. He spent many hours constructing crosses for each child that attended VBS this summer. They made a special necklace to take home. They each signed a poster for Richard to personally thank him for his gift.



Our Member, Maurine, Achieves State Recognition !

Our member, Maurine, recently competed in the WA State School Bus Mechanics competition. This competition included a written test as well as four hands-on stations. These stations included performance issues, brake issues, electrical issues and an inspection for multiple out of service items. A description of the problem was given and we had 15 minutes to identify the problem. Speed was only a tie breaker but accuracy was the important one. **Maurine was the first place winner.** As the winner, she will represent WA state in November in Columbus, Ohio at the National competition. Not only was this a competition but as Maurine stated, "it was a chance for her to network with other mechanics around the state." She says, "I really enjoy competing in the competition every year and feel blessed that SK School District is supportive of my attendance as well. "

We are so proud of Maurine. Way to Go!



What's New in Our Community?

A Need for Foster Parents

There are children in need here in Kitsap County, where a desperate foster care crisis is happening. We have more children needing foster homes than foster families available to them.

Foster parents are people who are willing to take on a hurting child. They can be older, or younger, grandparents, married or single. They could live in a rural setting or in town, in an apartment, mobile home or house. One commonality– **THEY ALL HAVE A HEART TO HELP CHILDREN.**

The families are supported with ongoing training specific to the needs of the youth in their care, 24 hour access to staff, monthly support groups, regular breaks and reimbursement for their time and energy.

In addition to needing families that can take youth in on a full time basis we are also looking for families that can provide weekend care to provide breaks for our full time families.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 415-5866 or jennifeg@kmhs.org.

Jennifer Roach

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First Fruits/Food Bank

We have been blessed by the wonderful food, clothing and toiletries donations of the VBS children in addition to a significant cash donation. Added to that will be the matching food donations and cash by the members of the congregation. This will be one of our “best” efforts. And, it couldn't come at a better time! A child cannot learn, a parent cannot work and seniors cannot survive when they are hungry. Thank you, thank you, thank you members of Emmanuel for your continued support of our mission to feed and support our sisters and brothers in need.

Chairperson, Sally



**Feeding the
Community**

Microbrews for Martha & Mary October 1–31



Inspired by 500 years of faith and Martin Luther's wife, Katie, who was purportedly the best brewer in

Wittenberg, beer-loving Lutherans across Kitsap are uniting in Oct. to support Martha & Mary with a special event call Microbrews for Martha & Mary.

Participating Kitsap breweries will contribute a portion of their profit to M & M. You can purchase your “Here I Drink” passport starting Sept. 10th. They can be purchased at M & M, online at www.marthaandmary.org or at participating breweries. For more information you can call 360-626-7879 or on line at www.marthaandmary@org.



September Birthdays

6.....Bob Fox (our missionary)
 11Victor Gehring
 23.....Mary Moen
 24Kim Bjornemo
 24Carl Knight
 25Brian Kenny
 26Judy Lund
 26.....Chelsey (Childcare Staff)

September Anniversaries

11.....Richard & Sylvia Boyce

October Birthdays

3.....Evelyn Stouffer
 3Helen Allen
 3Wayne McElroy
 21Jay Johnson
 29Tatyana Johnson

*If there are any additions or corrections to the list
 please let Sharie Adrig, editor, know. You can
 do so via church mailbox, 377-2448 or*

What Is "Your" Mission?

Maybe your are just not up to painting the Church, serving on Altar Guild, pulling weeds around the parking lot or teaching a Sunday School class. However, you can take on a very important mission by just "being there". Nothing is more discouraging for a teacher who spends hours preparing for a SS class when only 2 or 3 people show up. It's not like those 2 or 3 are not important but it is so much better when we have more voices and more sharing of ideas with a much larger class. It's something you can do for yourself, your Christian Brothers and Sisters and for the teacher who NEEDS your input and your support. Did you ever wonder what the word bereft actually means? (lacking something needed). I will be starting a new adult SS class in the fall and I really need your help and support. Larry Farner

Members Serving in September

Altar GuildSharie Adrig
 ReaderTBA

Members Serving in October

Altar GuildJoEllen Klempan
 Mollie Erickson
 Reader.....Ida Ficca

**Rally Day for Sunday School will be
 September 10th**

Sunday School Teachers—

Children's TeacherJudy Armstrong
 Adult TeacherLarry Farner
 Adult and Children's Sunday School ..9 AM

Women's Friday Bible Study—TBA

**Men's breakfast will continue.
 First Saturday of the month at 8:00 at
 The Bridge Deli.**

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 Theresa P. 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.

**If you need to contact Pastor
 Tim Cartwright you can
 call—286-1090**