



# THE WITTENBERG DOOR

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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BREMERTON, WA

## Pastor's Message

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**Advent** is a time for preparations. We prepare our households by cleaning, baking and decorating. We also prepare spiritually ourselves for Christ's coming. Advent means "coming" or "entrance" or "arrival." It refers to Jesus' coming first as the babe of Bethlehem who is the Savior of the world. It also refers to His Second Coming as our Lord and King and Judge.

How do we prepare for this Second Advent of our Lord? In Matthew 24 Jesus teaches us to "keep watch" and to "be ready."

In this Advent season Jesus challenges us to keep watch and be ready by reading through the Gospel of Matthew. As we read God's Word we are trained to recognize Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives.

Matthew's Gospel will be the main text for our Sunday Worship Gospel readings for 2014. Our Advent reading of the Gospel enables us to behold Christ as He comes to us, others, in the weak and powerless, the hurting and needy, as well as how He comes to us in Word and Sacrament. If you choose to respond to God's Challenge to read the Gospel of Matthew in Advent, please share your goal with me.



Thank You,  
Pastor Tim Cartwright

### In case of an Emergency

Please call  
Pastor Tim  
on his cell  
phone  
286-1090

This Fall the **Philippine people** experienced a devastating earthquake. The homes of hundreds of thousands of people were flattened. As families huddled under tarps for shelter, clutching their meager belongings, the islands were hit by a powerful typhoon. Its winds swept away their possessions and their shelters. The birth family of our fellow member, Judith Dauthenhahn, lost all they had. They appealed to Emmanuel for aid. We accepted that call as from the Lord. Our goal was to raise \$400 to construct a new bamboo shelter. Emmanuel's people raised over \$700 for emergency aid. Now a larger shelter can be built. Thank you, Dear *Saints*, for honoring God with your gifts. Well Done, Dear Ones.

Pastor Tim

**First Fruits**

EMMANUEL'S NEXT MONTHLY Bremerton Food Bank donation drive will be the first Sunday (January 4th, 2014 of the new year) and the first Sunday of each month thereafter. A grocery cart or table will be located in the Narthex where you can drop-off your donations. Suggested items are: non-perishable canned soups, meat, fruit, tuna and vegetables. Pasta, cereals (hot or cold), hygiene items, i.e., feminine products, disposable razors, tooth paste and shampoo. Our LBW hymn #409

"Praise and Thanksgiving" includes the line..."faith providing food for your children by your wise guiding teach us to share..." For questions call Sally Farner (360) 782-0152.



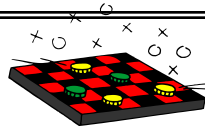
**Christmas Poinsettias**

A special Thank You to all that ordered Poinsettias to adorn our Altar this year. Also, special thanks to Carol Henning for once again coordinating this ministry.

The following people ordered flowers this year.

Vid Persaud	Kim Bjornemo
Gladyce Castagnola	Larry & Ida Ficca
Loyal & Gail Campbell	Mary Walker
Norm & Judy Lund	Carol Reece
<b>In Memory of</b>	
Jim & Bonnie Mace	Verne & Eloise Pudas
Geri Sutherland	Alex & Steven Sutherland
Pastor & Carolyn Cartwright	Andrew Cartwright
	Roger & Nell Van Dellen
Larry & Sally Farner	John & Ida Evans
	Ray & Peggy LiLienthal
Evelyn Stouffer	Charles Stouffer
Richard & Sylvia Boyce	David Boyce
Glen & Sharie Adrig	John & Ginny Adrig
	Carl & Edith Carlson
Bob & JoEllen Kempan	Fran Tewksbury
	Rita Klempan
Carl & Melody Knight	Jeff Knight
Mae Mc Connell	Margaret Hunt
	Walt & Wuethrick
Jim & Miki Turowski	Ervin Turowski
	Louis & Leopoldine Striebel

**Supporting the Childcare Center**



This month we are supporting our Childcare Center by donating toys and board games. They will accept either gently used toys and games or new if you are able. Also, if you have any sheets, that are not too worn, our committee can make "Nap Pad" covers. There will be a donation bin in the Narthex. Please remember the Childcare center when you are out Christmas shopping this holiday season.



**Please let Sharie know if there are any additions or corrections. 377-2448**

### Christmas Candlelight Service

*The 2013 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols* will be at 6:30 pm, December 24th. St. Nicholas will be there to tell the children the true story of Santa Claus (and he will share a treat with them.)



### Children's Christmas Pageant

You are invited to hear the story of the birth of Christ told by the children of Emmanuel at the annual *Children's Christmas Pageant* December 22nd at our regular worship hour of ten a.m. Christ came to us as a child and is appropriate to have the children bring this story to us. Come, let us worship Him.



### Women's Bible Study

Starting in January Emmanuel will be offering a women's Bible study on Friday mornings at 10 AM. More information will be coming later. Ladies, keep this in mind for the new year. If you have questions ask Judy Armstrong.



### Super-Seniors Christmas Cookie Plate Ministry



Please contribute to the Super-seniors Christmas Cookie Plate Ministry by bringing Christmas Cookies or by helping assemble the plates of cookies on December 13 at ten a.m.

### Emmanuel's Annual Christmas Tea

Emmanuel's Annual Christmas Tea is Saturday, December 14th beginning at Noon.

This is a potluck, so please bring your favorite dish to share. A sign-up sheet is on a back table in the Fellowship Hall. Please indicate how many will be attending in your party.

***All are invited: men, women and children.***

Invite your friends and family ! There will be a story, carol singing and a special song by Emmanuel's Seasonal Choir.



# Operation Christmas Child .....A Success !!!



Three years ago we packed 17 shoeboxes,  
Two years ago we packed 27 shoeboxes,  
Last year we packed 31 shoeboxes,  
**THIS YEAR WE PACKED 51 SHOEBOXES !**  
**WAY TO GO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN !**

Richard and Sylvia Boyce have not missed a year. They faithfully come every year to help. This year Richard polished special rocks to include in the older children's boxes. Every year Richard makes something special to include. One year he made crosses, last year he made enough of his special tops to enclose in each box.  
Thank you, Richard.



Sylvia and Gladys Willis help pack boxes. Gladys has been a long time supporter of Samaritan's Purse. Every year she has had a special story to share in the newsletter that ties in with Operation Christmas Child.

Denise Williams is always there to help.



Denise's daughter, Chelette Williams, enjoys packing the shoeboxes and looks forward to it every year.

We can always count on Mary Walker to give a helping hand.



No Matter what you did to help with Operation Christmas Child, THANK YOU!  
You & our Lord are going to bless 51 children this Christmas season

## Emmanuel Prepares for the Advent & Christmas Season



Our own little "Tiff in the Box"



Pastor Tim gets in on the action.



Miki adds the final touches to our Fellowship Hall Tree.



Our "Newly Formed" choir rehearses in preparation for the Advent/Christmas Season.



**December Birthdays**

- 6 .....Mollie Erickson
- 7 ..... Bonnie Mace
- 14 ..... Liane Armstrong
- 19 ..... Tim Cartwright Jr.
- 20 .....Matthew Johnson
- 21 ..... Gladys Willis
- 23 ..... Sylvia Boyce
- 29 ..... Denise Williams

**January Birthdays**

- 14 ..... Chris Knight
- 18 .....Dolly Williams
- 22 .....Heather Feldmeir
- 26 .....Gladyce Castagnola
- 29 ..... Larry Ficca
- 29 ..... Matt Mills
- 29 ..... Miki Turowski

**January Anniversaries**

- 14 .....Mike & Carverlynn Prothero

**Members serving in December**

- Altar Guild .....Carol Henning
- Reader .....Tim Cartwright Jr.
- Sunday School .....Carolyn Cartwright  
Judy Armstrong  
Chelette Williams

**Members serving in January**

- Altar Guild .....TBA
- Reader.....Cheryl Fox
- Sunday School.....Carolyn Cartwright  
Judy Armstrong  
Chelette Williams

Substitutes for Sunday School

Mollie Erickson and Mary Moen

Thanks to all that are signing up to host coffee hour! If you are interested, the sign up sheet is on the counter in the fellowship hall!

*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*