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Pastor's Message

In February the Church celebrates Transfiguration Sunday (February 10th) when Jesus, calling three of His disciples to follow Him, climbed the mountain to meet with Elijah and Moses and was there “transfigured” by the glory of God. This is an important story for understanding Jesus and our place in His world.

From the mountain top one has a broader view of the world, from His mountain top Jesus had a clear view of His destiny, which was the Cross of Calvary where He would fulfill God’s plan to die for others/us. Having seen His destiny Jesus committed Himself to going that way, Scripture says, He “set His face” to go to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51). Jesus followed God’s plan even when that plan meant rejection and death. Ultimately God used His faithfulness to redeem this lost and fallen world. We too have experiences in life which God uses to grant us the gift of spiritual sight. In these experiences God enables us to more clearly see our place in His world and His direction for our lives. Sometimes we might describe these experiences as mountain top moments, other times they may best be described as the valleys of life. But in both situations God uses these experiences to grant us clarity in our spiritual vision. For example, when someone dear to us passes away, especially someone who is not expected to die, we re-examine the frailty of life and consider our own mortality. This is a moment when God speaks to us. When this happens to you, listen to His still, small voice in your heart. Harken to the direction, perhaps even new direction, that He offers you.

I will never forget sitting in Driver’s Education class in High School when the instructor said, “Statistically, one of you in this room will die of injuries sustained from a car crash.” We were brash teenagers who could not imagine dying, but regardless of our diminished capacity to imagine it, one of our classmates did die only months before graduation. He was my best friend of eleven years, and his death caused me to reconsider who I was and how I was living my life. Within a year God had turned my life in a whole new direction.

Disease, a lost job, a broken relationship, a financial crisis, the gift of a new relationship, a new job, or a new baby, these and my other experiences are the points when God grants us a new spiritual vision of our journey through time on His planet.

Has God spoken to you recently? Has He given you a new vision of your place in His Kingdom? You may grasp that reality, it is a precious gift from the Lord.

Pastor Tim Cartwright



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What is happening in February at Emmanuel ?

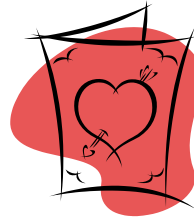
*Ash Wednesday is February 13; Valentine's Day is February 14,
Two days with different themes sitting side-by-side.*

On **Ash Wednesday** we come in repentance before God, making confession of that which separates us from Him, our sinfulness. Of course we also do this at the beginning of each Sunday service as a way of being reconciled to God as we start our worship. Ash Wednesday is special, on this day we hear God's Word, "you are dust and to dust you shall return." It affords us an opportunity to carefully and realistically examine ourselves and our flaws; to seek God for His cleansing work and to allow the Holy Spirit, like a Holy Gardener, to prune selfish behavior from our lives. During the ensuing weeks of Lent as the Holy Spirit works in us, as we open ourselves to Him, to mold us into the likeness of Christ.



Pastor

Valentine's Day, predominantly a social holiday, has a Christian story at its roots. It is a story of love, of God's love, which serves as the foundation for human love in its many forms. Today, Valentine's Day, has a romantic love and that is wonderful. My wife, Carolyn, and I celebrate Valentine's Day as a way of showing our love and care for each other. But Valentine's Day is about more than romantic love. It is about God's love which is shared and experienced in all our relationships.



Pastor Tim

Secret Prayer Partners is a ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church where the love of God is expressed to someone who could be blessed by the prayer support and words of encouragement of a partner. This program will run from **February 17th to Easter Sunday, March 31st**. If you would like to bless someone you are invited to sign up for the ministry.

Pastor Tim

Secret Prayer Partner Program

I choose to serve God and to support one of His precious people for the period of **FEBRUARY 17th—MARCH 31st, 2013**

I promise to pray daily for my prayer partner; to weekly offer words of encouragement (not required).

Signature _____

- Notes may be placed in the church mailboxes or mailed through the Postal Service.
- Gifts, with name tags, may be placed on the narthex table.

Women's Ministries

In Genesis 1 God describes the Holy Spirit as “hovering” or “brooding” over the newly created cosmos in preparation for creating order and filling the earth.

I think God's Spirit is brooding over Emmanuel these days. He is prompting some of His people to ponder or brood over the beginning of a Women's Ministry program. If you have ideas of how this ministry might take shape or are interested in participating in it please speak to Pastor Tim.

Here are some thoughts about different shapes and styles the ministry might have;

It might come together as two groups, one meeting during the day, and one during the evening. These groups might be better understood as the “Circle” groups of old, such as the Dorcas Circle or the Lydia Circle.

They could have a purpose in serving God through serving others. Service projects might include hosting funeral receptions, knitting the prayer shawls, pushing wheel chair bound folks to the twice annual Martha and Mary worship services that Emmanuel will lead, or helping to manage the kitchen area. We have ministries already in place that we could be a support to. Or could we adopt a local school and support them in various ways. Where can the Lord lead us. *Perhaps you have more ideas to share.*

They should have a devotional element where women could devote themselves to the Lord in prayer and Bible reading led by one of the members.

Fellowship is a key element to Women's Ministries, so taking time to share about what is happening in our lives and perhaps praying for one another might be part of the purpose.

Please take a moment to ask the Lord if this something He might want you to consider. More Later.



We appreciate our daycare staff and church paid staff

On January 27th the church council was very pleased to honor our daycare staff and our paid church employees. We also provided our congregation members with a lunch thanking them for their support. The council provided a ham dinner, Caesar Salad, rolls and Glen's famous scalloped potatoes. Jim Turowski brought a cake in honor of Miki's birthday. We actually celebrated three birthdays that day. (Miki Turowski, Marilyn Boekenoggen, and Gladyce Castagnola.) The staff was also presented with thank you cards and gift cards in appreciation for all they do. In addition to the council members helping to prepare and serve this lunch, several of our congregation members stepped up and helped with setting up, serving and cleaning up. A special thank you to all that assisted with this.



A Rich History of 66 years Chapter Twelve

The women’s ministry was still active and strong during 1985. A church bazaar was held during the summer complete with “homemade handcrafts, baked goods, white elephants, sweets by the piece and coffee.” Proceeds were divided between the local church’s carpet fund and the support of young churches in the American Lutheran Church. A “Mother’s Day” celebration was held at the Sons of Norway. At this celebration great women in Lutheran history were celebrated as well as Emmanuel Lutheran’s history. It appeared that Emmanuel went through some struggles in 1985.



Carol Henning on left with former members at the Mother’s Day celebration—1985

In 1986 Pastor Peterson described the year as a year of “stabilization and quiet rejuvenation.” Attendance increased this year and more were participating in Emmanuel’s activities.

“ We had a series of films and discussions on aging in January. The congregation decided to enter the Search Bible Study, so Vince Keller, Ed Runquist and I were sent to Portland for a weekend of training in July. We had the Willises (our member, Gladys Willis, here in August at an ice cream social to show and tell of their trip to Haiti and Christian work there. A summer Bible study on the first eleven chapters of Genesis (we are currently studying Genesis in our Wednesday evening Bible study) was also conducted.”

1986—Pastor Peterson

In the fall of this year they saw an increase in attendance at Sunday School. Thirty people attended the second unit of the Search Bible Study.

The 40th Anniversary was observed in October. Three former Pastors visited along with former members that had moved away. Soon after this occasion the new doors were donated in memory of John Hage (Dollie Hage’s husband). They are shown in the picture below. The organ chimes were given in memory of Florence Skinner. (Mysteriously, the chimes disappeared. No one seems to know what happened to them.) The ladies held another successful bazaar. The parsonage was rented out and proceeds went towards the support of a part-time youth worker. A committee was looking for a person to fill the position.



John Hage’s Doors from 1986, which are still in use today.



The Fellowship Hall was downstairs in 1986.

Our Daycare Center uses this area today.

A Rich History of 66 years Chapter Twelve

Pastor Peterson completed 305 calls during the year. (76 to member homes, 105 to patients in the hospital, 97 to the sick and shut-ins at home and 29 calls to individuals that had shown an interest in the church.)

“This has been an encouraging year. I wish to thank the membership for their faithful support this past year. With fewer members, the congregation has joined in to faithfully carry on the work of our Lord. Whether it is in the Sunday School, choir, food bank, or whatever activity, God’s work is only accomplished where there are willing and faithful workers. This is also a clue to the future of our life and program in 1987. I pray that each of us will respond to the Lord’s call to live and to work with gladness and faithfulness.”

1986– Pastor Peterson



Wow! Emmanuel Lutheran Church owned a van !



This is a beautiful banner from 1986.

Bob’s Granddaughter, Stephanie Johnson, on left, Bob Armstrong seated and Pastor Tim Cartwright behind.

Our dear Bob Armstrong is recognized!!!!

Bob has been serving as our Head Usher for 14 years and served under 6 pastors. We are grateful to Bob for his faithful work. He continues to serve as our head usher each Sunday. You will be greeted at the Sanctuary door by Bob. Thank You Bob, for your continued service.

Easter Flowers can be ordered Now!!!

Yes, that's right. Doesn't it seem like we just celebrated Christmas? Easter comes early this year (the end of March). Carol Henning is taking orders for flowers to adorn our altar.



Azalea Plants—\$12.00.....Easter Lillies—\$9.00

Payment is due at the time of ordering. You can order them from Carol Henning after church. They can be given in honor or memory of someone.

"I Love to Tell the Story" —————The story behind it!

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."

Mark 13: 26



Arabella Katherine Hankey was the author who wrote the words to "I Love to Tell the Story." She was born in 1834 and raised in a wealthy neighborhood south of London. It was called "the Clapham Sect" that worked together to eradicate slavery. They were a group of Anglican evangelicals that also "advocated prison reform, education for children and the expansion of missionary efforts overseas." The small group changed the world.

Being raised in this environment she became involved with religious work at a very young age. She taught Sunday School and at eighteen she formed a Bible study for factory girls.

During the winter of 1865-1866, Arabella "Kate" became seriously ill. She was confined to bed for an entire year. During that time Kate wrote a poem with one-hundred stanzas entitled "The Old, Old Story." The first sections was titled, "The Story Wanted" and the second section was "The Story Told."

"The following year, at the international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, Major General Russell, ended his powerful sermon by quoting from Kate's poem. It left the audience breathless. Songwriter, Milliam Doane, in the crowd that day, put a portion of Kate's poem to music, giving birth to the hymn "Tell Me the Old, Old Story."

Another composer, William G. Fischer, set a second portion of Kate's poem to a musical score he named "Hankey," and thus we have this hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story." It was first published in an American hymnbook in 1869, and was later popularized around the world in the great evangelistic campaigns of D.L. Moody and Ira Sankey."

News from our Childcare Center

The theme for the month of February is **Black History Month**. Week 1 the children studied African American Men. Week 2 they will study Presidents. Week 3 African American Women will be studied. Week 4 they will learn about Foods and Traditions.

The children are learning about the letter's P, Q, and R. They are talking about number's 16, 17, and 18. And of course the colors for the month are Pink and Red and the shape is the Heart.

The children will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 14th. The preschool and pre-k classes will be having their party at 10 AM and the school-age children will celebrate at 4:00 PM. They will be serving healthy red or pink snacks. These would include apples, strawberries, watermelon and raspberry yogurt.



A field trip is planned for Tuesday, February 19th. The pre-school and pre-k classes will be going to Red Apple Market to purchase ingredients to make Kufi flat bread for their cooking project.. (If you are not sure what this is ask Miss Carverlynnne.)

On Tuesday, February 26th at 11:30 Mr. Carl Jakobsson, who is the Chairman of the Political Action Committee for the Bremerton NAACP will come and speak to the children about his work in our local community.

Literacy night is set for Wednesday, February 27th from 5:30–6:30 PM. One of the students, Carly Gregg, has written her version of Snow White and the Seven dwarfs. She has been a student of the daycare since October 2005. All of the children will be in the play.

*All church members are invited to the performance of
"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."
Written by our student, Carly Gregg.
Wednesday night , February 27th, 5:30–6:30 PM*

Jean Reed wants it to be known that with two yards of fabric, she will make crib sheets for the dresser ministry. She is now accepting fabric donations. Carol Reece took a few to PRS and they were greatly appreciated. Anyone with an old dresser can contact Carol and she will pick it up.



Please consider bringing in one of your own spare coffee mugs for the new mug rack on the Fellowship Hall counter. You may bring in a personalized mug or write your name on your spare cup (marker pen provided) and use it every week. Talk to Carol Reece for details.



February Birthdays

- 2Tiffany Johnson
- 5Pat Alcantra
- 16Helen Mills
- 17Brandee Haynes
- 22 Dollie Hage
- 23Jim Turowski
- 27James Tewksbury

February Anniversaries

- 11Bob & Liane Armstrong

March Birthdays

- 5 Chelette Williams
- 19 Melody Knight
- 19 Diona Busby
- 25 Kneeda Williams

March Anniversaries

- 18Steve & Judy Armstrong
- 20Mark & Colleen Ditlefsen

Note: If I have a date incorrect or have left your important date off the calendar, please let me know. Sharie @ 377-2448 or gadrig@comcast.net

“There are some questions that can't be answered by google.”

Members serving in February

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| Altar Guild | Ida Ficca |
| | Sharie Adrig |
| Reader | Bob Fox |
| Sunday School..... | Carolyn Cartwright |
| | Judy Armstrong |
| | Mary Moen |
| Hospitality | Carol Reece |
| | Miki Turowski |

Members serving in March

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| Altar Guild | Carol Henning |
| Reader | Cheryl Fox |
| Sunday School | Carolyn Cartwright |
| | Judy Armstrong |
| | Mary Moen |

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