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Pastor's Message

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Valentine's Day is February 14, so all you loving husbands are on notice to get ready to romance your wife. Make a plan that centers on her and what she would appreciate. Show her your gratitude for who she is and what she does.

Romantic love defines our Valentine celebrations of today and it is a wonderful way to celebrate Valentine's Day. It reminds us to treasure and support our spouse and to express our love in tangible forms.

Carolyn and I have shared a special tradition on Valentine's Day for many years. We prepare a candlelight dinner with steak, baked potato, and fresh asparagus. We share a glass of wine and a small dessert. We give each other a Valentine card to express our love and often a second card, a funny one (sometimes from the dog or from the cat) to express our joy. We talk about our life together and what the many years have brought us. I buy her flowers. We used to buy each other chocolates but those days are gone. Her jewelry box is filled with rings, earrings and necklaces from past Valentines Days, so now we're content with fewer things and more of each other. Have you created a Valentine tradition?

If you don't have a spouse you are not excluded from Valentines Day because romantic love is only one expression of love on this holy day. Do you remember the Valentine Days of your youth? We would buy a bag of valentines and give one to each member of our school class. This model of caring-sharing for all better fits the historical model of Valentines Day and it also expresses the Biblical model of God's love, given freely to all. I will be telling the story of St. Valentine during my Valentine Sermon so look forward to that.

So start planning for Valentine's Day no. It can be a romantic day and/or a day of showing God's unearned love to someone the Lord calls to your attention.

Pastor Tim Cartwright



In case of an Emergency

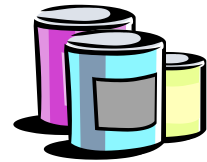
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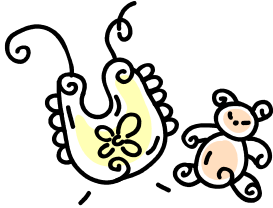
First Fruits !

Our "First Fruits" food donations for the first Sunday of February resulted in 103 lbs of food and a \$10 check to Bremerton's Food Line. You have heard God's call to help those in need.

Thank You, Sally Farner



We Are Almost There!



The dresser for the *Pregnancy Resource Center* is almost full. Let's make it our challenge over the next few weeks to fill it, and in the meantime maybe someone has another gently used dresser waiting in the wings to fill. Thank you to all that are donating.

Success Brings Success

Last November, *Martha and Mary* provided memory screening opportunities through the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Many people took the opportunity to get a base-line measurement of cognitive or "working" memory. Most of the people who participated in the 15 minute exercise to test their memory did not need additional follow up and were relieved to learn they scored so well. A low score would have generated advice to have additional screening at their primary care physician's office. Follow up testing by a physician may validate the baseline results for cognition and memory impairment.

Memory screening is especially important to seniors or those who have noticed a decline in their ability to move through their day without excessive time spent in searching for "lost" objects, losing their train of thought mid-sentence or an inability to place familiar faces. These are just some of the signs that there may be some memory impairment. Some medications work to slow the progress of continued memory loss, depending on the root cause of the decline. The screening tool used by Martha and Mary can be reviewed with an individual's primary care physician. If a deficit is found, the physician should guide the patient toward further testing, disease progression, medication use and advice about staying independent.

The screening event held last fall was so successful Martha and Mary applied to become a year-round testing site. We are pleased that the Alzheimer's Foundation of America has granted us permission, and provided the appropriate materials, for us to continue the screening throughout the year. Screening will be done by appointment only. For an appointment in Port Orchard, please call the AT HOME office at 360-871-4425. The office is located at 2497 Bethel Road SE. For an appointment in Poulsbo, at the Health & Rehab Center, 19160 Front Street, please call Betty Herman at 360-394-5487. Appointments will be scheduled as time permits but every effort will be made to accommodate your requested time.

Childcare Center Receives New Toys

After a month-long toy drive our childcare center children received new toys and games to replace their well-used ones. Also, for those that donated used sheets we, (Ida Ficca, Sally Farner and Sharie Adrig) were able to construct 6 new covers for the children's nap pads. There are 17 pads total so we are still receiving donations. Also, Thank you to Jean Reed for constructing covers at home.



Ida with the staff and children. The staff and children were so appreciative of your contributions.



A Big Thank You from the children !!!

From The Bremerton Foodline

Dear Emmanuel Lutheran Church;

On behalf of the Bremerton Foodline Board of Directors and staff we wish to thank you for your generous financial support this past year. We can assure you that your support is making a difference.

Total 2013 In-Kind Contributions: \$320.08

Sincerely,

Patti Peterson

Executive Director



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Kay Kannitzer wearing her own wedding dress from 1942



Richard and Sylvia Boyce. Sylvia wore her own wedding dress from 1948



The Women of Emmanuel honored marriage by holding a fashion show with many antique wedding dresses.

The called the event

***“Bridal Memories—
New Beginnings”***

June 15, 1991



Stephanie Johnson wearing a gown from 1912. Peggy Sherman’s wedding dress.



Adelaide Jensen wore her own wedding dress from 1951

Richard Boyce definitely got his exercise that day. He escorted each of the models down the aisle. It looked like a fun day for all. They had refreshments after the show.

What a great idea.

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Judy Armstrong wore Carol Zietner's dress from 1966

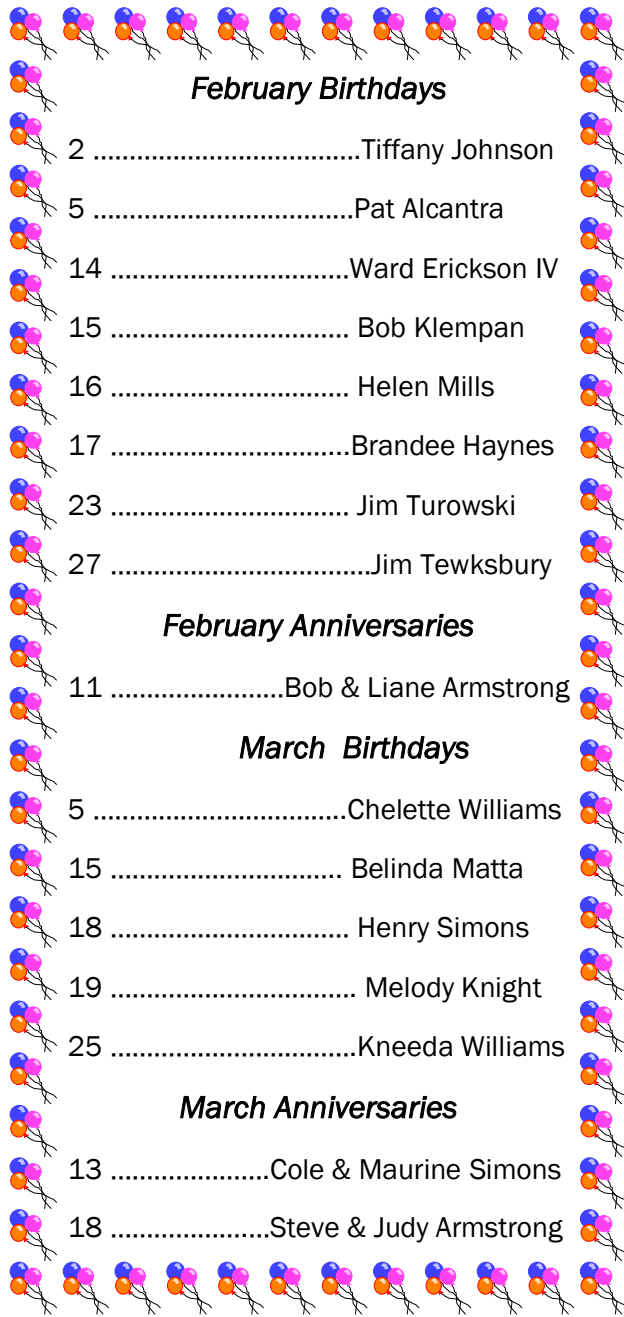


Leona Michaels escorted by Richard Boyce. Leona wore her "mother of the bride" dress from 1984.



Memories from 1978

Many of you may have been a member of the ***Sunbeans Choir***. Shari Gujdjord (on the right) was the director and Sherri Olsen (on the left) was the accompanist. You may recognize the little blonde right in the middle. That's our own, Callie Woodward.



February Birthdays

2Tiffany Johnson

5Pat Alcantra

14Ward Erickson IV

15 Bob Klempan

16 Helen Mills

17Brandee Haynes

23 Jim Turowski

27Jim Tewksbury

February Anniversaries

11Bob & Liane Armstrong

March Birthdays

5Chelette Williams

15 Belinda Matta

18 Henry Simons

19 Melody Knight

25Kneeda Williams

March Anniversaries

13Cole & Maurine Simons

18Steve & Judy Armstrong

Members serving in February

Altar Guild Sally Farner
 Ida Ficca

ReaderBob Fox

Sunday SchoolCarolyn Cartwright
 Judy Armstrong
 Chelette Williams

Members serving in March

Altar GuildCarol Henning

Reader.....Ida Ficca

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*

Many Opportunities

Men's Group1st Saturdays8 AM

Women's Bible Stdy 2nd&4th Fri.....10AM

Bible Study Each Wednesday....6:30 PM

Bible StudyEach Sunday9 AM

Children's Sunday School9 AM