



# THE WITTENBERG DOOR

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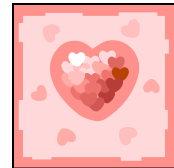
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## Pastor's Message

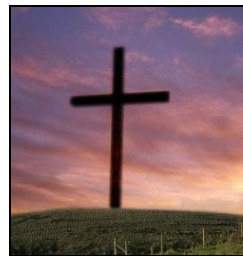
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This month we celebrate Valentine's Day, named after St. Valentine, who honored marriage and the consecrated love of a man and a woman. If you have a spouse please use this time to show him or her the character of your love with kind words, spoken or written on a card, and or, an act of selfless caring. Carolyn and I work together to prepare a special, candlelit dinner and share cards which reflect our love for each other. This year we celebrate our fortieth wedding anniversary.



I will share more of the St. Valentine story during the sermon for that week.



February 18 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. This season of repentance and contemplation is commemorated with corporate confession and the Imposition of Ashes in a special 6:30 pm Service. Ashes are symbolic of heartfelt contrition before the holy Lord. You'll recall that Job sat in

sackcloth and ashes to express his submission to God. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), teaches us not to think that simply applying ashes on our face will suffice. He wants our tongue to confess our sin and our hearts to sense our need for forgiveness. He wants our lives to show that we are contrite. May you walk in harmony with the King as He leads you through this year's Lenten season of your life.

During Lent Jesus leads us to the Cross, the place where He was crucified on our behalf and where we die to self and are made alive to Christ. Presiding Pastor Curtis Leins called us to see beyond ourselves and view the greater work of God in His Kingdom. For our Lenten spiritual discipline Jesus is calling us to give sacrificially to support our seminary students. Please listen for His voice and give generously (As an aside, our member, Rev. Dr. Norm Lund was a professor of our seminary). You may make your contribution in the church offering and simply note that it is for our seminary.

Peace be with you in this Lenten Season of your life.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

### In case of an Emergency

Please call  
Pastor Tim  
on his cell  
phone

286-1090

## *Helping in our Community .....*

### Our Dresser Ministry

Thank you for your ongoing donations to our Dresser Ministry through Pregnancy Resource Services. I especially want to thank Jean Reed and Sharie Adrig for the knitted sweaters and baby quilts. We do not have a newer dresser to take right now, so if anyone has a useable dresser to donate, I will arrange to have it picked up. We will continue to fill the one in the social hall for now. All baby items are welcome.; bath supplies, clothing, etc. Clothing can be gently used and stain free as well as new. Also, Toddler clothing can be brought in. Anything PRS can't use will be taken to God's Closet where it is also given away.

Some of you have taken larger items directly to the Resource Center itself. That works too! Please call me at 692-5067 if you have questions or donations I can help you with. Your love and concern for this ministry is special!

Again, thank you all so much.  
Carol (Emmanuel Coordinator)

### Our Food Bank Ministry

Almost all food banks from North Mason to Kingston reported increases in clients from 10% to 20% in 2014. Now there is a growing need for volunteers at food banks. Volunteering a few hours a week can make a difference in the lives of those who need our help. For more information about volunteering, call the Bremerton Food Bank at 479-6188 or visit the food bank at 1600 12th Street, Bremerton.

**Remember!** First fruits happens the first Sunday of every month. Any non-perishable items will be greatly appreciated. Also, if you forget and bring these items on a different Sunday, that's ok. Just leave them in the fellowship hall and let Sally or Larry know. They will get it to the right place.

**Thank you for your faithful contributions each month!**

Sally (Emmanuel "First Fruits" Coordinator)

### *Mark Your Calendars !*

Ash Wednesday Worship Service ..February 18th  
6:30 PM

Lenten Soup Suppers ..Wednesdays Feb 25th—  
March 25th

Supper starts at 5:30 followed by  
Singing and devotions and a short message.

### *Educational Opportunities*

Women's Bible study—2nd and 4th Fridays  
10 AM -in the Fellowship Hall

Men's Fellowship Breakfast—1st Saturday  
8 AM - The Bridge Deli—in Manette

Wednesday Bible Study—concluding after  
Easter.

Sunday School - 9 AM for Adults and Children

## ***Different Ways to Help Support Lutherhaven***

Greetings Olympic Lutherhaven Member Churches!

In efforts to help reduce the reliance on member dues for maintenance and other costs of running Olympic Lutherhaven, we have signed up for two ways for you to help get donations to Olympic Lutherhaven by just doing your normal shopping at Fred Meyer or Amazon.com or both. We signed up for the Fred Meyer Rewards Card program about four months ago and just this past week we received our first check from Fred Meyer for \$49.26 and that was with just 12 rewards cards to Olympic Lutherhaven. ***This will not reduce your rewards in any way*** but simply gives monetary rewards to Olympic Lutherhaven.

If you are an Amazon.com user, please consider following the instructions given below and have a small percentage of your purchase go towards a donation to Olympic Lutherhaven. ***This will not increase your costs***, but it will provide a donation for Olympic Lutherhaven.

Thank you for your consideration and support!  
 Olympic Lutherhaven Board

### ***How can I do this??????????***

**Fred Meyer community rewards  
 Where shopping and giving unite!**

You can help Olympic Lutherhaven earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card.

Step one: sign up for the Community Rewards Program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Olympic Lutherhaven at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit #91395.

Step two: every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Olympic Lutherhaven. You will still earn your Rewards points, fuel points, and rebates just as you do today!

**YOU SHOP—AMAZON GIVES !**

Use the link below to shop at

AmazonSmile and help Olympic Lutherhaven get donations with no additional money out of your pocket.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0677163>

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to ***Olympic Lutherhaven*** whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at ***smile.amazon.com***.

## *News from Martha and Mary*

### *J'm So Confused .....*

The Alzheimer's Foundation recently reported "The Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care and Services, which guides the implementation of the "National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease," recommended several items for inclusion in the 2015 plan update. The Secretary of Health and Human Services will ultimately decide which, if any, of the recommendations are included in the update.

The Council's recommendations include: committing research resources with accountability, encouraging development of dementia friendly communities: including care planning in Medicare coverage; incorporating and promoting palliative care choices; expanding services under the Older American's Act to people with early-onset dementia, and establishing a federal panel to suggest innovative financing of long term care services.

The demographics of Kitsap County tell us these recommendations will be very close to home in the near future. We are a graying community! Martha and Mary already has experienced, wise and kind staff attending to those who need the special care people with all forms of dementia need to keep them comfortable and safe. Sometimes their needs are able to be met by our At Home staff supplementing family support. Sometimes living outside the home provides safety for both the patient and the family members. Sleep deprivation is a key factor in recognizing the deterioration of the quality of life of a caregiver and the catalyst for relocation of the person suffering from dementia. The architectural features within Martha & Mary allow the most confused residents to manage their anxiety while often limiting the amount of medication needed to help them feel comfortable.

As a member congregation, Emmanuel Lutheran, supports Martha & Mary's ability to provide services to our community. Your prayers, volunteer hours and financial contributions all are important as we implement additional training for the special needs of these precious residents. Thank You!

If you are concerned about yourself or a loved one, please contact Martha & Mary at 360-779-7500 to request a free memory screening.

Twice a year our congregation provides a worship service for the residents at Martha & Mary Healthcare center. We will be visiting Martha & Mary on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00 PM and Sunday, September 13th at 3:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and consider assisting with this ministry.

***A Rich History .....Chapter 24***

The year, 1996, marked 50 years for Emmanuel Lutheran Church. A wonderful celebration was held for past and present members and pastors. The following statement came from the invitation that was sent out to former Pastors and Members.

“Hallelujah! Emmanuel Lutheran Church is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Wow! Half a century ago several Lutherans in the Manette area (many with not church connections), under the direction of Pastor Gordon Trygstad, began Bible studies. They grew in spirit and number and, in December of 1945, they held their first Sunday morning worship service at the J.B. Johnson home. A small altar was made on a card table and Mrs. Ruth Johnson served as organist. What a humble beginning. On February 5th 1946, Manette Lutheran became an organized church, having their first services at 2577 Perry where Pastor Trygstad had moved.”

The 50th Anniversary Committee Chairmen, Judy Armstrong & Sylvia Boyce

The celebration started on Saturday, February 3rd with an informal open house from 2-4 pm. Sunday was a day of jubilation. It started with the 10 AM worship service and followed by a dinner at noon. At 1:00 there was a special program. It included sharing, singing, and surprises. Several past pastors attended and each shared a few words. The temple choir sang and past choir members were invited to join in for a special time of praising. A special skit was performed written by Judy Armstrong.



Above– Sylvia and Judy (1996 church secretary) make plans for the anniversary celebration.

Right–Evelyn is 2nd from the right. She was one of Emmanuel’s first members



## ***A Rich History .....Chapter 24***

There were special anniversary mugs that were sold. There are current members that still have these and are using them.



The dinner was so well attended they had to hold it in the childcare facilities. Each person at the dinner was given a bookmark , some members still have these and are using them..

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord, “to give you a future and a hope.”

-Jeremiah 29:11

This Bible verse was on the bulletin, the cake and the book mark.

Next year, 2016,

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be celebrating our 70th anniversary.

There has been some discussion about repeating a celebration.

What Do You Think About That Idea?



### ***Our Missionary ——— Marion Hungerford***

***Marion sends monthly newsletters that can be found on the table next to the front entry door. As we pray weekly for Marion at our worship services, please keep Marion in your daily prayers.***

## ***News from our Childcare Center***

The focus for February at the childcare center are famous African Americans, early U.S. Presidents, groundhogs and Valentines. The preschoolers will be learning about **U,V,W, and X** and numbers 9-12. They will also be reviewing the colors, pink, red, green and silver. The shapes this month are circles, squares, triangles and octagons.



Devotions this month will include Zacchaeus, Abraham and Sarah, Widow's Mite, Peter. Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday. On Friday, February 13th the preschoolers had a Valentine Party. Both the preschoolers and the school-aged children had a special snack that day. The children brought in valentines for the rest of the children.



The preschoolers enjoy a visit with Leo, the service dog.

On Tuesday, February 17th the children will celebrate Mardi Gras and on Wednesday, Feb. 18th they will recognize Ash Wednesday. The children will be hearing a special weekly devotion about these two liturgical holidays and will also be making crafts.



- Carverlyne Prothero, Childcare Director

## ***Our AALC Presiding Pastor Visits Emmanuel Lutheran***



On Saturday, February 7th, we were blessed with a visit from our Presiding Pastor, Dr. Curtis Leins, from our synod, AALC. It is Dr. Leins goal to visit each and every congregation in our synod. For all of us that attended, we came away inspired by his words and support. He is a special man with a gift to encourage and inspire. We had a delicious potluck lunch. Our pianist/organist, Brian, coordinated our music for a hymn sing. Dr. Leins shared a message with our congregation. He then took a tour of our church and childcare center. We concluded with a roundtable discussion with church leaders and anyone that was interested in what he had to share. Thank you to Dr. Curtis Leins for sharing your precious time with us.

- Emmanuel Lutheran Church Congregation



**February Birthdays**

- 2 .....Tiffany Johnson
- 5 .....Pat Alcantra
- 14 .....Ward Erickson IV
- 15 .....Bob Klempan
- 16 .....Helen Mills
- 17....Brandee Haynes, Childcare Supv.
- 23 .....Jim Turowski
- 27 .....James Tewksbury

**February Anniversaries**

- 11 .....Bob & Liane Armstrong

**March Birthdays**

- 5 .....Chelette Williams
- 15.....Belinda Matta, Childcare staff
- 18 .....Henry Simons
- 19 .....Melody Knight
- 25 ...Kneeda Williams, Childcare sup
- 27 .....Jim Mace

**March Anniversaries**

- 13 .....Cole & Maurine Simons
- 18 .....Steve & Judy Armstrong

***If I have printed the wrong information or have left someone's name off the list please let me know.***

**Sharie Adrig—Editor**

**Members serving in February**

- Altar Guild .....Sally Farner  
Ida Ficca
- Reader .....Bob Fox

**Members serving in March**

- Altar Guild .....Carol Henning  
Mollie Erickson
- Reader .....Ida Ficca

**Sunday School**

- Children's .....Judy Armstrong  
Chelette Williams  
Carolyn Cartwright

Adult .....Larry Farner

Our Wednesday evening Bible study will resume after Easter Sunday.

Friday Women's Bible Study ..Judy A.

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!

Thank you to Carol Reece for being our coordinator for coffee hour.

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