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In case of an Emergency

**Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone
286-1090**

Pastor's Message

February 7, in the Church Calendar, is the time of year we celebrate the *Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus*. This is the event, still early in His ministry, when Jesus climbed the mountain with three of His disciples to separate Himself from the activities of daily life to be “near” God and experience the Father’s affirmation and direction for His ministry. Jesus was revealed in His divine nature in the presence of the disciples, truly a mountain-top experience for them. Then came the journey back down the mountain and into the fray of daily responsibilities.

Many of us have had mountain-top experiences with our Lord, and we’re grateful for them. Like the disciples, we also come down from the mountain to the duties of daily life, thankful for the knowledge that the Son of God makes this journey with us and that He is always with us. *Ash Wednesday* was February 10, with a midweek service at 6:30 pm. It was a solemn service of confession and repentance with the imposition of ashes for those who wish them. *Lent* begins now, a season of both the inner reflection on our human frailty and outer vision as we look beyond ourselves to Jesus, who journeyed to the Cross of Calvary to deal with our sinful condition.

During the season of Lent we will have *Soup Suppers and Lenten Devotions* on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:30 pm, devotions at 6:15 pm. We will sing the traditional songs and hymns of the church that point us to Jesus and the cross. You may sign up to bring soup, bread or juice.

Valentine’s Day is February 14. I will share the historical story of St. Valentine, the precedent for our Valentines’ cards and an example of God’s unconditional love. After Worship we will enjoy a Potluck Lunch, so bring food to share.

Beginning this Sunday we will sign up for the *Secret Angel’s Ministry*. You will be assigned the name of a person who would benefit from your prayers and words of encouragement. You may write notes or cards to share with him/her for four weeks, then you may reveal your identity. May this Season of Lent, when you journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and the cross of Calvary, be a time of personal growth for you. You are loved.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

Calling All Women !

Join us while we learn "what happens when women pray."

A new prayer time is being set aside at Emmanuel for all interested ladies to join together as one and pray in one accord.

We will meet once a month after our second month Bible study on the 4th Friday. We will finish our study about 11:30 and will be ready to pray at about 11:45 until about 12:15.

So, if you have an extra hour once a month, we would love to have you join us. Any supplies needed will be given out at the prayer time. Be prepared to hear from God as His Spirit guides our hearts! I am anxious to walk with you as we learn that prayer is always the answer!

Your partner as we experience God together, Carol R.

The next meeting is Friday, February 26th.



"First Fruits"

We have the opportunity to help feed the food insecure people in our community. The following is the Bremerton Foodbank's wish list.

Canned meats with proteins like spaghetti and meatballs or stews.

Cold cereals

Boxed meals like Hamburger Helper

Canned fruits and vegetables for everyday meals

Canned soups with pull tops

Desserts in a box like cookie or cake mixes

Peanut Butter or jelly (12 oz size)

Canned meats (chicken, tuna, beef, SPAM)

Disposable Diapers & wipes

Sundries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo, disposable razors.

Laundry Detergent and dryer sheets

Pet food for cats or dogs & cat litter

Household Hygiene & Cleaners like dish detergent or laundry detergent and paper towels

Our next opportunity to donate is March 6th.

Attention: Thrivent Members

We are trying to get a count of Thrivent members in order to obtain possible funds for our church.

If you are a current Thrivent Member please contact Larry or Sally Farnar.

In The Mission Field



Please keep Marian in your prayers. You can always email her at:
marian_hungerford@sil.org

If you would like to financially support Marian you can always put a contribution in our weekly offering designate it to go to Marian Hungerford.

Or you can send Wycliffe donations to: Marian Hungerford #21477 or
 CVI donations: P137BB (Bainga Building Project) Community Vision International: PO Box 33286
 Portland, OR 97292-3286

Our prayers are with you Marian.

Word's from Bob and Cheryl

Prayers and Thanksgiving

... Praise God for more people stepping forward to be monthly financial supporters. Pray that He will continue to raise up additional monthly supporters.

... Praise God for the opportunity to give a presentation to a large church group in our community. Pray God will touch hearts and provide many prayer partners and monthly supporters.

... Pray the Lord will provide a wonderful home for our two younger cats. In answer to their prayers, the Lord provided their two younger cats with a home.

... Pray God will use our letters to area pastors to open up new and fruitful church contacts.

... Praise God that we had so many generous one-time gifts in December.

He is faithful!

We know we are drawing nearer to Him as we prepare for life in Niger. In the process we need prayers so we will keep our focus on Him who is worthy and not on things, which are not. As we more forward, please pray with us that our contentment will be in Christ alone.

We continue to value those of you who are already supporting us with your prayers and with financial support. We trust God will continue to bless you. We also love praying for you. If you have a specific prayer need, we want to hold you up in prayer as well. You can send your email to bob.fox@sim.org or cheryl.fox@sim.org

You can join their financial support team by giving electronically. go to simusa.org and click on give to a missionary. Enter our name (Bob and Cheryl Fox) and missionary number 041764. Or you can send a check to SIM USA, PO Box 7900, Charlotte, NC 28241.

Remember to include their number 041764.



You are invited to a Martha & Mary event.

Generations of Care*Gala*

Saturday Evening, April 30, 2016

Kiana Lodge, Poulsbo, WA

For more information, or to reserve your seat now, please contact us at
events@marthaandmary.org or call 360-626-7879

Member NewsMaurine

“Maurine didn’t set out to be a trailblazer. She merely aspired to work with airplanes. However, the 33 year old , through twists of fate, has emerged as a torchbearer for female school bus technicians nationwide.

Last fall, she entered the America’s Best School Bus Inspector and Inspector Skills & Training Competition held during the NAPT summit. In doing so, she became the first female competitor in the event’s history. She proved to be a tough competitor, holding her own against her counterparts. While she didn’t emerge from the contest in the top spot, she wasn’t entirely disappointed. She left Richmond, Virginia, with a clear goal: Return and Win.

Since 2012, she has used school bus mechanic competitions “as an opportunity to test my skills and learn something new, and network with other mechanics in the field.”

In 2008 Maurine graduated with an associate’s degree in automotive technology from Olympic College, only the second woman to complete the program. She was soon hired as an adjunct professor at OC . Currently she is working as a school bus mechanic at the South Kitsap School District for the past 6 years.

Maurine says, “You have to be willing to step into a male-dominated field not trying to be one of the boys, but showing them the skills that you can bring to the table are just as valuable as the skills they have. Be willing to share knowledge and be willing to accept help or ask for it. This does not make you any less of a mechanic. It makes you a stronger one. Be able to accept your weaknesses and share your strengths.””

from– Building Towards the Future

Maurine, we are proud to have you as one of our members. Not only are you a talented mechanic, a busy mom, & a Navy wife, but you find the time to type our weekly bulletins for our Sunday Worship Services.

THANK YOU!



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Celebrates 70 Years in 2016

"Let Us Not Neglect Our Meeting Together" - Hebrews 10:25

We are fast approaching a milestone, for the celebration of what we are told in Hebrews, as an important point of our Christian lives, gathering together. Looking back at the wonderful times, we are reminded of the 3640 Sunday sermons, 70 Christmas seasons, 70 Easters, a multitude of celebrations for various reasons from weddings to baptisms, confirmations to memorial services and everything in between. We, as a church, have been faithfully serving our community for 70, yes, **70 years**.

We are going to incorporate the reason we can look at this wonderful milestone and recognize the quincennial (of or pertaining to 500 years or a 500th anniversary) of the October 31, 1517 recognition of Dr. Martin Luther's 95 theses nailed to the Wittenberg door. This is one of the reasons we can call ourselves Lutherans and celebrate our own 70 years of faithfully gathering, rain or shine, (mostly rain) to glorify the Lord.



All are invited to attend the special events and commemorations held throughout the year knowing that it will bring us closer to God. If anyone has contact information of former members, pastors, confirmed, or pictures that can help us fill in the gap of some of the years missing please contact Sharie Adrig or send a message to our church email; Emmanuel.Bremerton@gmail.com

As a side note, the Roman numeral for 500 is "D", so we should "D"irect our eyes to God in "D"edication to our commitment as "D"isciples of Christ.

- DeWayne K.

So, mark your calendars. Our 70th Celebration will be September 17th and 18th. Our plans for Saturday include, an open house, along with tours of Lutherhaven and our Childcare facility. Sunday will be a full day starting with our Worship Service, a Buffet Lunch, and a special Program in the afternoon. The program will include special music, visiting former clergy and members, and a power point historical show.

If you are interested in attending please contact either Ida F. or Judy A. or you can leave your contact information or questions on our church email; Emmanuel.Bremerton@gmail.com



Our next planning meeting will be the first Sunday in March, the 6th following our Worship Service. We would love to have you be a part of planning committee. Sharie, Chairman

Special thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers that are helping in our preparations for this blessed event.

Latest News from Our Child Care Center

The children will be studying famous African Americans, early U.S. Presidents, groundhogs and Valentines. They will focus on the letters; U, V, W, and X the numbers will be 9-12. They will be covering the colors pink, red, green and silver with their shapes being circles, squares, triangles, and the octagon. Their devotions will include Zacchaeus, Abraham and Sarah, Widow's Mite, Peter as well as Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday.

On February 12th they held a Valentine Party. The pre-school children had a special snack and exchanged valentines.

We Have Some Exciting News to Share!

Our center holds the #1 spot for the letter naming category in the first round of dibbles testing. The children need a score of 16 by the end of kindergarten. Our student, who is a pre-kinder student scored 46 correct in one minute. We are so proud of her.



Carverlyne, Center Coordinator

We are so blessed to have such a competent, professional staff. Thank you to all of you!

Order your Easter Flowers

Easter comes early this year. Now is the time to place your order for Easter flowers to adorn our altar for our Easter Worship Service. You can either order an Azalea for \$14.00 or a Easter Lily for \$10.00. This year you can contact Bonnie M. to place your order.

Lenten Soup Suppers & Devotions

For the next 4 weeks we are meeting on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 for Soup suppers and a devotional gathering at 6:15. It is always fun to see the different types of soup that members bring. You are welcome to sign up to bring bread, soup and juice OR just come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Educational Opportunities

For Children—Sunday School—9 AM

For Men—Men's Breakfast—1st Sat of month— 8 AM at the Bridge Deli.

For Women—2nd & 4th Fridays—10 AM study of Hebrews Taught by Judy

For Adults- Sunday—9 AM— Study of Amos
taught by Pastor Tim



February Birthday

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

February Anniversaries

- 11Bob & Liane Armstrong

March Birthdays

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

March Anniversaries

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

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 gadrig@comcast.net.

Members Serving in February

- Altar GuildSally Farner
Ida Ficca
- ReaderJean Reed

Members Serving in March

- Altar GuildCarol Henning
Mollie Erickson
- ReaderMarialis Jurges
Sunday School—9 AM
- Children’s teachers—opening—Carolyn
Cartwright
Teachers—Judy Armstrong
Chelette Williams
Mary Moen

Adult teachers—Pastor Tim & Judy A.

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

If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sharie A 377-2448 or Judy A 479-4892.

Any comments or questions about the newsletter call Sharie Adrig—377-2448