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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Pastor's Message

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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In January we remember and give thanks to God for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Through his voice God spoke prophetic words in the "I Have A Dream" speech of 1963. God called His people to hear and to heed His message, to value all people as having been created in the image of God and as being of great worth, regardless of their differences. Hear his words,

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

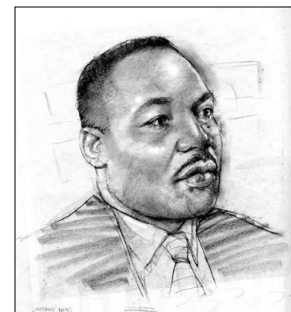
I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a *dream* today!"

-Dr. Martin Luther King

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called us to respect all people regardless of their skin color. Today people are disrespected because of physical, mental and emotional limitations. They are devalued because of their status in the womb. As God's people at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, we are privileged to honor and respect all people as have the status of being created in the image and likeness of God and as being of great worth. You are valuable to the Lord and to His people!



Pastor Tim Cartwright

**In case of an Emergency**

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

## *Reading Through the Bible in 2014*

We are at the beginning of a new year. God is hearkening to us, "To you, O people, I call out, I raise my voice to all human beings . . . listen, for I have worthy things to say . . . Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold." (Proverbs 8:3,6,8).

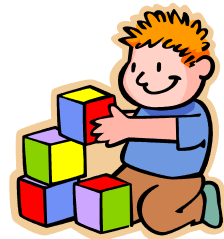
God is inviting us to follow Him in an adventure of reading through the Bible in one year. There are many plans to do this, my favorite is to read three chapters a day and five on Sunday. This will take you through the Bible in one year. As you hear His voice, hearken to it. I have heard this call for my spiritual walk and I will be reading through the Bible this year. May you be enriched as you read the treasure of His word.



Pastor Tim Cartwright

## *Emmanuel Lutheran's Childcare Center*

The theme for the childcare center this month is Snow and Ice. In that regard they will be studying the winter season, arctic animals, Eskimos, ground hogs and Martin Luther King Jr. They will be focusing on the letters M, N, and O and the numbers 13, 14, and 15. They will also be covering the colors blue and white and the shape of the month is pentagon.



The children have daily devotions. During that time they will be learning about John the Baptist, Jesus' temptations, Jesus at the wedding and Nicodemus, Abraham and Sarah.

On January 23rd the preschool and prekindergarten children will be going on a field trip. They are taking the bus to downtown Bremerton and will visit the Naval Museum. They will take a tour of the museum.

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Childcare Center Director

## *First Fruits*



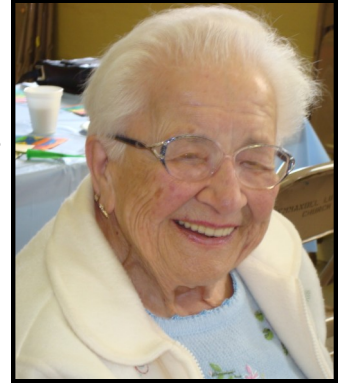
Emmanuel's January food donation to the Food Bank was "**115**" **pounds** ! Also, during December there was a cash donation of \$20. If you do want to make a monetary donation rather than or including food items please make the check out to "Bremerton Foodline." Thanks everyone at Emmanuel for your generous support of the Food Bank program.

*The next drive is Sunday, February 2nd.*

## *They Will Be Missed !*

These past few weeks, three of our 90+ year olds passed away. Our 80 and 90 year olds are precious to all of us. We take pride in honoring them each year. This year three of them will be missed.

**Dollie Hage** went to be with our Lord on December 15th. Dollie grew up in Bremerton and remembered when there were no bridges. Her father rowed to work each day from Manette to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Dollie spent many years at Emmanuel singing in the choir and was very involved with the women's circles. Her daughters were confirmed and married at Emmanuel Lutheran. Our beautiful wooden doors at the entry to our fellowship hall were given in memory of her husband John. Dollie was a former beauty queen back in 1933. She reigned over the Fourth of July festivities in Bremerton. Some of you may remember the beauty shop that she and her friend Lil Fitzwater owned on Callow Avenue. We will always remember her wonderful smile.



Our prayers go out to Dollie's daughters, Jeri Kalmbach and Anne Brown.



**Leona Michaels** went to be with our Lord on January 15th. She has been a member of Emmanuel since 1959. She served the church in many capacities. Not only did she serve as a Sunday School teacher but she was the Sunday School Superintendent (at that time the enrollment for Sunday School was huge). Leona was one of the quilter's that made and sent hundreds of quilts overseas. She enjoyed quilting at church as well as home. She was very involved with the local Women's conference representing ELC. She served on Church Council and was elected Council President. Her daughter, Mary Moen, recalls always sitting in the 6th pew with her family. Mary said, "If my mom wasn't at work she was working at the church." Her love for Emmanuel and the church members never left her thoughts and prayers. She considered the members as her extended family. She taught her children that believing in Christ and being a good church member would always give them a home. Our prayers of comfort go out to her precious daughters, Mary Moen and Susan Casey.

**Don Sibold** went to be with our Lord on October 19th of last year. Don faithfully walked to church a couple years ago until he became ill and ended up living at the Retsil Veterans home in Port Orchard. Don was an accomplished architect who helped design many public and corporate buildings, homes and churches. Some of his work was featured at the Seattle World's Fair of 1962. He graduated from the University of Washington and played basketball for the U of W. He also served in the Marines during WWII. Although Don was at Emmanuel for a short time he was special to all that knew him.



***The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.***





Christmas comes to Emmanuel  
Special thanks to Miki and Carol for a  
Christmas Tea Well Done!



## ***The Story behind the hymn ..... "Amazing Grace"***

John Newton, author of Amazing Grace, said that his mother had a powerful influence on his life despite that fact that her health was fragile. She died when he was only 7 years old. After her death John would occasionally attend boarding school or was on the high seas. He wanted to live a good life but found himself sinking deeper and deeper into a life of sin. "Pressed into service with the British Navy, he deserted, was captured, and after two days of suspense was flogged. His subsequent thoughts vacillated between murder and suicide. "I was capable of anything," he recalled."

He experienced more voyages, dangers and toils in his life. He described his life as "unrivaled in fiction." On March 9, 1748 John was a young man of 23. He experienced a horrendous storm that came on unexpectedly. At that time he cried out to the Lord. After this life-changing experience John's life gradually started making changes. It took many years of a slow spiritual growth but eventually John became one of the most powerful evangelical preachers in British history. He was a powerful foe of slavery and author of hundreds of hymns.

"Amazing Grace" was originally titled "Faith's Review and Expectation." He based it on his study of 1 Chronicles 17:16-17. "And here's a nearly forgotten verse that John added near the end of "Amazing Grace".

***"The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;***

***But God, Who called me here below, shall be forever mine."***



*Taken from "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert j. Morgan*

*Special thanks to Geri Sutherland for your special gift for all of us to enjoy and learn.*

## ***Educational Opportunities at Emmanuel***

Children have the opportunity to learn about God's word and how he loves us.

Children's Sunday School—9:00 AM

We provide a nursery for children under 7 years old with a Christian emphasis and lesson taught by our childcare provider, Sam. Thank You Sam!

Adults have several opportunities for Bible Study.

Sunday—9:00 AM

Wednesday—6:30 PM

Women's Bible Study—Friday mornings

Watch the Sunday bulletin for more details and a start date. Or ask Judy Armstrong.

