



# THE WITTENBERG DOOR

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## *Pastor's Message— 2015 a New Beginning*

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### In case of an Emergency

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

I was frustrated. A major project was open on my computer. It was to be a depiction and description of the layout of a new pharmacy, but the data from the field survey had not downloaded properly into the digital drawing. How to fix the problem? After numerous failed attempts a decision was reached. I scrapped the entire digital drawing and started from the beginning. This time each step of the set up was carefully checked. When the download of the data was performed it came in correctly and I was able to proceed with the project. Thank you, Lord, for new beginnings.

January first, New Year's Day, is the time for new beginnings, for New Year's Resolutions. What goals did you have for 2014? One of mine was to read the Bible in one year. Besides gaining a sense of achievement it allowed me to draw near to the Lord and to become more familiar with His still, small voice.

One of Emmanuel's members, Bob Armstrong, reported to me that he had recently finished his reading of the Bible in 2014. I'm very proud of you, Bob. More importantly the Lord is delighted with you! I know there are others at Emmanuel who have read the Bible in 2014 and I salute you.

Now for 2015. What goals do you have for 2015? I wanted to set a goal of memorizing one star\* Scripture for each week of the year. I settled on a less ambitious goal of one star Scripture for each month. I challenge you to memorize favorite verses from God's Word in this coming year.

New beginnings are possible for the Church too. The Council of Emmanuel has discussed a list of priorities for the Church. Some of these priorities will become goals for 2015. In the past few years we have installed and paid for a new roof, a new furnace and a new copy machine. We've replaced all the broken windows. Now we'd like to choose goals for 2015 from these priorities: Projector System for the Sanctuary, ADA compatible bathroom door, Remodel the kitchen, 4 line Reader Board, Furnace Room Electrical Upgrade, and Repair and paint the south end church fascia boards.

We have accomplished many goals here at Emmanuel, and at the same time we have paid all of our bills, built a savings account, and paid our tithe (10%) from our regular giving to the AALC. Thank you for your loving support. Jesus give us a chance for a new beginning each day of our life. When we face situations of life or when the emotions of the hour overtake us, Jesus empowers us to stop, regroup, and start living anew. Jesus says, "If any one is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone and the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17 (a star verse).

Blessings in your new year filled with new beginnings.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

(\* star means a favorite or meaningful verse)



Christmas  
Tea  
2014



A job well done  
Miki and Carol!



The story of the carpenter apprentice who made the manger was narrated and reenacted.



The "occasional" choir sings throughout the Christmas Season.



Our Awesome Childcare Center Staff !

**Our 2014 Christmas Pageant**  
*Special Thanks to our directors, Carverlynn & Judy !!!*



## ***A Rich History .....Chapter 23***

In the year, 1996, Emmanuel celebrated 50 years serving the Bremerton Community. The members rededicated themselves to the Mission within the community. Many of the youth helped with the 50th year celebration. Our, Judy Armstrong, wrote a play, "An Historical Fiction", depicting the past 50 years at Emmanuel. The youth did the acting and did a great job. They also acted out an Easter skit, "The Verdict."

The major projects completed in 1996 were repairing the metal roof, and the repair and renovation of the parking lot. The furnace was replaced in the parsonage. This was thanks to ARCO, who took the blame for the burnout of the old furnace and paid 77% of the cost of the new one. Karl Kannitzer was chairman of the Property and Management committee and Richard Boyce served on the committee.



Altar Guild 1996 enjoying a Christmas Lunch and will pack cookie baskets for our shut in members.

Altar Guild had 11 members. They held meetings the first Monday of each month. This included a short business meeting and a Bible study. They studied Ruth and Jonah from the Friendship Bible Series. They sponsored an Ice Cream Social in June and Advent Brunch in December. Carol Henning and Sylvia Boyce served as co-chairmen.

The youth planned and served the Easter Breakfast (a tradition at the time). The young people helped with worship services by reading lessons, ushering, special music and helping with coffee hour. Four of the young people served as camp counselors during church camp week at Lutherhaven. Other highlights included a hike up to Mt. Ellinor (which included youth and adults). They attended a concert at the Tacoma Dome, packed school kits for fall Lutheran World Relief and lastly the Sunday School Christmas Program, "The First Christmas Present Ever."



1996 Confirmation class—Notice a familiar face second from the left. That would be Chelsea Pyper.

## ***A Rich History .....Chapter 23***

The Childcare Center was doing well at this time. With a change in numbers for the pre-school age group and an increase in numbers in the 6 to 12 year olds, some staff that had to work split shifts. Also, two after-school employees were added.

One was Kiley Johnson (Denise Williams son). The following was a quote from the director, Jessica. She stated in her annual report, "One of the most consistent elements of the Center is the resolute, steadfast and unflagging devotion of Chelette Williams. Her diligent and ceaseless determination to make this Center one of the best in the County is remarkable."

***Some things never change.*** After all these years, the center continues to flourish with happy children and competent staff. We currently have a waiting list and we are very proud of the Childcare Center's accomplishments.

Thanks to Carverlyne (our current director) and the hard work of our former director, Chelette.)



1996 Chelette working in the childcare center

### **Current News at Emmanuel !!!**

#### **"First Fruits" Update!**

Hunger never stops. It happens every three to four hours, day in and day out. So those who do not have enough to eat are challenged three times a day to try and find food for their families. That's where we come in. We will continue the first fruits food donation mission on the first Sunday of every month. The success of this mission is YOU.

87 pounds of food was donated on the First Fruits Sunday of the new year. In addition to your normal food donation in February, please consider a can of soup or two for SOUPer Bowl Sunday, February 1st. God is with us in our willingness to share. ***Thank You, Emmanuel !***

#### **January 2015 Report from the Childcare Center**

The theme for January is Winter. The letters the preschoolers will study will be P, Q, R, S, and T. The numbers will be 4-8. They will focus on the colors gold, orange, brown and purple. The shapes they will study will be trapezoid, rectangle, oval and star. They devotions will include, Jesus as a boy, the twelve disciples, feeding the 5,000 and Jesus' Miracles. The special holidays that are recognized are New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This month the preschoolers will be visiting the resident's at "The Belmont." They will be delivering cards and artwork. What a blessing to both our children and their residents. The Literacy night will be held on January 13th from 5-6 pm. They focus for the evening will be rhyming words.

***Special thanks to the staff and children for such a special Christmas Pageant.***



**January Birthdays**

14 .....Chris Knight

18 .....Dolly Williams

22 ...Heather Feldmeir, Childcare Staff

26.....Gladyce Castagnola

29.....Larry Ficca

29 .....Matt Mills

29 .....Miki Turowski

**January Anniversaries**

14 .....Mike & Carverlyne Prothero

**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

**November Anniversaries**

11 .....Bob & Liane Armstrong

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

Men's Breakfast—1st Saturday, 8:00 AM at the Bridge Deli.

Women's Bible Study—2nd and 4th Fridays , 10 AM, Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

**Members serving in January**

Altar Guild .....Jean Reed  
Maurine Simons

Reader .....Cheryl Fox

**Members serving in November**

Altar Guild .....Sally Farner  
Ida Ficca

Reader .....Bob Fox

Sunday School

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

Adult .....Larry Farner

Wednesday Bible Study ....Pastor Tim

Friday Women's Bible Study ..Judy A.

Thanks to all that are signing up to host coffee hour! If you are interested,

*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*