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In case of an Emergency

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

Pastor's Message

The Christmas Season includes the season of *Epiphany*. Epiphany is a Greek word which means "to shine" and can be translated, "to reveal," "to manifest," "to make known."

The famous story of the Epiphany is the Wise Men from Matthew 2. They were professional men, the scholars of their day. They believed the arrangement of the stars expressed the will of the gods. So God chose to reveal Himself and His will to the Wise Men through a guiding star which led them to Jesus, the King of the Kingdom of God.

Today we sing, from Psalm 119:105, the God's Word, like that star, is a "lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." It guides us unswervingly to God. That's comforting to know when the certainties of this world are changing. We feel this when we learn that the stock market has plunged, terrorists are within our borders, and the national debt has climbed to an unsustainable level. Life changes and trusting God is the only security we have.

I saw that trust in our brother, *Rev. Dr. Norm Lund*. When he faced his heart attack, his leukemia and his mortality he was still confident because he trusted God to care for him. We thank God for our brother Norm and offer prayers of support for his beloved wife, *Judy*, knowing that God is greater than any and all the vicissitudes of this world. The revelation of the light of His Word will guide us through the changes we face.

In other news, Emmanuel will have a new class for adults on Sunday morning. I will be teaching from the Old Testament prophet, *Amos*..

We will be starting a *Secret Angel* program in February, and plans continue for our next major church anniversary celebration.

Bob and Cheryl Fox, our future Niger missionaries, will soon be quitting their jobs in preparation for their deputation work. Please remember them in your prayers.

Thank you for your love and support,
Pastor Tim Cartwright

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 Farner.

"First Fruits"

Our church congregation have been loving and caring for those in need during 2015. 365 pounds of clothing were donated during our clothing drive. That's almost one outfit for 365 people.

With our annual budgeted line item for the food bank and cash donations, you gave \$676 to the Bremerton Food Bank.

And, last but by no means least, your food donations amounted to 752 pounds plus 81 pounds from Vacation Bible School.

Your contributions have made the difference in people's lives in having nothing to eat to having something to eat. First Fruits will continue on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you so much for your dedication to this mission, without YOU this mission would not succeed. - Larry & Sally

Remember our next First Fruits will be Sunday, February 7th!



What's New in the Childcare Center?

Happy New Year! We look forward to a new and exciting year, full of many exciting things to do. This month the children will be studying the winter season, arctic animals, Eskimos, ground hogs, and Martin Luther King Jr. Our focus this month are the letters M, N, and O and numbers 13, 14 and 15. We are covering the colors blue and white and our shape is the pentagon. For our daily devotions, the children are learning about John the Baptist, Jesus' temptation, Jesus at the wedding, and Nicodemus, Abraham and Sarah.

On Friday, January 29th, the pre-kindergarten children will be going on a field trip! We will be taking the bus to downtown Bremerton and visit the Naval Museum. There, we will take a tour of the museum and have a snack.
- the Childcare Center Staff

Special thanks to all the staff for your hard work and the care you give the children of our community. You are appreciated!

In The Mission Field



Marian returned to Garoua in November. She is ministering among and with the Guidar through Literacy and Scripture Use (which includes health and farming/herding aspects). It was a challenging trip back including a long drive with broken pavement and potholes and large semi-trucks inching along with three tip overs of semi-trucks. Marian was happy to reunite with her friends and deliver God’s marvelous provisions from America. Notification came that the Blanco family of Pathway Services out of Oklahoma and Costa Rica had sent \$8,000 to pay for printing of the Guidar songbooks. We have not found donors for the Pentateuch printing. Pray with me!

To celebrate American Thanksgiving Marian traveled to Sonaayo and visited a family. “They all gathered around the campfire area and thanked God for each other during this year of death and loss. It was a blessing to Marian.

“Pray for me as I share in the joy of meeting with old friends and making new ones. For strength in transition while changing times, continents, climates and homes. God is and will be faithful to hear and answer prayer.” Marian email me: marian_hungerford@sil.org

Wycliffe donations to: Marian Hungerford #21477 or

CVI donations: P137BB (Bainga Building Project) Community Vision International: PO Box 33286 Portland, OR 97292-3286

Word’s from Bob and Cheryl “God’s amazing provision always shines so brightly in the Christmas season. His most amazing provision is the gift of His Son, who set aside His glory to die for us on the cross. As we celebrate His birth, we reflect on the ultimate gift He gave us, eternal life. And yet there are so many in the world who do not yet know of this amazing sacrifice. In Niger alone there are over 17 million people, the vast majority of whom have never had the opportunity to learn of Christ’s great gift. “

Bob & Cheryl

Reflecting over the past year it has been amazing for Bob and Cheryl. A year busy with training to help prepare for their journey to Niger (which included travelling and becoming acquainted with new friends through SIM, meeting with congregations to help assist them both financially and prayerfully on this journey, and downsizing their household. Bob and Cheryl reflect, “We continue to praise God for His faithfulness as we reflect on the year gone by and as we look forward to the year ahead, with its many changes and challenges,” They thank you with your faithful prayers and financial support. May God richly bless you in the coming year.

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.





"The Lord GivethThe Lord Taketh Away"

Our dear member, Dr. Norman Lund, went to be with our Lord, January 1st. To know Norm was to love him. He was a very dear friend and member of Emmanuel. He shared his gift of song and his wonderful messages with us as well as his gift to teach.

"Norm was born on April 23, 1949. His childhood years were spent chiefly in the Midwest and Camrose Alberta. The family moved to Seattle in 1960. Following in his father's footsteps he felt called to the ministry. His educational journey included, LBI in Seattle, Northwest U (Kirkland, WA) Luther Theological Seminary (St. Paul, MN) and St. Michael's U (Toronto, Ontario).

He served as an associate Pastor in Great Falls, MT and taught both college & graduate level theology students for twelve years (LBI California, American Lutheran Theological Seminary, St Paul, MN.) In 1998 he founded Oxford Tutorials, teaching the Classics and Christian Worldview online to high school students in most of the fifty states and overseas. "

Norm and Judy came to our church a few years ago. We feel blessed to have known Norm. We cherish Judy as our member. In addition to Judy, Norm left 3 beautiful girls, Anne, Emily and Abigail, two sons-in-law, Garret and Christopher and a precious grandson, James.

Although this a difficult loss for Emmanuel, we rejoice knowing that Norm is with our Lord in Heaven.

News from Martha and MaryOur Volunteers Are Our Heart

"....through love, serve one another" -Galatians 5:13

A virtual army of volunteers assist Martha & Mary in meeting our mission of caring everyday. Without the selfless service of these good people we honestly could not provide the essential care services we do for children, seniors and families throughout our West Sound Community. Without a doubt, our volunteers— numbering 300+ and helping in over 30 service areas of the organization— are truly the heart of Martha & Mary.

These dedicated folk are perhaps most visible when staffing our gift shop at the Health & Rehab Center in Poulsbo, but you will also see them directly supporting our all-important Quality of Life programs and providing quiet companionship to our residents and patients. At our child care centers, volunteers can be found lovingly rocking infants and reading aloud to preschoolers. They even pitch in and help out with clerical work — their assistance seems to know no bounds! We also have a Volunteer Auxiliary that plans and raise funds throughout the year to meet the under- funded needs of our residents, patients and children. Last November we honored our Volunteer Auxiliary with our Philanthropy Award. We are reminded how very blessed we are at Martha & Mary to have so many warm-hearted people help us in meeting our mission of caring.

- Jennifer Bailey, Martha & Mary's Communications & Outreach Coordinator

Interested in
volunteering?
Contact
Tracie Walthall,
Resident Life
Director at
360-394-4019

Educational Opportunities

For Children—Sunday School—9 AM

For Men—Men’s Breakfast—1st Sat of month- 8 AM
Bridge Deli

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

For Adults- Sunday—9 AM— Study of Amos
Wednesday—6:30 PM—Studying the Creeds
Both taught by Pastor Tim



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Celebrates 70 Years in 2016

Our committee will be meeting on Sunday, February 7th after the worship service. Anyone interested are welcome to attend. We are planning a two day event. Please mark your calendar for September 17th and 18th of 2016. It will be complete with an open house, tour of Lutherhaven, worship service, luncheon and program. We are excited and hope that all current and former members will plan on attending.



***If you have contact information regarding former members please contact either Ida F. or Judy A. or our church email address
Emmanuel.Bremerton@gmail.com.***

**Our Most
Recent
Member !**



***Secret Angel
program returns!***

A few years ago we had a Secret Angel program that ran for several weeks. You could sign up and were given the name of someone to pray for and give cards or small gifts to. It will be returning in February.

Christmas at Emmanuel

The Annual Christmas Tea



Thank You,
Miki and Carol
for all your
hard work to
make our
Christmas Tea
such a special
event.



It's such a
meaningful way to
begin our Christmas
celebration



Christmas Eve Worship Service

The children always enjoy the annual visit
from Old Saint Nicholas.



Christmas Celebrations continue.....

The Christmas Pageant



The congregation looks forward to our Christmas Pageant each year. The Sunday School Children and the Childcare Center Children combine their talents and tell the Christmas Story. Special thanks to our Sunday School coordinator, Judy, and our Childcare coordinator, Carverlynn, as well as the rest of her staff that help to make this a success each year.

Special Thanks to Mary M and Stephanie J for your contributions the photos for this special Christmas issue.

The Story Behind the Epiphany Hymn, "We Three Kings".....

"Strange but true: a visit from St. Nicholas paved the way for "We Three Kings." It happened like this. After the War of 1812, Anglicans in America decided to establish their own seminary for training Episcopalian ministers." It was established in New York. Clement Clarke Moore (son of New York's bishop) was a land developer. He is well known for his poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." He owned a large estate in the northern regions of Manhattan. He offered a portion of this to establish the seminary. Thus was born the General Theological Seminary. A reporter, John H. Hopkins Jr., later enrolled in the Seminary. He graduated in 1850 and was hired in 1855 as the school's first instructor of church music.

As part of a Christmas pageant produced in the seminary in 1857, Hopkins wrote "We Three Kings". It was published in 1863. It "was his crowning achievement made possible, in a way, through the generosity of another poet whose most famous work ends: "But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

Taken from "The Sings My Soul, Special Edition" by Robert J Morgan

Special Thanks to Geri Sutherland for her special gift of this book.



January Birthdays

- 14Chris Knight
- 18Dollie Williams
- 26Gladyce Castagnola
- 29Larry Ficca
- 29Matt Mills
- 29Miki Turowski

January Anniversaries

- 14Mike & Carverlynn Prothero

February Birthdays

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

February 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



Members Serving in January

- Altar GuildJean Reed
- ReaderJay Johnson

Members Serving in February

- Altar GuildSally Farner
- Ida Ficca
- ReaderTBA

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