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Pastor's Message

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Please call
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Dear Saints,

In July we celebrate Independence Day, the birthday of our country. It commemorates the day, July 4 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was adopted. We celebrate this day with fireworks and family picnics.



What is great about America that we should celebrate it? Here is one good reason for patriotism for America: the three branches of the US government. The design of distributing the government's power among three branches, the legislative, the judicial and the executive, was to divide power and limit the encroachment of bureaucracy into the realm of personal liberty or freedom. If the power of the federal or state governments resided in only one branch it would be possible for the government to function like a tyranny over the people.

James Madison, one of the authors of the US Constitution and the architect of the three branches design, was a Christian who understood God's revelation in the Bible of human sinfulness. He understood that even a benevolent minded leader would become a tyrant, consuming freedom, if left unchecked. By dividing power into three branches the tyranny of human sinfulness, embodied in the government would be limited.

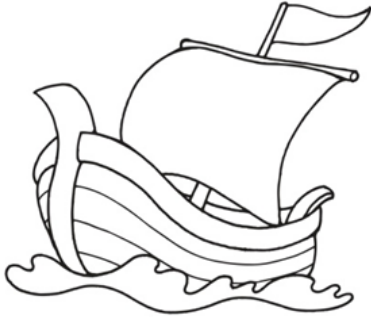
There are days when we become exasperated at our government. We may think, "If only the congress would cooperate and compromise we could get something done." Then it is time to remember and celebrate the genius of our government system. The road blocks that hinder "getting something done" are some of the same mechanisms which protect us from a government which would encroach upon our liberties.

Let us thank God for the leaders the Lord used to write our Constitution, leaders who understood the Biblical worldview, and who employed it in establishing our government.

Happy Independence Day.

Tim Cartwright, Pastor

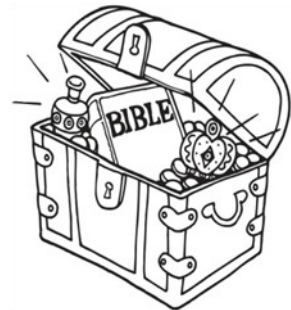
Emmanuel Lutheran sails the high seas for Vacation Bible School (VBS)



It's all hands on deck, as we hoist our sails and set a course for *SonTreasure Island VBS!* We seek real treasure of great worth: God's love! We will depart aboard the *JCS (Jesus Christ's Ship) Emmanuel* at 9:30am on August 11. As we sail the seas on this all-expense paid (that means *free* folks!) voyage, we'll enjoy the warm tropical trade-winds; island snacks; treasure-island themed crafts; Bible stories that tell of God's love; music; and games. We'll follow the clues on an old treasure map to find a treasure worth more than diamonds or gold. When we return to port on August 15, we will celebrate with a closing program featuring all of our *JCS Emmanuel* passengers.

The fun doesn't stop with our voyage's end. On the Sunday after our return from *SonTreasure Island* (August 17), all of the VBS children and their families are invited to worship with us at 10am and then to gather with us for an afternoon pot-luck picnic at Olympic Lutherhaven at Wildcat Lake. We will enjoy swimming, boating and other fun activities.

So don't miss the boat – register your children now for our **free** Vacation Bible School, *SonTreasure Island*. Registration forms can be found on the table in the church Fellowship Hall, by calling our Daycare Center at 373-0290, or by clicking the online link at www.elcbremerton.org. Forms may be returned to the Emmanuel Lutheran Childcare Office, or by mail (must be received by August 8) to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Attn: VBS, 2509 Perry Ave, Bremerton WA 98310.



Please keep our missionary in your prayers. Marion Hungerford has been moved after living in her community for many years. The situation became dangerous and it seemed necessary for her to relocate. Also, please keep the citizens of Cameroun in your prayers.

"First Fruits"

One hundred and three pounds of food, 3 pounds of hygiene items and \$20 in cash were donated last week. Thank you all for your precious giving. You are feeding children, families, long term unemployed, physically or mentally challenged, and seniors.



If you know anyone who needs the services of the Bremerton Foodline, refer them to Patti Peterson, director. The donation site is located at 1600 E 12th in Bremerton. The phone number is 360- 479-6168.

Thanks, Sally Farner, coordinator

Reminder: Our next "First Fruits" is Sunday, August 3rd. We have one more month to bring in food that child at home could prepare themselves.

Childcare Center Summer News

Our Childcare Center has many activities planned for the month of Jul. With our friends out of school there are several activities planned for all ages, some for pre-school and some for just the school-aged friends. These include:

Two Water Play days, scheduled for Friday, July 11th and July 25th.

Field Trips specific to each age group.

A School-age field is planned for July 30th. They will be going to the Kitsap Regional Library to see "Didgeridoo Down Under."

The Preschoolers will be having a field day on Monday, July 21st at Mountain View Middle School.

Good News Club is back! During the week of July 14th—18th they will have special visitors. Patti from the Good News Club will be there during the day to share the good news of the Lord with our friends.

Devotion Lessons for July include "Joshua and the Battle of Jericho", "Ruth and Naomi" and "David and Goliath."

Of course in August we look forward to Vacation Bible School. This is a coordinated effort with our church congregation and Childcare Center Staff. It always proves to be a week of singing, laughter, crafts, games, learning, and most important praying. I think the adults have as good a time as the children. Come by and see what we mean. Don't forget the program at 12 o'clock on Friday.

Annual Church Picnic

Don't forget to mark Sunday, August 17th on your summer calendar. It will be held at Lutherhaven following our worship service at the church. Bring



your favorite dish, salad or dessert to share. Don't forget your swimsuit and towels. We will have a lifeguard on duty. All congregation members are invited as well as Childcare Staff and their families, and our VBS Children and families.

Emmanuel Lutheran is Presented with a Covenant !



Far left, representative Chad Solvie from M & M; Glen Adrig, Council Pres.; Matt Mills, M & M board member; JoEllen Klempan, M & M board member; Pastor Tim Cartwright, M & M board member; Judy Armstrong, Council Treasurer;

Betty Herman, M & M Representative.

Recently three representatives from the Martha and Mary Organization presented Emmanuel Lutheran with special covenant. We send three representatives to their annual board meetings and we visit annually to conduct a special worship service to their elderly guests. Emmanuel was one of the original congregations that supported Martha and Mary years ago when they first originated. Since then, Martha and Mary has grown from a nursing care facility for the elderly and ill that now offers childcare and low income housing and so much more.

July Birthdays

1Cole Simons

26 Peter Mace

29Ashlee Cartwright

July Anniversaries

13Tim Jr. & Gina Cartwright

20Jim & Bonnie Mace

24Belinda Matta

August Birthdays

7Bob Armstrong

14Samantha Boligao

15Bonnie Stouffer

27 Teresa Prange

August Anniversaries

10Jim & Miki Turowski

12Glen & Marialis Jurges

12Matt & April Mills

14Norm & Judy Lund

18Ward & Mollie Erickson

27Carl & Melody Knight

27Keri & Patrick Roberts

30Peter & Ashlee Cartwright

If I have missed someone's special date or have an incorrect date please let me know.

Members serving in July

Altar GuildCarolyn Cartwright
JoEllen Klempain

Reader Bonnie Mace

Members serving in August

Altar GuildSharie Adrig
Sally Farner

ReaderMarialis Jurges

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!

Bible Studies and Sunday School will resume in September . The men's breakfast will continue the first Saturday of each month.



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