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**In case of an Emergency**

**Please call  
Pastor Tim  
on his cell  
phone**

**360-286-1090**

## Pastor's Message

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Throughout the Scriptures we are reminded that God is the God who remembers.

I arrived at home and turned off my car. I sighed. It had been a pressure day at work. Everyone wanted their job done as soon as possible. Now I would have a quiet evening at home. Joyce, my sister-in-law, would call at 5:30 and we would share about our day; then Mom would call at 8:15 and we too would share about our day. That is meaningful to me, but today I can now admit, I was feeling sad.

Something was on my porch. I could see it from my car, it was something that did not belong there. I got out of the car and approached the porch and quickly recognized a mason jar, filled with water and flowers cut from someone's garden. The gift of fresh flowers on a summer's afternoon was a delightful gift, but just how meaningful it was to me let me now reveal to you.

You see, several times a year it was my habit to buy flowers for Carolyn. Our anniversary was one of those occasions. On that day I would buy her a serious card from me and a funny card from either the dog or the cat. We would go out for dinner, and, of course, there were those anniversary flowers. She loved to receive flowers and would proudly display them at the center of her dining room table. They would remain there, daily admired, until they were dead and I'd say to her, "it's okay, Honey, I'll take out the flowers."

That was then, this was now, "A.D.," after death. There would be no more flowers for Carolyn.

Nevertheless, I had been thinking of buying flowers for her all day. This was to be my first anniversary without my bride. June 26, 2019. It would have been our 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. So should I buy them or not? I puzzled over the question and finally decided not to get them.

No one would notice.

God noticed.

God remembered.

While I was not mindful of my feelings, my loss, He was. And so it was that He tapped on the shoulder a dear neighborhood family, who had no idea it was my anniversary, and He inspired them to cut fresh flowers from their garden and leave them in water in a mason jar on my doorstep.

Fresh cut anniversary flowers, just for you Carolyn. I know you'll enjoy them Honey, as much as I have enjoyed them and you. I remember you and I still miss you.

Thank you Lord, for remembering.

Tim Cartwright, Pastor  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church



**“First Fruits”**

“Fall” is on the horizon so please don’t “fall” for the misconception that everybody in our wealthy country has plenty to eat. 1 in 5 children, 1 in 7 seniors, and many young families go hungry each and EVERY day. You can help those who are hungry by sharing your bounty. You do this by donating to the Bremerton Food Bank through our church on the 1st Sunday of every month. Let us do our part to help stock the shelves with nourishing food so everybody can strive to achieve the American dream.



**“Miraculous Mission”**

“Miraculous Mission “ is our theme for VBS this year. VBS will be August 12–16 from 9:30 am –12:30 pm. Let Judy Armstrong know how you would like to help out!



Our Sympathy and Prayers for our members, the Armstrong’s and their family. Just recently they lost Steve’s mom, Liane. Liane’s husband, Bob, was a long time active member and passed away a couple of years ago.

**Thrivent Grant Approved -**

Thrivent has approved a \$250.00 grant for Emmanuel’s VBS program, “Miraculous Mission”. The grant funds will be used to purchase food and snacks for the kids and workers involved in this traditional Emmanuel Lutheran Church’s August summer children’s program. As we have in the past, the VBS kids will be asked to bring in food for the Bremerton Food Bank and will then “challenge” the adult members to “match” the efforts of the kids! In the past, the kids have always won this contest... What do you say, this year..”lets show the kids we can be very bit as committed as they are!



**Our Two New Confirmands**



A few weeks ago Lily James and Mary Clare Gehring were confirmed. We are so proud of them.. (not pictured Landen Cartwright)

**"All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers." Acts 1:14 (ESV)**

Women of Emmanuel: The Women's Joy Group invites you to *Journey Into Prayer* at a one-day retreat Sept 28, 10am-5pm, at Olympic Lutherhaven.

Our aim is to retreat from the demands of your life (just like Jesus did), so you can have a day to rest and renew with the Father. Prayer is not simply an aspect to plug into our lives, but should be a constant practice and ongoing conversation. The purpose of this retreat is to provide the climate for a deepening of one's prayer life and learning how to listen and follow the Good Shepherd more closely.

Talking with God each day, no matter the form or words used, nourishes our relationship and helps it to grow. More than anything else, the *Journey Into Prayer* retreat is about you encountering the presence of God and hearing His gentle whisper, His unique message for you. Every aspect of this retreat is created with that intention.

Registration forms are available at Emmanuel, in the Fellowship Hall. Registration will continue until Sept 8. Completed forms can be left in the mail boxes of Miki Turowski, Carol Reece, or Judy Armstrong. There is no cost for this retreat, but lunch will be pot-luck.



A note from the editor.....

I know it has been several months since our last publication of "The Wittenberg Door." I do apologize for this. I have been recovering from surgery but am happy to say that I look forward to resuming a monthly newsletter letting you know what is happening at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Sharie Adrig, Editor

### A Piano Recital

Our former pianist, Brian Kenny, will be performing in his piano recital. It will be Friday, July 19th, at 6:30 PM. He is holding it at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Church at 4118 Perry Ave.

You are all invited!



**July Birthdays**

1.....Cole Simons

26 .....Peter Mace

29 .....Ashlee Cartwright

**July Anniversaries**

20 .....Jim & Bonnie Mace

**August Birthdays**

14 .....Samantha Brewer

15 .....Bonnie Stouffer

27 .....Teresa Prange

**August Anniversaries**

1.....Pat Alcantra & Nancy Kerlee

10 .....Jim & Miki Turowski

12 .....Glen & Marialis Jurges

18 .....Ward & Mollie Erickson

27 ..... Carl & Melody Knight

27 .....Keri & Patrick Roberts

30 .....Peter & Ashlee Cartwright

I am sure that there are many members that I don't have your birthdates or anniversary dates. Any additions or corrections please contact the newsletter editor, Sharie Adrig at [gadrig@comcast.net](mailto:gadrig@comcast.net).

**Members Serving in July**

Altar Guild .....JoEllen Klempan  
 Chelette Williams  
 Kneeda Williams

Reader .....Miki Turowski

**Members Serving in August**

Altar Guild .....Ida Ficca  
 Rose Link

Reader .....Maurine Simons

**Sunday School will start in the Fall.**

**Men's breakfast will continue.  
 First Saturday of the month at 8:00  
 am. The location is Der Blokken in  
 Manette. Questions? Talk to Larry  
 Farner or Pastor Tim.**

**Your help during coffee hour?**

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 are not able to host a coffee hour some of us are giving monetary contributions to help cover the cost. Contributions can be given to Carol Reece.

