



# THE WITTENBERG DOOR

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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**June 2** we celebrated the **Ascension** of our Lord Jesus into heaven (Acts 1:9-10). There He takes His place at the right hand of the Father (Acts 2:33, Romans 8:34) a position which symbolizes that His work on earth has been completed and He has reassumed the power He left behind at His incarnation (Phillippians 2:5-11). I encourage you to take a moment to read and ponder the Ascension narratives (Acts 1, Mark 16:19, Luke 24: 50-51).

**June 12** is **Pentecost Sunday**. Everyone is invited to wear the color red for the celebration of the birth of the Church and outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2) into the hearts and lives of believers. In the waters of baptism God gives His Holy Spirit to us (Matthew 28:19). The gift of God is not given because of our obedience or righteousness. Quite the contrary, God gives it because of His love for us and His promise to be with us always (John 14:16).

**June 19** is **Holy Trinity Sunday** when we commemorate the mysterious truth that God is three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet one God (Matthew 28:19).

Our lives are busy and sometimes hectic. God calls us to remember that our lives are not the center of our attention. Our hearts are fulfilled when we are oriented around the One who is beyond ourselves and beyond this world, the transcendent God. The themes of the church year are one way God calls to us. Come, let us worship Him and look beyond ourselves.



### In case of an Emergency

Please call  
Pastor Tim  
on his cell  
phone  
286-1090



We received a personal, handwritten note from the Church Coordinator for Operation Christmas Child. She writes:

*"Your shoeboxes were part of the 6,672 2010 Northwest shoeboxes sent to China, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Mexico, Mongolia, Panama and the Philippines. Each child who received your gift had the opportunity to hear the gospel message and receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Children who chose this received a 12 week discipleship training. Thank You for shoeboxes used to spread the good news of God's greatest gift, Jesus in Christ."*

Laura Ettinger, Church Coordinator- Operation Christmas Child

## *News from the Daycare/Preschool*

*Emmanuel Lutheran Church Family,*

Emmanuel Lutheran Childcare Center is a part of the *Early Childhood Care and Education Group* which partners with the Bremerton School District. The main focus of this group is to help provide a solid foundation for our preschool children entering Kindergarten in the areas of literacy and math. Being a part of this group allows Emmanuel Lutheran Childcare Center to have access to literacy curriculum, books as well as math games that will help our children entering Kindergarten.

The children in our preschool program are tested at the beginning of our program year and then again half way through the year. The result of this information is then used by the Bremerton School District to help make adjustments to their program.

As a result of the hard work of the children in our program as well as the hard work and dedication of our staff, Emmanuel Lutheran Childcare Center was chosen to participate in a ***Harvard University Case Study.***

We are so proud of our preschool children and very proud of our childcare staff. This is a wonderful achievement for our program and we would not be able to do this without the help of our congregation! So THANK YOU so very much!

The month of June will be busy, we have many activities and field trips planned for the school age children. We also look forward to having two of our “alumni”, Dexter Larson and Chelsea Jones-Lillie, back to help out for the summer. Dexter was four years old when he started attending Emmanuel Lutheran childcare. Chelsea started attending Emmanuel when she was seven years old. They are both nineteen years old now; Dexter has finished his freshman year at a Christian college in Salem Oregon. Chelsea is currently living here in Bremerton and is planning on taking college classes at Olympic College in the fall.

Thank you, all, for making it possible for us to take care of the children in our community.

Chelette Williams

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## President's Message

By now I hope that you have seen and used our new communion rail cushions, which was purchased in part by a special memorial gift from Brad and Melodee Evenson, in honor of their parents Bernie and Heloise. Thank you Brad and Lisa (and their girls), and Melodee for your most generous gift to Emmanuel.

Your church council is working hard to make our church better for you and for our community. Our latest goal of reestablishing a partnership with Olympic Lutherhaven is completed and we are now addressing some immediate needs for our church facility. As you are probably aware, our church roof has a number of leaks that can make for a challenging worship experience during inclement weather. This calls for us to make some hard decisions where it comes to spending church funds. We will be addressing them at this coming weeks council meeting and will inform you of our decision process.

During a past council meeting it was agreed upon that we also need to re-stripe our parking lot spaces, and we will hold a work party in the drier summer months to make this happen. Hiring a company to do this would be cost prohibitive, and so we will purchase a modest priced self striping kit for now and future use. More on this later.

If you haven't yet accessed our web page ([www.elcbremerton.org](http://www.elcbremerton.org)), I encourage you to do so. A lot of hard work has gone into its development and it really is worth exploring. This is our modern beacon to the community and to you as a member. Remember that we can add any event that you would like to see, into either a web article or into our calendar, so please contact me with your ideas and thoughts. I appreciate your support always. Glen Adrig

This is our  
Missionary,  
Marian  
Hungerford



Marian works for Wycliffe Bible Translators with the people living in Cameroon Africa. We, as a congregation, not only support her with monetary donations but support her in prayer as she faces daily challenges. We ask you to pray for Marian. Thank You!!!

### Operation Christmas Child Recipient

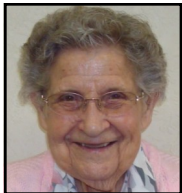
Last Summer we began collecting small gifts for Operation Christmas child. We sent out over 20 boxes for children living all over the world. (As mentioned on the front page of our newsletter.) We are hoping to repeat this ministry this year.

A few weeks ago we received a letter from a Grandmother in the Philippine Islands. She wrote; "Thank you so much of your Christmas gift you send here in the Philippines! It is very helpful to the children especially to the poorer. I have a granddaughter. Her name is Alexa Mikhaela. She is 5 years old and she's very happy to receive a gift from you. Thank You of your Prayer. "God Bless you Abundantly." In Christ love, Leonila Quilla

(I think she is looking for a pen pal. If anyone is interested in this please contact Pastor Tim.)

*A Rich History of 65 years ..... Chapter Three*

Pastor Stanley Gunsten served at Emmanuel from 1954–1958. In 1954 ELC installed Louis Brunner as the director of parish education. His duties included “canvassing the east side district for un-churched and possible new members, organizing and promoting the evangelism program, Sunday school superintendent, teacher training programs, director of the youth group and church paper editor.” The hard work of Louis Brunner must have paid off. By May of 1955 there were 435 children enrolled in the church’s Sunday school program. 60% of these children’s parents were not members of the church. On April 17th the pastor baptized 52 children and one adult and the following May, 29 more children and 2 adults were baptized.



At this time, **Helen Allen’s** children were baptized. Helen fondly remembers attending the Children’s Christmas

programs. She said that each child went home with an orange, nuts and candy. Considering how many children were attending Emmanuel at that time, that was pretty special. If you look closely enough you can see **Frank Allen** in the group. We are so happy to have you Helen, and Frank and his lovely wife, Joanne, at Emmanuel.



**84 Baptisms in Two Months ????**

Sunday, May 5, 1954, was Emmanuel’s (at that time Manette) fourth birthday as a congregation. A newspaper article read; **“four years ago this location on the corner of Perry and Magnuson was just a plot of ground overgrown with weeds. Our church, it’s buildings and it’s congregation with all it means to it’s Christian members, was at that time only the Faith that God could do great things for His people. It’s a mistake for anyone to underestimate the power of God to make good on our Faith in Him. “**

A Loyalty Dinner was held. It was the largest gathering for a dinner that the church had ever seen. They had to meet in the East Bremerton School Auditorium. “Floor plans for a larger church was presented at the meeting.” They hoped that they could have a church large enough to accommodate their needs and make it easier to care for

their fast growing congregation. The estimated cost of the new church was \$90,000 and would seat 500 –600 persons as compared to the edifice (at that time) which seated only 200. By March 26, 1955, they had a pledge of \$94,334. The Groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 17, 1955. By September of 1955, excavation was completed. The theme for this building campaign was “Forward Emmanuel.” At that time the church had 421 baptized members.



Groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 17, 1955. Evelyn’s husband, Charley Stouffer, is the third man from the left.

*A Rich History of 65 years ..... Chapter Three*

During the early years at Emmanuel, the Women’s Missionary Federation was an extremely active and vital part of the church. The membership of this women’s group started out in 1945 with 7 members and grew to a group of 80 members by 1955. They originally met in the “fireplace room” of the parsonage. They had to relocate to the church. **Evelyn Stouffer** served as their secretary in 1955 (she served as Vice President in 1950.). They made contributions to several organizations , such as the purchase of Lutherhaven. (Note: we have recently reinstated our affiliation with Lutherhaven.) Marilyn Boekenoogen’s mother, Emma Miller, and her mother-in-law were both active in the women’s groups. The Federation, at this time, sponsored a missionary in China.



Scouting was a very important part of Emmanuel. Alex Sutherland was Scoutmaster for troop 514. In May of 1955, 6 members from Emmanuel were proud possessors of the Star Scout insignia.

As we celebrate 65 years at Emmanuel this year I have been taking us through the history. Not having seen it first hand it is sometimes a challenge piecing it together. We have a wonderful set of scrapbooks that Sylvia Boyce helped in putting together. Thank You, Sylvia

for all your hard work. Next month I will be writing about the construction of our current sanctuary and all the changes and challenges that occurred during that time. If you remember those years (56–58) I would love to hear from you. You can either call me at 377-2448 or email me at [gadrig@comcast.net](mailto:gadrig@comcast.net).

Members of the Women’s Missionary Federation helped create many of the parameters we see today. If you look closely the third woman from the right is

Evelyn Stouffer

**Member’s Memories .....**



**Dolly Williams** became a member of Emmanuel in 1953. Around the same time her daughter, Kim, was baptized . They held a double baptism and Kim was baptized with Dolly’s niece. She raised her family near the church. Dolly described her family as the typical “50”s” family. Her family spent many a happy time at Lutherhaven. She recalls many weddings and baptisms at the church (along with some of her own family members.) Many of her daughters’ friends and classmates attended Emmanuel. When her father, Carl S. Voellger passed away her mother presented the church with the Eternal light that we see today in the sanctuary. One of Dolly’s highlights of attending Emmanuel is seeing all four of her daughters (Kim, Leeann, Cynthia and Susan Jordon) baptized and confirmed. A few years later Dolly’s grandson attended our daycare. Currently ,Dolly and her daughter Kim, serve as our co-financial secretaries. Dolly, we are so happy you are here.

**Memories** .....



**Marilyn Boekenooogen** came from Chicago. She started visiting Emmanuel back in 1948 when she visited her sister who was living here. In 1953 she moved here where her parents were living. They went to Emmanuel. Her mother, Emma Miller (later Sellick), was very active with the quilting group. At one time, Emmanuel had a group of very dedicated quilters that sent hand-made quilts all over the world. Marilyn remembers when they were getting ready to send them off they would adorn the backs of the pews. Donations were given to help cover the postage and they (along with the women’s group at Our Saviours) would send them off. Marilyn remembers going over to the school across the street (where the Sunday School was meeting) and collecting the attendance information each week. At that time there were hundreds of students. Years ago (especially during the time of pledging to build a new sanctuary) she remembers people coming to your home to ask for pledges and tithes. She also remembers this not going over very well with the members. On Sept. 11, 1954 Marilyn and her husband were married at Emmanuel. She recalls that the Women’s aid members catered the event. Emmanuel did not have dishes at that time so they had to borrow dishes from Our Saviours. She said that was quite an undertaking bringing them in and taking them back (which was of course, left up to her parents). The wedding and reception were both held where our current fellowship hall is. When new pews were purchased for the church, she and her husband, along with her in-laws and parents donated money to help. Marilyn, you are appreciated for all your years and dedication to Emmanuel. If you notice some home baked cakes or cookies on Sunday morning for coffee hour, chances are it has come from Marilyn’s kitchen.



**Kay Kannitzer** and her husband, Karl, joined Emmanuel in 1955. Her husband helped put tiles down in the basement of the church and helped to keep up the maintenance of the day-care. Also, her husband Karl and Richard Boyce plus some others helped keep up the maintenance around the church. Karl made the first Christ candle. Kay remembers that he had never made a candle before and after some trails and errors and much practice it was completed. Richard Boyce and Karl put together the first advent wreath. She remembers that before the Daycare was started all the church suppers were held in the basement of the church. We love you and appreciate your years of dedication to Emmanuel.

*Just for a laugh!!!*

These are “Bloopers” that actually appeared in Church Bulletins.

“For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.”

“Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.”



Remember, Sunday School and Bible study classes will resume in the Fall. Look for further information.

*Check us out at .....*

<http://www.elcbremerton.org>

**June Birthdays**

- 2 .....Linda Houlton
- 7 ..... Loyal Campbell
- 7 .....Carol Reece
- 9 ..... Jean Reed
- 13 ..... Cheryl Fox
- 14 ..... Landen Cartwright
- 16.....Sharie Adrig
- 17 ..... Vi Kluth
- 19 ..... Carol Henning  
Bob Henning
- 21 .....Lillian James
- 23 ..... Steve Armstrong
- 23 .....Katharine Kannitzer
- 26 .....Carverlynn Prothero
- 27 ..... Alaina Johnson
- 29 ..... Steana Cutler

**June Anniversaries**

- 10 ..... Glen & Sharie Adrig
- 23 .....Bob & Carol Henning
- 26 ..... Tim & Carolyn Cartwright

**July Birthdays**

- 17 .....Alex Sutherland
- 30 .....Kristin Blackman

**No July Anniversaries**

**Note:** If I have a date incorrect or have left your important date off the calendar, please let me know. Sharie @ 377-2448 or gadrig@comcast.net

**Members serving in June**

- Altar Guild .....Carolyn Cartwright  
Gladys Willis
- Reader .....Carolyn Cartwright
- Sunday School Teacher.....April Mills  
Stephanie Johnson

**Members serving in July**

- Altar Guild .....Carol Henning  
Sharie Adrig
- Reader .....Matt Mills
- No Sunday School

**Church Directory Request**

Our (2010-2011) church directory needs to be updated to include information for those of you who are not currently listed. If you do not have a copy of the current church directory, and would like to be included on the addendum sheets (until a complete new directory is published) please contact Glen Adrig. We will add sheets to all current and new directory holders when the addendum sheets are printed.

*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*

The **Prayer Chain** is a group of people that pray and support those in need. If you would like to be a part of this group please let Pastor Tim know. We would love to add you to our list.