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PASTOR'S MESSAGE - "ABIDE IN ME"

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Jesus told us, "*Abide* in Me" (John 15:4)

After a day's work is done Carolyn and I sit together in our living room. During the winter months the fireplace is burning. The dogs lay at our feet. Classical music plays in the background. Carolyn shares with me about her day, the joys and frustrations of kindergarten and the children. I share with her about my day, what I did and who I saw and maybe even what I've been thinking about. Then we sit quietly reading our books (our Kindles actually).

I think this is a picture of what Jesus meant by "abiding."

Abiding is a ministry of *sharing* oneself, our lives, our thoughts, our feelings, our day's events with the Lord, all the while knowing that He is listening to us and cares for us. He in turn shares with us, through His Word and in meditative listening, His heart, His guidance and His will for us.

Abiding is also a ministry of *presence*, sitting quietly in the presence of the Lord, peacefully contemplating the wonder of His love for us; recognizing the great work He has done on our behalf.

As the season of spring advances and the sunny days become more frequent, let us take time to bask in the presence of the Son of God.

Pastor Tim

In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone
286-1090

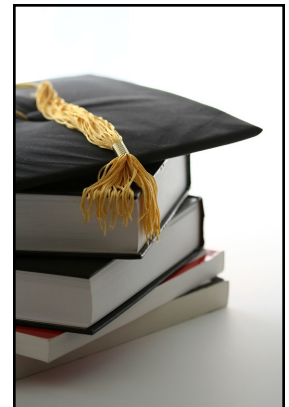
Congratulations to our Graduates !

This past weekend was one of "Big Accomplishments" for two of our Emmanuel members.

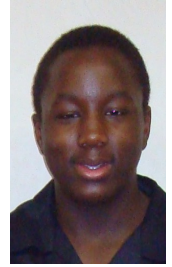
Tina Atienza received her Associate Degree in Nursing (AND) from Olympic College.

DeWayne Kalista received his Bachelors of Art Degree in Business Management from Seattle University.

We are extremely proud of these two individuals for all of their hard work and accomplishments.



How did you spend your Memorial Day ?.....



Many of us may have spent Memorial Day just quietly staying at home or perhaps on a picnic with the family. Some may have visited the gravesites of their loved ones. Our member, Lamont James, didn't just sit around and enjoy himself that day. He and others from his ROTC program spent their time cleaning up the Ivy Green Cemetery. They also participated in a special program honoring our fallen Veterans. Did you realize that there is a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Ivy Cemetery? It is one of only a few in our country. Lamont serves as the chaplain for his ROTC group at Bremerton High School.



We, at Emmanuel Lutheran, are very proud of Lamont and his accomplishments. Way to Go—Lamont. ! Lamont (fourth from left) in his Naval Uniform.



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Healing and Supporting Ministry

God says to us, “by His wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). This is a reference to the suffering and death of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary. Jesus suffered that we might be healed and that we might live.

Here at Emmanuel we take God’s Word seriously. In it are His promises for our lives. This promise from Isaiah gives us confidence to enter into God’s throne room and pray for his healing and His support for those who are hurting or in need.

God’s healing may come through medicine or through medical practices; and sometimes it may come miraculously without such intervention. At other times God’s healing does not happen in this lifetime but the next.

In all cases it is our privilege to come to Jesus and as Him for healing. This what Jesus instructed us to do in Mark 11:24. Jesus also said that He wants to touch us and to heal us. Believing that is so, Emmanuel will sponsor a special time of **Healing and Supporting Prayer**. This will be during the singing of the final hymn on the first Sunday of each month. If you desire to come for God’s touch in your heart and life, your body or soul, then come. Pastor Tim will lay hands on you and pray for you. You must do nothing by come to Jesus. He loves you and is waiting for you.

June News from the Childcare

We are happy to announce that our Pre-Kindergarten Graduation ceremony was a success ! We had a very nice turn out of family and friends of our graduates. Congratulations again, class of 2012.

On the 7th of this month we will have a guest speaker by the name of John Buchinger. Mr. Buchinger is from the Naval Under Water Museum and he will be here to talk to our children about "Motion under water".

June 15th is our annual "Donuts with Dad" celebrating Fathers Day ! The children will make colorful, bright cards for their Dads and present them during our snack time.

On June 20th, we will have our monthly literacy night from 5:30–6:30 PM. We will play a few fun games, as well as give away books donated to us by the Bremerton School District and have a yummy snack as well.

Our recent visit from our State Licensor went very well ! She has encouraged us to brighten up our playground area by placing colorful flowering pots around the area, planting grass sees in a planter box and watching it grow, a garden in a box, as well as a homemade sandbox to name a few ideas. If there is anyone in the congregation that would like to donate any materials needed for the items above, please call the childcare (373-0290) or speak to me on Sunday.

The Staff and I are looking forward to the summer and hope that it is a busy one.

Thank You,

Chelette Williams
Director



A Rich History of 66 years Chapter seven

If you look at the roster for the 1977 Council and VBS staff you would recognize many of the names on these lists. For instance, Kay Kannitzer was the council secretary that year. Larry Ficca was the chairman for Property and Management, Sylvia Boyce was on the Board of Stewardship, and Evelyn Stouffer and Marilyn Boekenooen served on the Board of Education. The VBS Superintendent was Carol Henning in 1977. Ida Ficca taught the 1st grade class for VBS. Back in "77" VBS ran for two weeks. With 100 children enrolled, the average attendance was 70 each day. The theme was "Reach Out"- Sharing the Story of Jesus. "The series was planned to help the children grow in their understanding of God's outreach and to help them respond by reaching out to others with His love."

It looked like the youth program was, once again, alive and well. The Senior League had quite a few activities planned for the summer. They started out with a retreat to Ocean Shores followed up with a backpacking trip in July. To help raise money to send delegates to the fall convention, three car washes were planned as well as a rummage sale. They went to North West Trek in September. Through the summer they continued their Weekly Bible studies and youth nights on Wednesdays at Lutherhaven.

There was a new direction for Confirmation classes in 1977. It was called the "Individualized Approach to Confirmation". "There were no formal lectures, and no classroom situations. Instead, each student was given a learning package (with 6-8 performance objectives to finish) to complete before going on to the next learning package. (there were 8 learning packages to be completed in a year. Cassette tapes, filmstrips, tape players, filmstrip viewers, exercise sheets, books, and their own Bibles were just some of the materials used. A Learning Resource Center was open in the basement of the church every Wednesday from 4:00-8:00. A dinner was held for the youth each Wednesday as well as youth choir practice. The mothers of the confirmation students took turns providing the dinners. The students paid either \$6.00 for the year or \$1.00 for each learning package.

Pastor Les Foss's daughter, Cheryl, was the Kitsap Peninsula's champion in the National Spelling Bee in Washington DC.

The women's groups continued to be very active. The Lydia Circle worked on church history books at the Boyce's home. (These are the very books that I am using to retype the history of our church.) Thank you ladies, for all your hard work. They also visited local nursing homes. The Quilting circle produced 29 quilts this year. They were dedicated in October of

1977 and set to Lutheran World Relief to be sent all over the world.

The quilts that were sent to Lutheran World Relief in 1977.



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Education was emphasized during 1977. Sixty members attended at “Church Growth” Seminar. They were inspired as instructed in God’s will for the church to grow. The main focus of this effort was on the Sunday School. Several members attended worship and music institutes. Special groups were brought to the church to inspire the members. This year brought the resignation of Helen Strom, the church secretary that served for over 17 years.

Between the years 1978–1979, a group called the Pioneer Girls meant at Emmanuel Lutheran. It gave girls the opportunity to put Christ in every phase of their lives. This organization included girls from 1st grade–12th grade.

In 1978 there was “a greater program for the summer–Sunday School and Sunday evening recreation, hymn sings and movies.” A new stewardship program was introduced called Life-Style Stewardship. The new “Green” Lutheran Book of Worship was introduced. The pastor at that time (Pastor Peterson) felt that more of an emphasis needed to happen when it came to finances and evangelical outreach. During this time the congregation was contributing money towards the purchase of a van.

In July of 1978 the associate pastor, Pastor Leslie Foss received a call and left Emmanuel. Fortunately lay people in the congregation were able to step up and help keep the youth program going. This was something that Pastor Foss had worked very hard to build up. During this year Emmanuel was able to reach out and sponsor another refugee family from Vietnam.



The Lydia Circle organized and put together our church history books. This was at Richard and Sylvia Boyce’s home. Notice Sylvia on the far right.



Richard Boyce (far right) helped to pack up the quilts that were sent to the Lutheran World Relief.

June 23rd Spring–Summer Property Cleanup Work Party

Now that we have replaced the roof, please join us in a general cleanup of our church property on Saturday June 23rd, beginning at 9:00 am. There are hedges to trim, and areas to spruce up. Please bring some of your garden tools and help us make Emmanuel Lutheran beautiful once again.

Join our VBS Caravan !

Get ready for the journey of a lifetime as our Vacation Bible School goes on an

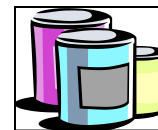
Amazing Desert Journey – Where Jesus Leads Us Home

When: August 13 –17 9:30 AM–12:30 AM



Our young desert travelers will explore the Bible to learn real accounts of salvation and connect these truths to their own lives through stories, memory verses, crafts and more. As a bonus, each day's activities connect to the key elements of the Lord's Prayer. The Gospel message will be presented through contrasting imagery of the desert landscape and the lush oasis. And, at the center of all the teachings is God's gracious gift of the Savior, Jesus Christ !

The children will also have the opportunity to participate in our mission project by bringing food each day to fill the baskets for our food pantry. The food collected will be used to help many people in our local community who lack the necessary resources to adequately feed their families. This is a wonderful way for children to learn that they can make a difference in the world.



There are many ways for you to join our caravan:

1. Pray daily for our Vacation Bible School and VBS staff and volunteers.
2. Volunteer to assist one of our fine site leaders—Storytelling, Bible Challenge, Crafts, Snacks, Games.
3. Volunteer as a general “behind-the-scenes” roamer helping where/as needed.
4. Registering children and directing them to appropriate groups.
5. Sponsoring a child's attendance (donating \$14 per child sponsoring, check made out to ELC and noted Vacation Bible School Sponsorship in the memo line.
6. Donating supplies and snack items (watch the church bulletins and the newsletter for lists of what is needed).

Make plans to bring your children, grandchildren and your neighbor's children ! You are invited too !
Pre-registration of your child(ren) is encouraged. Forms are available at the church or can be mailed to you by calling 360-373-1910 or emailing miki.t@comcast.net. You may also register online at www.elcbremerton.org .



For more information or to volunteer,
call Miki Turowski (director, 2012 VBS) at
360-710-5975 or email miki.t@comcast.net.



Annual Church Picnic Time

Emmanuel's Annual All-Church Picnic will be held at Lutherhaven the Sunday following the close of VBS (Aug. 19th). All are invited to join us (including the VBS children and their families. Last year we had a wonderful turn out. All that attended had a wonderful time. Extend the invitation to your families and friends. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Once again we will have a life-guard on duty so who ever would like to swim are able to. If you need transportation to and from Lutherhaven just let Pastor Tim and Glen know ahead of time. They will try and make arrangements. We can run a shuttle from the parking lot to the picnic grounds. The picnic will follow the worship service at the church.

What: Annual Church Picnic

Where: Lutherhaven (Wildcat Lake)

When: Sunday, August 19th

Following the Sunday Worship Service



Our Kitchen Plans to Get Re-organized You Can Help !!!!!

On Saturday, June 9th, Carol Reece and Miki Turowski hosted a wonderful kitchen shower. With increased use of our facilities each week and weekend, it became obvious that we needed to give the kitchen and fellowship hall a facelift. Our early plans are that there will be some new pictures, new organizers, and a thorough reorganization of the kitchen, the pantry and the storage room, so that we can easily find what we need. During the "Kitchen Shower" luncheon, plans were discussed and financial contributions were received to help in this reorganization project.

If you were unable to attend that's ok. It's not too late to contribute to their efforts. Also, if you are able to give of your time, let Carol or Miki know. This will be a work in progress over a period of time, but we can look forward to an organized and user friendly kitchen. Our kitchen is being used more and more, and our fellowship hall is getting more use for community projects and outreach. This is a good thing and we are grateful to be able to accommodate the needs of our church and our community.





June Birthdays

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

June Anniversaries

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

Note: If I have a date incorrect or have left your important date off of the calendar, please let me know. Sharie



Members serving in June

- Altar GuildCarolyn Cartwright
- ReaderGlen Adrig
- Sunday SchoolCarolyn Cartwright
- Mary Moen
- Judy Armstrong

Members serving in July

- Altar GuildDenise Williams
- Kneeda Williams
- ReaderMiki Turowski

Check us out at

<http://www.elcbremerton.org>

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

Just for laughs

“For those who speed on the highway—a few hymns

55 mphGod Will Take Care of You

75 mphNearer My God To Thee

85 mphThis World is Not My Home

95 mphLord, I’m Coming Home

100 mphPrecious Memories