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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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As a boy, my father insisted I work. I remember pushing the lawn mower when my head was little taller than the mower handle to mow our lawn which was over a quarter of an acre in size.

I remember my friends riding bikes on Saturday morning while I weeded in our large flower beds. I remember the guys meeting for coffee after school while I worked in the barn.

As a youth I resented my father's will. As a man I thank God for him and the life lessons I learned from him. He taught me how to work and the intrinsic value of work.

Jesus taught His disciple, "...when you pray...." and ".....when you fast..." and "when you give.." Jesus was teaching them, and us, the value of spiritual work. We call this work "spiritual discipline."

Lent is the season to practice spiritual discipline. The traditional disciplines are prayer, fasting, giving and meditation/ study. Here are others:

Observe the true Sabbath day each week

Read a chapter of the Bible each day

Join one of our weekly Bible studies

Keep a daily gratitude journal

Thank God every morning when you get up and again when you go to bed.

Say Grace at meals

Offer bed time prayers

Pray the Lord's Prayer each day

Spend a few minutes in silence, listening to the Lord each day

Volunteer in a church or community service project

Give gifts to a worthy ministry or mission

This Lenten season Jesus invites us at Emmanuel Lutheran Church to draw near to Him with a true heart. He has, by grace, drawn near to us. Through the use of a spiritual discipline we can more fully sense His sweet presence, listen to Him, and follow Him to the Cross of Calvary.

Pastor Tim

In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell phone

286-1090



NEWS FROM THE CHILDCARE CENTER

A large majority of the childcare staff attended the “Planting the Seeds” conference the last weekend of February. It was really good to meet with other individuals in the field of Early Learning and to see what they are doing in their own programs. Conferences like these also remind us why we are in this field of Early Childhood Education. It is always important for us to remember the AWESOME responsibility we have as Early Educators, we are helping to build a foundation for these young children’s future learning journey ... WOW !!!!! .. So AWESOME ! I know that I not only speak for myself but the rest of the staff as well when I say we all feel so blessed to be a part of these children’s lives.

What’s Happening in Our Sunday School ?

Sunday School is held on Sunday Mornings at 9:15 AM. All children are welcome to attend. The children enjoy singing some children’s choruses, working on some kind of craft and hearing Bible stories. This past month they learned lessons that reflect the points that Jesus made during the Sermon on the Mount. For instance, they learned about forgiving your enemies like Ananias when he forgave and helped Saul. Come by sometime and see what the children are learning. Anyone that has an interest in helping with our Sunday School program are encouraged to either ask Pastor Tim or his wife, Carolyn Cartwright.

Special thanks to our teachers this past month:

April Mills

Stephanie Johnson

Judy Armstrong

Here is what is going on this month:

March 31, 2011 we will be having a “Family Dinner Night and Talent Contest” from 6:30–8:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. The childcare staff will be providing a spaghetti dinner, beverages, green salad and dessert. Following our meal, we will have some of our childcare friends perform for us, however if any of the congregation would like to participate in the talent show please feel free. The children and staff are so looking forward to this night and I hope you all are able to attend.

This month in our preschool we will be working on the letters S, T, and U as well as the numbers 19, 20 and 21. We will also celebrate the season of Lent, discussing our Lord’s great love for us all.

God Bless !

Chelette Williams



All Members are invited to a
Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show

Hosted by the Childcare

It will be held on

Thursday, March 31st, in the church
fellowship hall

From 6:30–8:00 PM

President's Message

When you receive this newsletter, we will be very close to holding our annual meeting for the church. As a reminder, we will hold the meeting after church on March 20th. I promise to keep this as short and to the point as possible. Without an election of council members needed at this time, we will concentrate on just a few subjects like the reading of the last meeting's minutes, a Treasurer's report and budget proposal, a vote on an official call letter for Pastor Tim which needs to be placed into record at the synod office, a brief Daycare report, and some short remarks from me as to a vision for Emmanuel's future. I will bring up just a point or two of what I've been thinking about, and will also ask for your input to me and the church council. So, please think about what you would like to see happen with our church as we grow into the future, and feel free to express your ideas at the meeting. **We want and need your input.**

After the annual meeting, we will once again work on a Spring cleanup of our property prior to Easter. With that in mind, we would like to meet on Saturday April 2nd at 9:00 am. We'll clean up & trim the laurel hedge, check other outside plants for their needs, check out the parking lot, wipe down/treat the woodwork on the pews & furniture inside of the building and do a general spruce up of our facility. We would also like to possibly do some minor painting and cleanup of the fellowship hall entry area and doorway. So please join us for some work and some fellowship as we build towards the future. Who knows what may happen at lunchtime that daythere's even a rumor that the Council President and his lovely wife will be providing some pizza and soft drinks for the work party..... Now that can't be all that bad..... Can it?

We've come a long way in a short time and there seems to be a generally good feeling about where we are heading once again. I just can't tell you how happy I am to see us looking to the future as we grow together in our church and in the community. Emmanuel Lutheran is a special place and it's filled with special people such as you. Glen Adrig

On Sunday, March 6th, we recognized 8 outstanding members of our congregation. These 8 have reached the age of 90 or more. Five of the 8 were in attendance. We celebrated with cake, punch, singing, flowers and cards. (Thanks to Marilyn Boekenooen for making the lovely cards.) The members are the following: **Dollie Hage, Kay Kannitzer, Leona Michalels, Peter Strom, Lorraine Shield, Don Sibolt, Evelyn Stouffer, and Roger Van Dellen.**

*You are precious to us,
and you are precious to the Lord.*

Mark your calendars

Wednesdays March 16th, 23rd, 30th,
April 6th, and 13th—

5:30—Soup Suppers

6:20—Lenten Services

Sunday—March 20th—Annual Meeting

Following Sunday Service

Thursday—March 31st - 6:30 PM

Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show

Provided by Daycare/Congregation invited

Saturday—April 2nd—9:00 AM

Spring Cleanup (inside and outside)

Sunday—April 17th—10:00-Palm Sunday

Friday—April 22nd—6:30—Good Friday

Sunday—April 24th-8:30 AM-Easter Bkfst

10:00 AM - Easter Service

In Recognition of our 90+ Year Old Members



Kay Kannitzer

Kay Kannitzer is a very important part of Emmanuel. She joined Emmanuel in August of 1955. We see her faithfully every week at Sunday services. Kay has been active with Altar Guild and Sister Circle. She has taught VBS. Kay and her husband enjoyed golfing and fishing. She and her husband did a lot of travelling over the years. Their travels went from Norway (to visit family) to Australia to the Holy Lands and beyond. Back in 1966 -67 she and her family lived in Turkey. The "Six Day War" broke out when they were in Jerusalem. When Israel took control they were forced to leave. Kay has two children, a son, John and a daughter, Ann. Her granddaughter, Danielle, is 18 years old. We are so glad you are part of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and are a blessing to all of us.

Evelyn Stouffer is one of our honored members. She joined Emmanuel Lutheran in 1948. I am sure she has seen many changes over the years but she has continued to be faithful to Emmanuel and our Lord. She faithfully attends every Sunday and is one of our active members attending Wednesday night Bible study weekly. She worked in the East High School Cafeteria for 16 years after her children were out of school. Music has been an important part of her life not only here, at Emmanuel, but in the community. She sang in the church choir and the Sunshine Singers. She enjoyed performing at various functions in the community. She also taught Sunday School for many years. She has 2 sons, 3 granddaughters and 8 great-grandchildren.



Evelyn Stouffer



Don Sibolt

If you have been out driving in East Bremerton chances are you have seen our member **Don Sibolt**. Don faithfully walks to and from our Sunday services, as well as to various parts of town. We are so pleased to have Don as part of our congregation. Don was an accomplished architect who helped design and build many public and corporate buildings, homes, and churches. Some of his work was featured during the Seattle World's Fair of 1962. Don is too humble to let us tell you about them, so he will have to be the one to tell you what it was. Well done Don. We are so blessed to have you as part of our congregation.

Member Highlights



Roger Van Dellen

In case you didn't know it, **Roger Van Dellen**, is Pastor Tim's father-in-law. Roger and his lovely wife, Nell, moved here from Chicago 3 years ago. Their missionary work is quite extensive. They spent quite a bit of time in the Caribbean Islands working with 8 different projects restoring Christian radio to the residents. While they were in their 70's they were part of a Medical Group Missions assisting Doctors and Nurses in 3rd world countries. These countries included the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Jamaica, and three trips to Mexico. Then in their 80's they worked with the Denomination Disaster Relief Missions helping with disasters in our own country. Thank you for all you've done. We are so blessed to have you both here in our congregation. Both, Roger and Nell are a wonderful support to us and to Pastor Tim. They faithfully attend our Wednesday Night Bible Studies and church services every other week.

Dollie Hage is one of our special members reaching an age of 96 years a couple weeks ago. Did you know that Dollie was a beauty queen back in 1933? She reigned over the Fourth of July festivities. She won with over 100,000 votes. She was supposed to receive \$50 but she says she never saw the money. Her sponsor was the Bremerton Eagles. Dollie, in our eyes, you are still our queen. She has been a member of Emmanuel for many years. It is so wonderful to see your smiling face each week.



Dollie Hage



Leona Michaels has been a member of Emmanuel since 1959. She has been an active member for many years. Leona was a Sunday School Superintendant and served on the church council. She enjoyed quilting at the church and at home as her hobby. She was a Veteran serving in the Army. She actively recruited new members along with bringing young service people to the church on Sundays and feeding them at her residence.

Leona retired from Harrison Hospital and is a current resident at the Belmont Terrace Nursing Facility.

Her love for Emmanuel and the church members has never left her thoughts and prayers. She considers the members to be her extended family. She taught her children that believing in Christ and being a good church member would always give them a home..

March Birthdays

11Geri Sutherland

19 Diona Busby

March Anniversaries

18 ...Steve and Judy Armstrong

April Birthdays

5Richard Boyce

10 Carolyn Cartwright

10 Nell Van Dellen

12 Gail Campbell

15 Glen Adrig

17 Judy Armstrong

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 March

Altar Guild Jean Reed

Reader Carol Henning

Sunday School....Carolyn Cartwright

Sharie Adrig

Judith Dautenhahn

Members serving in April

Altar Guild Carol Henning

Sharie Adrig

Reader April Mills

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 call Sharie Adrig-377-2448

Openings at the Child-care Center !!

If you know anyone who needs childcare (hours are 5:30 AM-9:00 PM, Mon-Fri) call the Childcare office-373-0290. They also have openings for the Pre-Kindergarten program for 4-5 year olds , Mon, Wed. and Fri. 9AM-12 AM.