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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Secret Prayer Partners

“Did not our hearts burn within us..” said the two disciples who walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus after listening to Jesus’ words (Luke 24:32). They had been discouraged. Their hope that Jesus was the Messiah was dashed at His crucifixion, they returned home to Emmaus and the old life. Then Jesus appeared to them. Their hearts burned within as they listened to Him explain the Scriptures. And when His identity was revealed, their hope was renewed !

In this Easter Season we ,at Emmanuel Lutheran, will have the opportunity to support and encourage another person. **Secret Prayer Partners** is a six week ministry of encouragement which you may join. After registering you will be given the name of someone to encourage. You may or may not have someone who will encourage you; our focus is on giving support to another. Through daily prayer, weekly cards of encouragement and support, and perhaps a token gift, you can be used by God to lift and renew the spirit of one of God’s special people. Perhaps a heart will burn with renewed hope because of your prayers, kindness, support and encouragement. At the end of the program, on Sunday, June 19th,

you may reveal your identity to your Secret Prayer Partner. To join, fill out a registration card or call Pastor Tim (286-1090).



In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone
286-1090

Secret Prayer Partner Registration

I choose to serve God and support one of His precious people for the period of May 8th –June 19th, 2011

Each day of my prayers , each week with words of encouragement,* and perhaps a token gift.

Signature _____

*You may write notes, place them in the church mailbox or mail them. A gift may be placed on the narthex table with a name tag.

Easter Breakfast and Worship Service

We all enjoyed a delicious Easter Breakfast. There was a wonderful variety of food that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all of you that contributed food or drinks. The attendance at our worship service was outstanding. The assistance of our two acolytes, Lamont and Samantha, made it that much more special. Pastor Tim gave not only an inspiring Easter message, but also a special message for our many children that attended. I am sure it was a blessing to all that attended.



Teddy Mills enjoyed his Easter Breakfast and fellowship time.



Pastor Tim shared his inspirational Easter message with the children

Sunday School and Bible Study

All are welcome to attend Sunday School (both children and adults) at 9:15, and the Wednesday Night Bible Study (6:30).

Special Thanks to Judy for teaching our children for the month of April. Also, thanks to all of you that are helping. April and Stephanie will be teaching during the month of June.

Starting on Sunday, June 19th, we will be taking a Summer recess from Children and Adult Sunday School as well as Wednesday night Bible Study. We will resume in the Fall.

News from the Childcare Center

We are proud to inform you that we will hold our Pre-Kindergarten Graduation on Tuesday, May 31st. This year we have ten children graduating and moving on to Kindergarten in the Fall. Although we will be sad to see them leave, we are so happy and feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to prepare these children for their academic future. Following the graduation ceremony, we will have a cake reception. All are welcome to join in the celebration. So, if you are in the area please stop by.

This month we have two field trips planned for our preschool-aged children. The first is scheduled for May 18th. The children will be going to the "Island Favors" store located in the Perry Avenue Mall. While at the store, the children will talk to the store owner who is of Filipino descent. He will speak to the children about the various Island cultures and share with the children samples of different treats from the Islands. Our second field trip for the month will be to the Bremerton Boardwalk. While there, the children will have a snack and make Chinese Lanterns.

We will also have our monthly Literacy Night on May 26th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. During the hour we will enjoy books about Hawaii and make fun collages of the ocean, and for snack we will have homemade coconut pudding! So as you can see we have a very busy month planned. Thank You again to the congregation for all of your support, without you the childcare mission would not be possible.

Thank You! Chelette Williams, Director

President's Message

Good things are happening at Emmanuel! On Thursday night, April 28th, I was able to attend the board meeting of Lutherhaven. With a goal of reestablishing some of our past affiliations, and with the Church Council's blessing, I presented a request from Emmanuel to re-join Lutherhaven as a member church. Our request was met with both joy and resounding approval. If you are not already aware of this, Emmanuel was one of the original founding member churches of Olympic-Lutherhaven, and has a rich history there. We once again have access to the lake, the canoes, rowboats and sailboats, as well as to the cabins, picnic grounds, playground and swimming areas at the beautiful Wildcat Lake location. Our two board members from Emmanuel are Stephanie Johnson (a former camper and counselor there) and Chelette Williams, our Daycare Director. I will let them provide you with further information concerning Lutherhaven as we reestablish our ties there. For a more in-depth look into what is available at Olympic-Lutherhaven and directions to the facility, I urge you to visit their website at www.olympiclutherhaven.org

To further enhance your worship experience at Emmanuel, we are in the process of purchasing a set of communion rail kneeler cushions. With the help of Altar Guild and members of the congregation, we have chosen the color and fabric, and hope to have them in-place and available for use within the next few weeks. We hope that this will make communion each week more comfortable for everyone. **Glen Adrig - Council President**

A Rich History of 65 years Chapter Two

Pastor Knute W.D. Lee took an active role in building the original church edifice. Pastor Lee gave the Christmas message of 1948 in a unfinished sanctuary. After just two short years (January 1948) the “Manette” Lutheran Church (currently Emmanuel) was able to go self-supporting. In other words they had been relying on aid from the Mission Board. They had a membership of 150 and the Sunday School had an enrollment of 140. On October 1948 Rev. and Mrs. Lee were able to move into the church parsonage. The church held a “pound party,” for the pastor and his wife. “Many gifts of canned goods, staples and other useful food items were received by the pastor and his wife. (I am not sure what a pound party is? Can anyone enlighten me on this?)

A dedication service was held on June 5, 1949. The congregation sang the two old familiar hymns, “Holy, Holy, Holy” and “The Church’s One Foundation. “

By March 1949, the church had an active choir and a junior choir. On April 30 1950 a group of 150 choral members from local Lutheran Churches gathered and performed for the community.

By May 1951, Pastor Lee and his family left. On August 1951, the new Pastor, Rev. Glenn Bragstad and his family arrived from Oswego, Oregon.

Choir in the 1950's

Do you recognize the lovely woman in the front row, second from the left? That's our very own Evelyn Stouffer. She still has a sweet singing voice.



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In 1952 the church added 57 members. The emphasis for the year was **Prayer**. The Bible studies were centered around the book of Acts. A Charity group was formed. Donations were made to various organizations; \$5 to an Orphanage, warm clothing to the Lutheran World Action Relief, and several other missions. A Mother's Club was formed to study children's spiritual problems.

In the early stages the **Altar Guild** was an informal group, but by 1953 the membership had increased so much, that a more formal group was formed. One of the members of this formal Altar Guild was **Marilyn Boekenooogen's mother-in-law**. In January 1953 a **Sewing Guild** was formed. The purpose of the Sewing Guild was to work on Paraments and Fair Linen. The church was in desperate need of linens at this point. One of the names you may recognize on the list was **Eveyln Stouffer**. Evelyn tells me that the Sewing guild would work on the linens and Paraments in the area where our Children's Sunday School currently meets. This was the kitchen. She tells me that she worked on the purple paraments that hung from the lectern and pulpit during Lent. She told me that the sheep were made with French Knots (for any of you that are familiar with embroidery.) Back in 1953 the cost and value of the Paraments and Fair linen was \$500.00. In 1953 that was considered quite expensive. The silk used was given in memory of a Marine.

In 1953 Manette Lutheran changed it's name to Emmanuel Lutheran. This decision was made at an annual meeting by the congregation. The "change in the name was adopted to avoid confusion with the neighboring church. **God with us, as the name implies, serves to constantly remind us we cannot fail if He is asked to guide and direct in every way.**" During the year (1953) Pastor Bragsted left and Pastor Stanley Gunsten arrived. During this time of change the church went through a reorganization. The emphasis for the year was on "Box work?, charities, Christian nurture and higher education. "



**Sunday School Class in
1952**

**If you know anyone here,
and can provide us with a
name(s) please contact
Sharie !**

Memories



Gail Campbell , as a young child, moved to Bremerton in 1945 At that time the church was meeting in the Sheridan Park Community center and had a large attendance. Gail’s family had to ride the bus from their home in View Ridge to attend services. To begin with, the services were held in the lounge but it became too crowded and was moved to the Gymnasium. On the special holidays (Easter and Christmas) the Gymnasium was completely packed.

“Pastor Lee was a very popular pastor at Emmanuel. First of all, probably because he was a genuine Naval Hero, and was featured on the then-popular TV show “Victory at Sea.” Secondly, he also directed the band class at George Dewey Junior High across Perry Ave. (It stood where the current Mountain View Middle School stands today.) I was not a member of the band, but enjoyed hearing so many comments from the band members about Pastor Lee. Apparently, on rainy days he would come in to direct the band, which he proceeded to do dressed in his raincoat, hat and galoshes! “ - Gail

Her highlight (as a child) was attending “Luther League” on Thursdays late in the afternoons after school. She said that at that time, they went to school in shifts. Luther League was aimed at older children and the young teenagers, and was very popular. Some of Gail’s lifetime friends came from Luther League. Activities at Luther League included singing, guest speakers, Bible Study and field trips (to Sol Duc Hot Springs, PLU). Gail remembers attending services at the Quonset Hut and the first church and present church. The Campbell’s daughters, Linda and Robyn were baptized and confirmed at Emmanuel.

Thanks Gail and Loyal, for your dedication to Emmanuel Lutheran and our Lord.

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.

Just for a laugh!!!

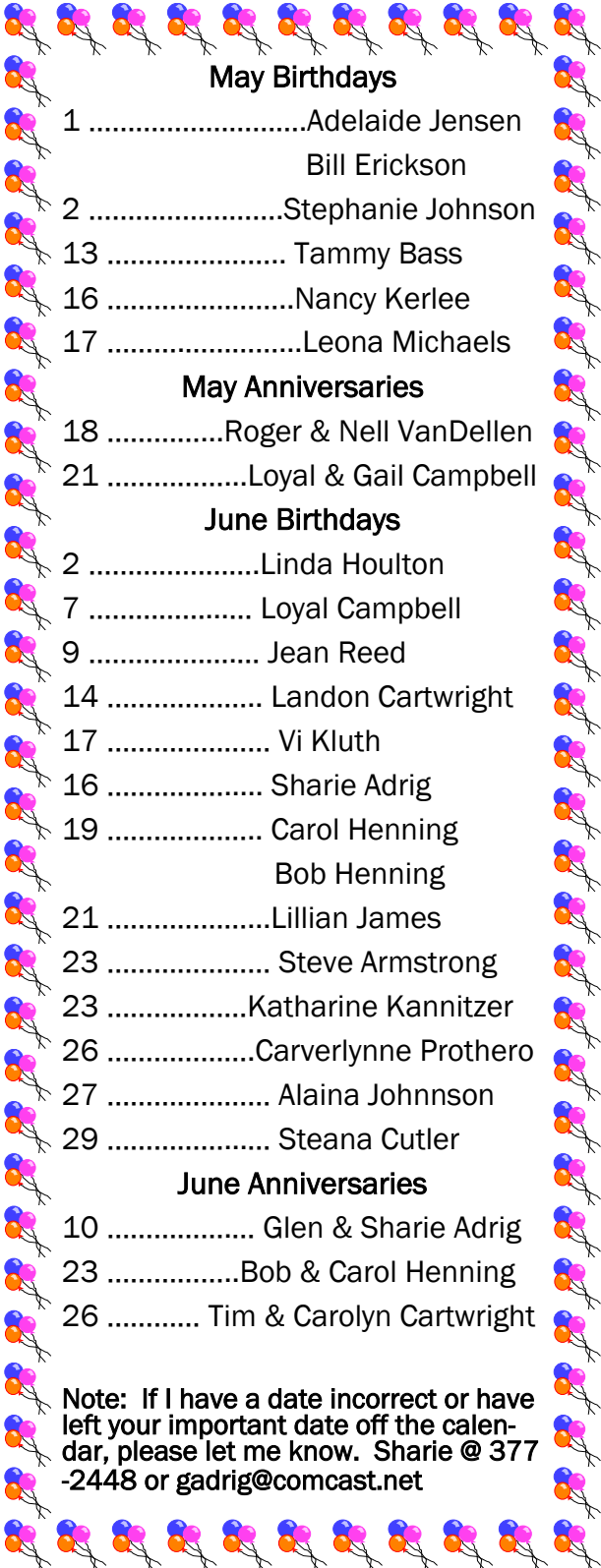
These are “Bloopers” that actually appeared in Church Bulletins.

“The sermon this morning: ‘Jesus Walks on the Water.’ The sermon tonight; ‘Searching for Jesus.’”

“Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.”

Check us out at

<http://www.elcbremerton.org>



May Birthdays	
1	Adelaide Jensen Bill Erickson
2	Stephanie Johnson
13	Tammy Bass
16	Nancy Kerlee
17	Leona Michaels
May Anniversaries	
18	Roger & Nell VanDellen
21	Loyal & Gail Campbell
June Birthdays	
2	Linda Houlton
7	Loyal Campbell
9	Jean Reed
14	Landon Cartwright
17	Vi Kluth
16	Sharie Adrig
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

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 May

Altar Guild Jean Reed
 Reader Tim Cartwright Jr.
 Sunday School Teacher.....Judy Armstrong

Members serving in June

Altar GuildCarolyn Cartwright
 Gladys Willis
 ReaderCarolyn Cartwright
 Sunday School Teacher.....April Mills
 Stephanie Johnson

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*