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PASTOR'S MESSAGE - IN GOD'S HANDS

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In our hands a baseball bat produces little, but in the hands of a star baseball player like MVP Albert Pujols, a bat is worth millions of dollars producing hits and runs. In our hands a golf club is peacefully enjoyed in an outdoor recreational setting. In the hands of professional players, like Tiger Woods, the golf club produces millions of dollars of contest winning revenue.

In our hands a walking staff might support us as we meander up a hill or down a trail. In the hands of Moses a staff was used to split the waters of the Red Sea so God's people could escape their enemies on dry ground. (Exodus 14)

In our hands a sling shot might fling a rock wildly through the air. In the hands of a shepherd named David a sling shot slew a mighty giant of a foe.(I Samuel 17)

In our hands two nails might affix two boards together. In Jesus' hands two nails were used by God to redeem a lost and fallen world.

You are in God's hands; **you** have been engraved into God's hands. (Isaiah 49:16) In Christ's crucifixion and resurrection He has laid claim to **you** and by faith **we** lay hold of His promises.

Because we are in God's hands we can do His work here on earth. This month we complete our fiscal year at Emmanuel and in this past year we have fed and clothed people, we have provided furnishing and financial assistance to people. We have shared the Good News of what God has done for us through our support (10% of our income) to the AALC and through additional financial and prayer support of our missionary, Marion Hungerford. We have proclaimed and taught the Word of God through our preaching and teaching ministry, especially reaching out through our Vacation Bible School (see the Annual Report of the President for a more complete recital of our outreach and caring programs.

Outside of the church gathering we also declare that we are in God's hands and can be used by Him. We show respect for how precious other people are by our actions, even little actions such as holding open a door for someone else to enter a building or car, which declares, "You are special to God." We administer love by a caring touch and an encouraging word to someone who is hurting. We support precious people in God's world by our personal and corporate prayers.

These may seem like small things, but remember, we are in God's hands. In God's hands great things happen, lives are changed, ordinary people do extraordinary things.

You are in God's hands. Expect great things to happen to **you** and at **God's Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church.**

Pastor Tim



In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone
286-1090

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**. This year's VBS will be held Aug 13–17, 9:30 am –12:30 pm.

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 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.

Make plans to bring your children, grandchildren and your neighbor's children ! And you are invited too ! 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 five site leaders—Storytelling, Bible Challenge, Crafts, Snacks, Games.
3. Volunteer as a general “behind-the scenes” roamer helping where/as needed (errand running, assisting the Director, set-up/clean -up, etc.)
4. Registering children and directing them to appropriate groups.
5. Sponsoring a child's attendance (donating \$14 per child sponsoring, check made our to Emmanuel Lutheran Church” 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)

And, back by popular demand, Emmanuel's Annual All-Church Picnic will be held at Lutherhaven the Sunday following the close of VBS (Aug.19). All of the VBS children and their families are invited to joins us.

So, don't miss the Caravan ! For more information or to volunteer, call me at 360-710-5975 or email miki.t@comcast.net.

Your partner in ministry,

Miki Turowski

Director, 2012 Vacation Bible School



News from the Childcare

We are excited !This month our Pre-kindergarten class will have their graduation ceremony !
The ceremony will be held on May 31st at 10:00 am in the childcare center’s big room.
A reception will follow the graduation ceremony. All are welcome to attend !

This years graduating class will include:

- Miss Pheobe Bemis
- Mr. Antonio Castorena
- Miss Ashley Debriac
- Mr. Daniel Gutierrez
- Mr. Jake Haynes
- Miss Jenya Kelley
- Miss Zaidon McKee
- Mr. Dylan Williams

Congratulations Emmanuel
Lutheran Childcare Center
Class of 2012 !!



During the months of March and April, the childcare experienced a loss of several families, due to parents being laid off, reduction of work hours, as well as the loss of state funding.

Fortunately in the last couple of weeks we have enrolled several new families, with a majority of them state subsidized. Thank goodness we are able to provide care for these children, when many other Childcare Centers in our community are unable to.

As we head into summer, we look forward to many fun activities for the children in our care. Such as field trips for our school age children to the movies, skating, the Seattle Aquarium, Kid’s day with the Mariners just to name a few. We will also have fun field trips planned for our preschool friends, such as trips to the Bremerton waterfront, the Naval Museum, local cultural grocery markets and the pet store.

Perhaps the biggest event of our summer program will be participating in Vacation Bible School. We have shared a little information about VBS with the children in our program and they seem to be very excited. The staff is also looking forward to VBS as well. And this year I promise not to catch the lunch on fire.....lol.....

God Bless !

Chelette A. Williams
Director

Don’t forget that Emmanuel offers opportunities to study your Bible.

For Adults: Sunday 9:00 AM —Galatians

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:30 PM

For Children: Sunday School 9:00 AM



A Rich History of 66 years Chapter nine

The year, 1976, was a year of renewal for Emmanuel. Many of you remember Pastor Robert Peterson. As he states in his annual report that year, "I would entitle much of our year under the caption: anticipation and growth." The interim of over a year without an associate meant a curtailment of much of our youth work." This was the year that the church was able to add an associate pastor. He came from North Dakota. He was Pastor Leslie Foss. Shortly after his arrival "the youth work had begun anew." 1976 was the year that the new Bethel Series Teacher's Course (a two-year program) was started. Several of our current members attended this class. One was Judy Armstrong, who states how much she loved this series. Helen Allen was also a participant of the Bethel Bible Series. Pastor Peterson's words then fit our current mission, "We must endeavor to share our faith with others. We are not a mutual-admiration society. We are not merely passive hearers and observers in a club. Thankful to God for the past, we are to reach out as His ambassadors. He has blessed us so richly; we are to share our blessings in Christ with others. Let us look forward to becoming a more faithful church in the coming year. This will indeed be a further evidence of the genuineness of our love."

During 1976, Marilyn Boekenoogen along with Karl Kannitzer (Kaye's husband) served as the representatives for Lutherhaven. Evelyn Stouffer (and her husband, Lewis) donated paint to paint the exterior of the parsonage. The parsonage was given a face lift that year. In addition to a new coat of paint on the exterior the interior was re-painted also. New carpet was installed along with a new oil tank. Storm windows were added and a new garage door was installed. The new associate Pastor Foss and his family were able to move in.

New shelving and carpet were installed in the associate pastor's office (not sure which office this was). Dripping water lines were wrapped in the basement. This was the year that the church tower was removed. If you look at the old pictures of the church you will see that there was once a tower in front. Apparently the wood was rotting. "The seams in south wall were sealed and the roof re-tarred in the tower area to stop the leaking roof, but the bad news is that the roof still leaks." "There are many things to be accomplished, such as: re-design or repair the church roofs, replace the old tower with something appropriate and re-stripe the parking lot and repair and remodel the rest rooms. "- Allen L. Christensen, Chairman of Property and Management committee. (Praise God that this year, the roof was replaced and **it doesn't leak**. This past year the parking lot was re-striped again by Glen Adrig. Plans are in the process to remodel one of our bathroom and make it wheelchair/handicapped accessible).

During 1975, without an associate pastor there wasn't a Luther league for their youth. With the arrival of Pastor Foss in 1976, the Leagues were once again organized and going again. This was an answer to prayers for the Board of Parish Education, Council, and the entire congregation. Evelyn Stouffer and Marilyn Boekenoogen were members of the Parish Education Board.

Apparently 1976 was a year of challenges for the Stewardship Committee. During this year the idea of serving homemade bread for communion was established. Thanks to Jean Reed, this tradition has continued. The Altar Guild consisted of 15 active members (we currently have 8 members). The altar guild sewed two new fair linens and Carol Henning embroidered the crosses on the fair linen and 6 new purificators. Carol is still doing this for the church. Thanks to Carol for your dedication. For 1976, our former member Geri Sutherland (who currently lives in Colorado) was the out-going president and Carol Henning was the in-coming president. Carol still serves on Altar Guild.

A Rich History of 66 years Chapter nine

Back in 1976 the five Women’s Groups (Sister Circle, Joy Circle, Rebekah Circle, Lydia Circle and Esther Circle) continue to be strong. In addition to the many service projects they worked on around the church, they contributed dollars to various missionary funds, the food bank, and the Lutheran Bible Institute. The president of the Women’s mission group was Leona Michaels. Leona is one of our 90+ year olds. Currently Leona is not able to attend church because of health limitations but her heart is definitely with us. Leona’s daughter is our own Mary Moen.

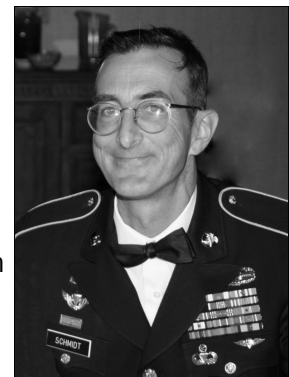
Our church was a very active part of Lutherhaven. Our member, Marilyn Boekenoogen served on the Lutherhaven board as Emmanuel’s representative and their secretary. In May of 1976 the final payment was paid on the loan for Lutherhaven. The local churches owned Lutherhaven, debt free. There were several projects completed this year. They included: 1. The construction and installation of a new swimming raft for the camp. 2. The purchase and installation of a merry-go-round in the picnic area. 3. A survey was made of the property and corner markers were placed on the boundaries. 4. A fire escape from the upper floor of the lodge was constructed. 5. Improvements have been made to the women’s restrooms. There were many church camps held during the summer. The Luther Leagues gathered there on Wednesday nights through the summer.

Back in 1976 Emmanuel had active participation with their food bank. Emmanuel work together in cooperation with Holy Trinity Parish and Catholic Youth Organization; by St. Luke’s Methodist Church and by individuals in the community to feed the needy in the community. When the food is distributed it was done cooperatively with Pastor Peterson, Pastor Foss, Kitsap Community Action and Public Assistance. There were three different ways that church could help supply the food bank. 1. Once a month was Sharing Sunday; on the first Sunday of the month you could bring groceries or cash and place in the fellowship hall. 2. Once a year there was a “tithing made visual.” You were given that special opportunity to bring 10 items. Members would place 1 item on God’s tenth table and the other 9 items on our nine-tenths table. Today our “tithing made visual” tradition is still something that we currently do every holiday season. 3. At Thanksgiving the church would let the congregation know of special needs; a growing way to celebrate a holiday is to stretch and share with our neighbors.

“The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.” -Job 1:29

On April 4, 2012, Emmanuel lost

another former member. Sergeant First Class Steven William Schmidt, United States Army Retired, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Yuma, Arizona. Steven grew up at Emmanuel. He was born September 3, 1962. He graduated from Bremerton High School in 1980. During his years of service he was a paratrooper, parachute rigger and jumpmaster. His military years took him to many parts of the world. (including three tours in Afghanistan and time spent in Germany.) Survivors include his wife, Trish, and her daughter, Betsy of Arizona. His three sisters are Mary (of Woodlands, Texas), Sandra (of Port Townsend, WA) and Nancy (of Elma, WA). His brother is Robert (of Salem OR). His dear mother, Rose, is a beloved member of Emmanuel.



The photo and information was taken from the obituary that appeared in the Kitsap Sun.

History is Being Made at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Close to one year ago, Emmanuel Lutheran took a leap of faith and decided to pledge money towards the purchase of a new roof. Our church roof has leaked for years. (According to some of our long-time members it has leaked almost since day one). The task seemed overwhelming but we knew with help of our Lord that we could do it. In March we hired the contractor and Pastor Tim said it would be nice to see it completed by Easter. We all felt that probably wouldn't happen. But, guess what? By the grace of God, it was completed. It is beautiful and it doesn't leak (the contractor guarantees). The best part about this is we are debt-free! Thank you to all of the members whether you were able to support this endeavor financially and/or with prayer you are to be commended.



The task was completed in less than two weeks. Just in time for Easter. Praise God !

New Leaders at Emmanuel

Elections were held at our Annual Meeting on April 22nd. At that time Glen Adrig was re-elected as our council president and Tim Cartwright Jr. was also re-elected as our vice-president. We elected 3 new members to serve on the council. They are Gail Campbell, DeWayne Kalista, and Carl Knight. Two members are retiring, they are Richard Boyce and Jim Tewksbury. We thank these two men for their dedication over the years. They are special to us and the Lord. Other current council members include Secretary, Jay Johnson, Treasurer, Judy Armstrong, Steve Armstrong and Sharie Adrig. Our continuing Financial Secretaries are Kim Bjornemo and Dolly Williams. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Carl Knight will be representing Emmanuel on the Lutherhaven board and Matt Mills and Pastor Tim Cartwright will serve as our Corporate Delegates to the Martha Mary Corporation. We pray for a successful year and thank all for your service.



Gail Campbell



DeWayne Kalista



Carl Knight



Matt Mills

A Personal Testimony

“The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well, the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” —James 5:15-16

Praise be to God, the giver and protector of life !! Thank you Emmanuel family for your prayers for my family member during worship on Sunday morning (4/29). That very afternoon he was able to go home from the hospital! What an immediate and powerful witness to God’s faithfulness to His children who turn to Him for their help. The Lord has indeed been so gracious to me and blessed me mightily when He led me back home to Emmanuel. Who knew that would take a death and memorial service (dear Fran Tewksbury) to lead me back to a vibrant spiritual life! Of course, Jesus, Himself, is the supreme example of this truth. The Lord is risen indeed!

Miki Turowski



The Crutch Team

Sharie Adrig and Lamonte James raise their crutches in victory. Sharie broke her ankle on March 14th and Lamonte sprained his ankle last week. Both are on the road to recovery. Thank you to all for your prayers and support.

A Recent Update from our Missionary, Marian Hungerford

Each month we financially support Marian. Continually we support her in prayer. Marian has been teaching in England for the past 3 weeks. She has been teaching from the book of Acts. She spent Easter in England. She attended a very traditional Anglican church on the Thames River. After the worship service she spent time with the congregation during what we would call our coffee hour. At that time she had the pleasure of meeting a young English family. She spent part of Easter in this family’s home. What a wonderful way to learn the culture. She ate her Easter dinner in a very traditional English pub.

She was able to worship again at a different cathedral and learned that Queen Elizabeth would be attending services later. What a thrill. They were able to see Stonehenge.

As you are reading this I suspect that Marian is on her way back to the US. She will be taking a much needed furlough in Oregon.

Each week you are invited to support Marian in her ministry in Cameroun. She is part of the Wycliffe Bible Translators. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Marian.



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 medical practices; 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.

President’s Message

I would like to take a moment to thank you for having the confidence in me to be re-elected as the President of Emmanuel Lutheran for yet another year. And to that end, I’d like to say that it would not have been possible to accomplish all that we did during the last year, without the guidance and support of all of your elected council members, Tim Cartwright Jr, Jay Johnson, Judy and Steve Armstrong, Richard Boyce, Sharie Adrig, and Jim Tewksbury. As Jim and Richard transition into becoming past council members, we look forward to welcoming our three newly elected members Gail Campbell, Carl Knight, and DeWayne Kalista. You have placed your trust in them, and I am looking forward to working with them to take us to a new level at Emmanuel. Yet to be accomplished is the completion of the sanctuary gutters, modifications which will allow handicapped access to the Fellowship Hall bathroom, some window repairs and painting, and general upkeep of the church grounds (keep lawn areas mowed, trim the hedges and shrubbery, etc). If you would like to help us out, contact me and we’ll see what we can do towards that end.

As your elected President, I had the privilege of overseeing the sanctuary re-roofing project during the last weeks of March. With only one required change-order to the project, it was completed in a very timely and professional manner. Our new roof is guaranteed to withstand 130 mph wind gusts and comes with a great guarantee/warranty which will keep us warm and dry for years to come. I would like to thank everyone for their dedicated financial support for our roof replacement. We were able to pay for this expensive project without incurring any debt-load for our church, and yet remain financially stable for the future. Thanks again to all of you for making Emmanuel Lutheran a loving and welcoming place for our community,..... you are all very special. And of course we would all like to thank Pastor Tim for his continued relevant teaching, and for his guidance and his leadership style which will lead us into the future.

Yours in Christ, Glen Adrig

May Birthdays

- 1Adelaide Jensen
- 1Bill Erickson
- 2Stephanie Johnson
- 13.....Tammy Bass
- 17.....Joanne Allen

May Anniversaries

- 6.....DeWayne & Laura Kalista
- 18Roger & Nel Van Dellen
- 21Gail & Loyal Campbell

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
- 27Alaina 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 @ 377-2448 or gadrig@comcast.net

Members serving in May

- Altar GuildLaura Kalista
- ReaderCarolyn Cartwright
- Sunday SchoolCarolyn Cartwright
- Mary Moen
- Judy Armstrong

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- Altar GuildCarolyn Cartwright
- ReaderGlen Adrig
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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