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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Mother's Day

Mother's Day at Emmanuel is a special time to declare to our Mothers our deep appreciation for who they are and for the work they do nurturing our children and our grandchildren. We will have a special blessing for our Mothers (and all our women), and we will give each one a beautiful Mother's Day Carnation in honor of Motherhood.

The heart of a Mother, her sacrificial love for her children, comes from the heart of God. In Matthew 23:37 Jesus speaks over God's people, that is His children, saying "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem ... how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings...." This cry expresses God's care for His children, a care that He puts into practice in the precious gift of Mothers. I have beheld in my wife, the Mother of our children, a willingness to sacrifice her life, that is her comforts and pleasures, to insure the well-being of our children. When our youngest son was gravely ill, she sat, unwavering, by his side in the hospital until he was safe. When another son was tempted by friends to try drugs, she took him out of school and home schooled him through high school to protect him from that influence. You probably have stories of self-sacrifice too. Mother's Day is a time to go to your Mother and thank her for who she is and for what she has done. Mother's Day is a day to recount stories of her self-sacrifice for the well-being of her children and grandchildren. Make a point of doing this this year if you Mother is still living. If your Mother is in glory, then share your thankfulness with another Mother who perhaps has no one to remember and honor her. This month we honor our Mothers. In them the love of God is revealed by the nurturing care they give to the next generation. Well done, Mothers.



Pastor Tim Cartwright

In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
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The men in our congregation are hosting coffee hour on Mother's day. This was one of our teenage members (Lamont James) that thought of this. I know that the women are pretty excited about this. Thanks to Lamont for this great idea. Thanks to all our men for hosting this !



Childcare Center Update

The theme for this month in the Childcare Center is “Cultural Diversity”. The first week they recognized Mother’s Day. On May 10th the little friends are hosting a **“Muffins with Mom”** party at 10 am. They will have cards and special gifts for their moms. Week two the children will be learning about neighbors to the south, Mexico. Week three they are learning about the continent, Asia. The Pacific Islands will be covered the fourth week. During week five they are learning about Africa.



On Friday, May 3rd, the School Age children went on a walking field trip to Mt. View Middle School for an outdoor Art class. They also had the opportunity to enjoy large motor activities. The Pre-school and Pre-kindergarteners will be going on a Nature Walk on Friday, May 24th at 10:30.

The monthly Literacy Night will be held on Tuesday, May 21st from 5:30–6:30 pm. There will be fun activities for the children and their families. The letters they are studying this month are Y and Z. The number is 25 and they will review 1–10. The colors they are working on are gold, silver and copper. And the shape of the month is square.

The last day for the pre-school class will be May 30th. On Friday, May 31st at 10:00 am there will be a Pre-Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony. It will be held downstairs in the center. There will be a cake reception following the ceremony.

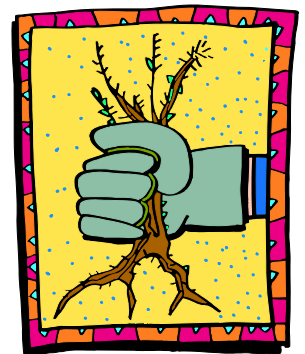


A special thank you to Carverlynn and her staff for a job well done. We have a wonderful childcare center and this would not happen with out our wonderful staff.

You can help clean up our parking lot but not do the work !

How can you do that?

Carol Reece would like to clean up the weeds in the parking lot but do it the “green” way. You can help. All it takes is donating a bottle of white vinegar. Carol would really appreciate your help. Please bring your bottle of white vinegar and we all reap the benefits of a weed-free parking lot.



Our Dresser Ministry Continues

We have a new dresser in our fellowship hall just sitting there ready to be filled. This is going to the pregnancy center. Use your imagination ! Any of us that have had a baby know all that a baby needs.

You Can Help !



We are starting to plan for our annual VBS !

The VBS staff is beginning their preparations for this summer's VBS. This year is going to be a "Western Theme." There are still plenty of opportunities to be a part of this staff. It is a very important ministry in our church to share God's message with the children in our daycare and community. Not only that, but is a lot of fun. If you are interested in becoming a part of this wonderful ministry contact our VBS Director, Miki Turowski. VBS will run from August 12th—the 16th. If you are unable to come and help during that time you will be given the opportunity to support it with monetary donations and/or supplies needed. More information will be given later.

Mark your Calendar August 18th !!!!!



AUGUST

When you are planning your summer activities this year don't forget to mark our Annual Church Picnic on your calendar . It will be held on Sunday, August 18th at Lutherhaven following our Worship service. It's always fun getting together with our friends, family and members.

A Rich History of 66 years Chapter fourteen

Many of you may recall a service held on January 31, 1988. What made this service different from the others? It was titled, "A Bootstrap Mud Sunday" Worship Service. Why would this service have such a title? The church and Sunday school were in the process of completing a special project. They were building a classroom in Tanzania, Africa. The goal of the service was to help the congregation identify with the poor of the world. "The service of the worship will include the making of bricks, symbolizing the struggle against poverty, disease and ignorance in Africa." taken from The Bremerton Sun, February 1988. The worship service was divided into sections, some of these included "The Word of Creation," "The Dust," "The Creation," "The Joining of Earth and Water," and "The Making of Bricks." The service even included singing several African Worship Songs. Following this service it is interesting to note that our member, Leona Michaels, was in charge of the coffee hour. Other activities that week included a Youth Game night at the Ficca's home.

The beginning of 1988 marked a new direction for Emmanuel. Emmanuel left The American Lutheran Church Synod" and affiliated itself with the new "Evangelical Lutheran Church in America." Isn't interesting how we have come full circle with our current affiliation with the American Association of Lutheran Churches again. During the 1987 -1988 era our Christian Pre-School was started. Sheri Gratz was the teacher. Cindy Christensen was hired as a part-time youth worker. Rebecca Bauer oversaw the Childcare. The fall semester started out with 5 three year olds and 14 four year olds. (This is a ministry and we can thank Chelette and Carverlynn for continuing.) The Bible study- "Search" was continued. Spoken by the words of Pastor Peterson," We labor on the Lord's work. This congregation has a role to play in God's kingdom. In many respects we can be the congregation we desire with our prayers, our participation and our contributions. May the Spirit of Christ move and guide us in 1988 that we may become a more faithful church."

Emmanuel's Mission Statement of 1988

Emmanuel Lutheran Church was established forty years ago providing a place for God's word in the community.

Our mission is to reach out without and within our congregation, bearing witness, through the grace of God's love for all, regardless of race, color, or national origin.

We wish to accomplish this by: offering Christian assistance and fellowship that satisfies the needs of entire families at all stages of life- children, parents, singles, and elderly. To develop greater unity, fellowship, and cooperation in the congregation.

To continue and develop programs for visual awareness in the community; such as food banks, visits to the sick and shut-ins, bus rides for children and elderly, films for public viewing, tapes for the public, youth activities, and programs for the elderly.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will, through prayer, prepare, promote, and publish the Love of God.

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Leona Michaels served as Council President during this time. She stated, "I hesitate to single out any one thing as more important than another, firmly believing that all things great or small that are done for the Glory of God is important in His sight. Like a pebble dropped in the water He alone can know the outreach of the ripples. May we continue in His service, by never complaining of a half empty cup, but praising God that in His mercy we have one half full."

The chairman for the Property and Management board was our ever faithful, Richard Boyce. In 1987 the committee focused on the exterior of the church. In 1988 some of the goals were repair of windows (this must be an on-going goal), floor repairs, foundation repairs installation of fans and lights in the sanctuary, installation of lights in the upstairs rooms, and roof repairs. (No wonder Richard was so excited when we replaced the roof.)

Our dear Sylvia Boyce served as the chairperson for the Stewardship committee. They had a harvest dinner in fall with emphasis on Stewardship. The theme was "Lord teach us to give." Let it be noted that the guest speaker for this occasion was Pastor Steve Morrison from Family of God Lutheran. (Pastor Steve was very close to many of us and went to be with the Lord just weeks ago.) At that time he was recently appointed as the finance chairman for the new synod. His topic was "Why Do We give?" and "to Whom?" Sylvia was assisted by other committee members, Joan Bauer and Luella Lofthus. Not only did Sylvia chair the Stewardship committee but she also was the secretary for the Altar Guild. The Green paraments that we use today were purchased in 1988.



Pastor Bob Peterson with the new green paraments given as a memorial for former member, Ed Blaske

During this time our Carol Henning served on the Worship and Music board. Also, our long time member, Evelyn Stouffer, assisted with selecting hymns for the worship services. Eloise Pudas (Bonnie Mace's mom, Mollie Erickson's grandmother) was in chairperson for the Parish Education board. She sounds like she worked very hard to keep the Sunday School going. Marilyn Hansen served as Sunday School Superintendent. With the use of the church van many children were able to receive Christian education that might not have been able to get there on their own. In spite of the Confirmation class being small it did continue, also, VBS continued with small numbers. (Thanks to Miki and staff this ministry is growing again.) The annual Christmas program continues to be an important ministry in our church. (Thanks to Judy and Carverlynn). Eloise stated, "afterward the children were given a little token of thanks with a bag of goodies." Even though Eloise is with our Lord, I know that she would be smiling knowing that this tradition is continuing.



The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away..... It pleases the Lord

Nelliejean Rudenga VanDellen was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 10 1922, the oldest of five siblings. Her parents were the children of Dutch immigrants, but English was spoken in their home, and was spoken in their church from the time she was a young girl.

Nell attended Englewood Christian School and Chicago Christian High School. She graduated in 1939. She worked for an insurance company in downtown Chicago.

Nell met her future husband, Roger, as a small child in the church nursery. They also went to school together. Roger was a year ahead of her. When they were in high school Roger played basketball and Nell was the cheerleader !

Roger and Nell were engaged in 1942, and planned to be married that year. However, her father suddenly died of a heart attack, and Nell felt burdened to continue working and help her mother support the younger children. They eventually married on May 18, 1945. Roger had poor eyesight, but served in the U.S. Army. He was stationed at Percy Jones Hospital for Amputees in Battle Creek, Michigan. Nell joined him there after their wedding.

After the war, they returned home to Chicago. Four children were born, Joyce, Roger Jr. (passed away), Carolyn and Alfred. Nell was a "stay-at-home" mother, busy at church and in the PTA at the school.

In the 1970's Nell began working as a receptionist at the Back to God Hour, a radio broadcast of their church, the Christian Reformed Church. She worked there until her retirement in 1985.

In 1972 Roger and Nell took vacation time to volunteer for their church denomination's disaster relief agency. They worked in Xenia, Ohio to relieve people affected by a tornado. That experience was pivotal in their lives _____ they resolved to spend their retirement working on more of such projects. After their retirement they did over 30 projects of disaster relief and more than 20 with Medical Group Missions, a group of medical personnel who volunteer in 3rd world countries. They retired from volunteer work in their mid-eighties when Nell's eyesight would no longer allow her to continue.

In 2008 Roger and Nell moved to Crista Shores to be near their daughter, Carolyn. They spent four happy years together there. Roger then moved to Martha and Mary, passing away in October of 2012. Nell is survived by 2 brothers and a sister and three of her four children.

- Carolyn Cartwright



With Deepest Sympathy

"Nell was a very important part of our Emmanuel family. We will all miss her but are rejoicing in the fact that she is with Roger and our Lord. She was very dear to many of us, we will have such wonderful memories. She was such a fine example to all of us of a dedicated, Christian woman. In turn, Carolyn, is a fine example of a devoted Christian daughter. Well done !"

- Sharie Adrig

The Story Behind the Hymn....."Blessed Assurance" I

One of Nell's favorite hymns was "Blessed Assurance." Perhaps this hymn is special to many of you. Fanny Crosby (a famous blind hymnist) and Phoebe Knapp co-composed the famous hymn, "Blessed Assurance. It's amazing that these two even got together. Fanny lived in the Manhattan slums of New York and worked in rescue missions. Phoebe lived in the Knapp Mansion in an up-scale section of Brooklyn. She dressed "extravagantly" and entertained "lavishly" the high society of the area. "Her music room contained one of the finest collections of instruments in the country, and Fanny was a frequent houseguest.

One day in 1873, during one of Fanny's frequent visits at the Knapp Mansion, Phoebe shared one of her new tunes with Fanny. Upon hearing Phoebe's new composition, "Fanny immediately clapped her hands and exclaimed, "Why, that says, "Blessed Assurance!" She quickly composed the words, and a great hymn was born.

Many years later D.L. Moody was preaching in New York at the 23rd Street Dutch Reformed Church. The Moody/Sankey meetings had popularized Fanny Crosby's hymns around the world and had made the blind poetess a household name. But whenever she attended a Moody/Sankey meeting, she refused to be recognized, disavowing acclaim.

This day the church was so crowded she could find nowhere to sit. Moody's son, Will, seeing her, offered to find her a seat. To her bewilderment, he led her onto the platform just as the crowd was singing, "Blessed Assurance." Moody Sr. jumped to his feet, raised his hand, and interrupted the singing. "Praise the Lord!" he shouted. "Here comes the authoress!

Fanny took her seat amid thunderous ovation, humbly thanking God for making her a blessing to so many."

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A Precious Mother

Mom, You've given me so much,
 Love from your heart and the warmth of your touch.
 The gift of life and you're a friend to me.
 We have a very special bond which only comes from God

I'm sure you agree
 As a child I would say "Mommy I love you".....
 Now you're my Mother so dear.
 I love you even more with each and every new year.
 If I could have chosen I would have picked no other
 My lifelong friend and precious Mother.

- Author Unknown

Emmanuel Lutheran Delegates Installed at Martha & Mary Annual Meeting

Emmanuel Lutheran is one of ten Lutheran congregations in Kitsap County providing leadership and support for Martha & Mary Lutheran Services, a non-profit organization that has cared for children, seniors and their families for more than 120 years. As one of these Supporting Congregations, our church appoints delegates to Martha & Mary annually—each congregation has up to three delegates and this group elects new members to Martha & Mary's Board of Trustees.

At Martha and Mary's Annual Meeting on April 25, 2013, Pastor Timothy Cartwright, Matthew Mills, and Jo Ellen Klempan from our congregation were installed as our delegates for 2013 -2014. Please take a moment to congratulate them on their installation. Our delegates serve as a bridge between our congregation and Martha & Mary's Board of Trustees.

The delegates also serve our congregation. They can assist you in getting to the right person should you, your family, or friends need child care, choose to volunteer at Martha & Mary, require skilled nursing or rehab services, or need supportive services that make it possible to age in the comfort and security of one's own home. Martha & Mary appreciates the prayerful and financial support provided by Emmanuel Lutheran and the other Supporting Congregations. In the months ahead, look for more news on the ways Martha & Mary and our delegates help us reach out to love and serve our neighbors.

Council Member Update:

The following were elected to serve our congregation as church council members at the last Annual Meeting: Glen Adrig, Sharie Adrig, Steve Armstrong and JoEllen Klempan.

The roster of officers and members consists of:

President: Glen Adrig Vice President: Tim Cartwright Jr. Treasurer: Judy Armstrong and Secretary: Jay Johnson.

Council members are: Sharie Adrig, DeWayne Kalista, Carl Knight, Steve Armstrong, and JoEllen Klempan, while Pastor Tim serves as our spiritual leader

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May Birthdays

- 1 Bill Erickson
- 2Stephanie Johnson
- 16Nancy Kerlee

May Anniversaries

- 6DeWayne & Laura Kalista
- 21Loyal & Gail Campbell
- 30Mark & Bonnie Stouffer

June Birthdays

- 2 Linda Houlton
- 7 Loyal Campbell
- 7 Carol Reece
- 9Jean Reed
- 13Cheryl Fox
- 14 Landen Cartwright
- 16Sharie Adrig
- 16Peter Cartwright
- 17 Vi Kluth
- 19Carol Henning
- 19 Bob Henning
- 21 Lillian James
- 23Steve Armstrong
- 23 Kay Kannitzer
- 24Amani Johnson
- 26Carverlynn Prothero
- 27 Alaina Johnson

June Anniversaries

- 10 Glen & Sharie Adrig
- 23Bob & Carol Henning
- 26Tim & 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 GuildJean Reed
- ReaderCarolyn Cartwright
- Sunday SchoolCarolyn Cartwright
- Mary Moen
- Coffee hour hosts ...2nd Sunday ..our men

3RD SUNDAY—NO ONE

4th Sunday—Glen & Sharie Adrig

Members serving in June

- Altar GuildJoEllen Klempan
- Bonnie Mace
- ReaderBill Erickson
- Sunday SchoolCarolyn Cartwright
- Judy Armstrong
- Mary Moen
- Coffee hour hostsBonnie Mace
- Amalia Erickson

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