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**In case of an
Emergency**

**Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone
286-1090**

Pastor's Message

Following a ground swell of support, on May 8, 1914, Congress passed legislation setting aside the second Sunday of May as a national holiday, Mother's Day. The next day President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation to that effect. Ever since, our nation has observed this holiday recognizing our Mothers.

I spoke to my Mother on Mother's Day (as I do each day) and asked her what she did and how her day was. She was very excited. At ninety-two what excites her are the many cards she receives from her large family. For the next several days she read through each card each day, treasuring in her heart it's message.

Abigail Adams, wife of our second president, wrote to her son, John Quincy, then a future president, that what each Mother wanted from her children and grandchildren was that they be virtuous and grateful to their Mothers and Grandmothers.

God recognizes the importance of virtue in our relationship with our Mothers (and Fathers). He says in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 (the ten commandments) that we should "honor" our Mothers. This is the only commandment with a promise attached to it, signifying how important it is in God's value system. When we honor our Mothers we honor God. When we honor our Mothers we also display the glory of God. God's glory is the display of His wealth and His wealth is on display in creation, in His Wisdom and in Christ Jesus. God displayed His glory, that is His wealth, in the crucifixion of His Son. There we see most perfectly His sacrificial love ("agape" love).

Our Mothers display God's glory in their sacrificial love for their children and family. We thank God for our Mothers. By honoring them we honor God and display God's glory for others to behold.

At Emmanuel it is our privilege to honor our Mothers (and all our Aunts, Grandmothers, and Dear Women) on Mother's Day by recognizing them, by giving them a traditional carnation flower, by giving them our gratitude, and by blessing them. The men of the church even managed the Coffee Hour in their honor (thank you Men, especially Jay!).

Honoring our Mothers is a measure of our souls' well-being. I am proud of Emmanuel and it's many, fine Mothers and those who honored them.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

How Can We Help the Children in Our Community?

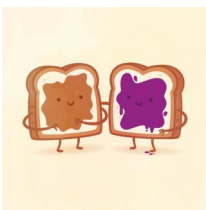
The Bremerton Food Bank participates in a Summer Backpack Feeding Program for our local school children. They are asking for our help. On "First Fruits" Sunday, June 5th consider donating the following:

Small Jars of Jam

Small Jars of Peanut Butter

Breakfast foods

and other non-perishable foods



Thanks for your continual monthly support of this ministry!

Thanks to Sally for her dedication to this ministry!

What's Happening in Our Childcare Center?

With Spring in the air, the children will be learning about different plants, flowers and insects during the month of May. The weekly themes are the following: Week 1: Mother's Day Week, Week 2: Flower Week, Week 3: Caterpillar Week and Week 4: Caterpillar to Butterfly Week. The devotions for the month are Saul, David, Jonah and the Beatitudes. The Pre-schoolers and Pre-Kindergartners will be learning to count to ten in Spanish, they are working on the letter Y, Planting seeds and talking about the calendar and learning weather songs.

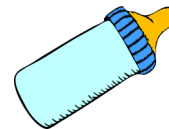


In collaboration with Bremerton School District, our pre-kindergarten students are participating in a pilot program. They are checking out and taking home Science Kits. Our center is so fortunate to have such a great relationship with the Bremerton School District. Our children have done well making that transition into public school.

This is Thanks to Our Dedicated Staff in Our Child Care Center!

Don't Forget Our Dresser Ministry

The Pregnancy Resource Center needs your help. This month we have participated in the Bottle Drive. There are still a few **empty** bottles left. It's as easy as putting a few dollars in the bottle and putting in the basket. If many gives just a little it adds up. Also, don't forget to fill the dresser to show our support to the many young mother's in our community. We all know how much a small baby needs. There are many of you that knit, sew or crochet? Even if you don't, diapers or small baby clothes and supplies are always needed.



Thank you, Carol, for keeping this ministry going!

In the Mission Field

From Marian Greetings from Africa, May 2016 Rain has come, along with a carpet of bright green plants. However, I will soon be moving to a larger (6 bedrooms), air-conditioned facility, with two kitchens and two bathrooms. Also, with sufficient space outside to farm and grow veggies. The new digs also has space to have group meetings. My helper, Haman, has already begun to put up a fence. Meanwhile, I continue with my women's Bible study.



Our most recent topic was from Psalm 23 and John 10, which relates to Jesus as the good shepherd and how we women can be shepherds of our children and how we should follow Jesus' example. Relevant issues are making sure children get enough water during the warm seasons. How we should correct and not punish our children, and how a mother's role is to create a sanctuary for her children. On April 30th, I transported two freight loads of plastic, chairs, tent pegs and poles to construct a tent in which my friend, Enok Lapaube, will be married. What a joy to be included in that special event. Now, special thanks to those of you who have donated to this mission. I had promised Bainga Lutheran Brethren Church five years ago that when the congregation built the church, I would provide the beams and metal roof sheets. The church was built and the roof also has now been installed. Also, I want to thank those of you who have helped with the seminary costs for our translators giving us the ability to translate the New Testament into the Mazagway Hidi Language. And finally, after 39 years with Wycliffe in SIL Cameroun, we have come to a parting of the ways so I can continue in Bible Translation. So, one chapter of my serving has closed and another opening. My sending mission is no longer Wycliffe, but Community Vision.



Thanks for your continued prayers as I explore how God will stage my life. Please continue to help as you feel led. We live in the Resurrection Season- all power Jesus said is given to Him who then commissions us to "make disciples" and to "go, baptize and teach."



Marian Hungerford

Marian's complete newsletter can be found on the table by the front entry way of the church.



Two of our three missionaries are celebrating birthdays in June.

Happy Birthday to Marian and to Cheryl!

If you wish to make a contribution to support our missionaries all you need to do is put a check in our weekly offering and designate for either Marian Hungerford or Bob & Cheryl Fox.

We Say Goodbye to the Foxes

Sunday, April 24th, we had to say goodbye to our faithful members, Bob & Cheryl. They gave up their jobs, their homes, their pets and left their friends to prepare for the mission field. We celebrated their new venture with a good “old fashioned” church potluck. It was difficult to say good bye but we are thrilled and honored to be able to support them in their new ministry. Currently they are travelling meeting with various congregations to find support for their mission.

“We now begin the challenge of living with friends and family as we trust God’s provision for the support we need. We are reminded of the verse in Matthew where Jesus had no place to lay his head. These Foxes feel like we have no hole of our own,



but we await God’s provision. We have reserved a space at the language school and are eagerly looking forward to our next home in Niger.

We know the need is great at the Sahel Academy. They still have many teacher shortages for the next school year, and even more for the year we are scheduled to arrive. We cannot help until we are funded, but know that God’s timing is perfect. The need for teachers is great. Please pray for those currently serving as May is the hottest month in a very hot climate and they are short staffed as some teachers had to leave early due to health and other issues. Pray that the students will remain focused.

Thank you for giving of yourself to Him by supporting us in prayer and with your finances. We are honored to be part of a team working together to serve the Lord in Niger. Please share with us any praises or prayer needs that you may have so we can join with you in prayer. “

“Pray God will continue to provide more ongoing financial partners. We must be fully supported before we can leave for Niger. We have left our home, our jobs and a way of life we have established over many years. Now we must grow in our faith trusting that the Lord will provide all the support we need. Pray our hearts will be attentive to His voice as we continue to step out in faith. Pray we will have eyes to see where has He has already been preparing hearts and opening doors so we can share about His work in Niger.”

Cheryl & Bob Fox

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Bob & Cheryl’s complete news letter can be found on the table in the front entry way of the church.

Dates to Remember!

The following dates are coming up this Summer that you need to put into your Summer schedule.

Vacation Bible SchoolAugust 15th–19th

Annual Church PicnicAugust 21st

70th Anniversary CelebrationSept. 17th & Sept. 18th

In Recognition of Martin Luther's 500 Theses

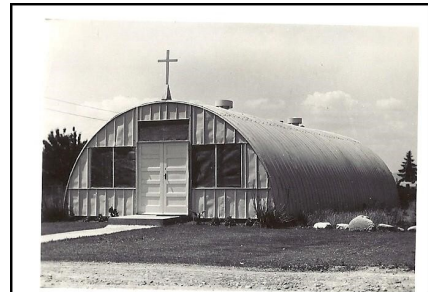


Next year we will mark 500 years since Martin Luther hung his 500 Theses on the Wittenberg Door. Watch for something special that DeWayne has planned to recognize this special occasion. After all, if this had not happened, Emmanuel would not be here. We have so much to be grateful for.

Emmanuel will be celebrating 70 years in our community!

The time is drawing closer for us to gather together and celebrate the 70 years that Emmanuel Lutheran has been in our community. We started out in humble beginnings gathering in a neighborhood home of the first pastor's family. This small group purchased land on the corner of Perry Ave and Magunson Way and moved a Quonset hut over the old Tacoma Narrows bridge. We grew from there. Emmanuel has much to celebrate. The history over the years has come about through God's love and guidance. We hope that we can celebrate with current as well as former members. Our next planning meeting will be Sunday, May 22nd following our Worship Service and a brief congregational meeting. So, if you haven't marked your calendar yet, please reserve the afternoon of Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th to celebrate with us. If you are planning on attending and having lunch with us we will need to know by August 17th. You can RSVP by calling the church and leaving a message at 360-373-1910 or send an email message to emmanuel.bremerton@gmail.com .

Sharie, Chairman





May Birthdays

- 1.....Bill Erickson
- 2Stephanie Johnson
- 3Jim Mace
- 16Sally Farner
- 16Nancy Kerlee
- 21Maurine Simons

May Anniversaries

- 1Bob & JoEllen Klempan
- 21Loyal & Gail Campbell
- 30Mark & Bonnie Stouffer

June Birthdays

- 2Gina Cartwright
- 2.....Linda Houlton
- 6Marian Hungerford
- 7Loyal Campbell
- 7Carol Reece
- 9Jean Reed
- 13Cheryl Fox
- 14Landen Cartwright
- 16Sharie Adrig
- 16Peter Cartwright
- 19.....Carol Henning
- 19Bob Henning
- 21Lillian James
- 23Steve Armstrong
- 26Carverlyne Prothero, CC dir.
- 27Alaina Johnson

June Anniversaries

- 10Glen & Sharie Adrig
- 13.....Larry & Ida Ficca
- 23Bob & Carol Henning



Members Serving In May

Altar GuildSally Farner
 Sharie Adrig

ReaderCarolyn Cartwright

Members Serving in June

Altar GuildIda Ficca
 Bonnie Mace

ReaderIda Ficca

Sunday School—9 AM

Children’s teachers—opening—Carolyn
 Cartwright

Teachers—Judy Armstrong
 Chelette Williams
 Mary Moen

Adult teachers——Pastor Tim, Larry
 Farner & Judy Armstrong

Thanks to all who are signing up to
 host coffee hour! If you are interested,
 the sign up sheet is on the counter in
 the fellowship hall!

Thank you to Carol R. for being our
 coordinator for coffee hour. Thanks to
 Theresa P. for all your help in the
 kitchen during coffee hour.

*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 A 377-2448 or
 Judy A 479-4892.*

*Any comments or questions about the
 newsletter call Sharie Adrig—377-2448*