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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

On November second the citizen's of our nation voted to elect our leaders for the coming years. Some of us are happy with the results, others of us are not happy. Whatever our political viewpoint God instructs His people to do for certain at least three things regarding our government and our officials . First, from Romans 13, God says He expects us to obey the governing authorities. Their divinely appointed task is to restrain evil and keep the peace. When we obey the authorities we will not fear them . Next, God says, also in Romans 13, which Jesus teaches in Mark 12:17, that we have the responsibility to support our government by honorably paying our taxes (that is , not trying to avoid any payment, and not grumbling when

we pay them). By supporting our government we empower them to fulfill their responsibilities to God and to our nation. Finally, God instructs us to pray for our leader (I Timothy 1:1-2). That is why at Emmanuel each Sunday, in our intercessory prayers, we uphold all our leaders. We pray that God will grant them wisdom in their decision making and courage to do those things that are right , noble and honorable. Our leaders need our support, more importantly , God calls on us to support them. I urge you to include petitions in your personal devotions for our national, state, and local leaders.

Pastor Tim

Wittenberg Door ?

Congratulations to Jay Johnson. Jay is the member who named our newsletter. Why the Wittenberg Door you may be asking yourself?

The foundation of the Protestant Movement, and the Lutheran Church today is based on Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses, which he posted on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg Germany on October 31, 1517, arguing that the sale of indulgences for absolution of sin was a violation of the original intention of confession and penance. In those days, church doors were traditionally used as bulletin boards for posting information and celebration.

And so, this month, we bring you the first issue of Emmanuel Lutheran's newsletter, which is now named The Wittenberg Door.

Thanks Jay for your great idea !

AN EMMANUEL MEMBER HIGHLIGHT - APRIL MILLS -

Each year, the Kitsap Peninsula Business Journal chooses to honor 40 of the brightest and most outstanding individuals who are under 40 years of age. They are known as "The 40 Under Forty".

All individuals were nominated by community leaders, elected officials, and local business people, as well as by past "40 under Forty" honorees.

Please join us in congratulating April Mills on her selection as a member of the "40 under Forty Class of 2010". April was chosen for recognition based on criteria which included contributions to business and for her community involvement.

April, a Management Engineer at PSNS, is a member of the Naval Civilian Managers Assn,

the Puget Sound Naval Base Assn, The Downtown Bremerton Association, and a host of other positions including work with a local support group for Spinal Bifida.

Did you know that she earned her first dollar by helping to milk cows or that she once was a hockey announcer ?

Congratulations April !

Special Interest Items

Member Highlights

In Memory Of

Birthdays and Anniversaries

In Case of an Emergency:

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

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The last piece of the merger between Hope Lutheran Church and Emmanuel has been completed.

This past week has seen the financial transfer of the Hope Lutheran bank and brokerage accounts, into the Emmanuel Lutheran accounts at Kitsap Bank. At this time we are in a financially sound position, but still need your support if we are to grow as a viable community based congregation.

You continue to amaze me with your dedication to others. We have just completed a very successful campaign for the "Operation Shoebox" ministry for children, and we are looking forward to helping the local underserved community with Holiday Food Baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We also have some great new Communion ware now, which was purchased with money given to us by the Bernie and Heloise Evenson family as a memorial to their parents. Brad and Melodee Evenson grew up in this church, and this gift will continue to bless us for years to come. Thanks Brad and Melodee.

Have you noticed that the pews are beginning to fill once more and that the Pulpit has been moved back into the correct position at the front of the church? It's exciting to see, isn't it ?

All of these changes are a testament to your faithfulness and dedication and perseverance, and we look forward to seeing more growth and change as we move into 2011.

Faithfully yours, Glen Adrig



Pastor Tim and Pastor Rich Shields

A visit from Pastor Rich Shields of the AALC

We recently had the privilege of a visit by Pastor Rich Shields, President of the American Lutheran Theological Seminary and the AALC representative for Pastoral Formation and Congregational Development. During his visit, he stayed with Glen and Sharie Adrig, and shared ideas and direction with some of the Emmanuel Lutheran leaders. He was also our guest speaker during our Celebration Sunday, which was the day that we were officially welcomed into the AALC synod. Pastor Shields was impressed with the dedication of both congregations to complete a merger, and looks forward to seeing us grow as a church and community beacon. Thank you Pastor Shields.

WHAT'S NEW IN SUNDAY SCHOOL ?

Sunday School continues with an average of six children a Sunday. We pray, sing color, paste, cut and learn about the promises of God. Abraham has been the focus these last few weeks and the children are learning about how God does not break his promise to us and that He can do anything. See for

yourself. Pop your head into the coat room prior to church. The children and myself are having a grand time.

Judy Armstrong

For the next two months Judy will be our Sunday school teacher. **Thanks to Judy for all of your hard work and dedication to our children.**

If you know of any children that might be interested in attending Sunday School they may come any Sunday. We start at 9:15 am.



Sunday School and Childcare Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 19th

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—A HUGE SUCCESS

A big thank you to all of you that contributed to Operation Christmas Child. It was an inspiration to see the number of items we collected for the children and the number of members who came on Saturday, Nov 13th to help pack the shoeboxes. We were able to send 27 boxes down to the collection site at Silverdale Methodist Church. Pastor Tim and Carolyn's grandson, **Landen**, will be tracking

his box. It will be fun getting updates from him to see where his box goes.

It is wonderful just knowing that our church will make a difference to 27 young lives.

Thank You, to **Helen Mills** for starting her own ministry of personalizing the shoeboxes by decorating them with her artwork. You can feel good knowing that we are going to expand and carry on this

ministry by having our day-care and pre-school children assist in decorating our boxes next year too.. Also, thank you **Helen** for helping with our special offering.

Thank You, to **Geri and Alex Sutherland** for bringing 5 completed boxes.

It is never too early to keep an eye out for small items that can fit into the shoeboxes next year.

A fun Work Party for Operation Christmas Child



NEWS FROM THE CHILDCARE

The month of October was an exciting one for the childcare. We had our annual Harvest Festival on the 28th of October with a wonderful turn out! We had games like a cake walk and a pumpkin roll as well as face painting, We also had sweet treats like candy, cupcakes and cookies as well as healthy snacks like fresh veggies and fruit.

In the month of November our preschool children are going on a field trip to the Puget Sound Naval Museum in honor of Veterans Day. Field trips with our children are always an adventure. I think that the children enjoy the bus ride just as much as they enjoy the fieldtrip itself.

Our themes for this month in our preschool classrooms are the following:

Week 1: Elections :the children will talk about what it

means to vote.

Week 2: Veterans: The children will talk about what a Vet is and the importance of these men and women to our country.

Week 3: Native Americans and Pilgrims: The children will learn about the relationship between the Pilgrims and Native Americans.

Week 4: Thanksgiving: The children will learn about the first Thanksgiving and the meaning behind it, we will also celebrate by having a Thanksgiving feast of our own.

Week 5: Celebrate around the world; The children will learn about the food, dress, language and customs of our brothers and sisters from other countries.

We will have our monthly Family Literacy Night on

Tuesday, November 23rd from 5:30—6:30 pm, which we have many fun activities planned.

I would just like to say Thank You to the Congregation of Emmanuel Lutheran.

If it wasn't for you we would not be able to provide quality childcare to the children of our community! This community is very blessed to have Emmanuel Lutheran Church! Thank You, Chelette Williams



Harvest Fest 2010

How Much Fun is THIS ?



IN MEMORY

On October 21st our dear, long-time member, **Fran Tewksbury**, went to be with our Lord. She will surely be missed by all of us. She always had that wonderful smile and a sincere willingness to help wherever she was needed. We will miss Fran and our prayers are with Jim and her family.



Roy Shattun passed away on October 30th. He and his wife, Diane, had been members of Emmanuel for about 5 years. Roy and Diane were faithful worshippers until his health did not allow him to get out very much. We need to remember Diane with calls and visits. Roy will be missed by many of you.

Who was recently seen in the Newspaper ??

Answer: Our very own members, **Helen and Teddy Mills**.

A few weeks ago, while they were visiting the Puget Sound Navy Museum, their picture was taken while trying out one of the new exhibits. A wonderful picture appeared on the 2nd page of The Kitsap Sun. A copy is posted in the fellowship hall if you missed seeing it in the paper. If you look close enough you can see their Mom, April, in the background.

National Family Caregivers Month

November is National Family Caregivers Month. We can celebrate our nation's commitment to family care giving. More than 65 million family caregivers fulfill a vital role each day, ensuring continuity of care for their loved ones.

Throughout November, the National Family Caregivers Month is a time to thank, support, educate and empower family caregivers. As Pres. Barack Obama stated in his 2009 National Family Caregivers Proclamation: *The true strength of the American family finds it's roots in an unwavering commitment to care for one another.*"

Thank you to all of you that are family caregivers in your home or community.

Special People to Remember —

November Birthdays

6th _____ Pastor Tim
28th _____ April Mills

November Anniversaries

16th _____ Jay and Stephanie Armstrong
18th _____ Alex and Geri Sutherland
21st _____ James and Fran Tewksbury

December Birthdays

12th _____ Liane Armstrong
19th _____ Tim Cartwright Jr.
20th _____ Matthew Johnson
21st _____ Gladys Willis
23rd _____ Sylvia Boyce

If we have missed your special day or listed it incorrectly please call the editor, Sharie Adrig at 377-2448.

Mark your calendars !

November dates !!!

Wed. 24th—6:30 PM
Thanksgiving Service

Sun. 28th — after church —
Daycare Staff Appreciation Luncheon

December dates !!!

Sun. 12th—after church—
Council Meeting

Sun. 19th—during service
Children's Christmas Program

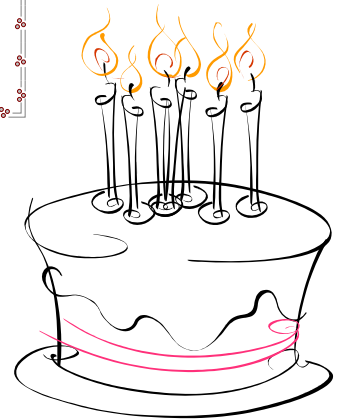
(Sunday School / Daycare / Pre- School children)

Fri. 24th- **Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 pm**

Remember???

Wednesday evening Bible Study — 6:30 PM

Sunday School 9:15 Am
Sunday mornings



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**In case of emergency call
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To contact the prayer chain
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