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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BREMERTON, WA

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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November 11th is "**Veterans Day**" when we as a nation remember and give thanks to God for all our vets. First proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to honor the vets of World War I, November 11th was set aside by Congress and President Eisenhower in 1954 for all veterans. At Emmanuel Lutheran Church we will honor our veterans on Sunday, November 13th, by inviting them to stand and be recognized, asking one of them to lead us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag, singing "God Bless America" and expressing our support and gratitude to our vets in our prayers. Remember to shake the hand of a vet and say, "thank you for your service!"

Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service (November 23, 6:30 pm). The Pilgrims observed their first day of Thanksgiving in 1621 at the colony of Plymouth. Many had perished during the previous winter but now there was a harvest that would help them get through the next winter. So they gathered to celebrate and thank the Lord for His goodness. William Bradford, one of their leaders, wrote of this time, "the Lord sent them such seasonable showers, with interchange of fair warm weather as, through His blessing, caused a fruitful and liberal harvest, to their no small comfort and rejoicing. For which mercy, in time convenient, they also set apart a day of thanksgiving... By this time harvest was come, and instead of famine now God gave them plenty ... for which they blessed God."

We do not face the deprivations and hardships they faced but our lives are busy and often stress-filled. We stand by loved ones as they leave this world. In the midst of all this we know the God who loves us, who cares for us, and who provides for us. We follow in the footsteps of our forefathers in setting aside this day for thanksgiving to God. You will be invited to share a reason why you are thankful for this past year.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone
286-1090



On October 5th our dear member, **Agnes "Algie" Hansen** went to be with our Lord. We will miss Algie. You could usually find her helping in the kitchen during coffee hour. Not only did she volunteer at church but she volunteered many years for the Discovery (Cancer) Shop in Silverdale and worked in the gift shop at Harrison Medical Center. She also belonged to the Alaska Lunch Bunch.

"She is preceded in death by her parents and beloved husband of 43 years, Loren. She is survived by her children, Warren (Janice) Hansen of Andover, KS; Pam (Jim) Johnson of Tucson, AZ; Dale (Annie) Hansen of Bremerton WA; brother David Collins of Auburn, IN; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

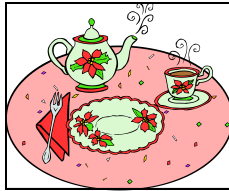
Holiday Season Events !!!!!

Preparing for the Christmas Season

Christmas Fellowship Tea

On Saturday, **December 3rd**, at 12:00 –2:00 you are invited to a Christmas Tea. You may invite friends and family. It is a potluck so please share your favorite salad, hors d'oeuvres, and/or sweets. A program is planned.

What a special way to prepare our hearts and mind for the Christmas Season. Please sign up for an accurate head count. Any questions, contact Miki Turowski or Carol Reese.



Decorating the Church

On November 26th, (Day before Advent) we gather together and decorate our sanctuary and fellowship hall for the special Advent and Christmas Season. Not only is it a special time for all of us to gather together, but it is a lot of fun. Come and join us for a morning of fun and fellowship.



Saturday, November 26th
10:00 AM

Beginning of Advent

Our first Advent Worship service is **Sunday, November 27th, 10 am**

We hope to see you through the Advent season as we prepare for the Christmas Season.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets



Here is an opportunity to help neighbors in need. Right now there are many families that are hurting. Unemployment is high, which means there are many families that go hungry. This gives you a chance to reach out and help those families. Our program, called **Tithing Made Visual**, begins on November 6th and continues until November 20th. Please bring in ten food items. These can include: Pie Crust/Pie Crust Mix, Flour 5lb., Canned Milk, Canned Pumpkin, Pie Fillings, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing, Hamburger Helper, Canned Pasta, Muffin Mix, Cranberry sauce, and Bottled Juice. On **November 21st at 10:00 AM** we will be putting together the boxes to be delivered. If you are available please join us for this special event.

Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be presented on **December 18th at our 10 AM worship service**. Come, see, and enjoy the children's theatrical talents. It is always a joy.



Purchase a Poinsettia



Help adorn the altar with a poinsettia. Carol Henning is taking orders again from any of you that would like to purchase a poinsettia to sit on the altar during the Christmas Eve Service. They can be ordered by calling Carol Henning at 377-6125. They are \$9.25. Carol will be collecting the money at the time you place the order.

Please order them no later than **Sunday, December 4th.**

News from the Childcare.....

Our Harvest Festival was a big success ! We were very pleased with the number of children, parents, family, and friends that were able to attend. We had many activities for the children to participate in, which included face painting, a pumpkin roll race, bean bag toss, cupcake walk and a jello eating contest. Also, plenty of yummy treats were available for everyone to snack on.

This month our preschool children will learn about and celebrate Thanksgiving. They will also learn about what a Veteran is, and make thank you cards for some of the Veterans at the Washington State Veterans Facility in Retsil, WA.

We are also fortunate to have Sharie Adrig come speak to the children about her Swedish heritage. The children are looking forward to visiting with the “art lady” from VBS (this is what they call Sharie).

I would also like to welcome two new employees of Emmanuel Lutheran Childcare: they are Laura Matta and Belinda Matta. These two ladies have been a wonderful addition to our program; they are both so enthusiastic about learning more about the Early Education field and working with the children here at Emmanuel.

Important Dates coming up:

Nov.8th and 9th: Preschool field trip to Bataan Park

Nov.10th: Preschool Picture Day

Nov. 11th: Center closed in Observation of Veteran’s Day

Nov. 16th: Literacy Night

Nov. 24th and 25th: Center is closed for Thanksgiving

Nov. 28th: Celebrate Around the World: Miss Sharie to visit with children



We also look forward to participating with the Sunday School classes for this year’s’ Christmas Program!

Thank you for making it possible for the children of Emmanuel to be in a safe, Christian environment !

The Staff of Emmanuel Lutheran Childcare Center

Emmanuel Lutheran— Our Stories, and Memories Past and Present !

Do you enjoy reading about how our church was founded and what has happened here during the last 65 years ? These stories all come from our collection of church memory books, which are the scrapbooks created to hold the memories of Emmanuel Lutheran. They were created by a church member or as a collective effort of the church’s members. They offer us a chance to take a journey back into the shared histories, fun times and important events of the church and congregation. They are also an excellent tool for our church to show new members or interested visitors what our church stands for and what is important to us today. We really need someone to step forward to continue this practice, and will provide you with supplies and help as necessary to succeed. **Please help if you are able !** Contact Pastor Tim or Glen or Sharie Adrig for more information.

A Rich History of 65 years Chapter five

On September 15, 1963 Emmanuel welcomed a new pastor. They lost Pastor Boe but welcomed Pastor Crawford. Something interesting about that day was that three churches in Bremerton installed new pastors on the same day. They were, of course, Emmanuel Lutheran, Navy Yard City Bible Church and Sheridan Park Community Baptist. To my knowledge, Emmanuel is the only one still in existence. We are definitely alive and well.

The women's group continued to be very strong and active. They met monthly and featured guest speakers such as a missionary from Lapaz Bolivia. They hosted a Tacoma Conference Convention. Wow, the featured speakers were missionaries from Cameroon, West Africa. How ironic is it, that, the missionary we currently sponsor is Marion Hungerford from Cameroon. One of the local women, Mrs. Walter Wuethrick (Mae McConnel's mom and Miki Turowski's grandmother) was elected as Vice-President in 1963 to serve on the Council of the American Lutheran Churches Women. The men's group held an annual pancake breakfast. The cost was "\$1.00 for adults, \$2.50 for families and 50 cents for youth over 10 without parents." Don't you wish we had prices like that again? The men's and women's groups came together in December for their annual Christmas party. The program included a community sing but in place of a gift exchange they were asked to bring a gift of money for church supported missions. The young people's group, Luther League, were very active also. They held monthly meetings as well as other activities. These activities included a banquet, Christmas Caroling, Ice Skating, Potlucks and getting together with the group from Our Saviour's.

In 1963 there were 45 baptized, 51 young people and 3 adults enrolled in confirmation classes, 19 marriages and 28 members passed away that year.

In 1964 the North Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church had quite a newsworthy event take place at their convention. The headline in the local paper read, "**Lutheran Group to Seek Head; First Choice Refuses Post**" "The district presidency is (was) one of the most influential offices in Pacific Northwest church life. The district president has (had) jurisdiction over more than 138,000 Lutherans in 260 congregations." "A quick "no" undid most of the convention work of the North Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church. (on June 9, 1964) The Rev. Dr. Alvin Rogness, St. Paul, president of Luther Seminary, said he would not accept his election as district president. He had been elected on the third ballot. Some 500 delegates from Washington, Oregon, Alaska and part of Idaho, went back into session today to try again to elect a successor to the Rev. Dr. H.L. Foss, who had reached the mandatory retirement age of 70 years." Dr. Rogness felt he couldn't leave his current post. He wasn't even at the convention, he was attending another convention in Fort Worth, Texas. He says that he didn't realize that he was being seriously considered for the position.

Operation "Step Forward" — Church Roof Replacement Campaign

Thank you to all who have given or continue to give money towards our goal of replacing the church roof next year with a new 30-40 year composition roof. We are a little more than two-thirds of the way towards reaching our goal, but still need your help in order to make this happen, without placing the church into financial jeopardy. Hopefully, and with your help, this is the last winter that we will need to place buckets in the sanctuary to gather in the water that drips from the ceiling during inclement weather.





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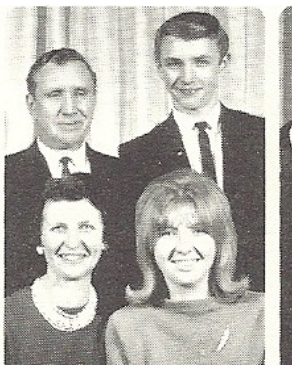
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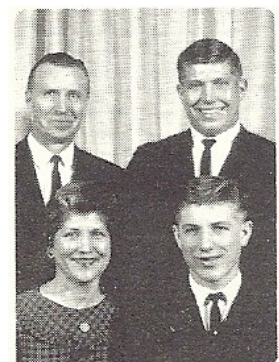
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Who's Who in 1964 ?

These pictures came out of the 1964 directory.

Can you figure out who these members are?

Hint: they are still members today.

If you are stumped, the answers are on the 10th page of the newsletter.

Member's Memories



Richard and Sylvia Boyce transferred their membership from Our Saviour's in 1965. They were living in East Bremerton. Pastor Boe was the pastor at the time. Sylvia grew up here and was baptized when she was 3 months old at a little church called Central Valley Lutheran Church. It still stands today but is no longer a Lutheran church. Richard and Sylvia remember times that chairs had to be put on the sides of the sanctuary to accommodate all the worshippers attending the service. Their sons, David and Steven, were very active in the young people's activities. The women had two groups, and Sylvia was a member of the "Lydia circle". She recalls attending large conferences with women from other Lutheran Churches. She said that sometimes Emmanuel sponsored these conferences. She was also active on Altar Guild. Richard was very active on the Men's Brotherhood. He recalls monthly meetings that were held where our daycare is now. At times there were as many as 50 men in attendance. Quite often guest speakers were brought in. He remembers one meeting was to educate the men on the topic of speaking in tongues.

Both of them served on council (Richard currently serves on council). Richard said that at one time there were so many people that wanted to be on council that they had to try to limit the numbers. He has always been very active in the area of property management. They both recalled how the council had retreats. Some were held in Belfair some were held at Lutherhaven.

Since Richard is an electrician by trade, it was only natural that he and Karl Kannitzer (Kaye's husband) rewired the entire old part of the church (current fellowship hall and upstairs). They converted it from the old low voltage system to the current 110 system. Among the many upgrades that Richard has accomplished in the church was to completely repair and maintained the organ. This involved cleaning the contacts in the keys, working on the pedal that operates the shuttle, and renewing the leather connections. One of the mysteries about the organ are the chimes. A member had purchased chimes for the organ and they mysteriously disappeared. Richard, along with a former member, Sam Smith, built the mailboxes, bookshelves, walls and low cabinets in our daycare. He described how they would build them at Sam's house and carry them into the church.

Richard and Sylvia both have such wonderful memories. They said that there was a group of members that travelled together. One of the couples was the Kannitzers. One of their memorable trips was fishing on former Mayor Glen Jarstad's boat. Sylvia seemed to be the only one that had much luck that day. In addition to the many salmon she caught, was a 12 foot Shark. They caught so many salmon that day they actually had to eat some on the boat. This group of travelers even made a trip to Hawaii. They remember years ago when Steve and Judy Armstrong brought this adorable tiny little girl to church. They were so proud. Now that girl is a mother of three, Stephanie. They remember when Pastor Crawford first arrived. He had 20 -30 people come to the parsonage. They described how everyone was sitting in a circle and went around and introduced themselves. After hearing these names just once Pastor Crawford remembered everyone's name. They still ask themselves "How did he do that?" They remember when the daycare first started. They recall when the parking lot was blacktopped and re-stripped.



Richard and Sylvia continue to serve our church. Sylvia keeps our kitchen going, and when they manage to get away we sure miss her in the kitchen. Richard continues to update the memory board that you see out in the fellowship hall. They started these boards in honor of their son, David, whom they lost. Richard also rebuilt the bench out in the Perry Ave. side of the church. After Richard retired he developed a love for woodworking. Many children have been recipients of his wonderful tops (there was a top included in every Operation Christmas Child's box last year). This year each child at VBS received a handmade cross necklace and he has made enough for each of our shoeboxes this year. Some of you may not realize that Richard has also made a replica of an old fashioned phone and little miniatures. (They are amazing.) One of Richard's new interests is working with rocks. A recent purchase they made was for Richard. He is now the proud owner of a riding mower that comes with a cup holder and even mows backwards. When Sylvia isn't puttering around the house you may find her out in her yard. She loves working outside. Some of you may not realize this but Richard and Sylvia's granddaughter is a professional violinist. Just recently she had a thrill of a lifetime. She had the opportunity to play a 1721 violin that was appraised at \$22 million dollars and bow that is worth \$550,000. They are very proud of her as they are of all their family.



Richard is especially happy that we are working toward fixing our roof. They shared with me that the roof has leaked ever since they have been here. They are happy to see the roof fixed for good. Richard commented that there are so many repairs that need to be done around the church that we haven't been able to do because of water damage from our leaky roof. He encourages all to keep working toward this very important goal.

Just recently they celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. They were married at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on September 11, 1948. We love you both, Richard and Sylvia. You are so precious to all of us. Thank you for your continued service to us and the Lord.

As we look around our church, we are reminded that many of the special items in our church are here because of members and former members that donated items. It is very important to Sylvia and Richard that these people be recognized for their contributions. They were not able to remember all of them so if you know of some memorials that were made and not listed please contact Sharie at 377-2448.

Evelyn Stouffer—given in memory of her husband, Charles—The overhead fans in the sanctuary (Richard helped Install)

Eloise Pudas—bought the wrought iron railing up in the choir loft.

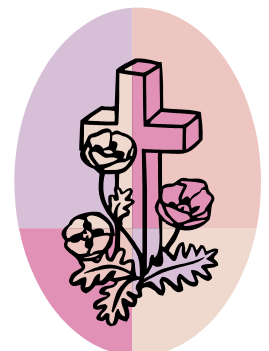
Dollie Hage— given in memory of her husband, John—The large wooden doors from the parking lot to the fellowship hall

Luella Loftus— was a plank member and contributed a lot to the church.

Anderson girls— in memory of their Dad Arnie, — the family liked to sing in choir and gave the grand piano

Betty Shields—in memory of her mother— Green chair in Narthex

Sylvia and Richard Boyce— in memory of their son, David—Memory boards in Fellowship Hall



Member's Memories



Mark Stouffer has been a member of Emmanuel Lutheran for as long as he can remember. He was actually baptized at Our Saviour's. Interestingly, his wife, Bonnie, was baptized at Our Saviour's the same day, same service as Mark's sister. Growing up in the church, Mark has many memories of Emmanuel. He remembers being a part of the Cub Scout troop, 514. He spent many weekends at the Duckabush and Dosewallups Rivers. He remembers bringing home a bag of clean clothes because he wore the same outfit the entire time.

A memory that really made a strong impression on Mark was seeing the many Salmon in the river swimming up stream. He had never seen so many. His scout masters were Tim Galbrith and Alex Sutherland. He remembers one night he spent in a tent and the boys thought for sure they heard a bear outside. Some of the boys were so scared they cried. To this day Mark doesn't know if there was actually a real bear or if someone was just trying to scare them. The Scout troop quite often would stay out at Lutherhaven. Mark's aunt, Evelyn remembers bringing a rolled roast out to the boys for dinner.

Mark remembers going upstairs for Sunday School (above the Fellowship hall). He sang with the Cherubs and Choraleers (The children's choirs). He says he doesn't remember having a choice whether he was going to sing or not. Most of the children were told that's what they do. He remembers they practiced every week during the school year and sang for all holidays and other church services during the year. His cousin, Mike, (Evelyn's son even sang a solo.)

Emmanuel had a very active Basketball team. Mark participated in this also. Eloise Pudas' son, Terry, also played. Eloise's husband, Vern, was one of the coaches. Mark remembers Terry to be a good player. In addition to playing for Emmanuel, he played center for West Bremerton High School. Mark remembers spending quite a bit of time at the Pudas home. The church team played and practiced down at Sheridan Park. When Mark was 14 years old, he recalls going to Seattle and playing against "the Big Boys". They played at Ft. Lawyton and even slept in the barracks there. He said that was quite a thrill for a 14 year old.

He recalls attending the father/son banquets. They always had featured speakers. One time he said they were honored to have Don James as their speaker. (For any of you who don't know who Don James is, he was a very famous football coach for the University of Washington Huskies.)

Mark was confirmed at Emmanuel (class of 1962). He remembers meeting downstairs every Saturday where the daycare is now located. All the confirmation students were instructed to sit in the front row at the Sunday worship services and take notes. Mark recalls Pastor Boe being very tall and intimidating. You could count on a quiz the following Saturday from the previous Sunday sermon. As a reward for their hard work he remembers going over to the parsonage and playing pool in the basement. (Gosh, Denise says that the pool table is no longer there. Too bad Lamont.)

In Mark's spare time, between the ages of 11–16 years old, he was the paper boy for the neighborhood around Emmanuel. He said he had one of the largest routes delivering 150 –200 papers.

Mark, we are so blessed to have you still be a part of Emmanuel. Thank you for your years of service.

Special Thanks to all of you that helped with Operation Christmas Child. Know that your help makes it possible to spread God's love to many children all over the world.

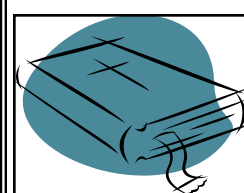
Mark Your Calendars

- Nov 20th—Donations due for Thanksgiving Baskets
- Nov 21st—10 AM—Pack & Deliver Food Baskets
- Nov 23rd—6:30 PM— Thanksgiving Worship Service
- Nov 26th— 10 AM— Decorate Church for Christmas
- Nov 27th— beginning of the Advent Season
- Dec 3rd—12- noon— Christmas Tea
- Dec 4th— deadline to order Poinsettias
- Dec 18th—Christmas Pageant during 10 AM Worship Service
- Dec 24th— Christmas Eve Worship Service



Altar Guild is a ministry of the Church which prepares the Altar for worship by setting up for Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. The paraments, which decorate the Altar and the Chancel of the Church are also set up by the Altar Guild. After worship the Communion-ware is cleaned and stored by those who serve on the Altar Guild. Altar Guild also handles the decorations for special seasons of the Church Year, such as Advent and Christmas.

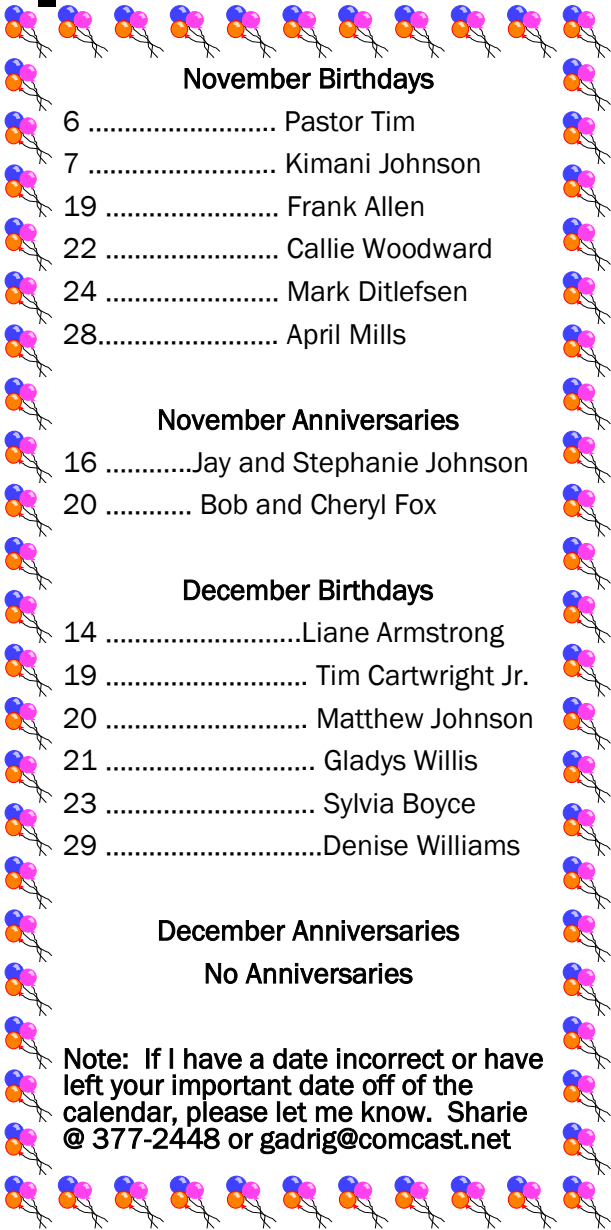
The Altar Guild has periodic classes, taught by Pastor Tim, explaining the meaning of what they do and how it is done. If you would like to serve on Altar Guild please see Pastor Tim.



We are currently looking for individuals that are interested in being a reader for our Worship Service. If this something that you think you may want to consider, please contact Pastor Tim.

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.





November Birthdays

- 6 Pastor Tim
- 7 Kimani Johnson
- 19 Frank Allen
- 22 Callie Woodward
- 24 Mark Ditlefsen
- 28..... April Mills

November Anniversaries

- 16Jay and Stephanie Johnson
- 20 Bob and Cheryl Fox

December Birthdays

- 14Liane Armstrong
- 19 Tim Cartwright Jr.
- 20 Matthew Johnson
- 21 Gladys Willis
- 23 Sylvia Boyce
- 29Denise Williams

December Anniversaries

No Anniversaries

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 November

- Altar GuildCarol Henning
Sharie Adrig
- ReaderApril Mills
- Sunday SchoolCarolyn Cartwright
Judy Armstrong
Judith Dautenhahn

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<http://www.elcbremerton.org>

Just for a laugh!!!

Do You know your Hymns??

Optometrist’s Hymn”Open My Eyes That I Might See”

The Gossip’s Hymn”Pass It On”

The Electrician’s Hymn.....”Send The Light”

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.

- Answers from page 61. Marilyn Boekenoogen & family....2. Dollie Hage & family..... 3. Mary Moen & family 4. Richard & Sylvia Boyce & family.....
5. Mark Stouffer & family 6. Loyal & Gail Campbell & family 7. Eloise Pudas & family 8. Evelyn Stouffer & family 9. Kaye Kannitzer & family