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In case of an Emergency

Please call Pastor Tim on his cell phone 286-1090

Pastor's Message

November is the month of the holy day, Thanksgiving. I am thankful for the gifts God has given to Carolyn and me this past year. We received a beautiful new granddaughter, Paislee Rose, and we celebrated our fortieth wedding anniversary with a cruise to Alaska. The survey firm where I am a partner has doubled its business and hired new people for our field crew. Carolyn continues to bring her prodigious talents to a new class of kindergarteners, teaching them to read and write, to count, and to sit still! I continue to feel humbled by the presence of retired missionaries, Carl and Melody Knight, and by the presence of Rev. Norm and Judy Lund, who call Emmanuel their church home.

Now we rejoice that God has called two of our members, Bob and Cheryl Fox, to the mission field in Niger, Africa.

The Lord has been speaking to me from the Gospel of Mark, the teaching of our Lord Jesus, reminding me of His Kingdom principle that life is experienced, not so much in what we get or have, as what we **give**. This principle deepens my joy in the season of Thanksgiving.

We at Emmanuel have been blessed by the faithful and devout presence of Bob and Cheryl. Their love and kindness, their servant mentality, and their generosity has touched our lives. Now we get to share or "**give**" them to the people of Niger and the work of God's Kingdom there. When the day comes that they leave here I will miss them and think we shall all miss them. We can continue to **give** by financially supporting their work through our special pledges, or simply by increasing our giving to the church. We can continue to **give** to them by encouraging them and by praying for them.

May your life and your Thanksgiving season be deepened by **giving** to God in this worthy ministry.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

**Thanksgiving Eve
 Worship Service
 Wednesday,
 November 25th
 6:30 PM**

"First Fruits"

This is our last chance this year to donate warm, nourishing food to our local food bank. Cupboards can get quite bare this time of the year. Parents are trying to have a Merry Christmas with presents under the tree, but sometimes that may mean less food on the dinner table during the month of December.

But you and I can help. We can keep Christ in Christmas by donating food items for the hungry and needy. Our last First Fruits donation day for 2015 will be December 6th. Thank you all for your support for this wonderful ministry. We are blest to be a blessing.

Thank you one and all for the 254 pounds of clothing that was donated during our used clothing drive. What a surprise the clothing just kept coming in. The Food Bank couldn't believe our loving support.

Merry Christmas everyone. Sally

Special Thanks to Sally and Larry for chairing this important ministry.



Christmas Poinsettias



If you wish to order a poinsettia to sit at our altar for the Christmas Season you can contact Carol H. The cost is \$11 per poinsettia and if you wish to have it be in memory or honor of someone special to you, write it down for Carol. The deadline is December 13th.

Thank You, Carol for chairing this.

Annual Christmas Tea

Emmanuel's annual Christmas Tea will be Saturday, December 12th. There will be a sign up for this event. Men, Women and Children are all invited. Mark your calendar and extend the invitation to friends and family. Questions ask Miki or Carol R. Thank you to both of you for coordinating this special event that we all look forward to each year.

Thanks to Miki and Carol.



In The Mission Field



Keep **Marian** in your prayers as she returns to her life in Cameroun.
You can email her at marian.hungerford@sil.org

How God is Working in Bob and Cheryl's Heart– Submitted by Bob and Cheryl

In my Bible Study this month, God has been revealing to me my need for humility and my need to live sacrificially for Him. As I was learning about sacrificial living, my first thought was “Gosh, Bob and I are really doing that by giving up our homes and jobs and going off to Niger to serve God.’ While it is true God has called us to this wonderful work and it does mean we will be giving up a lot. God also brought me up short on my pride. The question God presented to me was how am I living sacrificially for Him now?

What does it mean for me to live sacrificially in my everyday life? As I thought about the Christians in Niger whose churches were burned in the January Charlie Hebdo riots. I thought of how much I take for granted in my worship. Many Nigeriens live on less than a dollar a day and the cost to repair is beyond the means of many churches. But these Christians are no doubt making sacrifices to restore their churches.

Pray for the churches of Niger which were destroyed last January during the Charlie Hebdo riots. The churches do not have the funds to rebuild because building materials are particularly costly in Niger. Pray the churches will continue to honor God as they work to restore their burned out buildings and replace basic furnishings such as chairs.



Life works best when I live sacrificially for Him. Please continue to pray for us as we further strive to live sacrificially for God both now and as we serve Him in Niger. We so appreciate those of you who are already supporting us sacrificially with your prayers and with your financial support. We trust God will continue to bless you.

Please remember this is a two-way street. If you have a specific prayer need, we want to hold you up in prayer as well.

Bob and Cheryl Bob.Fox@SIM.org or Cheryl.Fox@SIM.org

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The generosity of our Emmanuel Church Congregation never ceases to amaze me. Each year our Operation Christmas Child ministry grows and continues to grow. Last year we packed 58 boxes which I thought was amazing. You surpassed that this year, Wow! We packed 66 boxes and not only that but our Childcare Center also packed twelve boxes which is giving us a grand total of 78 boxes. It's wonderful to know that you are a part of spreading God's love with our gifts and God's word with Samaritan's Purse education program. Thank you so much for your prayers, your gifts and your help in packing the boxes.

Thank you Emmanuel, Job Well Done!

Sharie—OCC Chairman

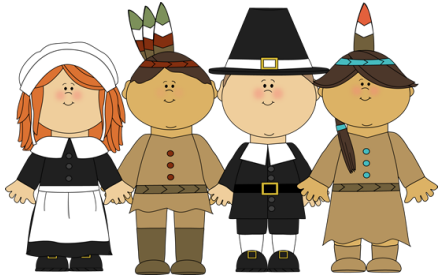


78 boxes changing 78 children's lives

Emmanuel Childcare Center News

The children in our pre-school program are studying the following subjects: Farm Animals, Fruits and Vegetables, Native Americans and Thanksgiving. They are learning about the letters, G, H and I, the number 5, the color green and the square shape. The children participated in our Operation Christmas Child program. They packed 12 boxes. The children decorated letters and pictures that they placed in their boxes. The children are participating in the Early Literacy and Math Curriculum. They are finalizing Unit 1 and getting ready to start Unit 2, Making Friends. Unit 2 will help children recognize and state what letter their names begin with, work on print awareness and the children will learn new songs, fingerplays and nursery rhymes.

On Wednesday, November 25th at 12PM the Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten classes will have their Annual Thanksgiving Feast. We will have a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings.



Sunday, December 20th at 10 AM is their annual Christmas Pageant with the Sunday School Children. The children will participate in re-telling the story of Jesus' birth and sing Christmas songs.

Special Thanks to our wonderful, dedicated staff in our Childcare Center, you are special people.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Celebrates 70 Years in 2016

Our committee will be meeting after the holidays (anyone that wants to help with this are welcome to attend our meetings). Our next meeting date will be Sunday, December 27th, following our worship service. We are planning a two day event. Please mark your calendar for September 17th and 18th of 2016. It will be complete with an open house, tour of Lutherhaven, worship service, luncheon and program. We are excited and hope that all current and former members will plan on attending. ***If you have contact information regarding former members please contact either Ida F. or Judy A. or our church email address Emmanuel.Bremerton@gmail.com.***

Educational Opportunities

For Children—Sunday School—9 AM

For Men—Men's Breakfast—1st Sat of month— 8 AM

For Women—2nd & 4th Fridays—10 AM

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For Adults- Sunday—9 AM— Study of Job

Wednesday—6:30 PM—Studying the Creeds





November Birthdays

1Larry Farner

6Pastor Tim Cartwright

22Callie Woodward

28April Mills

November Anniversaries

16.....Jay & Stephanie Johnson

20Bob & Cheryl Fox

24Larry & Sally Farner

December Birthdays

6Mollie Erickson

7Bonnie Mace

14Liane Armstrong

19Tim Cartwright Jr.

20Matthew Johnson

21Gladys Willis

23Sylvia Boyce

29Denise Williams

If there are any additions or corrections to the list please let Sharie Adrig, editor, know. You can do so via church mailbox, 377-2448 or gadrig@comcast.net.

Our Annual Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 20th during our Worship service at 10 AM. There will be children from our Sunday School and the Childcare center. Thanks to Judy A. & Carverlynn P for this special program.

Members Serving in November
Altar GuildSharie Adrig
ReaderKeri Roberts

Members Serving in December
Altar GuildCarol Henning
ReaderMaurine Simons

Sunday School—9 AM
Children’s teachers—opening—Carolyn Cartwright
Teachers—Judy Armstrong
Chelette Williams
Mary Moen
Adult teachers—Larry Farner
Pastor Tim

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 Reece for being our coordinator for coffee hour. Thanks to Theresa Prange 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 at 479-4892. Any comments or questions about the newsletter call Sharie Adrig—377-2448