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In case of an Emergency

Please call Pastor Tim on his cell phone 286-1090

Pastor's Message

Having a day set aside for Thanksgiving says something about the character of our nation. Participating in a Thanksgiving Service of Worship expresses the content of our personal character. Gratitude flows not from full hands but from full hearts. That is why, even when we encounter trials and losses we can still turn to God, the Giver of all good gifts, and offer Him our praise and thanksgiving.

As a young person, God gave me a role model for thanksgiving. There was a special person in my life, an elderly woman who was also a member of the same congregation, who had lived a hard life. She had not been blessed with children, but she was not bitter. Her life had been full of labor, farming and home-making. I was amazed at her because she was the only person I knew (beside my grandmother) who cooked and baked with a wood stove and oven. More amazing than that was to behold her enduring faith and undaunted spirit. She exuded so much joy and thanksgiving it was contagious. Being near her reframed my outlook on life and demonstrated for me the principle that a full heart is a grateful heart.

Emmanuel will be thanking God in a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. You are to express your thankfulness then or at these other seasonal gatherings.

November 23	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving Eve
November 26	10:00 AM	Advent-Christmas Decorating Party
November 27	10:00 AM	First Sunday of Advent
December 3	12:00 PM	Advent -Christmas Tea/Luncheon and Program
December 11	10:00 AM	Children's Christmas Pageant

See you there,
Pastor Tim Cartwright



Operation Christmas Child



Gladys is such a faithful supporter of OCC!



We, again, coordinated our efforts with the families in our Childcare Center.



Being retired missionaries, Carl & Melody have witnessed OCC first-hand. Melody is such a creative and generous member. She knitted beautiful scarves, dressed adorable dolls and knitted washcloths. Wonderfully done.



The night before Bob, JoEllen, and Glen constructed 40 boxes, little did we know that we would need more. Thanks to all that came and helped that day. It always proves to be a fun day.





Glen, along with Landen help moved the boxes onto the Altar.



Chelette, Mary and Landen enjoy helping each year with this ministry.

Emmanuel packed 64 boxes, our childcare center packed 15 boxes
Our grand total
79 !



Well Done Emmanuel ! Whether you were able to come and help at our packing party or you prayed for Operation Christmas Child, brought supplies in, or gave a monetary donation, you are appreciated!

Helping in Our Community

Helping Our Local Foodbank

FIRST FRUITSSHARE THE GIFT!

Everything we have comes from God, so the only thing we have to give is something that God has given us. When Paul instructed the Romans to present themselves as a living sacrifice, he was telling them to give back to God what God had given them. (Romans 12:1-8). December 3rd is "First Fruits Sunday". On that day, families at ELC are being asked to withhold their contributions from the "usual Food Bank cart" and instead, following the offering during the worship service, come forward with "your" gifts and place them on the altar! This act is a celebration of God's special gift to us, His son Jesus.

Sally



Thank you, Sally & Larry for this ministry you make possible.

How Can We Help the Pregnancy Resource Center?

Thank you all for contributing to our 'Dresser Ministry' through our local Pregnancy Resource Services. I periodically deliver the diapers, handcrafted blankets, infant clothing, etc. to this agency, which is close by. Monetary donations are also accepted. Many families are helped so much when they can receive these items. The staff at PRS spends quality time with their clients and assists in many ways. The love and guidance they receive, as well as the supplies, significantly show our community to be a caring one.

God bless you all.

Carol R.



*Thank you, Carol, for all you do.
This is an important ministry.*

News from our Missionaries, Bob & Cheryl

Currently our missionaries, Bob & Cheryl, are in France learning the language that is spoken in Niger, Africa. They are attending school to become efficient in French. The following is their Prayers and Thanksgiving.

Praise for the warm reception we have received from our language school and the church we are attending here in France.

Pray that God will prompt people to support us financially as ***some of our supporters have been unable to continue with their support.***

Praise for the opportunity to learn a new language.

Pray the Lord will quicken our minds and tongues so we can communicate effectively in French and that we would not be discouraged.

You can contact them at Cheryl.Fox@SIM.org or Bob.Fox@SIM.org Their new phone number is 07-69-32-45-03 and new address is 17 voie de Wissous 91300 Massy France

About Our Members

Maurine Competes at National Level

Some of may not realize this but our member, Maurine Simons, is one of a few certified School Bus Auto Mechanics in the country. She earned her certification locally at Olympic College and currently holds a position with South Kitsap School District maintaining all the Special Education Buses. For the past two years she has been selected to attend a national competition that is dominated by male bus mechanics. After returning just recently she shared the following: "This year the competition was held in Kansas City, Missouri. It consisted of many days of classes as well as a written test and five hands-on stations of various diagnostics. The first station was on starter and alternator diagnosis. I struggled with this station and the station for finding why a bearing failed. I got a perfect score on the diagnosis of the communication backbone of the bus. I got 98 out of 100 on the seat repair station and did well on the transmission diagnosis station. The written test I did better this year getting the 9th highest score. My final placement was 17th out of the 21 competitors, there were 19 states represented and 2 Canadian provinces (British Columbia and Alberta). I improved from last year to this year and continue to meet new people and make new friends. My knowledge grew from the classes and It was a busy week that was very worthwhile."

Maurine



Congratulations
Maurine!
We are proud of
you and your
accomplishments.

The Lord Giveth And The Lord Taketh Away

Our long-time member, Bill Erickson, went to be with the Lord on October 16, 2016. Bill sang in the church choir, served on council and was a reader at Emmanuel. The Stouffer family invited him to come to Emmanuel years ago.

Bill was raised in Des Moines, Iowa. He raised 4 children. From 1951–1955 he served in the Navy during the Korean War. For many years Bill lived on his boat that was moored at the Brownsville Marina.

His companion of 7 years is Linda Houlton. Linda started attending the church in 2010 and is still a current member. He and Linda travelled all over the world.

Donations can be made to the Kitsap Humane Society.



Bill will be missed by many at Emmanuel Lutheran

Former Member Has Book Published

Our former member, April Mills, has just published her first book. It's title is ***Everyone is a Change Agent*** April describes her book in the following way: "Everyone is a Change Agent is your indispensable guide to change. Packed with unique insights, memorable concepts, powerful stories, and vivid illustrations, Everyone is a Change Agent equips you with the Change Agent Essentials necessary for any rapid, joyful, successful change journey."

It is available at
<http://everyoneisachangeagent> OR on Amazon at <http://tinyurl.com/EIACA-Amazon>

What's Happening at Emmanuel

Thanksgiving Eve Service

We hope you are planning on attending our Thanksgiving Eve Service. It will be Wednesday, November 23rd, at 6:30 PM.



Thank You, LORD!

Decorating Party



On Saturday, November 26th we plan on gathering at 10 AM to prepare our church for the Advent and Christmas Season. It is always a lot of fun.

Annual Christmas Tea



Plans are underway for our annual Christmas Tea. Each year Miki and Carol R. plan a wonderful program and a time for fellowship. This is an opportunity for each of you to share a favorite dish or dessert that you enjoy making. The date is Saturday, December 3rd at 12:00, Noon-2:00. This is an opportunity to invite family and friends. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. We are looking forward to this special event.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Currently Carol H. is taking orders for poinsettias to help decorate our Altar for the Christmas season. They are \$11 each and you can have them in honor or memory of a friend or family member. Thanks to Carol H for always coordinating this for us.



Children's Christmas Pageant

Our Sunday School teachers and Childcare Staff are planning a special annual Christmas Pageant again this year. The date is December 11th and will be held during our 10 AM worship service. It is an event we look forward to every



year. We get to see and hear the Christmas story through the children's eyes and their singing.

Emmanuel Delivers Cookies

Each year we deliver

Christmas Cookies to various members and friends of



Emmanuel. Any cookie donations are appreciated in this effort. We are gathering at 9:00 AM Thursday, December 8th. If you are not able to come, but want to contribute cookies, you can bring them to church on Sunday, December 4th. It is helpful if you can divide them into 12 small bags. Please identify them to be used for the cookie deliveries. Any questions about this ask Sharie or Carol H.



November Birthdays

- 1Larry Farner
- 6Pastor Tim Cartwright
- 13Carmen, Childcare staff
- 22Callie Woodward
- 28April Mills

November Anniversaries

- 16Jay & 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.

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

Members Serving in November

- Altar GuildSharie Adrig
Sally Farner
- ReaderKeri Roberts

Members Serving in December

- Altar GuildCarol Henning
- ReaderWard Erickson

Sunday School Teachers

Children's Sunday School

- Carolyn Cartwright
- Judy Armstrong
- Ida Ficca & Mollie Erickson
- Chelette Williams

Substitutes: Mary Moen

Adult Bible Studies

- Wednesday nightPastor Tim
- Sunday morningPastor Tim
- Women's Friday Bible Study
Judy Armstrong

Your help during coffee hour?

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.