

# Emmanuel Lutheran Church

## October 2010 Newsletter

### Pastor's Message

*"They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations."*

*(Isaiah 61:4)*

On August 22, 2010, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Bremerton, WA, voted to cut it's ties to the ELCA, merge with Hope Lutheran Church, and it's pastor, Tim Cartwright, and join the American Association of Lutheran Churches.

While we watch the Biblical foundation of our faith being eroded within some circles, Emmanuel decided, as Isaiah 61 says to "rebuild," "restore," and "renew it's foundations by returning to the covenant of it's youth. We now proudly declare (as did the old ALC) that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant and infallible Word of God. The decisions we make regarding faith and morality are not swayed by the tides of public opinion or winds of political correctness. They are directed by God through the revelation of His Word.

I am excited because God is at work in Emmanuel Lutheran Church! We have wonderful, faithful, talented people who are in touch with God and we have a God who has hopes and plans for His people. Let us go forth in joy !

Congratulations to Glen Adrig, elected President of the Congregation for the new ELC, and to all new officers and council members.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

### Name the Newsletter??

*With a new church we would like a new name for our newsletter.*

*We are having a contest to name our newsletter. I am sure many of you have some great ideas.*

*Submit your ideas to the editor (Sharie Adrig - 377-2448 or [gadrig@comcast.net](mailto:gadrig@comcast.net))*

*Deadline to submit will be Nov 14th. The Council will make the final selection.*



### Your New Church Council

Glen Adrig	President
Tim Cartwright Jr	Vice President
Judy Armstrong	Treasurer
Jay Johnson	Secretary
Steve Armstrong	Richard Boyce
Sharie Adrig	Jim Tewksbury
Pastor Tim Cartwright (ex-officio member)	

## The President's Corner

Hello fellow members of Emmanuel Lutheran.... doesn't that sound great... fellow members !

We have all taken a giant step of faith and have come together as one, and it is really beginning to show.

Have you noticed a new spirit in the church? Have you noticed a feeling of peace? Have you come here with great joy and hope to grow this church once again, and have it stand as a beacon to the community? I hope so, because that is where we are headed with your faithful help.

I am so proud to be a member standing with you, and humbled to have been elected as your new President. However, we could not have gotten to this point without the dedication and hard work of others such as Jay Johnson, Steve and Judy Armstrong, and a host of others who have stood by and stood up to help Emmanuel take a new direction and join with the members of Hope Lutheran and Pastor Tim Cartwright to grow this church once again.

We have come a long way so far, and we have only taken some baby steps to get there. We have cleaned up the church grounds inside and out, started Sunday School and a Wednesday night Bible Study, our Altar Guild is meeting and organizing once again, we have put out a call for Prayer Chain members, we have a new computer system in place at the church, complete with a Wi-Fi system that can be used by our members (see me for a password into it), we have our Church sign and reader board fixed and shining out to the community once again, we have our first new newsletter out (please help us name it), and we are in the process of getting a pictorial member's church directory in place so everyone can know the addresses, email, phone numbers and dates which are important to recognize for our fellow members.

One indication of new growth in the community is that we have seen some past members of Emmanuel start to come back, if only for a visit right now, and we are also seeing some new faces in the pews. Look for a future ad campaign in early October too.

This is an exciting time for all of us. You can help by spreading the word to others that we are here in a new and conservative AALC synod, and that we are here to stay in the community. We will grow once again as a new Emmanuel Lutheran Church, I promise.

Glen Adrig Congregational President

## What? Christmas Already????

*Altar Guild is currently taking orders for Poinsettias* to adorn the altar at Christmas time. We are ordering them through our local Greenhouse (The Brothers Greenhouse). They are **\$9.25** for a 6" poinsettia. Orders can be placed with **Carol Henning at 377-6125**. She will be taking orders until **Sunday, Nov. 14th**.



**Also Due on Nov. 14th .....**

### Operation Christmas Child

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thank you for all of you that have contributed so far to help fill the shoeboxes. Here are some ideas for donations that are still needed.....

- wrapped candy
- washcloths and soap
- socks
- hairclips
- small hairbrushes and combs
- Cash donations are welcome (remember: it takes \$7.00 each to send each box.

Shoeboxes are always welcome. Also, if you would like to write a personal message to the child you are welcome to do so.

Questions call Glen and Sharie Adrig at 377-2448

## News from the Childcare

As Summer comes to a close and the fall leaves are falling to the ground we are very excited to have started our Preschool Program.

Preschool for our 2 1/2 and 4 1/2 year old friends started on September 1, 2010. We are all very excited for the opportunity to get our young children ready for kindergarten as well as to teach them about God's amazing love for them.

In the Month of October our Preschool friends will be working on the letters D, E, and F and the numbers 4, 5, and 6.

Our themes for the month of October will be the following:

**Week 1: Character Building**

**Week 2: Explorers**

**Week 3: Pumpkins**

**Week 3: Bugs and Insects**

**Week 5: Harvest**

Our monthly Literacy Night will be held on Friday, October 22, 2010 from 5:30-6:30 pm. During our literacy night the children will make Thanksgiving Cards, Thanksgiving placemats, as well as a story about the first Thanksgiving.

Thank you Emmanuel Church for providing the opportunity for the children of our community to have a safe, loving, Christian environment to learn and grow!

Chelette Williams

## Emmanuel's Sunday School

Emmanuel's Sunday School has begun! Our first Sunday was September 19th. We had three children and two teachers in attendance.

At this time we are studying the Old Testament stories of Creation and the Patriarchs.

We have a time of singing, birthday celebrations, and a story followed by a craft time. Two puppets named Lily and Sprout are also part of our Sunday School! They are fun to watch. Pastor Tim drops by every week, and we sing his favorite song for him: "Only a Boy Named David".

Sunday School runs from 9:15 - 9:45 in the library hallway next to the sanctuary. Children the ages of 3-8 are welcome to join us as we sing God's praises and learn about Him.

A Special Thank You to our teachers this month - **Carolyn Cartwright** and **Judith Dautenhahn**.



## **Happy Birthday !!!!**

September 1st - Mary Walker

18th- Eloise Pudas

Rose Schmidt

Theodore Mills

October 3rd - Evelyn Stoffer

16th- Judith Dautenhahn

21st- Jay Johnson



## **Happy Anniversary !!!!**

September 11th- Richard and Sylvia  
Boyce

A special happy 61st anniversary to Richard and Sylvia. We trust you had a wonderful trip to celebrate.

**We are still gathering dates and names for everyone. Please let Glen and Sharie Adrig (377-2448) know if we have made an error or left someone off the list.**

## **Altar Guild**

Several of you have shown an interest in serving on Altar Guild. All are welcome !!! Our next meeting will be October 10th at 11:30 (following the church service.)

If you are interested please plan on attending. If you have questions talk to Pastor Tim.

Thanks to **Jean Reed and Carol Henning** for their service this month and in the past. We also recognize **Jean** for baking communion bread and **Bob Armstrong** for his contribution of communion wine.