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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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In October we commemorate two important events, All Saints' Day and Reformation.

All Saints' Day is a time to remember those blessed ones who have gone on before us. They serve, as Hebrews 12:1 says, as a "great cloud of witnesses" to what Christ has done for us, and they encourage us in our walk with the Lord through this world.

Halloween, which is a contraction of "All Hallows' (or Saints') Eve" was originally a sacred holy day. It has degenerated into something else today. I like to use this time to tell stories to children and adults of the heroes ("saints") of the faith. If you are in worship that Sunday you will hear a story of one of the heroic saints of God. Of course we are all saints of God not because of our heroism but because of what Christ has done to redeem us. Our heroes serve to inspire in our faith.

One of the heroes of the faith was Martin Luther. The work of the Holy Spirit through Martin Luther is recalled on Reformation Sunday. Luther stood fast against the abuses of the Church, especially their teaching of salvation which said we must add to the work of Christ by our own works. Luther famously taught that we are saved by grace through faith. To take his stand against the Church he stood on the solid ground of the Word of God. Luther and the Reformation scholars that followed him had a high view of the authority of the Scriptures.

Following in their footsteps our Church teaches that the Scriptures are the "inspired, inerrant and infallible Word of God." (see the faith statement of our Constitution). On this solid foundation we are prepared to minister the pure Word of God to people who hunger for the Bread of Life.

Bless you for your support of the ministry of Word and Sacrament at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Pastor Tim

**In case of an
Emergency**

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone
286-1090

Our Newest Member

We welcome our youngest member into the church family. Her name is

Alice Kristine Mills.



She arrived at 1:35 am on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at Harrison Hospital in Silverdale. She weighed 8 lbs 13 oz and was 21 inches. Congratulations to...her big sister, **Helen**, her big brother, **Teddy**, and oh! of course, her parents...**Matt and April Mills**

Another Member Makes the Front Page of The Kitsap Sun

A couple of weeks ago the Bremerton YMCA celebrated 100 years. Our member, **Mae McConnell**, was one of their featured stories. The following was taken from the Kitsap Sun (in case you may have missed it). “*Bremerton City Councilman, Cecil McConnell, met his destiny at a USO dance at the old YMCA building in 1950. He’s been forced to retell the story a few times as the Y prepares to celebrate 100 years in the city.*”

McConnell was a sailor who was stationed in Bremerton and had just been transferred to Seattle. He owed a Bremerton friend \$20, so he came back to town. He ended up going to another friend’s in-laws’ house and helped with some electrical work. He stood on a bed in a room to change a light bulb. One of the bulbs broke and McConnell forgot to clean up after himself. Later that night McConnell went to the dance and was talking with friends when a girl named Mae approached him and announced that he’d left a mess in her bed earlier. She was mad then, but they danced and grabbed a burger and a Coke later that night. Two months later, on Aug. 1, 1950, they were married. “

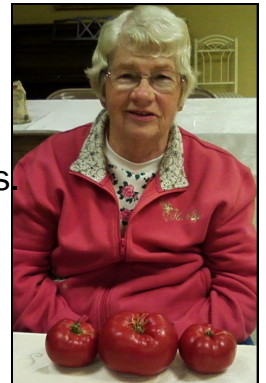
Congratulations, Mae and Cecil, for 61 years of marriage.

Hello from across the miles.....

This past weekend, Glen and Sharie Adrig went to Kennewick and spent some time with our member, Lody Nelsen. Lody lives in a lovely retirement home and is doing well. She had fun giving us a tour of her building and we enjoyed taking her out for a nice lunch. She enjoyed watching the video of our Vacation Bible School this past year and misses everyone. She says a hearty hello to all and was excited to hear about all the good things that are happening at Emmanuel. We have a current address and phone number for her. If you want to write or call her, call the Adrig’s at 377-2448.



Look at the size of these tomatoes. Our member, **Mary Walker**, sure knows how to grow great tomatoes. Great Job Mary !



A single Christian woman needs an apartment or a roommate (with another Christian woman). She works part time and is on SSD and SSI. If you have any information that could help please contact her at:
360-551-5697.

Dear Emmanuel Family,

The month of September marked 18 years I have been working for Emmanuel Lutheran Childcare. When I think back to my first days here, I remember that it was only going to be a “temporary part time” job while I finished my schooling, didn’t realize then that the children and this place would become such an important part of my life. I feel very blessed to have been able to do something that I enjoy so much for so long, don’t get me wrong, there are definite challenges and frustrations as well as stress, but the smiles, the hugs, and when they come back just to say “hi” and to let you know that they miss you, it makes it all worth it!

The childcare will have our annual Harvest festival on October 25th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. We will have fun games, like that famous cupcake walk and a Jell-O eating contest as well as a few other games. Fun Harvest treats will be served also. Everyone is welcome so if you are able, please come by and join the festivities.

We are sad to say that we had two staff members that have moved on. Kristin Blackman, who was one of our morning teachers, has left to complete her externship as a Medical Office Assistant. We also said goodbye to Tammy Bass. Tammy recently got married to a gentleman serving in the Navy. We wish both ladies all the best and they will be missed by the staff and the children.

Dates to remember this month for the childcare:

October 10, 2011: The Center will be closed in observance of Columbus Day Holiday.

October 11, 2011: Preschool field trip to Red Apple Market to buy ingredients to make a pumpkin pie.

October 2, 2011: Prekindergarten field trip to Red Apple Market to buy ingredients to make pumpkin cookies.

Thank you!

Chelette Williams



Thank You to Chelette for the past 18 years of dedicated service to our children and staff at the daycare. We appreciate all you do. We are looking forward to another 18 years ?

Also,

Thank You to Kristin Blackman and Tammy Bass for the work and dedication you have given Emmanuel Childcare center. Good luck to both of you for your future endeavors. We will miss you.

Thank you from all the members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

A Rich History of 65 years Chapter five

Back in 1961 and 62 the council consisted of 30 people. The council was divided up into different boards such as; board of trustees, board of property and management, board of evangelism and worship, board of education, and board of stewardship. Looking through the roster for 1962 Council, I couldn't help but notice that they were all women except for the Treasurer and Financial Secretary. In 1962 the church had a rather ambitious budget. They didn't call it their budget but they called it their vision. For World Mission—\$8,116 , for Pastoral Ministry—\$11,750, for Worship and Service- \$9,875 and for the Church home- \$22,000. Their first vision was to fill every pew. The second vision expressed their hopes for World Missions. The times were troubled just as we see it today. "This is the time for the voice of Christianity to reach every corner of the globe." They also supported the Lutheran Colleges. They also had a vision to hire another intern. Another vision was for the Sunday School. "Our hope for tomorrow lies in the faith of our children today. The Christian education of our young people should be one of paramount goals." Also, maintenance and landscaping are necessary. The last vision was to continue paying off the building debts. Some of the same visions that were a part of the church of 1962 are the same visions that we hold today.

Mark Stouffer was one of the members in the Confirmation class of 1962. Also included in this group was Eloise Pudas' son, Terry, Evelyn Stouffer's son and Callie Woodward's dad, James and Dollie Hage's daughter, Jeri. There were a total of 34 in the confirmation class that year. The confirmation service was held in the evening and the annual picnic was held the next day at Illahee State Park.



Confirmation Class of 1962—Front Row, fourth from the left- Jeri Hage (Dollie's daughter).... Second Row, first from left—James Stouffer (Evelyn's son and Callie Woodward's Dad)..... Third from the right- Mark Stouffer

A Rich History of 65 years Chapter four

The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet was held in May of 1962. During the banquet it seemed customary to sing different tributes to groups of people. Daughters would sing to their mothers, mothers would sing to their daughters. All would sing to the men when they were serving the meal. I found the words that were sung to the men to be of interest. "Fellow diners, I've been thinking, what a noble band and true—Are those handsome courtly waiters, called our Emmanuel Brotherhood They are mighty fine in spirit; we have found them ever true. Loyal sons of the Emmanuel Lutheran; Friends and Brothers 'HERE'S TO YOU' !" The Women's group continues to be very active. During the World Missions month (March) they had a guest speaker that had been a missionary in Madagascar. Bible studies seemed to be routine. A hand were never idle. While they attended the meeting they brought sewing supplies and worked on projects that were to sent to Alaskan missions. Each month they would bring some kind of food item to be shipped overseas. During the month of March they brought small boxes of powdered milk.

One thing that stands out in the Scrapbook for 1962 are the number of weddings that occurred at Emmanuel. Every other page has a wedding announcement. To be exact there were 28 weddings that year. That same year there were 45 individuals baptized and Emmanuel buried 27 members.

1962 marked the first year that Emmanuel held a Harvest Party. Eight "Certificates of Appreciation" were given to members that were the original charter members that were still members in 1962. One included Marilyn Boekenoogen's mother-in-law, Mrs. Clark Boekenoogen. On October 12, 1962, 1/3 of the west side of the roof was torn off by gale winds. For many of us that are long time resident's of this county we can probably remember this as the great "Columbus Day Storm." I remember it well as a child.

The Brotherhood of Emmanuel Lutheran (Men's group) held a meeting in March of 1962. The subject of the meeting was Communism. There was a panel forum with several men of the congregation that were prepared to debate the subject, "Communism's Challenge to America and American Churches." Other members were asked to bring any information and statistics to help support the discussion.

We need a part-time "at-home" volunteer. Can you PLEASE help us out ? ?

Do you enjoy the historical stories of our church that continue to be a part of our newsletters ? Would you like to see it continue ? If you have ever placed a picture or a newspaper clipping into a scrapbook, then you can help us in a very important part-time task. Emmanuel Lutheran Church has a great tradition of keeping a pictorial record of events of the past. We would certainly like to see this tradition continue, and so are asking if there is anyone who would like to help out as a "Church Record Keeper or Historian". We would like to begin by filling in the gap between the end of the current picture book and where we are today. If you are interested in this important task, please contact either Pastor Tim or Glen or Sharie. PLEASE !!

October marks the beginning of our campaign to help support Operation Christmas Child. This gives us an opportunity to support children all over the world with shoeboxes filled with gifts for those less fortunate than us. During the next few months we will have opportunities to support the program as well as help those children right in our neighborhood. At Christmas we are given the opportunity to buy food and gifts for local families. With Operation Christmas Child the gifts may seem small but items that we consider a necessity some children will call it a luxury. Our goal is to fill at least 30 boxes.



Once again we have heard from a recipient of last years boxes. This person is a Sunday School teacher in the Philippines. She is 38 years old and her name is Jocelyn Roche Lemitaes. Her son was one of



the recipients of our boxes. His name is James Lemitaes. She writes; "He is very happy for that gift." "We are very happy here! Thank you and God blessed you more and more !!!! God's always giving you a Good Health, and more Blessings to come. God Blessed You All" Truly Yours, Jocelyn Lemitaes."

(Some of the grammar may not be correct but I wanted to give you the message directly from her words. She explained in her letter that she struggles with English.) The picture is of the children in her church that received shoeboxes (some of ours included).



Important Dates to Remember !

View the Video: October 30th

Donations due: November 6th

Packing Party:

Saturday, November 12th-10:00AM

Blessing the Boxes: November 13th



Ways you can contribute.....

- Shoe boxes (standard sized)
- Small toys (no war related toys)
- School Supplies (calculators, colors, pens, pencils)
- Hygiene Items (mild bar soap, combs, brushes, wash cloths, collapsible cups, small empty water bottles)
- Wrapped candy, socks, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).
- Monetary gifts (it costs \$7 per box to mail)

Church Directory Change Notice

If you haven't done so already, please contact Glen Adrig to get the latest pictorial and address update pages placed into your directory. Although we tried to get the latest information placed into the book, two corrections need to be written into your latest directory. Contact Glen or Sharie at 377-2448 or see us for changes which affect Dolly Hage's phone number and Callie Woodward's address/phone number.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Emmanuel Lutheran offers two opportunities for you to learn more about the Bible and it's teachings. Both sessions are different.

On Sunday mornings at 9:00 am, we meet in the classroom downstairs prior to our regular Worship Services.

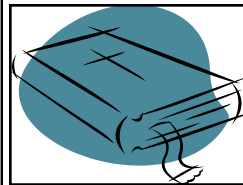
On Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, we meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Please take the opportunity to join us at either or both sessions. We're sure that you will find the study sessions fun and worthwhile.

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 sign up on the sign up sheet available in the sanctuary or fellowship hall.



How Can I Serve ?



We are currently looking for those individuals that are interested in being a reader for our Worship Service. If this something you think you may want to consider ask Pastor Tim. There will be a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

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.





October Birthdays

- 3 Evelyn Stouffer
- 3 Helen Allen
- 16 Judith Dautenhahn
- 21 Jay Johnson
- 24 Mark Stouffer
- 24 Mark Ditlefsen

No October Anniversaries

November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

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

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 October

- Altar Guild Jean Reed
- ReaderCarol Henning
- Sunday School
- OpeningCarolyn Cartwright
- TeacherJudy Armstrong
- Teaching Assistant..
- Judith Dautenhahn

Members serving in November

- Altar GuildCarol Henning
- Sharie Adrig
- ReaderApril Mills
- Sunday School To Be Announced

Check us out at

<http://www.elcbremerton.org>

Just for a laugh!!!

Do You know your Hymns???????

Weatherman’s Hymn”There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.”

The Tailor’s Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

The Politician’s Hymn ...”Standing on the Promises”



**Young family needs a twin bed for their son.
If you have a bed you would like to donate
please call 551-5697**

*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 Arm-
strong-479-4892.*