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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BREMERTON, WA

Pastor's Message

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In October we buy packages of candy to share with the children who knock on our door and proclaim, "trick or treat!" Halloween has its origins in the practice of the Christian faith, and yes, in ancient nature religions too. When Christian missionaries began to spread the good news of Jesus into what is now Europe they encountered existing religious practices among the people. God inspired them to convert both the people and the religious practices to Christianity. So today we see children costumed in images like those of ghosts, vampires, and the living dead haunting the local streets on Halloween and know this practice harkens back the nature religions of Europe. On Halloween Christians convert this talk of spirits and the dead to a time of recalling and giving thanks to God for the faithful saints who have gone on before us. Halloween gets it's name from the holy day called "All Hallow's Eve" (meaning the evening before the day honoring the Holy Ones, or Saints). On this day in church we recite the names of the "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1), the saints who have gone on before us, and we toll the bell for them, praying that we too will be faithful to the Lord until death as they were. This is also a good time to tell stories of the great saints who inspire us and of precious family members who have gone to be with the Lord. This year, in Church, I will be telling the powerful story of Boniface, missionary to the Germanic Tribes. My point is to let us not be fearful of Halloween because of its origins in other religions, rather let us help convert this holiday into a Christian holy day by the way we honor the Lord on All Saints' Eve with Christian practices.

In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
 on his cell
 phone
286-1090

An appropriate practice on this day would be to gather an offering for the local Life Center, where pregnant girls get the help they need to keep their unborn children alive.

May the Lord guide you in your celebration of All Saints' Day.

Pastor Tim Cartwright



Gathering All Women of Emmanuel !

It's Fall Retreat time for food and fellowship. Your Soul will be spiritually filled. Join us as we gather around God's Word and discover the many opportunities and ministries for You ! Please save Sunday, October 27th at 12:30 for this opportunity. We will be gathering at Carol Reece's home. Please bring a light snack to share. If you have questions please feel free to ask Sharie Adrig, Miki Turowski, or Chelette Williams.

Please contact Carol Reece if you are planning on attending, for driving directions and /or have transportation needs. We are trying arrange carpooling.

We need an RSVP by Wednesday, October 23rd !

New Release from Franklin Graham

A story of Simple Gifts

It was a simple idea that became the world-wide ministry of Operation Christmas Child—to minister to children in war-torn and famine-stricken countries. In just 20 years it has inspired everyday people to provide more than 100 million gift-filled shoeboxes to needy children in 130 countries. "Operation Christmas Child: A Story of Simple Gifts" weaves the moving, God-saturated story of the ministry's beginning with the Christ-exalting stories of lives forever changed by a simple shoebox.

Order your copy at

BillyGrahamBookstore.org

Operation Christmas Child is Here !!!!

In case you haven't noticed, the Operation Christmas Child collection box is out and ready for your donations. We will be collecting items through Sunday, November 10th and the Packing Party is set for Saturday, November 16th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to have all of you to come and assist in this process. It is a lot of fun for adults as well as children. We will have a free will offering and a blessing of the boxes on Sunday, November 17th. To cover postage we need to enclose a check for \$7 for each box, therefore, if it isn't convenient for you to go out and shop you can always submit a monetary donation to help cover the postage costs. If you would rather pack your own box contact Glen or Sharie Adrig and we can provide you with a box. We take for granted all that we have (toothbrushes, washcloths, socks, soap, hairbrushes, etc.) but there are children that don't have such luxuries. So, the next time you are at the store, remember Operation Christmas Child and tuck a little extra into your cart, items that would fit in a shoebox.

Along with our shoeboxes comes a curriculum . Many of these children (and their families) have been led to the Lord through our shoeboxes and the supplemental education that "The Samaritans' Purse" provides.

Christmas in October ??????

We would like to decorate the Altar with poinsettias for the Christmas Season. If you would like to order one or more please see



Carol Henning. They are \$9.50 each, payable when you place your order. ***Carol needs your order NO LATER than November 17th.***

Reformation Sunday

November 27th

On Reformation Sunday we remember the work of the Holy Spirit to reform His Church by inspiring the study of God's Word. Today the Holy Spirit is also reforming His Church through the faithful study of the inspired Word of God. We will remember God's reforming work by telling a story from the life of Martin Luther.

Opportunities to Support Local Ministries !

Pregnancy Resource Services

Pregnancy Resource Services, a non-profit , non-denominational Christian organization, has been in operation since 1984.

The resource center subscribes to the Biblical mandate to always choose life. They believe all human life is unique and precious in God's sight and is therefore of inestimable worth and significance in all its dimensions, including the unborn.

They demonstrate God's love by offering emotional, spiritual and material support. PRS provides education concerning healthy relationships and the benefits of abstinence. They also offer emotional and spiritual healing to those who have chosen abortion.

Information from the PRS flyer

How can you help?

1. We have our "dresser ministry" and it still needs to be filled with baby supplies.
2. Pray regularly for this ministry.
3. Volunteer for the center
4. Give a monetary donation

If you want to help with this ministry see Carol Reece.

A Rich History of 66 yearsChapter 16

At Easter of 1989, the Women’s Circle distributed Easter baskets (complete with fruit and eggs) for the elderly and shut-in members .



Long-time member, Charlotte Nutter, was a recipient of the Easter baskets. Many of you , long-time members probably remember her but ironically I remember her too. She was my nurse at my elementary school, Smith School. -Sharie Adrig

Spring of 1989 marked the opening of our Pre-School Day Care. It has flourished under the direction of many leaders from the past and our past– director, Chelette Williams and current director, Carverlynn Prothero. Thank you to all that have been a part of this ministry and successful endeavor . The day-care, pre-school continues to be a very important ministry for our church currently providing quality care for our children in Bremerton and having provided care for previous attendees.



1989 marked the 100th birthday for Washington State and the women’s circles took this opportunity to recognize the history of ELC. They hosted yet another Spring Brunch. Some of our current members helped to organize this celebration. Carol Henning and Kay Kannitzer designed and printed the invitations and programs, Leona Michaels and Bonnie Mace assisted with the decorations and setting tables, and Sylvia Boyce assisted with the food. Two members entertained those in attendance with their autoharps.

Carol Henning and her mother , Hazel, at the Spring Brunch—1989

When Emmanuel Lutheran Church celebrated their 40th Anniversary, the ELCA Synod presented them with a special certificate of recognition.



Member's Memories



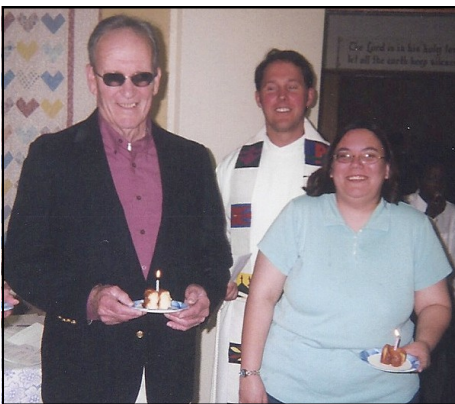
Linda Houlton came to Emmanuel in 2011. Her friend, Bill Erickson, became a member of the Emmanuel family in October of 1999. Linda fits in so well, that I assumed she was a long time member too.

Linda grew up in North Seattle and had a unique baptism. She was not baptized in a church, but with her cousin in her aunt and uncle's home.

She recalls a Lutheran pastor coming to their home when she was 9 years old. Ironically enough she was baptized Lutheran but grew up in Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church. She remembers a bus coming to her home and picking her up each Sunday. She attended Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She recalls how she loved hearing the Bible stories (in particular about "Baby Moses") and loved the songs they sang. Because of this, she looks forward to and truly enjoys it when our children sing at the VBS programs and pageants.

When she moved away from home she stopped going to church (which many of us do). A few years later she worked at the Virginia Mason Clinic (in Seattle) and found herself going and just sitting quietly in St. James Cathedral during her lunch hour. She loved the beauty of the church, the musty smell and the solitude of her surroundings. She gradually started attending the Catholic services and was captivated with the ceremony of Catholicism. She felt the presence of God. At the age of thirty-six she converted to Catholicism. She attended St. Patrick's in Seattle. She described the Guitar Mass as very welcoming at that time in her life. She was married in St. James Cathedral and ended up attending her local parish, St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill. Her son was confirmed and was an altar boy at St. Joseph's.

Years later she moved to Bremerton and one of the promises she made to herself was to find a church where she could feel comfortable. Her family went to First Lutheran in Poulsbo. Bill Erickson brought her to Emmanuel and it has been a blessing for her ever since. She says the ELC has a warm feeling and a very welcoming congregation. We are glad that you are a part of this welcoming congregation. One of the things that Linda loves at ELC are the old hymns. It reminds her of the hymns she sang as a child.

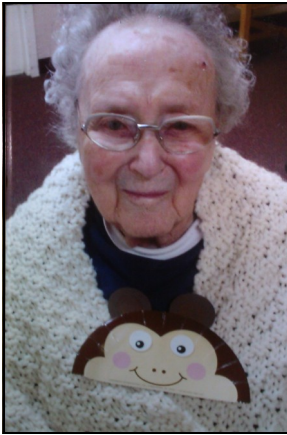


Linda is excited about a planned trip sometime next year to Mexico. Bill and Linda, you are an important part of our congregation. You are loved and appreciated.

**Bill Erickson and Stephanie Armstrong
Johnson celebrate a special birthday .**

May 1989

Leona Michaels has been a member of Emmanuel for many years. She served the church in many capacities. Not only did she serve as a Sunday School teacher but she was the Sunday School Superintendent (at that time the enrollment for Sunday School was huge). Leona was one of the quilter's that made and sent hundreds of quilts overseas. She was very involved with the local Women's conference representing ELC. She served on Church Council and was elected Council President. Her daughter, Mary Moen, recalls always sitting in the 6th pew with her family. Mary



Leona, enjoying her prayer shawl

said, "If my mom wasn't at work she was working at the church." What a fine example of a strong Christian Woman. We are grateful to Leona and the other women that supported and served ELC through the years. Our love and gratitude to you Leona !

Special Thanks ! "I want to thank the congregation for the prayer shawl that had been blessed and given to my mother, Leona Michaels. Your faithful prayers of healing and support for our family has held us up during our time of need. The prayer shawl she wears is a constant reminder. " With endearing love for you, Mary Moen

Celebrating a Special Birthday
Join us in recognizing Evelyn Stouffer as she celebrated her 96th Birthday!
Evelyn, you are very special to us.



At Emmanuel we offer Sunday School for the children to learn the Bible and for adults there are two classes. Sunday morning we study the book of Daniel and Wednesday Evenings we are studying the book of Ephesians.

***Be reformed in your mind
 and being by joining
 the study of God's Word.***

Sunday9:00 AM

Wednesday6:30 PM



***VBS Children
Supports our
Local Food Bank***

Miki Turowski, Kneeda Williams and Pastor Tim Cartwright recently visited Patti Peterson, Executive Director of the Bremerton Foodline, to deliver food and a check for monies

collected during Emmanuel’s VBS this summer. The children donated 127 lbs of food and collected over \$320 (including matching donations from the congregation) for the food bank as their mission project for this year’s Vacation Bible School. The Bremerton Foodline was thrilled to receive the donations, which come just in time, as they are already preparing to provide Thanksgiving meals to needy families in our community.

Well done, Emmanuel Lutheran VBS children ! Your generosity glorifies God !

The Story Behind the Hymn —————“For All the Saints”

William Walsham How was born to wealthy British parents. His father was an attorney, his grandfather a preacher. Although William studied law at Oxford University, shortly after he graduated he entered the Anglican ministry. He was offered two Bishop positions but turned them both down to serve a poor community. For 28 years he served in a rural parish near the border of Wales. He wrote 60 of his hymns during that time. Following this time he moved to London and assisted the Bishop, helping the poor. He was referred to as the “Poor Man’s Bishop”. He preferred to ride public transportation and be closer to the common and poor community.

William was more of a liberal and even accepted some ideas of evolution. He once said “A good hymn should be like a good prayer....simple, real, earnest and reverent.” In 1897 he was asked to write the national hymn for the British Empire’s observance of Queen Victoria’s Jubilee. Unfortunately, later on that same year he died.

One of his most well-known hymns is “For All the Saints.” It’s original title was “Saints Day HymnCloud of Witnesses.....Hebrews 12:1” It was especially written for All Saints Day. It was first published in 1864.

- information taken from “Then Sings My Soul” Book 2 (Thanks to Geri Sutherland for her donation)

- October Birthdays**
- 3 Evelyn Stouffer
 - 3 Helen Allen
 - 16 Judith Dautenhahn
 - 21 Jay Johnson
 - 24 Mark Stouffer
- November Birthdays**
- 1 Larry Farner
 - 6 Pastor Tim Cartwright
 - 7 Kimani Johnson
 - 22 Callie Woodward
 - 24 Mark Ditefsen
 - 28 April Mills
- November Anniversaries**
- 16 Jay & Stephanie Johnson
 - 20 Bob & Cheryl Fox
 - 24 Larry & Sally Farner

Members serving in October

Altar Guild Jean Reed
 Reader Ida Ficca
 Sunday School Carolyn Cartwright
 Judy Armstrong
 Chelette Williams

Members serving in November

Altar Guild JoEllen Klempan
 Reader..... Miki Turowski
 Sunday School..... Carolyn Cartwright
 Judy Armstrong
 Chelette Williams


Substitutes for Sunday School

Mollie Erickson and Mary Moen

Thanks to all that are signing up to host coffee hour! If you are interested, the sign up sheet is on the counter in the fellowship hall!

We would like to thank Chelette Williams and Theresa Prange for all of the hard work they have done on the church grounds this past summer.

Thanks for the help you gave Carol Reece in this project.



Check us out at
<http://www.elcbremerton.org>

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.

Any comments or questions about the newsletter call Sharie Adrig—377-2448