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Pastor's Message

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In case of an Emergency

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October, when temperatures cool down as we move past the long, warm and wonderful summer months we've enjoyed. Now we bring out the harvest theme decorations. Children think about pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns, costumes and candy.

In our church life two important celebrations are dominant this time of year. First is **Reformation** on October 26th. This Holy Day celebrates the work of the Holy Spirit to reform His Church at a time when it's teachings had gotten off-center. This was true regarding the teachings about how we are saved (**Justification** by **Grace** through **Faith**) and about the authority of the **Bible as God's Word** (the Bible is the "Norming Norm"). Two of the most influential leaders God used during the latter years of the sixteenth century and the early years of the seventeenth century were Martin Luther and John Calvin. It was not Luther's desire to see the Church split by the reform measures but that is what happened when the Church, led by Rome and the Pope, refused to listen to God's guidance through His reformers. So the institutional church splintered but the Gospel remained pure and the Word of God continued to clearly speak God's truth.

Today, within modern Lutheranism, the issue of the authority of the Bible is still on the front burner of our discussions and disagreements. It led to the split within Lutheranism that created the AALC. The position of the AALC is that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God, a position in conformity with the old ALC. This high view of authority of the Bible directs how we think and act regarding our theology and our social issues, and our church polity. On this Sunday Pastor Tim will tell a story from the life of the reformer, Martin Luther.

The second important Holy Day is **All Saints Day** which we will celebrate on Sunday, November 2nd but it is really on November 1 and it is historically celebrated on the eve of that day, or October 31. It's name was foreshortened from "All Hallow's Eve" to "Halloween." It was originally a day when pagans celebrated the dead. Christians took it over and made it a day for God's saints to celebrate our victory (and the victory of our loved ones who have died) over sin, death and the devil. At Emmanuel we will hear a story of one of God's Saints whose life inspires us in a walk of daring faithfulness to God. We will then record the names of our loved ones who have gone on before us and, during the Prayers, we will read the names of the dearly departed and toll the bell for them, celebrating their victory in Christ over death. The names of these loved ones will be pasted on the walls of the fellowship hall as a "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) to remind us to walk faithfully with the Lord until we walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

You are invited to come and worship the Lord, to join in the celebration of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives this great month of October.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

Would you like to help decorate our altar during the Christmas Season?

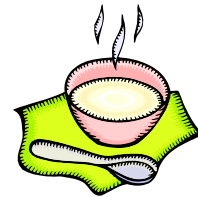
We would like to decorate the altar area with poinsettias during the Christmas Season. If you would like to order one or help defray the cost, they are \$10.00. If you would like to give one or more in memory or honor of someone, please write it out and give it to Carol Henning with the payment. If you would like to help with the cost, please place your money in an envelope marked "Poinsettias" or give it to Carol.



How Can We Help our Community?

DID YOU KNOW ?????? One in 4 children in our community are at risk of hunger? That 850 pounds of food will provide 664 meals? That since the first of December 2013 Emmanuel has donated 1063 pounds of food and 17 pounds of non-food items to the Food Bank? That in one week alone the children who attended VBS at Emmanuel donated 125 pounds of food? That cold weather and holidays are coming and a greater need will exist to help our neighbors? Following are "suggested" food items:

1. Canned meats with proteins like spaghetti, and meatballs or stews.
2. Hot or cold cereals.
3. Boxed meals like Hamburger Helper.
4. Canned yams/sweet potatoes, green beans for holiday baskets.
5. Canned fruits and vegetables for everyday meals.
6. Peanut Butter or Jelly (12 oz size)
7. Canned meats (chicken, tuna, beef, Spam)
8. Sundries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo, disposable razors.
9. Desserts in a box like cookie or cake mix, frostings and staples like flour or sugar.
10. Disposable Diapers and wipes.
11. Pet food for cats or dogs and cat litter.
12. Garden or Orchard fruits and vegetables.



God gives, and we give freely out of thankfulness !



Burrrrr..... The "Long Hot Summer" is over and winter is coming! A time when kids and adults will need more than a hot nourishing meal...they will also need warm gloves or mittens and hats. If you knit or crochet or simply "shop for bargains", think about donating these items to the Bremerton Food Line.

Sally Farner

It's Operation Christmas Child Time !

Once again we are supporting the Samaritan's Purse ministry, Operation Christmas Child. Every year we have grown. Last year we had over 50 shoeboxes. How many can we pack this year? When everybody just gives a little, we can accomplish so much. A collection box is sitting in the Fellowship hall until Sunday , November 9th. On Saturday, November 15th we will pack our boxes starting at 10 AM. Some ideas can include small toys, hats, socks, finger puppets, stickers, solar calculators, tape measures, sewing kits, etc, let your imagination be your guide. There is a list of ideas you can pick up next to the collection box.



A Personal Operation Christmas Child Story

“Mary Mitskevich knew there was one thing she was not getting for Christmas—a toy ! Mary grew up as one of five children of a pastor in Russia, and her family couldn't afford Christmas gifts other than a few practical items like clothing and toiletries. So she will never forget the day in 1998 when Samaritan's Purse delivered brightly wrapped shoeboxes from Operation Christmas Child to her church. The boxes were jam-packed with fun gifts and little treasures. “I used every item to its fullest,” Mary said. “I outgrew the gifts inside the box before too long, but I never outgrew the box.” Even today, now that she is married and living in Texas, Mary still uses that 16 year-old shoebox to store precious keepsakes. “I have had the opportunity to pack several shoeboxes myself for kids around the world, and I hope these boxes will bring just as much joy and love as I experienced through the ministry of Operation Christmas Child,” she said.

Taken from the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Catalog.

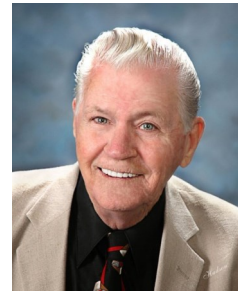
Never underestimate the power of a simple gift. This year, they are trusting God for more than 10 million gift boxes through Operation Christmas Child to reach boys and girls in over 100 countries around the world. Help us support this worthy cause. Sharie Adrig, Coordinator

Mark Your Calendars !

November 2nd _____ First Fruits Sunday _____ Food bank donations _____
 November 9th _____ Operation Christmas Child Donations _____
 November 15th _____ Operation Christmas Child Packing Party _____ 10 AM _____
 Poinsettia orders due
 November 26th _____ Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service _____ 6:30 PM _____

In Memory

On September 29, 2014 our member, Cecil “Mac” McConnell went to be with our Lord. Mac joined the church back when Pastor Crawford was at Emmanuel. They both shared the love of fishing. He had a long outstanding career in the U.S. Navy. He was once stationed at PSNS and after retiring as a Chief Petty Officer he brought his family back to Bremerton. “In the years following his retirement Cecil worked as a computer specialist for Naval Torpedo Station Keyport; the State of Washington and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, retiring in 1985.



Cecil was an avid rifle and bow hunter and a life-long member of the NRA. In 1991 he opened the Kitsap Archery shop.”

1996 marked another chapter in Cecil’s life. He was elected to the Bremerton City Council He served four terms (16 years) working with three different elected mayors. Cecil gained the reputation of being a “straight shooter” on the council. He had a “no nonsense” approach to city government but never held a grudge. In 2009 Cecil served as mayor “pro tem” until Patty Lent was elected. If you attended Cecil’s memorial service it became quite clear that he was a supportive advocate for our local fire fighters and law enforcement. Bremerton will surely miss Cecil as well as Emmanuel members that knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mae, of 64 years; his son, Robert McConnell, his daughter , Miki and son-in-law, Jim Turowski and daughter Patricia and son-in-law, Ernie Maxon as well as three grandchildren.

Prayers of comfort for Cecil’s wife, Mae and daughter, Miki as well as the entire family.

Memorials may be made to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Kitchen Fund.

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

For All the Saints was published in 1864. It was one of William How’s greatest hymns. Pastor How was a bit of a rebel. He originally studied to be a lawyer but turned to the ministry. He was offered a Bishop’s position with the Anglican church but chose to serve the poor instead. He made this decision unknown to his family. He served as a country parson in 1851 near the Welsh border. During this time he was a prolific author writing nearly 60 hymns. In 1879 he moved to London and became an assistant Bishop. He refused to ride a private coach but preferred public transportation. How was recognized as a liberal following the trends of his day. He was know as a soul-winner and an evangelical hymnist.

Information taken from the book, “Then Sings My Soul; Book 2” by Robert J. Morgan.

Many thanks to Geri Sutherland for her generous contribution.

A Rich HistoryChapter 22

In 1995 Emmanuel Lutheran was approaching it's 50 years since it's beginning. (December 1995–February 1996) Pastor Christiansen stated in his annual report “for fifty years, members of this church have been traveling, and today we continue the journey of faith. It’s time to go again, to start another fifty years. The Magi departed in a direction and made a decision. The same decision is open to us as we begin again our journey of faith.”

There were several big maintenance projects completed during 1995. These included retiling the floor in the Fellowship Hall. This was completed by several members of the congregation. They included Richard Boyce and Karl Kannitzer (Kay’s husband). The Sanctuary was re-lamped that year thanks to Karl Kannitzer and Pastor Gordon Christensen as well as several other members. Several men of the congregation also assisted with repainting the daycare. Karl helped with this as well. Also, Vern Pudas (Bonnie Mace’s dad, Mollie Erickson’s grandpa) helped with the repainting.

That year the Sunday School’s 3rd and 4th graders put together health kits for Lutheran World Relief. The teens served Easter Breakfast and went to Lutherhaven on Wednesday nights through the summer. An evening VBS was held in August. The upstairs teen room was painted. Larry Ficca helped with Sunday School and the teen program. Judy Armstrong served as the Parish Education and Youth chairperson. Thank you Judy for your continued service in our education program at Emmanuel. Judy continues to teach Sunday School, VBS and Women’s Bible Study.

In 1995 the music book we use today, “With One Voice”, was purchased. It added much to the worship services.

The Quilters were meeting bi-monthly. During the year they completed and sent 95 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. They also put together and sent layettes. The Altar Guild was an active group at that time. Carol Henning served as the Chairman and Sylvia Boyce served as the Co-Chairman. Thank you ladies for your continued service.

That year was a tough one for Emmanuel 12 of their members went to be with the Lord in one year. However, they celebrated 5 weddings in the same year.



Richard Boyce, Sylvia Boyce and Lody Nelson taught crafts at VBS in 1995.



Fran Tewksbury (Jo-Ellen Klempan’s Mom) was one of the VBS teachers.



October Birthdays

- 3.....Evelyn Stouffer
- 3Helen Allen
- 3Wayne McElroy
- 21 Jay Johnson
- 24Mark Stouffer
- 29Tatyana Johnson

November Birthdays

- 1Larry Farner
- 6Pastor Tim Cartwright
- 6Sabrina Moskowitz
- 22..... Callie Woodward
- 28April Mills

November Anniversaries

- 16Jay & Stephanie Armstrong
- 20 Bob & Cheryl Fox
- 24 Larry & Sally Farner

If I have printed the wrong information or have left someone's name off the list please let me know.

Sharie Adrig—Editor

Members serving in October

- Altar GuildIda Ficca
Sharie Adrig
- ReaderGlen Adrig

Members serving in November

- Altar GuildCarolyn Cartwright
Bonnie Mace
- Reader Keri Roberts
- Sunday School
- Children'sJudy Armstrong
Chelette Williams
Carolyn Cartwright
- AdultDr. Norm Lund
- Wednesday Bible StudyPastor Tim
- Friday Women's Bible Study ..Judy A.

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!

Don't forget our Baby Dresser ministry. The weather is getting colder and we need to fill our baby dresser with warm sweaters, hats, blankets. Etc.

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