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Pastor's Message

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My Father-in-law, Roger VanDellen, liked to play golf, so when we were together he'd often arrange for us to go golfing. Roger was perpetually happy and engaging, to the point that it would rub off on me, old sourpuss that I am. Roger was also adept at engaging people in conversation. Add these three together and you get a scene where the two of us would go to the golf course, get matched with another two-some, and soon Roger was engaged in conversation with them, laughing and earning their trust. He'd ask where they lived, what work they did or had done, and finally he'd ask what church they attended. Most often the answer was, "None," to which he would proffer a pained reply, "Oh, that's too bad!" Then he would enthusiastically continue, "Church is wonderful and knowing the Lord and walking with Him through life is the greatest experience I have." Roger could say this in a non-threatening manner that would earn the respect of his listeners. He was an inspiration and role model to me. My own Father came out of a home where there was no church but his Mother read the Bible to him and shared her faith with him. Years later when he proposed to my Mother her condition was that he commit his life to the Lord and join the church. He did just that and his faith pervaded all of his life and values and served as a role model for me.

Today I thank God for my Father and my Father-in-law, who have shaped my life. This month is All Saints Day month on the church calendar. The culture observes it as "Halloween" which is short for "All Hallow's Eve" meaning All Holy Ones' (Saints) Evening (the evening before the Saints' day). For Christians this day is not about ghosts or goblins. It is about the saints who have gone on before us whose lives inspired us in our faith walk.

At Emmanuel we will observe it by reading the names of your loved ones who have gone on before us and tolling the bell for each one. I will also be telling the story of one of the saints whose life inspires our faith in Jesus as Lord. This month we will also celebrate Reformation, the work of God through His people, especially Martin Luther, to reform the teachings of His church. I will be telling a Martin Luther story too.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone

286-1090

"First Fruits"

Fall is here. Therefore Thanksgiving is coming. Please consider donating any of the following food items: stuffing/cornbread mixes, chicken/beef broth, gravy mixes, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, cake mixes, cranberry sauce, canned fruits and vegetables. Let our bounty be a blessing to someone's table.

We will continue the clothing drive through October. This is a great chance to go through our closets and find items we don't wear or need anymore. All sizes, all genders, all age groups, The Bremerton Food Bank can really use them. Winter is coming and people need even more clothes to stay warm. Remember no undergarments but shoes are welcomed. "I was naked and you clothed me."



Larry and Sally—First Fruit's coordinators ***Special Thanks to Larry & Sally for your service.***

Lutherhaven has a new emailOlympiclutherhaven@gmail.com

Also, Look for Lutherhaven on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OlyLutherhaven>

Christmas Poinsettias

If you wish to order a poinsettia to sit at our altar for the Christmas Season you can contact Carol H. The cost is \$11 per poinsettia and if you wish to have it be in memory or honor of someone special to you, write it down for Carol. The deadline is December 13th.

Thank Carol for chairing this.

Operation Christmas Child—2016



Did you know that we are one of 11 countries that participates in OCC? They include Austria, Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Spain, Japan, the United Kingdom and the USA. In 2014 there were a total of 10,440,333 shoesboxes sent internationally. Of these boxes 7,991,643 were collected in the USA. Just in the Northwest alone we collected 263,348. Our boxes from the Northwest were sent to one often processing centers. Our boxes went to California. The boxes collected in the NW in 2014 went to Bangladesh, Indonesia, Peru, Philippines, Nepal and Mexico. Looking at the pictures on our display board you can see how excited and happy our gifts made these children. Along with our gifts it is wonderful to know that each child receives "The Greatest Journey", a child discipleship program developed by Samaritan's Purse. These children will receive the greatest gift of all , the love of Jesus Christ. This year our Emmanuel Childcare Center is joining with us in packing boxes to send to children less fortunate.

Any questions, ask Sharie A.

In The Mission Field



Marian is returning to Cameroun this month. “As the Lord has prepared my way to my beloved Cameroun, I am filled with mixed emotions! One minute excitement ! Joy ! anticipation ! The next, deep sadness in leaving my family and friends again. Every uprooting from Portland is extremely difficult..but my heart is also with my home and family in Cameroun. I am so blessed to have three homes: one in Portland, one in Cameroun, and one in Heaven!

I was called in December 2014 to return urgently because of my mother’s precarious health. Mother’s health has been strengthened and restored. She recently celebrated her 90th birthday! I can leave in peace knowing she is strong and able to care for herself again. I praise God for His grace and favor to Mom and to me.

I covet your prayers for a safe and uneventful flight back to Yaounde. I am very thankful for your prayers. Your emails are always welcome! “

On pilgrimage again.....Marian

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Bob and Cheryl attended the Pre-Field Orientation training at Houghton College in upstate New York in June. This training prepares them for the challenges of working in an international school overseas. “While at the PFO training we were blessed to meet five other people who will be serving at the Sahel Academy. One of the things that struck us while at PFO was out of the over 100 participants in the training, most of them were going to Asian countries. There were a number serving in Africa, but we were the only two participants going to Niger as teachers. The need in Niger is huge.” Many of the students in Niger do not speak English. Many of the children have not learned respect for their teachers. “Please pray for the teachers and children that despite the language barrier, God’s love will be shown.”

Prayer for financial partners. Pray for God to provide people willing to support us in His work in Niger. We need the equivalent of 111 people to give \$50 a month to meet our support needs so that we can alleviate some of the desperate need for teachers at Sahel Academy.

Praise for God’s continued teaching in our lives. As we go through the process of raising support; God continues to teach us about loving people and praying for and with them. We are grateful that God has given us this opportunity to continue to grow in wisdom and faith.

Praise for God’s continued provision. We are almost at 20% of our launching fund (start-up costs). We are excited about how God is providing for His work in Niger and seek His continued provision for both our launching fund and monthly support.



Bob and Cheryl

Bob.Fox@SIM.org or Cheryl.Fox@SIM.org



Wow! Here is a picture of the 1947 Drill Team from George Dewey Jr. High School. You may recognize our dear member, Mae McConnell. She stands second row from the top on the far right. Our former member, Joan Bauer, stands in the front row third from the left. Thanks to Joan for the picture.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Celebrates 70 Years in 2016

Our plans for our 70 year celebration next year are well underway. A committee is meeting monthly (anyone that wants to help with this are welcome to attend our meetings). We are planning a two day event. Please mark your calendar for September 17th and 18th of 2016. It will be complete with an open house, tour of Lutherhaven, worship service, luncheon and program. We are excited and hope that all current and former members will plan on attending. If you have contact information regarding former members please contact either Ida F. or Judy A. or our church email address Emmanuel.Bremerton@gmail.com.

Emmanuel Childcare Center News

This month the devotion centers on the life of Jesus. The preschool and prekindergarten children are working on a unit about families. They are encouraged to bring in pictures of their families and pets. They are working on the "Open Court Reading Program", have been learning math games, learning new songs and finger plays. On October 16th they are going on a field trip to downtown Bremerton. They will enjoy a snack on the waterfront by the fountains. Following their snack they will go tour the Bremerton Naval Museum. On October 30th from 5 pm—7 pm the center will be hosting an annual Fall Harvest Festival. Children are welcome to wear costumes (no scary ones please). They will be enjoying refreshments and playing games. The children are currently working on a service project. They are joining with the church and coming together to pack some shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Special Thanks to our wonderful, dedicated staff in our Childcare Center, you are special people.



October Birthdays

3.....Evelyn Stouffer

3.....Helen Allen

3Wayne McElroy

21Jay Johnson

24Mark Stouffer

29.....Tatyana Johnson

November Birthdays

1Larry Farner

6Pastor Tim Cartwright

22Callie Woodward

28April Mills

November Anniversaries

16.....Jay & Stephanie Johnson

20Bob & Cheryl Fox

24Larry & Sally Farner

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 Adrig 377-2448 or Judy Armstrong 479-4892.

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

Members Serving in October

Altar GuildIda Ficca

ReaderGlen Adrig

Members Serving in November

Altar GuildSharie Adrig

ReaderKeri Roberts

Sunday School—9 AM

Children’s teachers—opening—Carolyn Cartwright

Teachers—Judy Armstrong

Chelette Williams

Mary Moen

Adult ——Larry Farner———Job

Wednesday night Bible Study—6:30 PM

Led by Pastor Tim ———Mark

Friday Women’s Bible Study10 AM

We will be meeting the 2nd & 4th Wed. of every month.

Men’s fellowship breakfast will continue on the first Saturday of each month at the Bridge Deli at 8:00 AM.

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 Reece for being our coordinator for coffee hour. Thanks to Theresa Prange for all your help in the kitchen during coffee hour.