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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE—BACK TO THE BASICS

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In the month of September our children and teachers return to school. At Emmanuel we are going back to basics. Sunday morning, September 9, at 9:00, Adult Bible Class and children's Sunday School begin. We will rally around the Lord as He speaks to us from His Holy Word. Adults will be studying the creation texts from Genesis and discussing the differences between the biblical worldview and the naturalistic of evolutionary worldview. Wednesday evenings at 6:30 we will draw deeply from the well of the water that bubbles up to everlasting life in our study of the Gospel according to St. John. At Sunday worship services we will be reading from a new lectionary (that is, a list of Bible readings for public worship) that will follow the narrative of the Bible in a more orderly fashion. Our goal is a better understanding of God's Word and what God has done for us. So join in the Back to Basics Movement at Emmanuel!

Missionary, Marian Hungerford, to be at Emmanuel

Marian Hungerford, our missionary who serves in Cameroun, Africa, will be at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 9 to share with us what God is doing through her ministry. She will share during the Adult Bible Study Class at 9:00 and then again, in a Temple Talk during our worship service. Please come and welcome this servant of the Lord.



In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone

286-1090



Join us on September 9th for our annual Rally Day. Sunday School for Adults and Children start at 9:00 AM and Worship Service starts at 10:00 AM with our coffee hour following our service.

Looking ahead —> it's time to think about Operation Christmas Child !

Although we are still in the midst of summer weather, it's time to start thinking about picking up some small items for our annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. As you shop for needed school supplies for your children, please take a moment to also pick up a small item or two for those who don't experience the joy of school or gifts at Christmas. Emmanuel Lutheran has a history supporting children in need through this ministry and we hope to continue to bring the joy of knowing God to them again.

VBS 2012—The Amazing Desert Journey

Emmanuel was transformed into a desert oasis for this year's Vacation Bible School program, *The Amazing Desert Journeywhere Jesus leads Us Home*. Forty-Seven children spent the week of August 13–17 singing songs, hearing Bible stories, learning Bible verses, making crafts, eating snacks and enjoying games, all of which reinforced each day's theme. It was a week of spiritual growth and fun for all who participated.

Thanks go to all the volunteers: Carol Reece (and *Caleb, the Camel*), Brian Kenny, Brandee Haynes, Carolyn Cartwright, Judy Armstrong, Kneeda Williams, Sharie Adrig, Glen Adrig, Mary Moen, Carverlynn Prothero, Chelette Williams, Nick Thomas, Samantha Brewer, Laura Matta, Belinda Matta, Stephanie Johnson, Judith Dautenhahn, Denise Williams and Lamonte James.

Special thanks go to Jim Turowski, whose wooden camel, *Lawrence of Emmanuel*, was the centerpiece of our oasis display. And also to Pastor Tim and the congregation for their generous support in prayer, gifts of supplies, and monetary sponsorships of children. Because of their generosity all the children were able to attend Vacation Bible School free of charge.

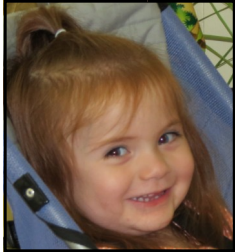
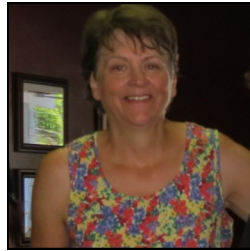
Glen Adrig made a video of the closing program, which we plan to share with the congregation in the near future.

Plans are already being made for next year's VBS to be held August 12-16 2013. Watch for future detailed announcements to be printed in the worship bulletin and newsletter.

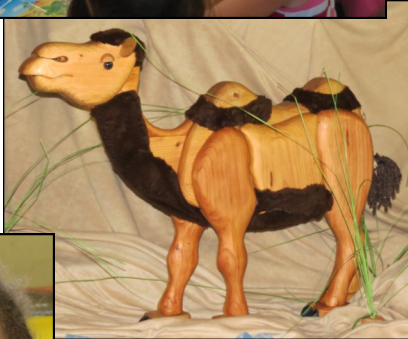
Your fellow servant in Christ,
Miki Turowski, Director VBS

The VBS staff would like to thank Miki for your leadership and guidance prior to and during our VBS week. You did an outstanding job. Thank you for your continual encouragement through a busy week.

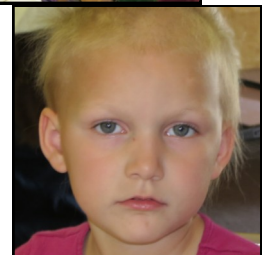
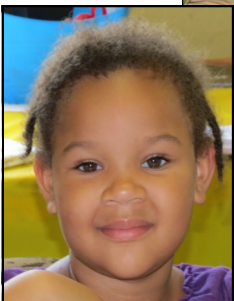
Your VBS staff—2012



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Lawrence of Emmanuel



A Rich History of 66 years Chapter eight

In 1978 the church anticipated a year of change. Pastor Robert L. Peterson writes, “We have experienced strong support from our church members which have enabled us to grow in our evangelical outreach and develop new and effective worship and musical resources. We also have high hopes for some challenging new educational opportunities this summer and fall. There is growing enthusiasm in our congregation for the Lord’s work. “ At this time the Stewardship Committee launched a new program with an emphasis on 5 different goals. The program was titled the “The Life-Style Stewardship Plan.” These five goals were: **Worship** (inviting each individual to join in church community in regular worship and personal worship practiced by each individual); **Study** (inviting individuals to be engaged in both systematic and private study through church school and other church-supported groups); **Service** (enlisting and training members to offer their time and talents in serving God’s people); **Giving** (invite each person to share regularly, sacrificially, and prayerfully in meeting the needs of the church through it’s financial program) **Reconciliation** (to so present Jesus Christ that his offer of life and pardon will be reflected through us, that his people may respond in a renewed love for him and for one another). *(This was taken from the Basic Plan For Stewardship Renewal—May 1978)*

In 1978 the proposed budget was set for \$87,426 for the year. “Congregational giving in 1978 for the General fund purposes was \$83,950 as compared to \$77,467 in 1977. Giving increased by \$2,000 during the first six months and by \$4,500 during the latter half of the year.

All 1978 amounts budgeted for mission concerns and for District dues and benevolences were paid in the total amount of \$9,579. An additional \$1,616 was disbursed for other missions. But, the church at that time was having trouble keeping abreast of their operating expenses.

A girls group was meeting at Emmanuel in 1978 and 79.

They were called the Pioneer Girls. It was a Christ-centered girl’s club program sponsored by local churches. Activities included any thing from Bible study to parties to crafts and service projects. Our own, Ida Ficca, was in charge of the girls in Grades 2 and 3.

During the summer of 1978 there was a program of evening recreation, hymn-sings and movies. A new hymnal was introduced. “Paul didn’t belabor what was accomplished, but he credited all to the power and love of god. So let us thank God for the good which has been done.” _Pastor Peterson

During this time was when the Trident Submarines came to Kitsap County. It should have been a time of growth for Emmanuel, yet there were members they saw only once or twice a year. The church was in the process of purchasing a van.

1978 Statistics	
Baptized Members	653
Confirmed Members	415
Weddings	15
Baptisms	30
Funerals	12 (5 members)
Confirmation	18
Youth (9)	
Adults (9)	
Average Attendance	198

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1979 was year of transition for Emmanuel. The Associate Pastor, Rev. Les Foss, accepted another call and left in July of that year. With only one pastor lay members such as Mike Claeys and the youth board worked hard to keep the youth program Junior and Senior Luther Leagues going and active.

“A major project during 1979 was becoming acquainted with the new Lutheran Book of Worship. The new service strikes a note of joy. It also emphasizes lay participation, which is Scripturally sound. Worship is not a passive, grandstand spectacle; it is the ministry of all believers in worship of God.” - Pastor Peterson 1979

Emmanuel sponsored another refugee family from Vietnam this year. The Hua family was a real delight to have with the church family. There were special Bible studies provided by the former president of Lutheran Bible Institute (Pastor Eugene Stime). The Summer Sunday evenings were full of recreation and religious films. There was a series of pulpit exchanges with Silverdale Lutheran Church.

Looking to the future the church’s concern was for the youth program. They started a call process for a new associate pastor. With several apartments going up around the church they began to work on an “apartment ministry.” There was also an outreach to inactive members.



1979 Statistics	
Baptisms	18
Confirmation	7
Youth (1)	
Adult (6)	
Weddings	20
Funerals	11

“ From your Council Executive Committee “

Emmanuel Lutheran is a gathering of God’s people who delight in worshiping and serving our Lord. We have been blessed with a wonderful facility that needs upkeep at this time. Our sanctuary and childcare facility furnace has died, and needs to be replaced at this time. The church council has solicited five bids for it’s replacement. The Council has not called for a capital fund campaign, but has chosen to use money the Lord has given us through the normal offerings of His people.

However, the cost of this furnace replacement is anticipated to be somewhere between \$15,000 and \$25,000. We also think it to be prudent to not deplete all of the funds in our bank accounts.

If God calls you to contribute to this cause, your generous donations would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You, your Church Council Executive Committee

Bible Study Opportunities

Genesis Study

What does it mean to say that, "God created the world?" This declaration of faith shapes our values and our understanding of who we are and what purpose we have. Wednesday evenings at 6:30 we will dip into God's Word, the book of Genesis. There God will teach us who He is (Creator) and who we are; What sin is; what is the meaning of His providence, His provision and His guidance. He will teach us what it means to be wise saints of God You are invited to attend this class. Wednesday—6:30 PM

Study of the Gospel According to St. John

In the Gospel according to St. John we meet Christ as god presents Him to us through a series of metaphors such as "the Light of the World," "the Bread of Heaven," " the Good Shepherd," and the "Water that Bubbles Up to Everlasting Life." If you desire to meet Christ in a deeper, more Biblical experience you are invited to attend our Sunday morning Adult Bible Class.

Sunday—9:00 AM

Come One, Come All



To Sunday School !!!! .. 9:00 AM, Sundays

Starting September 9th, children 4 years old and up are invited to attend Sunday School at Emmanuel Lutheran. Miss Judy, Miss Mary and Miss Carolyn are ready with a new year of stories, songs and crafts for all of you. So come ready to hear about God's love for us ! We are waiting for you !

Our Council President, Glen Adrig, receives a State Award



Glen has volunteered with AARP for several years. He not only teaches AARP Driver Safety Courses to seniors but also oversees and supervises approximately 23 other volunteer instructors in his capacity as the District 15 Coordinator for Kitsap County, Mason County and parts of Pierce County (up to the Tacoma Narrows Bridge). He represents our area on the state board for AARP. This past month he was given the state award for AARP. Way to go Glen. His next class will be held on Saturday September 15th at our church. Contact Glen at 360-277-2448 if you are interested in taking this class and receiving a discount on your auto insurance.

News from our Childcare Center



It has been an exciting Summer with the various fieldtrips the children have taken as well as Vacation Bible School. Now it is time to settle down and get back into the “school routine.”

The following are a few events we have coming up this month.

Guest Speaker

We will receive a special visit from Katie Sprague, a teacher at View Ridge Elementary School on September 4 at 8 AM.

Literacy Night

Our Monthly Literacy night will start up again this month on Thursday, September 27, 2012 from 5:30–6:30 PM.

Fieldtrip

On Wednesday, September 20th, Pre-Kindergarten and Preschool Classes will prepare blueberry muffins and then deliver them to the staff of Mountain View Middle School between the hours of 11–11:30 AM.

Theme: New Beginnings

Week 1: Welcome to School

Week 2: Classroom Routines

Week 3: Manners/ Expected Behavior

Week 4: Making New Friends

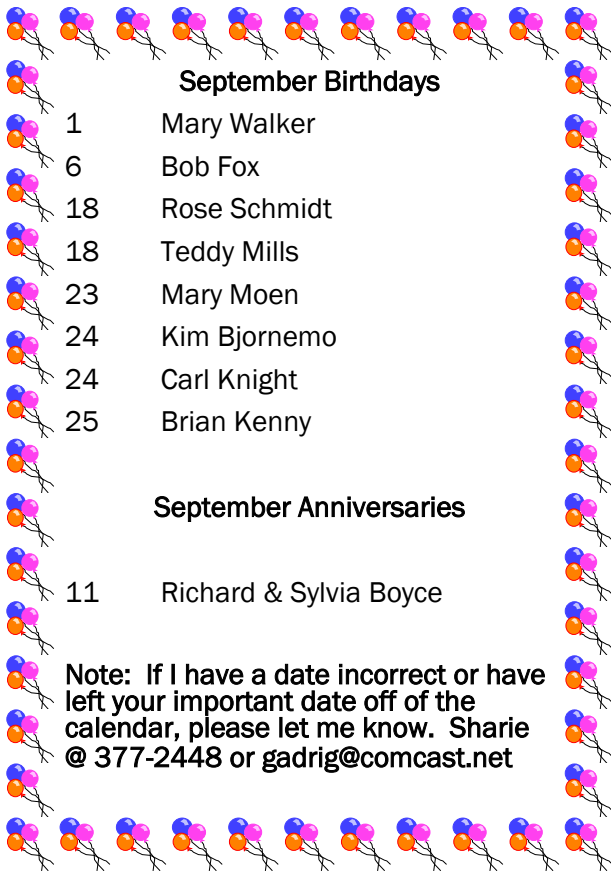
Letters for the month: A, B, & C

Numbers for the month: 1, 2 & 3

As the staff and I begin a new school year, I want to take the opportunity to thank the Childcare Board of Directors. They have been very supportive and very encouraging to me and the staff over the last year and their time and prayers are greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Rally Sunday !

Chelette Williams, Director



September Birthdays

- 1 Mary Walker
- 6 Bob Fox
- 18 Rose Schmidt
- 18 Teddy Mills
- 23 Mary Moen
- 24 Kim Bjornemo
- 24 Carl Knight
- 25 Brian Kenny

September Anniversaries

- 11 Richard & Sylvia Boyce

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 September

- Altar Guild Laura Kalista
- Reader April Mills
- Sunday School Carolyn Cartwright
- Mary Moen
- Judy Armstrong

Members serving in October

- Altar Guild Matt Mills
- Reader Carol Henning

Check us out at

<http://www.elcbremerton.org>

Save some money on your auto insurance.

A one-day AARP Driver Safety course is being held on Saturday September 15th at Emmanuel. The class will be held from 8:00am to 4:30pm with a half hour lunch break. Drivers aged 55 or older will qualify for an auto insurance discount by taking this fun and informative class. Contact Glen Adrig at 360-377-2448 for further information or to register for this class.

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

Things you'll probably never hear in church:

Hey ! It's my turn to sit in the front pew !

Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf !

Since we're all here...let's start the service early !

I was so enthralled...I didn't even notice that your sermon went 25 minutes overtime !

I just love it when we sing hymns that we've never heard before !

Pastor... we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas !