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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BREMERTON, WA

## *Pastor's Message*

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When my brothers and I were growing up in Lynden there was often a foot or more of snow during the winter. After one such snow storm Dad decided he could not safely drive to work in Bellingham so he joined us in the front yard to play in the snow. He had grown up in Montana where there was even more snow and where he had learned how to build a snow igloo. No he challenged us to help him make our own igloo. We weren't much help but we did learn by watching him. First he cut blocks of dense snow about 1'x1'x2' in size. He arranged them in a circle for a foundation and filled in the joints with more snow. Then came the second row, slightly offset to the center. When the joints were filled in new row was begun until the process had constructed walls and a roof which stood about five feet tall. An entrance was cut on one side and walls and roof were constructed around it. The exterior was carefully smoothed until Dad was satisfied then the igloo was done. We were thrilled! We climbed on hands and knees into the igloo and sat basking in the presence and love of our father who had made this magnificent snow house for us. The igloo also caught the eye of the local newspaper publisher who photographed it and featured it on the front page of the paper.

In the Gospel of John chapter one God proclaims, "the Word ( meaning the Son of God) became flesh (meaning He became a human being) and dwelt (meaning He tabernacled or housed Himself) among us." The birth of Jesus is God's construction project to erect a house (or igloo) among us where we can come and experience His presence and bask in His love. This Christmas please know that God has a place in Christ for you and me, a place where we can meet with Him and know his love for us.

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Please join us for the Christmas Eve Worship Service, December 24, at 6:30 pm. It will be a service of Lesson and Carols, singing "Silent Night" by candle-light. For the children the story of St. Nicholas will be told and candy canes shared. Also remember our Children's Christmas Pageant on December 21 during the ten am Worship Service.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

### In case of an Emergency

Please call  
**Pastor Tim**  
 on his cell  
 phone  
 286-1090

## ***Thank You to Emmanuel !***



Thank YOU, Thank YOU Emmanuel, you have donated one-thousand, five-hundred eighteen (Yes, that's 1,518) pounds of food and non-food items to Bremerton Foodline during 2014. That is almost 1200 meals for those who desperately need food on their table everyday. God has been so generous to us, it is fitting we give to those who need our help.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sally F., "First Fruits" Coordinator

Thanks to all of you 51 children will receive a special shoebox packed full of essentials, toys and even a special candy treat. This may seem small to us but for a child who has nothing this is amazing. Not only will these children receive our gifts but Good Samaritan adds religious materials teaching of Jesus' love for them. What a treasure for them. Many thanks to you all of you for your unending generosity and assistance in packing the boxes.



Sharie A, Operation Christmas Child Coordinator

## ***Special Dates at Emmanuel !***

December 21st—10 AM—Children's Christmas Pageant during our worship service—All children will receive a small bag of toys and goodies. (This is a past tradition that we brought back to Emmanuel a few years ago.)

December 24th—6:30 PM—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.— with a special visit from St. Nicholas and a special candy cane for each child.



## ***Childcare Center News***

There are several fun activities planned for the children this month. They include: a Polar Express Pajama Party, Moustache Day, Cocoa and Cookies Party, Twin Day, Winter Bingo, New Year's Eve Snack Party and they are starting out the new year with a Dance-a-thon.

Sounds like the children are going to be busy and having a great time.

## *A Tribute to a Special Lady .....She is remembered!*

This past month Lody Nelson went to be with the Lord. Although, several years ago, our former member, Lody, moved to Richland Washington to be near to her family, she is often thought of by many of us who knew her.



I remember when Hope Lutheran started meeting at Emmanuel and we were beginning to get to know some of the Emmanuel members. Lody was one woman that really stands out to me. She had a winning smile and personality plus. She had a wonderful Southern drawl and made all of us feel so welcome. Glen and I took an instant liking to Lody. A few years ago, while we were visiting in the Tri-cities, we stopped and took Lody out for lunch. She was so friendly, appreciative and hospitable, you would have thought we were long-time friends. She enjoyed being able to talk about her friends at Emmanuel and reminiscing. - Sharie A.

Mary remembers her witty sense of humor and said, "what you saw is what you got." She was a real character and she loved her. - Mary M.

Carol remembers her for her sense of humor. "Lody was on Altar Guild and we had monthly meetings. What meetings they were !!! We usually had 10 to 12 ladies on altar guild and when they got together it was very hard to keep any kind of order. I can honestly say Lody was the (gang) leader for laughs and did not always pay attention but we always got the job done and had a lot of fun doing it. I'm sure she is in heaven and still having fun! She will be missed." - Carol H.

Sylvia and her granddaughter, Julie have fond memories of Lody. "Lody was a dear friend to everyone who had the honor to know her. Her laughter will continue to echo through all of our hearts each and every day. Her love for life has brought so much inspiration to all of us and will continue to guide our way. She loved to garden and cook while always taking care of those around her. Her family and friends will miss her passion for life and the love she gave. She will forever be remembered for her heart of gold. We will miss you Lody dear." -

Written by Sylvia B and Julie P  
(Sylvia's granddaughter) with fondness  
and love.



Lody and Richard teaching crafts at VBS  
1995.

**December Birthdays**

6 .....Mollie Erickson

7 .....Bonnie Mace

14 .....Liane Armstrong

19 .....Tim Cartwright Jr.

20 .....Matthew Johnson

21 .....Gladys Willis

23 .....Sylvia Boyce

29 .....Denise Williams

**January Birthdays**

14 .....Chris Knight

18 .....Dolly Williams

22 .....Heather Feldmeir ,  
Childcare Staff

26 .....Gladyce Castagnola

29 .....Larry Ficca

29 .....Matt Mills

29 .....Miki Turowski

**January Anniversaries**

14 .....Mike & Carverlyne Prothero

*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 December**

Altar Guild ..... Carol Henning  
Reader .....Carolyn Cartwright

**Members serving in January**

**To Be Announced**

**Sunday School**

Children's .....Judy Armstrong  
Chelette Williams  
Carolyn Cartwright  
Adult .....Dr. Norm Lund  
Wednesday Bible Study ....Pastor 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!  
**Special thanks to Carol Reece for being the coordinator.**

*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*