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 Please call Pastor Tim
 on his cell phone at
286-1090.

Scholars tell us the best translation of the Luke2:7 Greek word, “kataluma” is “guest room,” not the historic translation of “inn.” So Mary and Joseph were not turned away by a professional inn-keeper, but by families whose homes were too full to receive the guests.

A December 1, 2010, Kitsap Sun news article reports Kitsap Community Resources has identified ninety-six families in Kitsap County who are in need of emergency housing during the winter months. Efforts to provide temporary housing were boosted by the passage of an emergency

county ordinance allowing for a range of temporary housing options for the homeless. The Salvation Army is proposing either a tent encampment on their property or the conversion of the former Cen-Com building on Warren Avenue for the homeless. One Church—One Family, a coalition of local churches, is proposing to find thirty churches that will each accommodate three (donated) Recreational Vehicles to house homeless families during the winter months.

God looked at a hostile creation and our alienated human race and determined to find room in

His heart to love and redeem us. Changed by the power of that love there can be warmth and room for some homeless family in the hearts and facilities of the people of Emmanuel Lutheran Church during this winter season. At a minimum we could support the work of others who are helping the homeless. Has God called you?

I hope you had a Merry Christmas, Pastor Tim



President's Summary: Well who knew what 2010 would bring for all of us? This was truly the work of God's hand, as he joined us together in His name. Today we are experiencing growth with both new & returning members, a renewed spirit, and hope for what the future will bring. Emmanuel has: re-established a Sunday School program; a brand new newsletter; two Bible studies (Wed evenings and a new Sunday morning session); a growing Altar Guild; a pictorial members directory complete with birthdays/anniversaries; reached out via the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry; provided Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets to those in need; has an available Wi-Fi system for members use, and now has a brand new Website (www.elcbremerton.org). The website will soon allow us to easily update information of interest to both the congregation and the Daycare, and we look forward to it's growth too. Great job everyone ! Now let's make 2011 even more successful ! Faithfully, Glen Adrig

**EMMANUEL MEMBERS HIGHLIGHTS
- CAROL HENNING AND JEAN REED -**

Carol Henning was recognized in October as Master Gardener of 2010. She has been a Master Gardener since 2006. In order to qualify she first had to be accepted into the program (1 of 50). She then had to do course work in Horticultural studies. She also has to keep up her studies by completing courses each year. You'll not only see the Master Gardener's at our County Fair in the Horticultural section, but you'll see them offering clinics at the Home Show and our local Farmer's Markets. You may see them working in our local gardens such as, Fish Park, Raab Park, Heritage Gardens, Anna Smith Gardens and gardens in the

South Kitsap area. The Garden Carol works in is near our County Fairgrounds. They grow produce there that is then donated to our local food bank. Just this past year they grew and donated 1,000 lbs. Thank You Carol and other Master Gardeners. If you are interested you can sign up at the county fair this August. Classes are full already for this year.

Jean Reed was recognized this past year as "Kiwanian of the Year." This is an award that is given to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the club and the community. Jean has been a member of the Silverdale Kiwanis for the past three years. She is

very involved with community service in our area. You may see her Bell Ringing during the holidays, helping at a Tractor show or perhaps helping at "Kids Day on the Farm" in May. Jean is always there with a helping hand for those less fortunate. The Kiwanis members help our community in need. Their motto is "changing the world one child at a time." Our Jean is certainly a fine example of this motto. If you are interested in becoming a member of this organization they are always accepting new members.

Congratulations and Thank You to our two outstanding members,

*Jean Reed and
Carol Henning*

WHAT'S NEW IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

The month of December found our Sunday School children learning some Christmas songs and making decorations and planning for our annual Christmas Program. We shared the good

news of the birth of Christ with our congregation. This year, we teamed with the child care center on Sunday, December 19th complete with Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, angels, shepherds, and inn-keeper and towns people. We hope your Christmas

season was truly blessed.

Always remember "Jesus is the reason for the season." Judy Armstrong

*Thank You !!!!
Judy for your teaching
these past few months*



*Remember, Sunday School
Starts Sunday, Jan. 9th,
9:15 AM*

NEWS FROM THE CHILDCARE

I just want to start out by saying that this year's Christmas Program was great! We were able to bring the church and childcare together again to help build on our relationship while enjoying faith, fun and fellowship. It has been awhile since we have collaborated on anything so this was a very exciting event for all.

As I sat in the pew watching the Christmas Program I could see the love that each individual at the altar had for one another. Like when Lamonte would whisper something to Miss Judy and they would both giggle. The smile shared between Miss Carverlynn and Mr. Jay as he passed through to check on the "Inn-Keeper". Even amongst our children, when Lamonte gave comfort to Keonte because he did not want to be "up there" or when Katie tried to help "Mary" get back into character.

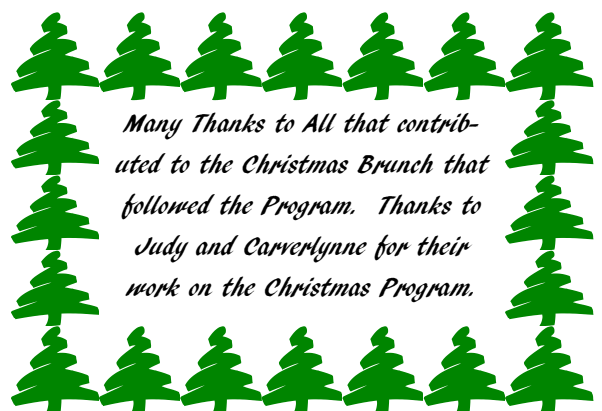
To me Emmanuel has always been about that, taking care of our brothers

and sisters. Loving one another the way our Lord wants us to. I believe strongly this is why Emmanuel is still here. Even in the hard times Emmanuel fought to keep the doors open, they fought for the opportunity to share God's love with this community and to make sure that his childcare was here to help children and families that need us most. **This place is truly amazing!**

Well, looking into January 2011, our children will be enjoying a few field trips to different places in the community as well as learning about Martin Luther King Jr., "winter" and "Arctic Animals." Our Friends will also be working on the letters M,N, and O. The numbers 13, 14, and 15 and the colors white and blue. Sounds like a busy month!

The Childcare Center will close on January 17, 2011 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Thank You, Chelette Williams
Childcare Center Director



We're on the Web.....

Just type in

ELCBREMERTON.ORG

It is still a work in progress but we now have a web site. We have links to our Childcare Center and you can read this newsletter on line.

Christmas Candlelight Service

We had a special Candlelight Service complete with a visit from St. Nicholas. Judith shared a special song with us, "Mary Did You Know". She did a beautiful job as always. **Thank You, Judith.** Pastor Tim shared a very special message about a special tablecloth and story about a couple from WWII. Beautiful story. **Thanks to Pastor Tim** St. Nick shared with us the true story about St. Nick. **Thanks to St. Nick.** As always, we enjoy Brian's beautiful piano and organ playing. What a treat every week to hear you play. **Thanks to Brian.**



Saint Nicholas explains the true story of Christmas to a very interested crowd !

Special People to Remember

January Birthdays

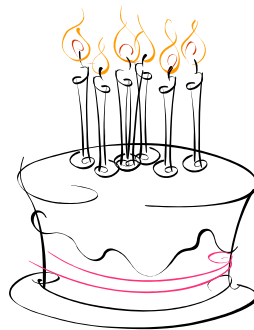
27th—Marilyn Boekenooen

29th - Matt Mills

January Anniversaries

None

If we have missed your special day or listed it incorrectly please call the editor, Sharie Adrig at 377-2448.



Mark your calendars !

January dates !!!

Sun. 9th—Council Mtg

Sun. 16th— after-

church — **Daycare**

Staff, Musician, and

Congregation Appre-

ciation Luncheon



Wednesday evening

Bible Study — 6:30

PM

Sunday Mornings-

9:15 AM

Children's Sunday

School

Adult Bible Study

Well done Emmanuel !!! We provided 10 FULL food baskets and gifts for the families with children. Thank you for your generosity.

*Special Thanks to **Judy and Steve Armstrong** for the work they did coordinating the food baskets and Children's gifts.*

*Well done! Also, a special thank you to **Geri Sutherland** and **Gladys Willis** for your help with packing the food baskets.*

Special thanks to Geri for helping with the Thanksgiving baskets also during a snowstorm last month.



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