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The Resurrection of Our Lord

It was Easter morning and what glorious morning it was on the plains of Montana east of the Rocky Mountains. The pastor was enthused because this celebration was at the heart of God's Kingdom work. Today he would cry out, "Christ is Risen!" and the People of God would respond, "He is Risen indeed!"

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Life upon Death

Victory over the power of death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave.

Easter Celebration. What a time for joy!

The future was not filled with the kind of hopeful glow that effused the sky as the beautiful sunrise unfolded over the eastern horizon. To add to the family's festivities their eldest daughter would be joining them. She was in her first year at the state university and they were thrilled she would be home for Easter and Spring Break. Mom had cautioned her to drive safely on her early morning trek, and she had laughed and said she would. In fact, she should arriving any moment. The pastor's eyes scanned the sanctuary, the narthex and the fellowship hall, and then the parking lot. No, she was not there yet. He headed into the sacristy to vest for services. It was not ten minutes before the service and there was still no sign of their daughter, so she would probably be late. The pastor stood near the front doors watching and greeting folks as they arrived, always with an eye for his daughter's car. A state patrol car arrived with an officer in uniform. "Well," thought the pastor, "this is an interesting addition to the celebration." But, there was still no sign of his daughter. The officer approached the pastor who welcomed him. The officer announced that he was there on official business and needed to speak to so-and-so. "That's me," replied the pastor. "I'm sorry to tell you," declared the officer, "but there was a car crash this morning, it was your daughter's car. She apparently fell asleep at the wheel, drove off the road and collided with something. She did not survive the crash. I'm so sorry."

Death Upon Life. Time stood still.

The pastor was in shock. He could not think straight, he could not speak. He bent over in agony, the wind, the spirit, gone out of him. It was as if he were in a trance. But, he could not be in a trance. Not thirty feet distance was a church full of God's People, ready to sing, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" What should he do? Could he go forth and lead the service, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead? ***Jesus was risen from the dead.*** Suddenly these words were no longer empty words or a simple idea. These words took on a face and a personality. His daughter was gone from this world but she was not dead! She was alive!

Life Upon Death. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Easter Blessings,
Pastor Tim Cartwright

In case of an Emergency

Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone
286-1090

How Can We Help our Missionary?

Our missionary in Cameroun, Marian Hungerford, is in need of some very basic items. If you are able to do so, please consider purchasing one or more of the following: Bottles of Acetaminophen (like those found at Costco), tennis balls for the children to play with, and decaffeinated black tea.

Contact Ward Erickson, who will coordinate the supplies. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Martha & Mary

“Generations of Care Luncheon”

A benefit for the Martha & Mary

Family of Companies

Sunday, April 27, 2014

Kiana Lodge—Noon—3:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Erik Lindbergh (pilot, artist, entrepreneur and grandson of Charles & Anne Lindbergh.

Betty Herman ...Rsvp- 360- 262-7879

Change for Life

Currently we are filling baby bottles to financially support our local Pregnancy Resource center. If you have taken a baby bottle home now is the time to bring it back. You can either fill it with spare change, \$1, \$5, \$20, \$50 or insert a check if you wish. “The Pregnancy Resource center exists to share the life-changing message of Jesus by offering practical, emotional, and spiritual help to each woman who comes through the door.”



Also, Each new mother is given a layette. These layette’s consist of a baby quilt, newborn diapers, bibs, sleepers, receiving blankets, onesies, baby bottles, socks, caps, sweater set or jacket, outfits, blanket sleeper, shoes or booties, baby wipes, small mother’s gift, the book “A Miracle of Love”, bath towels and mittens.

Also, don’t forget our on-going dresser ministry.

“First Fruits” Monthly Update



Donated food items for April totaled **102 pounds and \$10.00 in cash.** Thank you so much Emmanuel for your generous support to our friends and neighbors in need. We are a family of believers who answer the call “I was hungry and you fed me.....” Our next opportunity to help others will be **May 4th.** The food basket will be in the Narthex. Sally Farner, Coordinator

Dates to Remember !

Good Friday April 18th.....,6:30 PM

Work Party to decorate for Easter

April 19th

April 20th

Easter Breakfast
.....8:30 AM

Easter Worship Service
.....10:00 AM

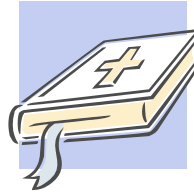


Many Opportunities

Men's Group1st Saturdays8 AM

Women's Bible Study 2nd & 4th Fridays
at 10AMBible

Study ...Each Wednesday....6:30 PM



Adult Bible Study

Each Sunday9 AM

Children's Sunday School
.....9 AM

Special Thanks from Operation Christmas Child

Last year Emmanuel Lutheran Church filled 51 shoeboxes for OCC. That was an all time high number. We received a hand written thank you card from the local Church Relations Coordinator, Laura Ettinger. We also received a beautiful Certificate of Appreciation from she and the Area coordinator, Tamara Henry. The thank you card can be found on our table in the fellowship hall. Some of the highlights of the card included that fact that there were 8,952 boxes collected from just our area alone. These boxes were sent to children in Guyana, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mexico, the Middle East, Mongolia, Nepal, Panama, The Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Togo, and the Ukraine. Every shoebox gift becomes a Gospel opportunity. Please look for the thank card.

What's Happening At Our Childcare Center?

The first week the pre-school children learned about Noah's Ark. They focused on Holy Week the second week. During the third week they will learn the true meaning of Easter and the last week they will be studying about the Birth of Moses.

"On Friday, April 18th, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt. April 22nd is Earth Day and the 25th is Arbor Day !! For Earth week, they have lots of exciting activities planned. The children will be planting starter seeds on the playground, work on their recycling and sorting, will make lots of wonderful art projects and will watch and read "The Lorax."



A special thank you to Miss Carverlyne and her staff for all they do for the children in our community.

Congratulations Pat and Nancy !



Pat Alcantra and Nancy Kerlee were married April 2nd during a private, quiet ceremony. Glen and Sharie Adrig were their witnesses. Our love, prayers and congratulations to you both from Emmanuel Lutheran.

A Personal Ash Wednesday Recollection



What's the Deal with Ash Wednesday?

Recently the question came up, what's the deal with Ash Wednesday? The easy answer is... that's what we do! A more responsive answer to someone who is not familiar with Liturgical Churches is that Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, it's when we go to church where the Pastor makes the sign of the Cross on your forehead with ashes made from crushed palms and Holy oil.

The question got me to thinking about Ash Wednesday, like, what was my most significant Ash Wednesday?

While I was in the military, we Liturgical service members were given time off to attend Ash Wednesday services. Typically, Catholics attended a Catholic service and Protestants attended a service presided over by a Liturgical Pastor. However, in the war zone, you took what you could get. While in Viet Nam, if I couldn't attend a Protestant service, I would attend a Catholic service and both "Palms" and "oil" were abundantly available. After all, wasn't it really mostly about tradition?

Do you recall reading in the Bible where Jesus asks his Disciples do you understand? And then, on the "first" Easter Sunday, they did finally "get it". A short time after I began my second tour of duty in Viet Nam, our Chapel took a direct rocket hit and was totally destroyed. Lent was approaching and it was time for Ash Wednesday. I, along with some friends, made our way to a makeshift "tent" Church where we were blessed with the sign of the Cross by a Baptist Chaplain who had prepared the ashes from the burned out remains of our old Chapel.

Ash Wednesday is about sharing, it's about our relationship with our Savior, it's about repentance and it's about receiving a very unique and a very special blessing !

Larry Farner

Thank you, Larry, for sharing the events of a very special and unique Ash Wednesday with us.

A Personal Testimony shared via our Website

Years ago I played the piano for a short time at “the Family of God” (Pastor Tim Cartwright served as Associate Pastor at FOG years ago) church in East Bremerton. It was there that I saw Jesus for the first time. When I first started playing, all I wanted to do was be paid for playing the piano. I told myself I would not listen to anything “They” had to say. But, I heard about Jesus in the sermons and saw Him in the people, something I had not see before. I was loved unconditionally. God revealed Himself to me through the congregation. It took time, but it was because of what I saw and who I saw in that church that I wanted to know the real Jesus. I have been a Lover of Jesus for 20+ years.

Pastor Tim was one of the pastor’s at that church and I just wanted to say “Thank You!!” for sharing Jesus with me back in the day. Jesus lives in my heart now and God has changed my life from the inside out because of Him. I used to be a piano player, playing for money, now I am a worship leader playing for love.

Thank you so much,
Yours in Him,

Emee (no last name provided)



The Story Behind the Hymn.....”Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

John and Charles Wesley were disliked by many Anglican ministers because of their “fiery evangelistic preaching.” They were forbidden to preach at many churches. They began to preach in the “open air.” Charles, standing with a fellow preacher, got a vision for reaching the multitudes.

He was invited by a farmer that lived in the outskirts of London to preach in his field. He recollected, “I did so to about 500. I returned to the house rejoicing.” Soon he found himself preaching to thousands. He felt this was God’s will. Quite often he preached to the poor and struggling.

It was stated that he always backed his preaching with scripture and illustrations from the Bible. We can say that “Charles Wesley still preaches today in much the same way, through his ageless hymns that are sung around the world each week. Perhaps his most exuberant anthem is the one he simply called “Hymn for Easter Day.” published in 1739. It originally consisted of eleven stanzas. The “Alleluias” were added later, but appropriately, for this is a hymn one never gets tired singing.

Taken from “Then Sings My Soul” Special Edition, by Robert J. Morgan ———Special Thanks to Geri Sutherland

Next Month we will continue with our journey through Emmanuel’s history

April Birthdays	
4	Parker Cartwright
5	Richard Boyce
10	Carolyn Cartwright
11	JoEllen Klempan
12	Gail Campbell
15	Glen Adrig
17	Judy Armstrong
17	Lamonte James
20	Marialis Jorges
22	Keri Bjornemo Roberts
22	Ida Ficca
23	Norm Lund
28.....	Ward Erickson III
No April Anniversaries	
May Birthdays	
1	Bill Erickson
2	Stephanie Johnson
3	Jim Mace
16	Sally Farner
21	Maurine Simons
May Anniversaries	
1	Bob & JoEllen Klempan
21	Loyal & Gail Campbell
30	Mark & Bonnie Stouffer

Members serving in April	
Altar Guild	JoEllen Klempan Bonnie Mace
Reader	Miki Turowski
Sunday School	Carolyn Cartwright Judy Armstrong Chelette Williams
Members serving in May	
Altar Guild	Sally Farner Sharie Adrig
Reader	Carol Henning
Sunday School	Carolyn Cartwright Judy Armstrong Chelette Williams
Substitutes for Sunday School Mollie Erickson and Mary Moen	
Thanks to all that are signing up to host coffee hour! If you are interested,	

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

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