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Pastor Tim's Message

Carolyn liked tulips. Well, she was Dutch, tulips were woven into her DNA. I like tulips too. At all of the Washington houses where we've lived we'd dig a flower bed and plant tulips. Each spring they would blossom and brighten the garden as well as our hearts. I liked the red tulips and Carolyn liked all the other colors. We were a perfect match for each other! This year Joyce, Carolyn's sister, was visiting me and she graciously purchased several potted tulips for me. They line one side of my deck and are beginning to bloom. Lovely.

As I sat on my porch enjoying the tulips I contemplated the tulip bulb. The bulbs are packaged with the energy and resources to make their blooms. We plant them in soil and add water and presto, we get beautiful blossoms. Then I pondered Jesus in His passion, His suffering and death. I pondered how He was buried or "planted" in the ground. Unlike a tulip bulb He did not have the resources to raise Himself from the dead. Philippians 2 says of God the Son that He had "emptied" Himself. That means He had set aside His divine powers. Jesus needed outside help from the tomb. He was wholly dependent on God the Father to raise Him to new life. I imagined an old tulip bulb that had depleted its energy and resources and could no longer produce a blossom. Emptied may not be good for tulip blossoms but it was what the Father wanted for the Son. Jesus was emptied so that in the cross and grave He could bear our guilt. Jesus' resurrection from the dead by the power of the Father displayed the glory of the new life. It was the blossom that crowned His life and service.

There are times when we feel empty or depleted too. At those times we can depend, as Jesus did, on our Heavenly Father to provide us the energy and resources of His new life.

Pastor
Tim Cartwright



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Emergency
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A Treasure Worth Saving!!



Emmanuel
has enjoyed
many years of
fun at
Lutherhaven.



You can help
save
Lutherhaven.
It needs our
support.





The Pandemic has been very hard on Lutherhaven.

Bills and Expenses continue but without campers there is limited income.



If you are able to donate, you may do so with your weekly offering by designating your check to go to Lutherhaven. Or, if you go to the Lutherhaven website at olympiclutherhaven.org you will find a "Donate" button that you can use. Please consider helping. No donation is too small.



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This article appeared in a 2011 publication of the Wittenberg Door. In 2011 we reestablished our ties with Lutherhaven. We enjoyed our first picnic on August 21st of that year after a few years of missing this tradition. We want to continue this wonderful annual activity. Please contribute to help save our little piece of paradise.

The History of Olympic Lutherhaven”In May of 1955 Emil Sunderland of Silverdale received a call from Mrs. Roseboom telling that she was offering her piece of lake property for sale. Located on the west end of beautiful Wildcat Lake in Kitsap County, between Bremerton and Silverdale, it consisted of 35 acres of wooded land including one thousand feet of waterfront. The total purchase price of \$22,500, if bought by the Church, would be less than half of what the property might bring on the open market.”

After many phone calls were made, a meeting to all of the ELC churches of the Olympic Circuit was called where a steering committee was formed. The representative from Emmanuel was Lloyd Valentine along with representatives from Our Saviours, Silverdale and First Lutheran of Poulsbo.

Eight congregations became charter members of Olympic Lutherhaven Bible Camp (Our Saviours of Bremerton, First Lutheran of Poulsbo, Emmanuel Lutheran of Bremerton, Bethany Lutheran of Port Orchard, Grace Lutheran of Poulsbo, Silverdale Lutheran of Silverdale, Vinland Lutheran of Poulsbo and First Lutheran of Port Orchard) with the first meeting of the Board of Directors being held on July 27, 1955. At that time the congregations made monthly contributions toward payment of the Bible Camp depending on the number of confirmed members. “Plans were soon made to divide the property into three areas, such as picnic sites, Bible Camp, and Boy Scout areas. Financial gifts soon began to flow in from churches by way of direct contributions, in Memoria's through special offering envelopes placed in the church pews of various churches. Soon a special Olympic Lutherhaven Sunday was set aside at which time special offerings were given.

With many hours of hard work (by the local churches membership) Lutherhaven was converted into a beautiful Bible Camp. “1958 is the banner year we have been waiting for”. It saw the formal dedication of our bible Camp Property on July 20th and also marked the first two weeks of Bible Camp operation during which 113 children attended. This is really what we have been working for during the past two years. “ In a very short time dressing rooms were built, a pump house was roofed and lavatories were completed. Six dormitory cabins were built and equipped with double-decker bunks. An outdoor kitchen and chapel were constructed. Plus a gate, parking area cleared and temporary dining shelter with 12 picnic tables.

The Religious History of the State of Washington

I have used many resources to assemble this series on "The Religious History of the State of Washington". If you are a Christian and a resident of Washington, this is not just a story – it's YOUR story.

PART EIGHT-A TEMPORARY PULPIT

Methodists David and Catherine Blaine arrived in Seattle in 1852 as part of a major evangelical movement. The Blaine's were initially offended by the rowdy Puget Sound residents. Pushing on, the Blaine's established Seattle's first Church in 1855, called the "White Church", just in time to confront the "Battle at Seattle" in 1856. To escape hostile Indians, they took refuge on the U.S. Sloop of War, Decatur. As a result of this, the Blaines began to question their decision to minister to the local Indians and the rowdy whites of the area. They pictured the



Indians as a degraded race, stupid and awkward, similar to the "Irish". They also complained that the Indians were lazy, smelled foul and lacked intellect. However, the larger Methodist organization in the East believed that proclaiming the gospel of Jesus would bring about major changes in the local natives and rowdy whites. Catherine Blaine took a more practical and "Christian" attitude. She not only critiqued her husband's sermons in such a way that he began to better "relate" to the people, but she also introduced "Apples" to Seattle with seeds brought by her from Seneca Falls, New York. Eventually the Blaines moved to Portland – a calmer venue. The White Church closed then re-opened as a gambling hall, saloon, restaurant and Vaudeville house. Eventually, the city of Seattle and the Blaines survived those early raw years. In fact, the Blaine's returned years later to retire in Seattle.



Larry Farner

Spotlight

The February Newsletter introduced something new that we hope to continue. Each issue we will feature 1–3 statements. Anyone who wants to share what they think the statement means and how it relates to Christians can simply write up their opinion and email it to me. Send it to me at gadrig@comcast.net subject newsletter attention Sharie. Please indicate which statement you are responding to. It will be fun to compare the responses. I encourage you to join in on the fun. If you wish to keep your response anonymous, please let me know in your email.

1. Mary Magdalene encounters Christ outside the tomb, she falls to the ground and clutches His feet. Christ says, "Noli me tangere", "do not touch me for I have not yet been to the Father". What was he saying?
2. Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure; fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil (Psalm 37).
3. Be not afraid.
4. If you don't believe in Easter, don't call yourself a Christian.





May Birthdays

- 2.....Stephanie Johnson
- 3.....Jim Mace
- 10.....Kaitlyn Armstrong
- 16Sally Farner
- 16.....Nancy Kerlee
- 21Maurine Simons

May Anniversaries

- 1.....Bob & Jo Klempan
- 21Loyal & Gail Campbell
- 30Mark & Bonnie Stouffer

June Birthdays

- 2.....Linda Houlton
- 6Marian Hungerford
(missionary)
- 7.....Loyal Campbell
- 7.....Carol Reece
- 9.....Jean Reed
- 13.....Cheryl Fox (missionary)
- 14.....Landen Cartwright
- 16.....Sharie Adrig
- 16.....Peter Cartwright
- 19.....Carol Henning
- 21.....Lillian James
- 23.....Steve Armstrong
- 26.....Carverlynn Prothero,
Childcare Director
- 27.....Alaina Johnson
- 27.....Crystal Henry
Childcare Staff

June Anniversaries

- 10.....Glen & Sharie Adrig
- 13Larry & Ida Ficca

I am sure that there are many members that I don't have your birthdates or anniversary dates. Any additions or corrections please contact the newsletter editor, Sharie Adrig at gadrig@comcast.net.



Members Serving in May

Altar Guild.....Ida Ficca
ReaderMiki Turowski

Members Serving in June

Altar Guild..... Sally Farner

Reader....._____

Sunday School for children!

We offer Sunday School at 9:00 AM for children

Men's fellowship breakfast will begin when Phase 3 is in effect. Location TBA .

According to the State Guidelines we are not having a Coffee Hour right now.

Constitutional Amendment Denied

At a Congregational Meeting, April 25th, an Amendment recommended by the Church Council to all absentee voting to call a pastor, was not approved by members of the Church present for the vote. As a result, we should all encourage one another to plan to attend scheduled Congregational Meetings. The faithful attendance by our brothers and sisters in Christ at any Congregational Meeting is the way in which we conduct business and plan for the future of our Congregation.

Larry Farner, Council President