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Pastor Tim's Message

Emmanuel Lutheran Church has the privilege of supporting Dr. Bob and Dr. Cheryl Fox, our missionaries to Niger, Africa, with our dollars and our prayers. We also provide prayer support and a small financial contribution to Marian Hungerford, missionary to Cameroun, Africa.

Marian recently returned to Western Washington to visit her mother and family. Pastor Blake and I shared a conference call with her. She inspired us with stories of her work and how the Lord has used her gifts and skills to minister to those in need. Particularly touching was the story of a young boy, abandoned by his family and left in a round-about city street intersection. Marian went to him took him to a safe place where he could receive assistance, including food, clothing and medical attention. He is also getting an education. Most important, he is learning about the God who created and loves him, the God who paid the price for his redemption.

Marian's calling brings her to people who are in need. With the money she receives from us and others she not only cares for her needs, she also cares for others. The ELC Church Council has discussed and decided that Emmanuel should offer the opportunity for God's people to financially support Marian Hungerford through a special offering. This Special Offering will be August 30 and September 6, 2020. Please sit quietly before the Lord and ask His Spirit to prompt you for a gift amount for this ministry.

On another note, please take a moment to notice the progress on the Kitchen Remodel. Demolition is done, 2X4 walls are erected, plumbing and electrical is complete, and sheet rock is hung and taped. Soon the work will be completed. Thanks to those who saw this vision and to those who have supported it financially and with leadership. Well done.

During these days of the pandemic we thank the Lord for the safety we have received from Him. Regular Worship Services continue, employing masks and social distancing. Well done, Saints of the Lord.

Tim Cartwright, Pastor



Pastor Blake's Message

Just What is a Lutheran - in Five Words?



Recently, a friend of mine in the Missouri Synod related something that he found, well, *concerning*. He asked a buddy what he thought made someone a Lutheran. The half-joking answer he got was “catholic but the only saint is Martin Luther.” Unfortunately, when he was asked to give a quick, 5-words-or-less definition of “Lutheran,” he couldn’t. Here’s a long form he would prefer to use:

“Actually, the Confessional Lutheran Church is a branch of Western Christianity which emphasizes the three main *Solaes* (Sola Gracia, Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura), with an interpretive and doctrinal framework found in the 1580 Book of Concord. Unlike the larger branches of Protestantism, Lutheranism holds to firm Sacramental theology and does not reject those traditions of Roman Catholicism which it believes to be in accord with Scripture.”

Such an academic definition doesn’t really satisfy people or help them understand though, does it? Our Presbyterian and Baptist friends will still think we’re “Catholic Lite.” Our Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox friends will still think we’re the “Ur-Protestants.” And so, throughout our history, various believers in Lutheran synods and associations have attempted to emphasize either our traditional Catholic heritage or our roots in the Reformation. The first might go so far as to call our Sunday services “the Mass,” learn Latin, or talk about how we harmonize with the Church Fathers. There is even a group called the Lutheran Orthodox Church that calls themselves “Lutheran Rite Catholics!” The second will rail against the “tyranny of the Pope” and urge our churches to have more modern services (that is, no liturgy); many such churches don’t even want people knowing that they’re Lutheran. In our own congregation, I am sure there are people who sympathize with either side.

But why not accept the tension? If someone asks us just who we are as Lutherans, and if they want the quickest answer possible, I propose this answer: we are the “*Middle Children of Christ’s Body*.”

At the end of the day, our identity is found in *Jesus Christ*. He is the one whom we seek to please in our own distinctive way. However others want to characterize us, we can laugh along with them and let it remain at that, rejoicing that God has cared for us. We celebrate that we have the pure Gospel, that we are saved by Grace Alone through Faith Alone; we also rejoice that we have solid traditions that go back, century after century, to the early years of the United Church. I proudly wear my dog-collar clerical shirt for pastoral calls and Sunday School; I also happily sing the praise songs that we get straight from Revivalist churches. If we’re too Catholic for the Baptist, and too Evangelical for the Catholic, that’s fine by me – we can smile and say “Yep! Middle Children of the Body of Christ – you got me there, brother.” –Pastor Blake Kilborne

A New Look For Our Kitchen!



Currently we are not able to have our coffee hours because of state regulations due to COVID19.

However, that doesn't mean that things aren't happening in the church kitchen!



Bible Quest—Genesis

On the sixth day, God....(Gen. 1:26-31 (a) said "Let fowl fly above the earth" (b) created herbs and fruit trees © created man (d) rested

God formed man of(Gen 2:7) (a) clay (b) mud © dust (d) detritus

The tree, the fruit of which man was forbidden to eat, was the tree of (Gen 2:9,17) (a) knowledge of good and evil (b) knowledge of evil © evil (d) life

Of the four rivers that branched from the river of Eden, one was the (a) Euphrates (b) Abanah © Jordan (d) Halys

Thanks Larry

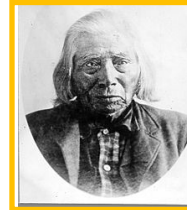
The Religious History of the State of Washington

THE JOURNEY

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 TWO—First Missionaries

The first European Protestant Christian agency which appeared in what would become the State of Washington was the Christian Missionary Society of the Church of England. The COE Missionary Society created a missionary school at the Red River (Winnipeg) for Indian boys who demonstrated characteristics of piety and leadership. The first to attend from Washington was Spokane Garry. Garry established a school and church which was attended by members of the Colville, Nez Perce, Coeur d'Alene, Pen d'Oreille, Flat head and Okanogan tribes. Catholic Missions were at that time, also beginning to appear in the area and were making headway. But were often stymied by other "white man's" influences, i.e, gambling, liquor, disease. When Garry died in 1892, although an Anglican Pastor, he was actually buried by friends from the First Presbyterian Church of Spokane.



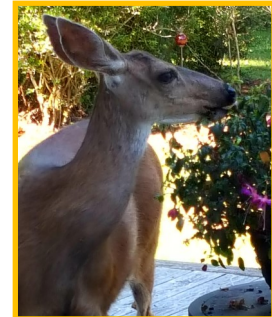
Spokane Garry

By Larry Farner

Turowski 's Guests Dinning In



She is attempting to have a snack. Miki came over to the window so she left the deck.



This doe is making sure that Miki is not in a position to chase her off.



The state of the fuchsia the next morning.

Thanks Miki for the pictures.

FOOD BANK – BRAIN BANK!

Science has proven that success in learning is directly related to adequate nourishment. The August and September food bank contributions are like FUEL to the rocket of success in learning. Lets help our kids "Have a successful Launch" into the school year. Whether it will be "in the classroom" or at home, our kids need fuel in order to have a healthy and a happy life.



**"LETS GO
EMMANUEL, LETS
HELP LAUNCH OUR KIDS AS
THEY ROCKET TO THE STARS!"**





- August Birthdays**
- 14Samantha, nursery attendant
 - 15.....Bonnie Stouffer
 - 27Teresa Prange
- August Anniversaries**
- 1.....Pat Alcantra & Nancy Kerlee
 - 10Jim & Miki Turowski
 - 11.....Blake & Sharon Kilbourne
 - 12Glen & Marialis Jurges
 - 18Ward & Mollie Erickson
 - 27Carl & Melody Knight
 - 27Keri & Patrick Roberts
 - 30Peter & Ashlee Cartwright
- September Birthdays**
- 6.....Bob Fox, our missionary
 - 10.....Nate Armstrong
 - 11.....Victor Gehring
 - 23.....Mary Moen
 - 24.....Kim Bjornemo
 - 24.....Carl Knight
 - 26.....Judy Lund
- 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 August

Altar Guild.....Sally Farner
Teresa Prange

Reader.....Ida Ficca

Members Serving in September

Altar Guild.....JoEllen Klempan

ReaderMiki Turowski

Sunday School for all ages!

We offer Sunday School at 9:00 AM for adults. Sunday School for children will resume in the Fall.

Men's fellowship breakfast will begin soon. The location is Chaos Bay (formerly Der Blokken) in Manette. Plans are being made to begin this when Phase 3 is in effect. TBA

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

