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In case of an  
 Emergency  
 Please call  
 Pastor Tim at  
 360-286-1090

## From Our President - Not An Honorary Position !!!

By raising your hand and repeating after the Pastor, “Yes, with the help of God”. You have just signed-up for a year of service. Not just to God or your Church, but also to every member, men women, seniors and children of our congregation. Serving should be a joy. Yes, it is a good feeling to know that you are truly and actively obeying your Lord God, in serving your brothers and sisters in Christ. But, it can sometimes be a challenge because we are not serving Angels, we are serving people. And people as we all know, can be very difficult to please, which reminds us of the term, “No good turn goes unpunished.” Serving in any capacity; council, committees, altar guild, teachers, treasurer, tithe counters, auditors, ushers, kitchen helpers and weed pullers, can be like airmen flying between heaven and earth on a bombing run. “There is a lot of flack to deal with”. Serving in any capacity requires time that you may have needed with your family and energy which you never seem to have enough of, not to mention the emotional drain. Now, for those who are beginning to feel somewhat guilty because they are not perhaps, being as supportive as they could be toward those who are making the sacrifice to serve you, be not dismayed. For you are serving through your giving and by your attendance in worship service. And there “are” other ways you can serve. That is by asking someone who is doing kitchen work or serving on a committee, “how can I help”? We who do serve in a more formal way are after all, human and we make judgement mistakes and we do let things fall through the cracks. So yes, we need and appreciate your help, your encouragement and your prayers.

This fall, our Pastor will be going on a fishing trip and he hopes to catch and NOT release candidates he will recommend to the congregation to fill vacancies in Altar Guild, the Council, etc. Yes, serving the Church is sometimes a challenge and the pay is terrible but the bottom line is that you can clearly know and understand that you will be serving not only the Lord, and your Church but also and more importantly those members of your Church who rely on you to ensure their need for security, for safety and for spiritual fulfillment when they come to His house to share and to seek His love and His promise of salvation.

Go in peace and **SERVE** the Lord!  
 Larry Farner



**Meanwhile, Back At The Resort**

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**Our Church picnic is scheduled for August 22nd at Lutherhaven!**

The **church will provide** the following:

1. water
2. juice for the kids
3. Hot dogs
4. Hamburgers
5. Buns
6. Condiments



**YOU**, hungry Lutherans, **will provide:**

1. your own plates, cups, spoons, forks and knives.
2. The absolutely most important item.....What is it again that is the “star” of a potluck? YES, you guessed it. Covered dishes, like beans, or mac and cheese, salads, green death and even MO-Betta, “Deserts”....Anything in this category will do. (You all know Pastor Tim loves deserts.) Members of ELC, we have missed out on sooo much since COVID began-most of all, we have missed one another! Brothers and Sisters, “it’s time to mingle” together...oops, I forgot masks and safe distance. Well, it is outside so do what you feel is right. We will “sing a new song” and we will be thanking our Lord



for his many blessings..... Most of all for giving us back Lutherhaven.

Larry

**Growing Healthy Kids Today For a Healthier and Happier Tomorrow !!!**

Feeding hungry children makes for well nourished, ready to learn students. Food will make them more productive and alert and healthy as they grow. We have an opportunity “to make a difference”, to help children as they go back to the classroom this fall. Breakfast, lunch and dinner food items is that opportunity.

Please consider donating hot/cold cereals, rice, pancake mix, canned fish, meat, fruit, vegetables, soup, chili, macaroni and cheese, and pasta. All these foods will nourish children this fall and winter.



Sally Farner

**Operation Christmas Child This Year????????**

Several of you have asked if we are going to support Operation Christmas Child this year. The answer is YES!!!! The collection box will go out the second Sunday of October and will remain out until Sunday, November 7th. The packing party will be Saturday morning, November 13th. Even though most of us are vaccinated we will have masks and gloves available. I am noticing School Supplies are on sale right now. Consider picking up some for our shoeboxes.



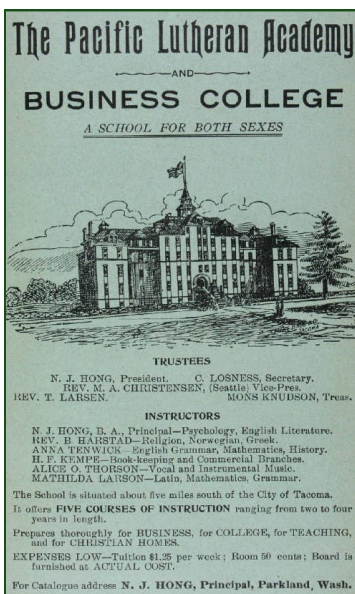
Sharie Adrig

## 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 ELEVEN—A Spirit of Cooperation

In the late 1800's there was a spirit of cooperation within different religious denominations in Washington, sharing meeting houses and even pulpits. Father Louis Rossi, a Catholic Priest, commenting on erecting churches throughout the Puget Sound revealed that nearly half the money to build these separate congregations was given by American Protestants. The loneliness of the frontier produced many challenges for Itinerate preachers. I.e., the Methodist Church on Whidbey Island disintegrated when the Pastor condemned dancing. The young people and even some of the older people quit praying and went to dancing. Eventually, they exchanged the Church for a Ball Room. Probably the most important contribution to the community by the local religious congregations was their work in education. Many of the first schools in Washington were run by church women. At the time of Statehood, there were only five territorial high schools. However, of the denominational high schools, the Catholic's founded fifteen, the Methodists four, Baptists, Congregationalists, Episcopalians and Presbyterians two each. In 1883 the Methodist Episcopal Church created an institution of learning which in 1890 became Puget Sound University in Tacoma. In 1890, the Lutherans founded Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. In 1893, the Adventists opened Walla Walla College and the Free Methodists opened Seattle Pacific College. In 1894, the Catholics established Jesuits' Gonzaga College in Spokane and Seattle College in Seattle. The Benedictines established St. Martins College in Lacey in 1895. In 1891, the Jesuits created, from a parish boys school, what would become Seattle University. The only state college funded outside the religious community was the Cheney Academy, deeded to the state as a normal school which would become Eastern Washington University.



## Spotlight



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](mailto: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 responses by email.

1. Don't underestimate the Church, it's healing power and the comforting way it can set you apart.
2. The first priority in every American's life is to try to fit in.
3. When you come to know your obligations, your destiny or your fate you begin to know what God wants you to do.
4. I don't believe everything that pops into my head – Faith is a little more selective than that.
5. Nothing bears out in practice what it promises incipiently.
6. Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as little as my bed. Teach me to die.
7. People are helpless to fate, victims of time – Their own emotions undo them and social institutions of all kinds fail them.
8. Miracles don't cause belief – You have to already have faith in order to believe in real miracles.

**August Birthdays**

2.....Samantha, Nursery attendant  
 15 .....Bonnie Stouffer  
 27 .....Teresa Prange

**August Anniversaries**

1.....Pat Alcantra & Nancy Kerlee  
 10 .....Jim & Miki Turowski  
 12 .....Glen & Marialis Jorges  
 18 .....Ward & Mollie Erickson  
 27 .....Carl & Melody Knight  
 27.....Keri & Patrick Roberts  
 30..... Peter & Ashlee Cartwright

**September Birthdays**

6.....Bob Fox, Missionary  
 10 .....Nate Armstrong  
 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 .....Jo Klempan  
 Reader.....Bob Klempan

**Members Serving in September**

Altar Guild .....Rose Link  
 Reader .....Glen Adrig

**Sunday School for children!**

We offer Sunday School at 9:00 AM for children

**Adult Sunday School TBA.**

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast is resuming. It is being held the first Saturday of each month. The location is to be announced. If you would like to receive email updates on this please let Glen or Pastor Tim know so that your name and email can be added to the contact list.**

**Coffee Hour has resumed following the worship service.**



**Join us for our church picnic on August 22nd following our worship service. Good fellowship, good food and fun for all ages!!!!**

