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Pastor Tim's Message

Dear Saints,
August has traditionally been a busy month at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. First it was Miki T who led the **Vacation Bible School** program, recently it has been Judy A and Carverlynn who have led it. With the help of the Childcare staff and Emmanuel volunteers they have run the ministry. With nearly fifty children attending the program it was decided we could not keep social distances, so VBS has been canceled for this year.

The threat of the pandemic means that the **Annual August Church Picnic** at Lutherhaven (featuring the World Championship Croquet Match) has also been canceled.

Judy A has asked the Council for their support for a **Children's Scavenger Hunt**. We'll keep you posted as the details are planned.

Pastor Blake, working with others, has prepared a new color brochure for Emmanuel Lutheran Church. It will be distributed to our new neighbors and others interested in a church home. Good work Pastor Blake!

If you've been to church recently you've noticed the old kitchen is being remodeled. We thank all of you who have participated with money and help for this project. Thank you!
Pastor Tim



Pastor Blake's Message

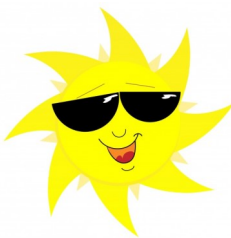
Heat and Relaxation

I love the heat. Not just a sunny day, either. I love the sweltering, blistering heat of the desert. I enjoy humid weather and all that it has to offer, even if it means packing extra water with me wherever I go, or a towel for drying and cooling off. Nothing makes me feel more at home than sweating, having to wear hats all the time, and breathing in not-so-fresh air.

I know, I know, it sounds a bit crazy, especially since we live in the Rain State! But I come from Southern California, and summers were the best part of it; I never had to worry about inclement weather, but instead just had to be careful to not get heat stroke. Looking back, I think this affinity is because the heat teaches us to relax a bit.

Our Lord instituted the Sabbath Day to give us rest from our labors, as Jesus says “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27). The Third Commandment, “Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8), institutes this rest for us – which we observe whenever we find ourselves in Church on Sunday Morning, hearing the Word of God and receiving the Sacrament. More than this, though, we understand that Jesus has provided us rest from trying to earn salvation by our works – ultimately, more than taking a single day off, we “strive to enter that rest” by abiding in Jesus Christ (Hebrews 4:11, John 15:4).

While everyone feels differently about the weather, I love the heat because it reminds me of our justification – not by works of the law, but by resting in Jesus's finished work. The heat teaches us something about God's Will for our lives, so that we do not find ourselves in constant activity, but can slow it down, smell the flowers, and rejoice in His provisions for us.



Pastor Blake Kilbourne

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 ONE – FIRST PEOPLE

In the 1700's, the first European and American explorers arrived in what would become the State of Washington. One of the problems confronting the first settlers was communication with the local natives. Only the Umatilla and the Nez Perce in eastern Washington had organized themselves into tribes larger than a small village. In the west, 13 tribes, each with their own language, shared a kind of "trade" language known as the "Salish" language. There were some similarities in all the northwest tribes but there were also clear differences in how they communicated. Also how they clothed themselves, their diet and their mode of transportation, canoes in the West and horses in the East. Their religion also was varied, with some common characteristics, like Christians, Jews, etc. Villages were also varied, yet alike in many ways. A river tribe, the Duwamish had a sacred ground on a small knoll near the river called "Shalbateel" – "The Little Mountain", where present day Seattle is located. All the tribes relied on myths, rituals and magic as a kind of religion, centered on a variety of Gods. Gods of mountains (Rainier), rivers, fish, animals, i.e. Beavers, etc. Each tribe also had religious leaders and prophets. And, each of these separate religions believed in good and evil, spirits residing in the head and heart and a kind of reincarnation in a "Spirit Land". Not unlike European, Asian and African religious beliefs. Although native Americans would eventually embrace both the Catholic and Protestant Churches, it was the "Shaker" Church that was most widely accepted and had expanded its membership among many tribes in the 1870's and 1880's. (To be continued next month). -Larry Farner



Go Team Emmanuel!!

People are relaxing their diligence in wearing their masks and the virus is continuing to spread. It's the same at the Food Banks. Many people have not been consistent in their giving. However, Emmanuel has even exceeded the usual summer contributions (108 pounds in July). Not only are we feeding hungry children but, we are also feeding one out of three seniors who go hungry everyday. Our next donation date is August 2nd.



"Go Emmanuel!!!"

Bible Quest (Genesis)

On the first day, God (Gen 1:3-5)

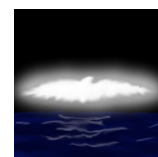
(a) Said, "Let there be light" (b) created the dry land, called it Earth (c) made the two great lights, to rule the day and night (d) created the firmament

The Firmament was (Gen 1:6-8)

(a) Earth (b) the space between Heaven and Earth (c) Heaven (d) the two great lights

On the third day, God (Gen 1: 11-13)

(a) created the great whales (b) said "Let the earth bring forth grass: (c) created the cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth (d) created man



July Birthdays

1.....Cole Simons
 16.....Amanda Andrada
 26.....Peter Mace
 29.....Ashlee Cartwright

July Anniversaries

20Jim & Bonnie Mace

August Birthdays

14Samantha, nursery attendant
 15.....Bonnie Stouffer
 27Teresa Prange

August Anniversaries

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

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 July

Altar GuildSharie Adrig
 Teresa Prange
 ReaderGlen Adrig

Members Serving in August

Altar Guild.....Sally Farner
 Teresa Prange (on call)
 Reader.....Ida Ficca

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.

We miss all of you that are not able to attend our Worship Service. We look forward to the time we can all gather together again. If you

MISSING YOU. *have anything you would like to submit to the newsletter please contact me.*



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