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**Pastor Tim at
360-286-1090**

Pastor's Message



Some of my neighbors must be crazy! As soon as the sun begins to set the fireworks begin to explode! The explosions continue through midnight. Most are the legal fireworks, but some are the big boomers, the illegal fireworks, that compress the air, rattle the windows and frighten the dogs.

I'm not complaining, mind you, I enjoy the fireworks. They add to the festivities of the day, and that day is the Fourth of July, our national Day of Independence. Family and friends gather for picnics featuring the holiday menu. At our house we will barbeque our hot dogs, gobble our potato salad and chips, slurp our watermelon and luxuriate in apple pie served ala mode. Thank God for America! Its time to celebrate those principles and practices that make America our chosen home.

One of my habits for this holiday is to read from the historic documents of our country. I am inspired by their great words, such as these words from our Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men (and women) are created equal . . ." We fought a civil war to uphold this truth and we still have work to do today to make it a reality. Nevertheless, we have reason to praise God that our nation recognizes this truth.

I am also inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s great 1963, "I Have a Dream" speech. He declared, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Those powerful words are a clear recognition of the self-evident truth that is expressed in the Declaration of Independence. These truths, revealed in Scripture, evident in the natural laws of creation, and upheld in our historic documents are what make America our chosen home.

So, this year, with most of the effects of the pandemic behind us, let's celebrate America! Enjoy your picnic and the fireworks!

Pastor Tim Cartwright

Never Seen a Miracle?

How well I remember the Polio epidemic. “It” even had it’s own season. Every spring extending into fall was the “Polio Season”. I’m sure the star of my high school football team thought he was safe when football season ended but Gordy was the last one to get it in my class in 1954. There was no cure, no clear treatment. Everybody knew someone in an Iron Lung. Everybody knew a friend or the brother or sister of a friend who had polio. Pastor Tim has shared his story of when he contacted Polio. He was probably to young at the time to understand what had happened to him. But with tears running down his face, he has shared with us the grief his mother experienced caring for him, praying for him without ceasing while he laid, in pain in a bed in a lonely, gray hospital ward. Then, a “miracle” happened! The Salk vaccine was discovered and tested to be safe. Thousands of kids lined up for miles and miles to get “the shot”. Yes, there were nay-sayers and doubters. But the fact was, the vaccine worked. Today Polio is a distant memory. But those of us who do remember see it all happening again with Covid-19. And again, there are nay-sayers but the proof and the results are as clear as they eventually were with the Salk vaccine. “It Works”! I’m sure by now that most of us at ELC have had the vaccination. But because our brothers and sisters in Christ are precious to us, if you still have not been able to locate a place where the vaccine is still available talk to us. Ask me, ask Glen or Sharie, ask Steve or Judy or Pastor Tim. On that day when Covid-19 is like Polio, a distant memory, and we see no more masks in our Church we can say, “Yes, I have seen a miracle”. Why a miracle? Because it was our Lord who arranged for the skills, the training and the dedication of people who chose to serve others in the field of Medical Science, to develop the covid-19 vaccine. Peace be with you.



Larry Farner

A Tradition Continues

Mark Your Calendars !!!!

Sunday, August 22nd

Each year in August Emmanuel families and friends have gathered at Lutherhaven for an annual church picnic. It has been a fun time for us all to gather share food , laughter and just relax together. No stress, no fuss.



Lutherhaven has reopened. If you wish to use Lutherhaven? reservations can be made via the website at <https://www.olympiclutherhaven.org/make-a-reservation> Many have had birthday parties at Lutherhaven, how about a Family reunion?

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.

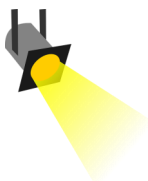
PART TEN—Missionary Fever

The early 1800’s saw a rise of Missionary activity in the Pacific Northwest. A strong Missionary tradition remains implanted in Washington. Small-town and city Churches, barely able to support tiny congregations made and still make financial contributions to Missionary work. An example is the story of the Corprons from the First Christian Church of Yakima. Doug Corpron, a life-long friend of William O. Douglas, later a member of the U.S. Supreme Court, got his undergraduate degree at the University of Oregon and his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati pledged himself to a career as a medical Missionary. Following Missionary training in 1923, Doug and his wife Grace, a graduate of the University of Minnesota sailed to China and the Luchowfu Hospital. Forced to leave China, the Corprons moved to the Philippines where both of their children died of dysentery. The Corprons later returned to China where they raised three more children. Doctor Corpron established numerous clinics through China while Grace ran the Sunday School, taught cooking, sewing, dietetics and operated a baby clinic. In 1937 the Corprons were forced out of China because of the II World War.



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 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. Something we are without makes us weak until we find out that it was ourselves. We are withholding from our lives and find salvation in Surrender.
2. God has taken my hands, I am God’s instrument.
3. Faith takes practice.
4. You’ve been given a clue, no effort from you was required. God has given you a clue now, you have a choice; Either you use God’s gift or you waste it.
5. Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20).
6. I may choose to believe it or not but, I am God’s instrument – so much for Free Will!

(I challenge anyone to respond to one of these statements)

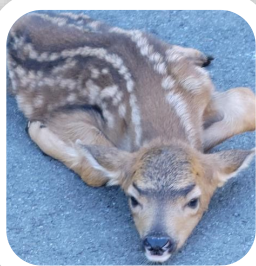
THE RESULTS ARE INAND IT'S NOT GOOD

Our Food Bank Mission is not only important, it's vital! There are so many people whose lives are impacted by the lack of food. As evidenced by the little girl who admitted in her virtual classroom that she was starving. Her mother had lost her job due to Covid. Another young man, age 14, said "It wasn't his day to eat, it was his brother's turn." A family of six moved into their car after losing their home, a teenager said his family stocked up on rice so they would have something to eat. Covid has "killed" so many jobs, especially for low wage workers, women and minorities. Many of those jobs will never make a full recovery. Nine million plus jobs have been lost due to Covid, Four and a half million people who have lost their jobs do not have enough to eat. Of those low wage jobs that will recover, the recovery will be a long-time coming. Meanwhile, those workers without hope and without resources will have to depend on the human kindness of others the kind of kindness we witness each and every first fruits Sunday at Emmanuel.



The little church that gives big!!!

- Sally Farner, coordinator



From the Turowski's

This newborn fawn was left on their driveway by it's mother while she went out to feed. They thought it was an odd place but they thought she might be a new mom and when the fawn was left the spot was in a deep shadow. Seeing that the fawn would soon be in the sun they called the Game Warden for



advice. He told them to watch to see if the doe returns. Otherwise, he said if the fawn ended up in the sun they should try to coax it into the shade, but not touch it. You can see in the photo how flat the little thing laid there. It followed Mama's orders to the letter to not move a muscle, lie very still. Thankfully, Mom returned, nursed he baby and the two went off on their way. While Jim was walking their dog he came upon some baby racoons curled up to each other against a tree waiting for their mother return.



Lesson Learned...

Do not assume babies have been abandoned by their mothers if they see them alone. Don't touch them, and keep watch. Mama will probably return. God has given these beautiful wild creatures amazing instincts!!



Member Highlights

Gladys Willis has been a member of Emmanuel Lutheran for the past 12 years. She came when Pastor Tim did. Her family, Judy and Steve, have been members for many years.

Pastor Tim and Gladys connection.... Gladys and her husband knew Pastor Tim and Carolyn long before any of the rest of us did. The Willis's were members of Resurrection Lutheran in Tacoma and were the first people that Pastor Tim and Carolyn met when Tim was interviewed, called and ordained. This was back on September 17, 1980. This happened when Carolyn was pregnant with their second child, Rachel. It was a Sunday morning when Rachel was ready to arrive. They had a midwife already to assist with the delivery, however they didn't know what to do with their 2 year old, Andrew. Since this was all happening on a Sunday morning, Pastor Tim took his 2 year old to church and asked Gladys and her husband to watch Andrew. Without hesitation Andrew went off with them very happily. The Cartwright's and Gladys and her husband remained very good friends.



Gladys's growing up years..... Gladys was born in Lillwaup-Eagle Creek to be exact. She had 7 siblings. She and her younger sister are the two still living. Gladys says they never had formal swimming lessons, but they learned to swim on their own because they lived so close to a canal. There were many family picnics on the shores of the canal. She moved to the Tracyton area with her father and younger sister when her mother died. Gladys was only 13 years old at the time.

Gladys is a great supporter of the Operation Christmas Child ministry.... As Judy (Gladys's daughter) tells it, Billy Graham was a major part of their lives growing up for she and her brother, Robb. They went to many of his crusades in Seattle. She still receives the Decision

magazine and reads it. She has been supportive of Emmanuel's ShoeBox ministry and always enjoyed helping in packing boxes. She would always wait until the other members made their donations and would ask, "Okay, what else do we need?" Dove soap was always an important contribution for her after reading a special story about a girl that received Dove soap in her shoebox.

Currently Gladys is 92 and will be 93 in December. Judy says that she has grown to appreciate her more now than ever. She is spending more time with her. She still lives on her own with the support of her son, Robb and daughter, Judy. Physically she is still quite capable. Just the other day Judy came to her home when the temperature was 90. She found her walking around her yard, not aimlessly, but looking at her flowers, birdbath and cars coming and going. They both enjoyed the day sitting on her shaded deck.

Gladys and family..... In addition to her two children, she has a son-in-law, Steve, and is the proud grandmother to 4 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Many of her family are members of Emmanuel and attend each Sunday.

Cute story..... She will tell you she is never very hungry, but you should see her eat when her son or daughter fix something for her.

Favorite hymn ... "In the Garden"

Favorite Bible verse ... There are too many good ones to choose just one.

(Special Thanks to Judy Armstrong for your input)



July Birthdays

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

July Anniversaries

20.....Jim & Bonnie Mace

August Birthdays

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

August Anniversaries

1.....Pat Alcantra & Nancy Kerlee
 10Jim & Miki Turowski
 11Blake & Sharon Kilbourne
 12Glen & Marialis Jurges
 18Ward & Mollie Erickson
 27Carl & Melody Knight
 27.....Keri & Patrick Roberts
 30..... Peter & 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 GuildRose Link
 ReaderIda Ficca

Members Serving in August

Altar GuildJo Klempan
 Reader.....Bob Klempan

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 should be resuming soon. Look for more information later or in the bulletin.




Special Thanks

Thank you to Larry & Sally Farner, Judy Armstrong and Miki & Jim Turowski for your contributions to this month's newsletter.

