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**In case of an  
Emergency**

**Please call  
Pastor Tim  
on his cell  
phone**

**286-1090**

## *Pastor's Message*

This Sunday is *Trinity Sunday*. Unlike other festivals that follow the life of Christ, this festival celebrates the nature of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; one God, three persons. This is a central church doctrine but one that does not fit with our reason. How can three persons make one God? Many attempts have been made to explain this mystery. The three leaf clover and the three parts of the egg are two examples. These and all other explanations fail. The Trinity is a doctrine beyond our grasp. It is best to accept it by faith.

So why do we hold to a doctrine that defies reason? The answer is because, first, Scripture teaches it, and second, because it protects the deity of the three persons from humanistic attacks.

This Sunday we shall recite the Nicene Creed, which is based on the doctrine of the Trinity, and we shall sing songs to glorify the God who is three persons and yet one God. Come and join the praise!



Pastor Tim Cartwright

### *From Our AALC Presiding Pastor .....*

“For many years, we have heard that 80% of the congregations in North America have fewer than 80 people. That statistic is born out in our own church body. However, instead of seeing this as a liability, we celebrate our small congregations!

As a small church body that specialized in smaller congregations, we are extremely flexible in the attention that we can give to individual situations and needs. Not only can we tailor our responses to pastors and congregations individually, we also are able to endorse and encourage their innovative and entrepreneurial efforts. The AALC specializes in small churches that feel and act like caring families. Their pastors are spiritual fathers and genuine shepherds who know their sheep by name, and lovingly serve them in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!”

## Did You Know ?????

A few days ago if you happened to see the news on the Seattle TV station, KOMO, you may have recognized the family that was interviewed. It was our Gehring family. This family lives on a sailboat. Even though some of you may see this as unique, you will see by the article that this trend is becoming quite popular. If you missed this interview you can simply go to the KOMO website and type in "Wait lists for Puget Sound Marina Slips Grow as Housing Prices Soar" or simply type "living on a boat," and up pops their interview. It is really interesting and, well done Gehring family.



## A Federal Income Tax Tip for Seniors

If you are over 70 1/2 years old, have a traditional IRA, and are not able to itemize deductions, you can reduce your tax by taking advantage of a qualified charitable distribution. Instead of giving your usual offering to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, you can instruct the trustee of your IRA to make a distribution of that amount directly to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. This amount is not included in taxable income. For more information, see IRS Publication 590B (2016), page 13.

Thank you, Larry, for passing this information on to our readers.



**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!** Potential Squires and Ladies-in-Waiting are invited to present themselves to VBS Queen Miki if they desire to be a part of this year's exciting Vacation Bible School "A Mighty Fortress—in Jesus the Victory is Won!"

Assistants are needed in a variety of areas.

VBS is August 14-18, 9:30 am—12:30 pm. You can request an audience with Queen Miki by calling 360-710-5975 or email [miki.t@comcast.net](mailto:miki.t@comcast.net).



## First Fruits for July



School is out for most children and now is the time the Food Bank really needs food donations to stock the shelves. The shelves always have less on them during the summer.

Great items to donate are: peanut butter and jelly/jam, canned meats, cold and hot cereals, pastas, spaghetti sauce, soups and canned fruit. Anything YOU give will be so appreciated to someone who is hungry.

Sally, our First Fruits coordinator

## Congratulations to Martha & Mary

Martha & Mary Health and Rehab Center has achieved an

**5 Star Overall Quality Rating**



### Our Missionaries

It's hard to believe but Bob and Cheryl Fox are preparing to leave France next month and will begin their ministry in Niger. Our prayers are with them as they complete their language studies and prepare to move. If you are interested in supporting them in this ministry you can contact them at [bob.fox@sim.org](mailto:bob.fox@sim.org) or [cheryl.fox@sim.org](mailto:cheryl.fox@sim.org).

Marian Hungerford is currently taking a break from her many years of missionary work while she relaxes with her family in Oregon.



**SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MARIAN AND CHERYL !**

Mark Your Calendar.....Our Annual Picnic will be Sunday, August 20th. We will be gathering once again at Lutherhaven following our Sunday worship service.



*Don't forget your donations for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Our dresser ministry is a vital ministry in our church. Any baby items can be placed in the baby dresser in the fellowship hall.*

Thank you, Carol, our chairman



**June Birthdays**

2.....Gina Cartwright

2 .....Linda Houlton

6 .....Marian Hungerford

7 .....Loyal Campbell

7 .....Carol Reece

9 .....Jean Reed

13 .....Cheryl Fox

14 .....Landen Cartwright

16 .....Sharie Adrig

16 .....Peter Cartwright

19 .....Carol Henning

19 .....Bob Henning

21 .....Lilian James

23 .....Steve Armstrong

26 .....Carverlynn Prothero  
Childcare Director

27 .....Alaina Johnson

27 .....Crystal Short, childcare

**June Anniversaries**

10 .....Glen & Sharie Adrig

13 .....Larry & Ida Ficca

23 .....Bob & Carol Henning

26 .....Tim & Carolyn Cartwright

**July Birthdays**

1 .....Cole Simons

26 .....Peter Mace

29 .....Ashlee Cartwright

**July Anniversaries**

13 .....Tim Jr. & Gina Cartwright

20 .....Jim & Bonnie Mace

*If there are any additions or corrections to the list please let Sharie Adrig, editor, know. You can do so via church mailbox, 377-2448 or [gadrig@comcast.net](mailto:gadrig@comcast.net).*

**Members Serving in June**

Altar Guild .....Ida Ficca  
Reader .....Carolyn Cartwright

**Members Serving in July**

Altar Guild .....Sally Farner  
Sharie Adrig  
Reader .....Cheryl Erickson

**Sunday School will reconvene at the beginning of the school year.**



**Men's breakfast will continue through the summer. First Saturday of the month at 8:00 at The Bridge Deli.**

**Your help during coffee hour?**

Thanks to all who are signing up to host coffee hour! If you are interested, the sign up sheet is on the counter in the fellowship hall! Thank you to Carol R. for being our coordinator for coffee

hour. Thanks to Theresa P. for all your help in the kitchen during coffee hour.



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