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This month we have celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the doctrine of the Triune God on Trinity Sunday (God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons and one God). Now we begin the long season of the Sundays after Pentecost. This will take us up to the climax of our celebrations as listed in our lectionary, which is Christ the King Sunday. Then we start a new church year with Advent and the Christmas cycle.

During this season of the Sundays after Pentecost we will read for many weeks from the Book of Romans (our epistle readings) and from the Gospel according to Matthew (our gospel readings). Part of God's emphasis is the growth and spread of the Kingdom of God and of the church.

In Romans God reveals our sinful or deformed human nature. That aspect of our nature is on display whenever we behave selfishly or when our words hurt another person. God's answer is to bear our guilt and judgment on the cross in His Son, Jesus. We are forgiven and we are given a new nature. In Matthew's Gospel God reveals His Son as the Rabbi, the Teacher, who opens our minds to understand the Kingdom of God. Look for these themes in our Sunday Scripture readings.

During June we will also remember to honor our military men and women and their families on Armed Forces Weekend (June 20-21). We will stand and recite the pledge of allegiance and sing "God Bless America." We will also honor our fathers on Fathers Day (June 21). Our fathers, like Christ, are our teachers who are used by God to lead us to our Heavenly Father. May God continue bless us and use us to be a blessing to others.

Pastor Tim Cartwright



Pastor Blake's Message

Hello there! For today, I just wanted to share something that our Lord has given me and my family. As you may know, my wife Sharon is pregnant. While this is wonderful news, it got us thinking about our home, a two bedroom condo near Manette. Almost as soon as we found out about the pregnancy, the quarantine went into effect, leaving me, my wife, and our son indoors – indefinitely. Gary couldn't play at parks, and there was no playground in the condo complex for us to enjoy. We didn't even have a yard. Eventually, seeing my stir-crazy boy bouncing off the walls with cabin fever woke us up to a harsh reality: this is a rough way to raise a family, especially if we were about to add a baby to the mix! God opened our eyes to a new need.

So we decided to look at a new home. We figured if we could sell our old condo, we could pay off enough debt to get a new place. The first house we looked at two months ago seemed okay on the Zillow website – and at \$100,000 asking price, it couldn't be too bad. So we scheduled a tour with an agent, Lacie Ferris, and, well... we weren't even allowed inside. It was an absolute nightmare. There were rotting wood doors and cabinets, no electrical appliances, broken glass on the lawn and a hornets nesting in the living room. So much for that idea. But then Lacie asked us if she could help us find a different place, something that could work much better for us. After opening our eyes to the need, God opened our eyes to an opportunity.

Our agent performed a basic appraisal for the value of our condo: it turned out that it was worth \$150k, leaving us with \$100k in equity. Soon after, she also found a mobile home valued at \$50k. This wasn't an ordinary single-wide, either. It had nine hundred and twenty square feet of space, plus a carport and a shed, with new countertops and new floors. The trailer park had a playground and community center. Sharon and I fell in love with it at first site and decided it was time to take the plunge by putting in an offer. With our eyes open to opportunity, God opened our eyes to a promise.

For six weeks after that, we had to live in “double quarantine.” To live in our condo while trying to sell it meant stuffing most of our belongings – television, bed, boxes all over, *everything* – into our bedroom. We ate there, slept there, and abandoned the rest of the condo to picture-perfect cleanliness, in case anyone came to tour or inspect it. After the first 9 days we had an offer, but then we had to go through some harder things... God opened our eyes to struggle.

Earnest money deposit on the mobile home - \$1750. New washer/dryer for the condo - \$998. New garbage disposal -\$99. Dishwasher repair - \$150. Electrical work - \$100. Water heater work - \$350. We had to borrow a good chunk of money and spend lots of time doing home repairs by ourselves. Not only was it “double quarantine,” but it was double quarantine in relative *poverty*. I still had bills to pay, after all. But God opened our eyes to His providence, so we kept our joy. We found ourselves happy throughout!

At the end of the day, I am here to gladly proclaim that God is good. We are now safely moved into the new home, with absolutely zero debt, not even a mortgage. My son loves the playground. The people are wonderful. Our home is spacious and peaceful. Though God had us endure hard times, He did it to open our eyes to His blessings!

Pastor Blake Kilbourne

“First Fruits”



First Fruits will be re-launched on Sunday, July 5th! The food cart will FINALLY be in the narthex, waiting for your nourishing donations to our local food bank.

Thank you Emmanuel for your continued support during the shutdown, thank you for “Loving our neighbors as ourselves” and thank you for supporting this vital and worthwhile mission.

Sally Farner

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your understanding.”

- Proverbs 3:5

The Neighborhood Deer

Miki said, “God blessed us this morning with assurance that another of “our” pregnant deer has managed to stay clear of the local pack of coyotes” The picture on the right, “This one had twins.”



Turowski 's Kids



Adrig's Kids



Larry's Story

“AMOS AND ANDY”

When I was a kid, movie theatres followed the “Movietone” or “RKO Path” news with a radio broadcast of the “Amos and Andy” show. The theatre managers did this because nobody would go to the movies on Saturday night if they had to miss the “Amos and Andy” radio program. But, there was another “Amos and Andy” that was way more significant to Christians than the “Amos and Andy” show of the 30's and 40's. The message for us from the OT book of Amos is, “Judgement”. Amos 3: 1-2; 8: 11-12. Amos is the first of the “writing prophets”. He lived in a time of prosperity in both Israel and Judah, just like America. Amos stressed righteousness and justice as essential to a healthy society. He tells us that religion of more than observing feast days and holding assemblies. That “true religion” demands righteous living. Amos wrote that, “We are living in a prosperous and materialistic society and that prosperity often leads to religious and moral corruption”. Sound familiar? God demands obedience and a heartfelt attitude towards our fellow human beings. In summary, Amos tells us that God judges us by the standards of His word. That ignorance of the Word leads to believing lies. He warns us not to discourage Godliness, nor put roadblocks in the way of those who pursue Godliness and truth. He encourages us to be zealous for the things of God, to exercise control of our appetites, to be unselfish and to let Christ's zeal and selfish love characterize our lives. Andy aka Andrew, is not a book of the Bible, but a disciple of Jesus mentioned throughout the NT. In Matthew 4: 18,19; 10:2 He is introduced to us as a disciple of John the Baptist, Called as a disciple of Jesus and enrolled among the “12”. In Mark 13: 3,4 Andrew sought further light in Jesus' “words”. In John 1:40; 6: 8,9 and 12: 20-22 Andrew brought Peter to Christ, told Jesus about a lads lunch and transmitted numerous requests to Jesus. In Acts 1:13, Andrew met with his friends in “The Upper Room”. He was always there for Jesus and his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Andrew is an exemplary example of what it means to be a Christian.

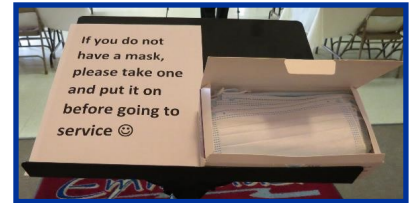


Larry Farner

Church Re-opens in Phase 2 of the Coronavirus Pandemic



Even though it was June when we returned we celebrated the Easter that we missed. Special Thanks to Miki for decorating our wonderful Easter Cross.



Any one entering the church is required to wear a mask.



Instead of our traditional Easter lilies and Azaleas we took our Spring planters home for our porch or deck.



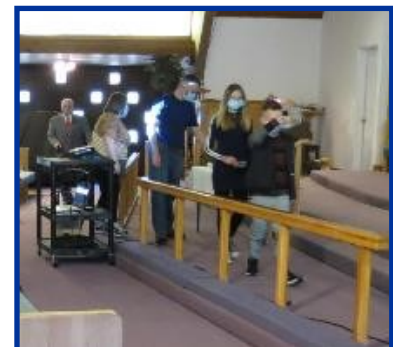
Larry reads the Scriptures through a face mask.



All Congregants are required to wear a mask. The entire service was done via a Power Point thanks to Glen.



The Children's Sermon was delivered a bit different.



Holy Communion looked a bit different. The elements were consecrated while wearing masks. The bread and wine were individually packaged to make it hands free. Special thanks to Ida and JoEllen who packaged our wine and bread for our first worship service back.

June Birthdays

2.....Linda Houlton

6Marion Hungerford, Missionary

7.....Loyal Campbell

7.....Carol Reece

9Jean Reed

13.....Cheryl Fox, Missionary

14Landen Cartwright

16Sharie Adrig

16Peter Cartwright

19.....Carol Henning

19.....Bob Henning

21.....Lillian James

23.....Steve Armstrong

26.....Carverlynn Prothero,
Childcare Director

27.....Alaina Johnson

27.....Crystal, Childcare Staff

June Anniversaries

10.....Glen & Sharie Adrig

13.....Larry & Ida Ficca

23.....Bob & Carol Henning

July Birthdays

1.....Cole Simons

16.....Amanda Andrada

26.....Peter Mace

29.....Ashlee Cartwright

July Anniversaries

20Jim & Bonnie Mace

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 June

Altar GuildIda Ficca
Chelette Williams

ReaderLarry Farner

Members Serving in July

Altar GuildSharie Adrig
Teresa Prange

ReaderGlen Adrig

Sunday School for all ages!

We offer Sunday School at 9:00 AM for All ages. Young children through Adults are welcome.

Men's fellowship breakfast will begin soon. The location is Der Blokken in Manette. Plans are being made to begin this again. TBA

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



Special Thanks to our Armed Forces and to our Veterans !