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Pastor's Message

I. Before Faith in Jesus, God's Son, We Were Captive under the Law (Galatians 3:23)

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

*These followers of God found themselves in light of the Garden of Eden, and in the "days of Noah (Genesis 5:5-10).

*The chosen people were chastened in their captivity in the days of exile. (2 Kings 17:1-18; and of Judah 2 Kings 25).

*The people were caught in sin during the days of Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders (Matthew 19:1-10).

* Now in relation to God and his Law in the Bible: This is the address of God concerning sin and lawlessness today. The Law was established by God from the beginning, for our restraint from evil and clear judgement upon our sin (John 3:19-20).

God gave His chosen people the Ten Commandments as a guardian, until the Messiah (Savior, Lord) would come and free us from bondage to sin, death and the power of the devil (I Corinthians 15:57). This makes the Law a word which condemns us, hounds us in our unabated sinfulness, sticks to our lives and behaviors that will find God's judgement, and will make it clear that there is only one Name under heaven by which we must be saved; that is the name of Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God, Savior and Lord ¹²*And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men^[a] by which we must be saved.* (Acts 4:12).

II. Now That Faith Has Come, we are made new in Christ by grace, and Baptized into Him. (Galatians 3:25-29)

²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave^[a] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise". (Galatians 3:23-29 English Standard Version)

Pastor's Report continued.....

See how Jesus builds His church: There is no slavery to old and sinful structures or attitudes, no bias related to gender or social engineering. We are free in Christ, and free in His Holy Declaration of new life for all who believe in Him (John 3:16-20). Our new life is found in Jesus: "For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise." (Gal. 3:29)

The Early Church was born on the Day of Pentecost, and continues by His grace and through faith in Him. We meet in God's Name, plan ways to invite others to come to Christ Jesus, and celebrate loving Christian Worship, Community directed outreaches, Bible Study and fellowship. We hope to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and will pray with you as the Lord leads and you have needs. We thank God for you as ongoing members of the Body of Christ, and welcome those received into membership on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, 2025! May God bless and keep each one of you as fellow brothers and sisters in our Lord!

Pastor Gary Koutsopoulos, a member of God's kingdom,
by God's grace and through faith in Jesus



June Bug



Statistics tell us that if we repeat an action, over time, it becomes a habit. Your "habit" to obey our Lord when he told us to "feed my sheep" is a "good" habit indeed and a blessing to those in need. From the month of January through May you members of ELC donated 698 pounds of food and 50 pounds of dog food via First Fruits to the local food bank. When you consider the size of our congregation that is truly amazing! As summer, a season of slow giving begins, allow that "Ole June Bug" to dig deep into your soul and continue to support First Fruits Sunday from June to September...and beyond.

Our next First Fruits Sunday will be July 6th.

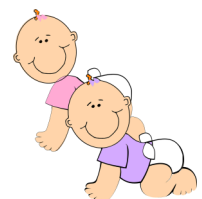
- Sally Farner coordinator

Community Barbeque- July 5th

An all neighborhood community BBQ is being planned for Saturday, July 5th. Rose, Teresa and Jo are spearheading this idea. We need your help. How can you help? There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for food donations. If you would consider helping with this wonderful idea please talk to one of these three ladies.

Trillium Pregnancy Center

The pregnancy center is always looking for donations. For ideas of what you can contribute just ask Rose Link. Thanks Rose for being our representative.



Let's Hear From You

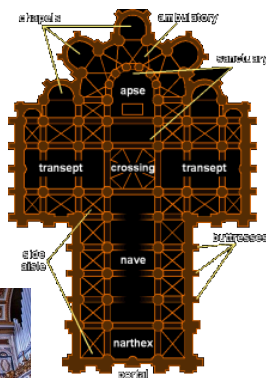
Dear Reader, if you care to respond to any of the following questions, please E-mail your response to Sharie, the Newsletter Editor.

- (1) Who is the wisest person you know?
- (2) Has a book or movie ever changed your life?
- (3) What does it mean to be successful in life?
- (4) What makes a home?

God, Time and History

Constantine's pronouncement of freedom of worship was seen reflected in buildings used for Christian worship. The Emperor himself built a church in Rome (The church of St. John), which symbolized the dawn of a new era. The church was a rectangular hall with a semi-circular niche or "Apse" opening off one of the shorter sides. Inside, it was divided by two, and, sometime four, rows of columns into a wider central space and two or four parallel long narrow spaces. The roof covering the wider central space was higher than the roofs over the side sections. The only daylight came through the doorways or windows pierced in the walls of the central space above the columns. The appearance of this new and fully developed plan for church buildings has led to the suggestion that Constantine imposed it on the church and commanded that it should be followed everywhere. However, it's more likely that the plan was gradually adopted simply because it was the most suitable available.

-Larry
Farner



Did You Know This?

ISSACHAR. After the birth of her fourth son, Jacob's wife Leah seemed to be barren. Then she found some Mandrake roots, which were used as a remedy for infertility. Leah and her sister Rachel, Jacob's second and beloved-wife, quarreled over the roots but agreed that Leah should be the first of them to try the herbs. As a result, Issachar was conceived. Each of Jacob's 12 sons, including Issachar, became the ancestor of one of the 12 tribes of Israel.

-Larry Farner



In The Beginning

After the crucifixion of Christ the Disciples felt depressed, let down, lost! It had been good, very good, being with Jesus but, had it all been for naught? So now, Peter said to his fellow Disciples "I'm going fishing, I must make a living." But then Jesus appeared on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and called to them, basically saying, "Do you think it's over? No-now it begins. The task for which you have been prepared. "We Christians, have all been "prepared" for a task which in fact, does have an ending. But that ending too is only just the "beginning" of a life with Christ in paradise!

-Larry Farner



A Blessed Annuity

Who would deny that an adequate retirement income is blessing. And, for those who also have an Annuity from which they can rely upon for special needs that from time to time do occur. Sadly, not everyone has an Annuity as a kind of safety net. However, for Christians, we “all” have a special Annuity that we can always count on for “all” our needs. That Annuity is not an investment account, it’s deposited for us in the Word of God. It is God’s own promise to each of us -a promise of peace of mind and of everlasting life. This is an Annuity we did not have to purchase because Jesus purchased it for us. His gift of love.

-Larry Farner

Just for Fun

A backward poet writes inverse; In a democracy it’s your vote that counts. In feudalism, it’s your Count that votes; A chicken crossing the road- poultry in motion.

-Larry



The Story Behind the Hymn-“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

We sing the chorus every week to this meaningful hymn. Have you ever wondered who wrote this and what inspired the writer? This hymn was written by Helen Lemmel. She was born in England in 1863 and came to America as a child with her family. Her father was a Methodist preacher that settled in Wisconsin. Helen studied music extensively. Her parents even sent her to Germany to study with the Masters.

When Helen returned to America she traveled widely giving concerts in auditoriums and churches. She could have been a popular secular singer but had a great desire to serve Christ with her voice. She eventually joined Moody Bible Institute and trained young people.

Her inspiration for “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” came from a gospel tract by Lillas Trotter, a missionary to North Africa. A simple sentence was turned into this famous hymn. She described as being “dictated by the Holy Spirit. “

This hymn was published in Britain in 1922 and was published two years later in the United States.

“After her retirement, Helen moved to Seattle where she passed away at the age of ninety-seven in 1961. She had written over five hundred hymns, as well as many children’s songs. She also composed and published several volumes of poetry and a popular children’s book, Story of the Bible. Her long life was spent looking up, seeing Jesus only, and reflecting His radiance to others.

Information came from the book, “Then Sings My Soul Book2” by Robert J. Morgan

June Birthdays

2-----Linda Houlton
 4-----Pastor Rob Stroud
 5-----Isabella Paulus
 6-----Marian Hungerford (missionary)
 6-----Tina Atienza
 7-----Loyal Campbell
 7-----Carol Reece
 12-----MaKenna Boisjolie
 13-----Cheryl Fox
 16-----Sharie Adrig
 19-----Carol Henning
 21-----Lillian James
 23-----Steve Armstrong
 26-----Carverlynn Prothero, Childcare Dir.
 27-----Owen Johnson
 27-----Crystal Short, Childcare Staff

June Anniversaries

10-----Glen & Sharie Adrig
 13-----Larry & Ida Ficca

July Birthdays

1-----Cole Simons
 5-----Lori Koutsopoulos

July Anniversaries

17-----Pastor Rob & Delores Stroud

If you have any additions or corrections to our birthday or anniversary list please let our editor, Sharie Adrig, know at gadrig@comcast.net

**Members Serving in June**

Altar Guild-----Sally Farner
 Reader-----Elli Anderson

Members Serving in July

Altar Guild-----Teresa Prange
 Elli Anderson
 Reader-----Glen Adrig

What's Coming Up?**June**

8-----9-----Adult & Children's
 Sunday School
 10-----Worship Service
 9-----6 pm-----Kitsap Peninsula
 Knitting Group (Adrig's home)
 14-----8:30 am-----Men's Fellowship
 Breakfast
 15-----9-----Adult & Children's
 Sunday School
 10-----Worship Service
 19-----10-----Midweek Bible Study
 22-----9-----Adult & Children's
 Sunday School (Last day until Sept.)
 26-----10-----Midweek Bible Study
 29-----10-----Worship Service

July

3-----10-----Midweek Bible Study
 5-----TBA-----Community BBQ
 6-----10-----Worship Service
 10-----10-----Midweek Bible Study
 12-----8:30-----Men's Breakfast
 13-----10-----Worship Service
 14-----6-----Kitsap Peninsula
 Knitting Guild
 17-----10-----Midweek Bible Study
 20-----10-----Worship Service

Helping with Coffee Hour

I am sure many of you enjoy coffee hour and would like to help in some way.



Please talk to Rose Link or Teresa Prange about ways you can help.
 Thank you two ladies and Stu for all you do.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Second Saturday of the month!

8:30 AM at All Star Lanes

Questions? Ask Glen or Pastor Gary

