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Pastor Tim
on his cell
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286-1090

Pastor's Message

Creation and Evolution: Comments based on our Adult Sunday School Class

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.....” (Genesis 1:1) thus begins the Bible. For millennium people thought the universe was created. Eminent scientists like Keppler and Newton thought the universe was created. But the act of creation requires a creator, God , and God’s existence cannot be proved (or disproved) by employing the scientific method. The scientific method measures matter and God is not matter therefore scientific experiments cannot cope with the idea of creation. So they need a new theory that did not presume the presence of a creator, and in 1859 Charles Darwin proposed that new theory of the origins and development of life calling it the theory of evolution. In *The Origin of the Species* Darwin postulated that complex life forms like humans developed from simple, single cell life forms such as bacteria. This process is a natural one without guidance or direction from a creator. That humans developed into intelligent beings was a matter of chance. This evolutionary process was driven by two mechanisms, natural selection or the survival of the fittest and mutations.

Today evolution is the only theory of origins taught in the public school system. This despite the overwhelming scientific evidence of the impotency of the theory to explain the complexity of cells and life forms, and the presence of vast stores of data or information contained within cells and life forms. So why is evolution held in such high esteem? Because it remains the only cogent theory to explain how life might have naturally developed without referring to an outsider, namely God (or an intelligent designer).

Evolution, as a philosophic theory, also fails on a second front by denigrating the value of human life. According to evolution human beings, although complex and intelligent life forms, are simply the chance products of a natural and undirected process. We have no more value than any other life form. We eat we drink, we live we die, we are no more. There is no spiritual dimension to life, there is no eternity beyond this life. In contrast to this theory the Bible teaches that we were created by God in His image and likeness. We are loved by God. We are spiritual beings with a purpose greater than ourselves. We live not only for time but also for eternity. This is good news and this is why I think the Bible’s revelation is superior to human theory.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

Easter Lilies & Azaleas

Now is the time to order your Easter Lilies and Azaleas to decorate our sanctuary for our Easter Worship Service. The Azaleas are \$14.00 and the Lilies are \$10.00. You can order more than one if



you wish. You can purchase them in memory of someone if you wish. Please put your money through the offering noting that the money is for the Easter Lilies and/or Azaleas. However, please let Sharie Adrig know since she is compiling the list.

Lenten Soup Suppers and Services

Every Wednesday during the Lenten Season we will be gathering in the fellowship hall for Soup and Bread. Many of you have signed up to bring soup and bread but there are still some slots to be filled. Supper starts at 5:30 and the service will begin following the supper at about 6:15. We hope you are able to join us.



First Fruits for April

First Fruits will be April 2nd.

Those who need food the most are children. One in 5 in the state of Washington do NOT get enough food to eat on a daily basis.

Please consider donating canned fruits and vegetables for the month of April.



Lutherhaven gets a new look!

For anyone that has worked in the kitchen at Lutherhaven you know how much they needed a new oven and cooktop.

It arrived and it is beautiful!



Sunday School for Adults and Children begin at 9:00 AM
 Women's Bible Study is held the 2nd & 4th Fridays at 10:00 AM
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study will reconvene following Easter.
 Men's Breakfast Prayer Group is the 1st Saturday of each month at
 The Bridge Deli in Manette beginning at 8:00 AM

News from Martha & Mary

Generations of Care Gala Celebrating the Magic of Mothers

You are invited to join us for an evening of friends and magic...Join us as Martha & Mary celebrates the Magic of Mothers and our mission of caring for Kitsap children, seniors, and their families. Connect with friends and neighbors, take you place in our circle of care, and find inspiration in the company of those who help make Kitsap a strong community.

Saturday, May 13, 20175:30—9:30 PM.....Kiana Lodge

RSVP by May 1, 2017

Reservations: *Early Birds reserve* by April 15th Guest \$85 or Table of 8 \$680

Guest after April 15th \$105Table of 8 \$750Patrol \$125

Please contact us for questions and information: Phone 360-626-7879 or

By EMAIL: SupportUs@mmhc.org

A Letter from Martha & Mary

Thanks so much! Your gift helps us give a little more as we care for your friends, neighbors and loved ones. Beyond the extra things it allows us to do or provide , your generosity encourages us, too. I can't thank you enough for inspiring a little extra compassion and kindness in all we do— helping us live our mission to treat those in our care like family.

This year, donors like you will help cast a wider safety net in Kitsap County through training, programs, and campus improvements. Gifts in these areas really have a meaningful impact on those we serve, as well as in our community: **Training** ensures we continue offering the best care and provide our community with a passionate, caring and professional work force. **Programs** enhance the lives of adults and children with social interaction, recreational experiences and educational programs. **Facility** improvements provide a welcoming environment for families and community members alike.

So again, thank you so much for Emmanuel Lutheran Church's gift of \$250.00, dated December 12, 2016. Your contribution will be directed to the General Fund and used for the area of most need at Martha & Mary. The generosity of people like you is vital- Partnering with us to deliver the kind of care w stand behind.

Sincerely, Paula A. Rimmer Director of Development

Our Missionaries

Greetings from Africa On January 16 we loaded up cement blocks for the Boys Center in Garoua. On the way we saw Hippos in the river. Then on the way home I bought a Nile Perch and some small carp for dinner. Food is getting to be an issue. Over use of Round Up and Cotton chemicals is killing edible grains that we need for food and to sell in the market. On January 17th while at the Public Health Ministry. I accidentally met the head man who volunteered to help me print-up 2 copies of a booklet on Mother and Child nutrition. The man told me I could return for more copies, that was a real blessing. January 29th: This morning in Church was Happy New Year to the pastor. People went forward to donate sacks of grain and blocks of soap to share with the needy. The Elders gave pastor a new IPod. We had special prayer this morning for Suzanne. Last week a helicopter exploded and 5 people were killed including 4 generals. The senior general was Suzanne's uncle. She is returning to her Kapsiki village for the funeral. We also prayed for the "street children", who are not only damaged in spirit and soul but also in their lungs and resistance from disease. Another reason why we need a boys home. February 16th: Paid \$400 case for another acre of land for Elias. In April, I will have served 40 years as a Bible Translator in Cameroun. (a complete copy of Marian's newsletter is on the table in the entry.)

Koinonia, Marian

Congratulations, Marian, on your 40 years of service!!!!

A letter from Bob & Cheryl..... We miss all of you. The church we attend here is fine and the people are very kind, but it is not the same. It is wonderful news to that new people have joined the congregation- we are confident the Lord will continue to bless you and the church!

We had been warned in advance language school would be difficult. However, we underestimated the strain it would place upon us. School has impacted our health, marriage and overall outlook on life. I am sure most people would think, "oh my, living in Francethat sounds wonderful.' The problem is unless you are fluent in French, the challenges wear on you. We have a great coordinator at SIM. He told us to relax and not worry about French. He said our health, marriage and walk with the Lord were more important. The Lord has sent little reminders of what are the important things, but it is hard not get swallowed up in the pressures of the classroom.

We had a brief visit with my daughter who lives in Seattle and my son who lives in San Francisco. Neither of them had been to France. The Lord has always been gracious to me.

We have approximately four months of school left before heading to Niger. The school is losing several teachers and administrators so they are very anxious for us to arrive. We are not certain what role we will be asked to fill, but I am certain the Lord has it all planned out for us.

Thank you again for your friendship, Bob and Cheryl

March Birthdays

5Chelette Williams

18Henry Simons

19Melody Knight

25Kneeda Williams, CC Super.

27Jim Mace

March Anniversaries

13Cole & Maurine Simons

18Steve & Judy Armstrong

April Birthdays

2Victoria Gehring

4Parker Cartwright

5.....Richard Boyce

10.....Carolyn Cartwright

11JoEllen Klempan

12.....Gail Campbell

15.....Glen Adrig

17.....Judy Armstrong

17Lamonte James

20Marialis Jurges

21.....Mary Clare Gehring

22Keri Bjornemo Roberts

22Ida Ficca

28Ward Erickson

||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.

If you need to contact Pastor Tim Cartwright you can call-286-1090

Members Serving in March

Altar GuildJean Reed

ReaderJean Reed

Members Serving in April

Altar GuildCarol Henning
Cheryl Erickson

ReaderGlen Adrig

Sunday School Teachers

Children's Sunday School

Carolyn Cartwright
Judy Armstrong
Ida Ficca & Mollie Erickson

Substitutes: Mary Moen

Adult Bible Studies

Wednesday nightPastor Tim

Sunday morningPastor Tim


Women's Friday Bible Study

Judy Armstrong

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.



Any comments or questions about the newsletter please call Sharie (editor) at 377-2448