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## Pastor's Message

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### Thinking About Retirement

Pastor Tim's recent retirement has me thinking about this life transition. After his dedicated and compassionate pastoral ministry, the Rev. Tim Cartwright has earned our deep respect and won our sincere love.

As his immediate successor, I am delighted that he understands how we pastors *never fully retire*. The same is true, of course, for all of Jesus' disciples. Last December I wrote an article titled "Christians & Retirement" for my website. I penned it as Delores and I were praying about the possibility of leaving "semi-retirement" and joining you here at Emmanuel. You can read it here: <https://mereinkling.net/2021/12/07/christians-and-retirement/>

It's true that a few of you in our congregation have a modest amount of experience with retirement. But I am glad that none of you have taken it too seriously – you recognize that God still has work for you to do in this world of his.

Just as Pastor Tim continues to regularly worship and serve with us, you do the same. God bless you for it!

I have drawn much inspiration from the writings of C.S. Lewis. I was reading some of his published correspondence recently and found one comment particularly provocative. Lewis was serving as a professor at Cambridge University in 1963 when heart problems compelled his retirement. He would die on November 22nd, the same day JFK was assassinated.

Lewis was always humble and self-deprecating. He retained his intellect and wit to the end, and I enjoyed the tone of this closing to a letter written near his death.

I would once, I hope, have written you a more useful letter, but I'm now an extinct volcano. In July I was not expected to live and I am now an invalid, retired from all my jobs. Quite cheerful & comfortable, but not much of me here!

What an entertaining way to describe the winter of one's life. Even "extinct volcanoes" are often remarkable and awe-inspiring. It was the final line, though, that most moved me. "Not much of me here" suggests to me – as I believe C.S. Lewis intended – that with our ultimate retirement from life in this world, we are in the process of transitioning to our new home, in that radiant place our Lord has prepared for us (John 14).

Retirement, of course, is not synonymous with physical death. On the contrary, for Christians, there is always *far more life ahead!* Amen.  
Pastor Rob Stroud

## From the President.....

### *Putin's Plan*

To understand Putin you should “turn back time”, as Cher Bono would say, to Adolph Hitler’s plan for world domination at the onset of WWII. In 1938, Hitler invaded Sudetenland (Modern day Czech Republic). Hitler’s reason was to “Liberate” German speaking Czech citizens. (Putin’s reason to invade the Ukraine, is to “Liberate” Russian speaking Ukrainian citizens). Because Hitler promised the Western allies, led by Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister of Great Britain, that “taking the Sudetenland was his “only goal”. The Western alliance agreed to “give” the Sudetenland to Germany in order to evade a World War. “Peace in our time” was promised by Chamberlain. In March of 1939 Prague, Czechoslovakia was occupied by Germany, On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1939 Germany invaded Poland, followed by Norway then France. So, what is Putin’s plan?.....What do you think?

-Larry



## Bible Study



All are welcome!! Pastor Rob is currently leading a Bible study on Thursdays at 10 am. They are studying 1st Corinthians. Please consider attending.

## Truth

“No one in the world can change truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it. The real conflict is the inner conflict. Beyond armies of occupation and the hecatombs of genocide and destruction, there are two irreconcilable enemies in the depth of every soul: Good and evil, sin and love. And what use are the victories on the battlefields if we ourselves are defeated in our

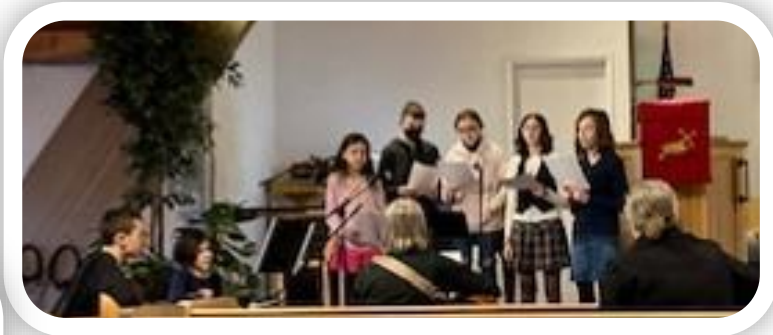
innermost personal selves?” This was written by Maximillian Kolbe, a Catholic Priest who was canonized a Saint in 1982. Father Kolbe was executed in a concentration camp by the Nazis in 1942 for his sacrifices and work in behalf of Jews. He was sentenced to starvation and hard labor. In the end, he was stood up naked in winter before a stone wall and shot by a firing squad.



Larry

## Holy Week at Emmanuel

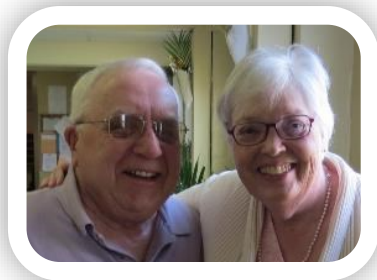
**A Special  
Palm Sunday  
Thanks to  
Delores.**



Blessed by the Children's choir

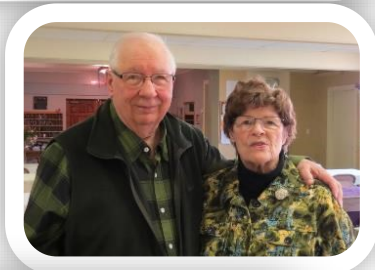


## First Easter Breakfast after 3 years





## Easter Breakfast Returns



**Special  
Thanks to  
those that  
purchased  
flowers for  
Easter!!**

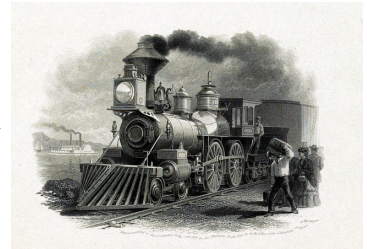


## The Religious History of the State of Washington

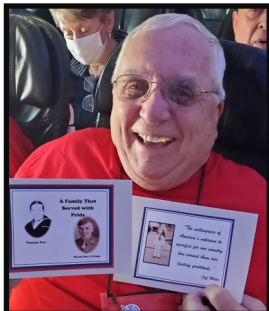
*I have used many resources to assemble this series on “The Religious History of the State of Washington”. If you are a Christian and a resident of Washington, this is not just a story – it’s YOUR story.*

### PART NINETEEN—Christians, New Christians, Non-Christians

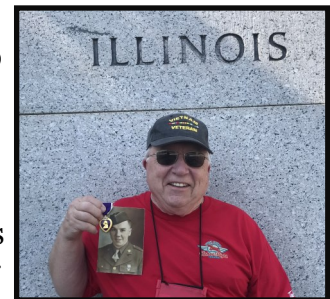
When the Railroads reached the Pacific Northwest it brought people of other religions and other cultures – how did they all fit in? The Japanese and Chinese were targeted by Churches for evangelization. Most Japanese and Chinese arrived in Washington as railroad workers, miners, fisherman or farmers. As immigrants, they were often resented because of their “differences” and that they would work cheap. In the 1870’s, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptist groups established mission schools and chapels for the Japanese and Chinese people who were taught English and the Bible. These people however, clung to their Shinto and Buddhist religions and eventually Temples were established in Seattle, Auburn and Tacoma. With the coming of the railroads causing a population surge in 1890, there was an influx of new congregations which included the Evangelical Church, the Church of God, the Church of Christian Science, the Salvation Army, Pentecostals, Full Gospel Missions, the Society of Friends (Quakers), the Jehovah’s Witnesses, the Church of the Nazarene, and the Assemblies of God. In 1910, 20% of the population of Washington State belonged to a Church. Of the Non-Christian groups were the Baha, the Hindu mission of the Vedanta Society in Seattle and the socialist based Church Of The People, established in 1934. By 1938 all of the New Christian Churches and Non Christian Churches were flourishing in Washington.



### A Veteran is Honored



Recently Glen Adrig had the opportunity to fly to Washington DC on an honor flight. He visited the many war memorials along with 51 other veterans. He felt like he was honoring his dad at the same time who was a WWII veteran. His dad was a survivor of Normandy during the D-day invasion.



### Trustee Ministry Beginning

Do you wonder who takes care of things like replacing light bulbs and touch-up painting? Individual members of the congregation take it upon themselves to ensure our facilities are cared for. If you would be willing to help out occasionally with minor repairs or upkeep, please talk to Pastor Rob or Bob Klempan. Bob has setup a box in the fellowship hall where people can identify projects that would benefit the church. We already have several volunteers, but the more, the better.

**May Birthdays**

- 2 .....Stephanie Johnson
- 3.....Jim Mace
- 10.....Kaitlyn Armstrong
- 16.....Sally Farnar
- 16.....Nancy Kerlee
- 21.....Maurine Simons

**May Anniversaries**

- 1.....Bob & JoEllen Klempan
- 21.....Loyal & Gail Campbell
- 30.....Mark & Bonnie Stouffer

**June Birthdays**

- 2.....Linda Houlton
- 4.....Pastor Rob Stroud
- 6.....Marion Hungerford, Missionary
- 7.....Loyal Campbell
- 7.....Carol Reece
- 13.....Cheryl Fox, Missionary
- 14.....Landen Cartwright
- 16.....Sharie Adrig
- 16 .....Peter Cartwright
- 19.....Carol Henning
- 21.....Lillian James
- 23 .....Steve Armstrong
- 26....Carverlynn Prothero, Childcare dir
- 27.....Alaina Johnson
- 27.....Crystal, childcare Staff

**June Anniversaries**

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

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](mailto:gadrig@comcast.net).

**Members Serving in May**

- Altar Guild.....Sharie Adrig
- Reader.....Keri Roberts

**Members Serving in June**

- Altar Guild .....Chelette & Kneeda Williams  
Lillian James
- Reader.....Pastor Tim Cartwright

If you are interested in helping with Altar Guild it is not too late. Just ask JoEllen Klempan or Sharie Adrig.

**Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour has resumed following the worship service. If you would like to provide refreshments for coffee hour or make a monetary contribution please talk to Carol Reece or Rose Link.



**Women's Luncheon on Wednesday.**  
Contact Carol Reece for information.

**Men's Fellowship  
Breakfast**



Men's Fellowship Breakfast is being held at 8:30 am the second Saturday of each month at All Star Lanes in Silverdale. If you would like to receive email updates on this please let Glen Adrig know so that your name and email can be added to the contact list.