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In case of an Emergency
 Please call
 Pastor Tim at
 360-286-1090

From the President—Calling a Pastor

Just as the bread and wine in the Sacrament of Communion becomes the body and blood of Christ. YOU, the individual church member are the body of the church – the Congregation. It is not the Council or a committee or a building-it is YOU that is the living and breathing body of the Church. Church buildings change over time, Pastors come and go. The only constant is the Congregation. You are the true body of the Church. Each individual member is part of that body, you ARE the congregation. It is you who decides when and how the Church building will be renovated, it is you who decides the structure of the budget and the direction, the scope and the goals of your ministry as it impact one another and your community. Which is why whenever we take on any role as a worker, a leader or a teacher our response in accepting that role is, “yes, with the help of God”. In the past several months we have been in the process of calling a new pastor. In the process of preparing for a call, your Call Committee has completed all the preliminary work required by our Synod. At this point: (1) We are awaiting a decision by the AALC regarding the credentials of Blake Kilbourne. At the end of May, Blake traveled to Ames, Iowa to stand before the Clergy Commission who after their review, will decide whether or not Blake should be considered a viable candidate for the position as Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We expect that decision to be made by the end of June or July, at the latest. (2) Meanwhile, we will be considering the nomination by Synod, or by you, the members of our Congregation of “other” candidates for the position as Pastor of Emmanuel. The next step in our process here at Emmanuel, following the decision of Synod is to conduct formal interviews of Pastoral candidates (*). The Call Committee will then make a recommendation to the Congregation. At this point it will be YOU who will decide who will be our next Pastor. Your role and your responsibility is to attend the interviews and ask the questions that are on your hearts and minds and to stand during the discussion phase of the Congregational vote to express your thoughts and your concerns concerning the candidate for whom we are considering. Your decision, when you vote will be or should be in accordance with your convictions, your awareness of the needs of our Congregation and your faith and trust that the Lord is with you and with Emmanuel Lutheran Church. You may not be altogether happy with this process or the progress of the Call Committee or the Synod. But know and believe that our Synod is aware of our needs and is doing what they need to do to guide us through this journey. Meanwhile, we need to be thankful that we have Pastor Tim leading us, being a “lamp unto our feet” as we journey on. (*) Because of the review of Blake Kilbourne’s credentials and because many of our members were not available because of covid during the first interview, if Blake is nominated a second interview will be necessary.

Larry Farner, Council President

IT'S A NO BRAINER!



It is a no brainer that we make sure to contribute hot and nourishing food items to the needy in winter. But, come summer and it's like we put everyone on a starvation diet. The lowest food donations at food banks across America is always during summer. But, we at Emmanuel always seem to answer the call for food "every" day, summer or winter. Our brothers and sisters know when they are hungry...it's not a "seasonal" thing! This is a great time to stock the food bank shelves with oatmeal, rice, cereals, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, canned veggies and fruits...all the things which add so much to a meal, when you need a meal. "First Fruits" Sunday is always the first Sunday of each month – summer or winter.



Sally Farner, First Fruits Coordinator

Church Picnic Scheduled

2021

We are scheduled to have our church picnic at Lutherhaven on Sunday, August 22nd following the worship service. Please put this on your calendar. More information will be coming. One thing for



sure, there will be our annual croquet game. Word has it that Larry Ficca has a brand new beautiful set.

Lutherhaven is reopening on June 1st. If you wish to use Lutherhaven reservations can be made via the website at <https://www.olympiclutherhaven.org/make-a-reservation>

“Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them.”

—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



CountryLiving

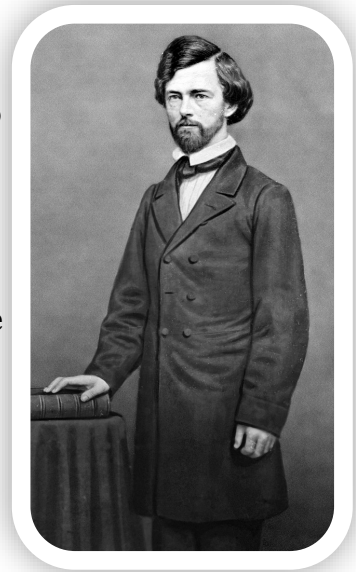
The Religious History of the State of Washington

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 EIGHT-THE ETERNAL STRUGGLE

By 1853, Missionaries were abandoning their efforts to embrace native peoples in favor of safer and more security among early settlers in the Washington territory. A major reason missions closed in the territory was due to the conflict between Protestants and Catholics. Protestant missionaries believed the Indian tribes were incompetent and not able to pursue intellectual and moral objectives. The Catholic priests on-the-other-hand, encouraged Indian independence to the point of arming them. The Jesuits claimed the arms would be used for hunting and protection.. The local military authorities felt the Indians would use the arms to slaughter Americans. When this conflict of purpose resulted in the Cayuse war both Protestant and Catholic missions were attacked. However, the Catholics continued to build missions, including the mission of St. Joseph’s at New Market, the future site of Olympia, As a result of the conflict Congress appointed Isaac Stevens as the first governor and superintendent of Indian affairs of Washington territory. Following the outbreak of the Yakima war, the new governor accused Catholic mixed-blood settlers in Thurston and Pierce counties of aiding hostile groups and had them incarcerated at fort Steilacoom. In spite of the conflicts between the Catholics, the Protestants and the Indians an accord was arrived at between the Catholics, the Presbyterians and the Congregationalists to end the conflict, both between the Indians, the Americans and the various religious denominations.

Larry Farner



Isaac Stevens 1st Governor

Spotlight

The February Newsletter introduced something new that we hope to continue. Each issue we will feature 1–3 statements. Anyone who wants to share what they think the statement means and how it relates to Christians can simply write up their opinion and email it to me. Send it to me at gadrig@comcast.net subject newsletter attention Sharie. Please indicate which statement you are responding to. It will be fun to compare the responses. I encourage you to join in on the fun. If you wish to keep your response anonymous, please let me know in your responses by email.

1. Doubt is the essence of and not the opposite of faith.
2. A faith that needs a miracle is not a faith at all.
3. Don’t ask for proof, faith itself is a miracle.
4. Miracles aren’t anything you can see-they are things you believe in without seeing.
5. God doesn’t love us because we’re smart or because we’re good. We’re stupid and we’re bad and God loves us anyway.

June Birthdays

- 2.....Linda Houlton
- 6Marian Hungerford
(missionary)
- 7.....Loyal Campbell
- 7.....Carol Reece
- 9.....Jean Reed
- 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 Director
- 27.....Alaina Johnson
- 27.....Crystal Henry
Childcare Staff

June Anniversaries

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

July Birthdays

- 1.....Cole Simons
- 16.....Amanda Andrada
- 26.....Peter Mace
- 29.....Ashlee Cartwright

July Anniversaries

- 20.....Jim & 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 Guild..... Sally Farner
- Reader.....Aaron Fredrickson

Members Serving in July

- Altar GuildRose Link
- ReaderIda Ficca

Sunday School for children!

We offer Sunday School at 9:00 AM for children

Men's fellowship breakfast and Adult Sunday School TBA.

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



"May we never forget, freedom isn't free"

-anonymous