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In case of an Emergency

**Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone**

360-286-1090

Pastor's Message

This week I went to the cemetery to see Carolyn's grave site. The gravestone had been set so I stood and examined it carefully. First I did an analytical assessment. Was the data accurate and was the spelling correct? Yes, it was. Then I reviewed it using my feelings. Was it attractive? Did it honor my beloved wife of forty-three years? Yes, it did. Then I simply stood there and allowed myself to feel my feelings. Up first was sadness, my precious wife was gone! No more would we sit side by side and share the events of our day. No more would I feel the warmth of her presence beside me in bed. No more would she preside over family dinner. I felt this sadness and wept.

But I'm moving beyond the sadness and the loss. I now feel proud that she shared her life with me for so many decades. I feel proud of her skills as a Mate, a Mother, and a Teacher, and of course a Grandmother ("Nanny"). I found a place in my heart where I could turn to the Lord and thank Him for my life with Carolyn.

It is November, Thanksgiving month. God is reminding us we can be thankful. My circumstances do not prompt me to feel thankful. But as I walk with the Lord I discover that thankfulness comes from a deeper place than my circumstances. God wants me to understand that thankfulness is integral to being united with Him in Christ. From my position in Christ I gain a new point of view on life. Yes, there is sadness, but that sadness isn't final or determinate. I think of St. Paul, who suffered from a physical ailment. He had asked God for healing and had not experienced that healing. Nevertheless that circumstance did not determine his attitude. He declared that he had learned to be content (read "thankful" or "grateful") in whatever his circumstance was. He could do that because of his spiritual position in Christ.

That is where I want to be too. I'm now learning to recall and rejoice in the memories I have of my beloved. We shall continue to miss Carolyn, but I will not lose heart or surrender my position in Christ. From my position in Christ I can join with St. Paul and offer thanksgiving to God for all the blessings Carolyn was to me and to our family.

Thank you Lord, for Carolyn!

Pastor Tim Cartwright

Emmanuel's Annual Christmas Lunch & Program

(formerly known as the Christmas Tea) is **Saturday, December 8th, Noon—2 pm**. This annual potluck lunch is a time to gather with friends and family away from the hustle and bustle of most holiday preparations, and to prepare our hearts to receive the true gift of Christmas: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

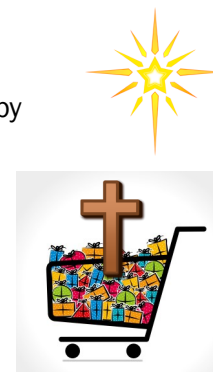
Bring a favorite dish to share, and join us for good food, joyful singing, loving fellowship, and a special story and devotion to help us reflect upon the real reason we celebrate Christmas.



A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Please indicate how many will be attending in your group so that we can plan accordingly.

“WE DID IT!”

We are approved for a Thrivent Financial Award of \$250.00 for our “Fill the Christmas Cart” project. On Sunday, December 2nd Emmanuel is “challenged” by Thrivent to pile food for the “Food Bank” upon the altar. We then can “add” \$250.00 for small hams, stuffing, etc., to provide a nourishing and joyful “Christmas” dinner for the needy and the hungry families in our community. This is OUR gift from Emmanuel Lutheran Church from the bounty that has been given to us from God.



Countdown to Christmas...Mark Your Calendars

November 21st.....Wednesday.....6:30 pm.....Thanksgiving Eve Service
 December 1st.....Saturday.....9:00 am.....Decorating the church for Christmas
 December 2nd.....Sunday.....Worship Service....Deadline to order and pay for Poinsettias
 December 8th.....Saturday.....Noon-2.....Annual Christmas Lunch & Program
 December 14th.....Friday.....9:00 am.....Pack & deliver cookies for shut-in
 and special members
 December 16thSunday.....Worship Service.....Christmas Pageant

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 21st at 6:30. A chance to reflect and be grateful for the big or the little things in our lives!



Now is the time to order your Poinsettia for our Christmas Eve Service. The sign-up list is in the fellowship hall.

Another Successful Year!!!!!!



Many Thanks for You!!!!

Thanks to you who prayed!

Thanks to you who were able to donate gifts!

Thanks to you who were able to give a monetary gift!

Thanks to you who helped pack our boxes!



Thanks to Pastor Tim and JoEllen each box includes a handwritten note from Emmanuel Lutheran.



Special Thanks to Mary and Glen for the pictures.



Teaming up with our Childcare Center

We were able to send off 85 boxes.

November Birthdays

1Larry Farner

6Pastor Tim Cartwright

22Callie Woodward

November Anniversaries

3Patrick & Victoria Gehring

16Jay & Stephanie Johnson

20Bob & Cheryl Fox
(our missionaries in Niger)

24Larry & Sally Farner

December Birthdays

6Mollie Erickson

7Bonnie Mace

14Liane Armstrong


20Matthew Johnson

21Gladys Willis

29Denise Williams

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.

The latest newsletters from our missionaries can be found on the table by the entry way in the fellowship hall. Please take time to see what they are up to.



Members Serving in November

Altar GuildIda Ficca
Jean Reed

ReaderMarialis Jurges

Members Serving in December

Altar Guild.....Carol Henning
Sharie Adrig

ReaderMiki Turowski

Sunday School for All !!!!

Sunday School starts at 9:00 AM

Adult teacher, Larry Farner
Children's teachers, Judy Armstrong, Chelette Williams, and Mary Moen.
Song leader, Patrick Gehring.

Men's breakfast will continue.
First Saturday of the month at 8:00 am. The location is Der Blokken in Manette. Questions? Talk to Larry Farner or Pastor Tim.

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.

If you are not able to host a coffee hour some of us are giving monetary contributions to help cover the cost. Contributions can be given to Carol Reece.

