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

360-286-1090

Pastor's Message

A Time for Mourning

On July 20th of this year the Lord charted an unplanned course for my life. It was not a course I sought or desired, but it was the course that came to me. I have decided to mark this milestone in my life by observing and recording my feelings and reflections, and by sharing them with you in the forum over the next few months.

It was July 20, 2018. A milestone moment. Carolyn, my wife, was visiting our daughter and our grandchildren in Las Vegas. Early Tuesday morning I had driven her to the Airporter bus to begin her trip. After I unloaded her baggage from her car I put my arms around her, hugged her to me, kissed her and told her I loved her. It sounds like a morbid thought but I always worried, "What if this is the last time I see Carolyn in this life." I wanted this last moment to express my love for her. We said our goodbyes.

It came to be that that early morning goodbye was the last time I would see my beloved wife of 43 years in this world.

Thankfully she got to spend her last days with our daughter, Rachel, her husband, Royce, and their five children. Friday morning during that visit Carolyn suffered a massive pulmonary embolism and died later that afternoon while on the operating table. I received my first call reporting Carolyn's hospitalization at 4:30 pm. I was allowed to speak to her briefly and told her again that I loved her. "All would be okay," Carolyn assured me. I rushed home from work. We were not seriously worried at that time, but I wanted to be home where I could think clearly and pray for her. At 5:30 p.m. Rachel called to report that Carolyn's condition had declined. She was not responding to the medications and she needed emergency surgery. I again spoke briefly to my Beloved, this was to be my final conversation with her in this world. We shared our love, she was upbeat, believing that all would be well. Surgery began at about six p.m. The family gathered at our house for a vigil prayer and patient waiting. We did not wait for long. It was 6:15 p.m., as I recall, when my phone suddenly rang. The surgeon greeted me. She said they had worked as hard as they could and done all they could do for her, but it was no avail.

Carolyn had passed away.

Pastor's Message continued.....

She had died on the operating table, surrounded by competent doctors and nurses who were powerless to save her.

It was the shocking and sudden news I had feared – her unexpected death! As the surgeon spoke I could hardly comprehend her words. I was in shock. My rational mind understood that Carolyn was gone, but my heart rejected this news. I recited over and over again to myself and to the my family. “I can't believe it, I can't believe it.”

The time came to call Joyce, Carolyn's dear sister. She too was praying and pacing. I dialed. Joyce answered . She was anxiously awaiting the latest report on Carolyn's condition. “Joyce,” I said, “your precious sister, Carolyn, has gone to be with the Lord.”

Silence.

Then, agonized cries and tears.

Those tears became the trigger for my own emotional response. My beloved was gone! I wept profusely, barely aware of my family and the grief they felt.

Thus the milestone event of the passing of Carolyn J. Cartwright, my beloved wife of forty-three years. She was God's gift to me and I shall always sing her praises. I loved her and knew she loved me.

Tears have been a central part of my mourning and my healing. They are another gift from God. Virtually every day there is memory of, or a feeling for my dear Carolyn. These memories trigger a shower of tears. I let them flow. I allow myself to feel the pain and the loss that define my new life course. As sad as I am I know the Lord, who Himself faced death at the Cross of Calvary, will sustain me. Death has surrendered. God has given Carolyn His gift of new life which is beyond this world.

I am grateful for the overwhelming support that has been shared with me from our extended family and from my church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and from the leadership of the AALC. Thank You.

God has a journey for us. He asks us to be faithful and grateful. I am grateful for Carolyn. I love you my Dear One and I always will. I am determined to be faithful to God even in the midst of this loss. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Rev. Tim Cartwright

Pastor, Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Helping Those in Need –In Our Community and Abroad !

“Change for Life”

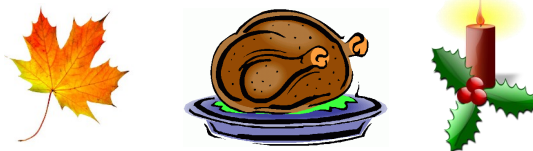
You may have noticed the large Baby Bottles out during coffee hour. This is your opportunity to help support our local Pregnancy Resource Center. Whether your donation is large or small all is appreciated. The PRC does so much to support our local young women that may otherwise struggle to bring home a new baby and properly take care of them.



Don't forget our on-going dresser ministry. It's looking a little bare right now. You can help fill it up. **Thanks for your support !**



Did you know that Operation Christmas Child is celebrating 25 years this year? During the month of October we can bring in small gifts to include in our shoeboxes this year. Also, with the boxes costing \$9 to be sent all over the world we will be raising funds to help with this. Please make out your check to Emmanuel Lutheran noting that it is for OCC. I hope that many of you are planning on coming to our packing party on Saturday, November 10th!!! We always have fun and there will be goodies for all.



Supporting our Local Food Bank

Fall is here, the furnace has come on, it can be rainy, and Thanksgiving is just “around the corner.” And we all know what comes next: **CHRISTmas**, a very special time of giving.

So many people are struggling to pay for essentials, food can be the last item on the monthly budget. Rent locally has risen 12–14 % this year, and this is just enough for many families, who without help, will go hungry.

You have been so generous with your donations this year. Please consider donating the following options that may bring joy to those who have little joy in their lives.

Some holiday necessities!

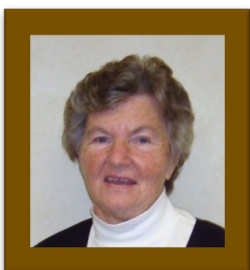
Canned evaporated milk, pumpkin, yams, vegetables, fruit, meats, soups, cranberry sauce, stuffing mixes, gravy packets, hot cereals, cake and cookie mixes, pudding and jello.

Thank You, Emmanuel, for your help in making the Holy Days a blessing for others.

Operation Christmas Child

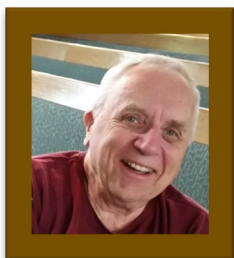
Donations due by Sunday, November 4th
Packing Party—Sat., Nov. 10th, 10 am
Blessing the Boxes Sun. Worship Service

Member Highlights



Recently our member, Carol Henning, was a nominee for the State Master Gardener of the year. Each of the 39 counties send in a name and Carol was nominated from Kitsap. Carol was one of the top 7 nominated. She was thrilled. Carol has been a Master Gardener since 2006, serving over 1200 hours as a mentor to interns, open class horticulture superintendent, leadership roles in the Kitsap County Fair and was noted for her organizational skills, streamlining volunteer scheduling and documentation in Kitsap County. The Master Gardener Conference was held in Wenatchee the last week in September and she and Marialis were able to attend. Emmanuel is proud of you, Carol !!! Well done!

Mary Clare is going to be Clara in the Nutcracker, Friday, November 30th, 7:30, Saturday, December 1st, 7:30, and Sunday, December 2nd, 8:00. Tickets go on sale October 22nd at Bremerton Dance Center. Tickets vary in cost by where they are in the auditorium. It will be at Bremerton High School at 1500 13th St, Bremerton. Tickets are also available at the door. After the 22nd the website is www.peninsuladancetheatre.org or call 360-377-6217. Mary Clare is not new to Peninsula Dance Theatre. She has danced in several other performances but this is the first time she is one of the main dancers. Plan on coming and supporting our member, Mary Clare. Our family has attended the local Nutcracker for many years. We are thrilled to see Mary Clare in this role. You will find that Mary Clare is a lovely dancer. We hope to see you there. Congratulations, Mary Clare!!!



Our third member to be recognized is Glen Adrig. Glen has been a AARP volunteer for the past 14 years. Glen teaches the senior driving classes at the Bremerton Elks and the Kitsap County Credit Union in Silverdale. Several of you have taken his class. Glen has taught close to 100 classes. In addition to being a driver safety instructor, Glen serves on the Washington State Driver Safety Board of Directors. He is currently the Zone Three Coordinator and oversees Mason, Jefferson, Clallam, Pierce and Kitsap Counties. Just recently at a state board meeting Glen was awarded the Washington State Volunteer Leader of the Year award. Congratulations, Glen.

For a small congregation it is wonderful to have such gifted members such as these three. It is an honor for me to recognize them for their hard work. If you know of anybody else in our congregation that needs to be recognized please let me know. I am proud and happy to mention it in the newsletter. – Sharie Adrig

October Birthdays

3.....Helen Allen
 3Wayne McElroy
 21Jay Johnson
 24Mark Stouffer
 29Tatyana Johnson

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

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.

You may notice the new siding on the South side of our church. Any contributions received for this project will be appreciated!



Members Serving in October

Altar Guild.....JoEllen Klempan
 Rose Link
 ReaderMaurine Simons

Members Serving in November

Altar GuildIda Ficca
 Jean Reed
 ReaderMarialis Jurges

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.

