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Pastor Tim's Message

REFORMATION AND ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

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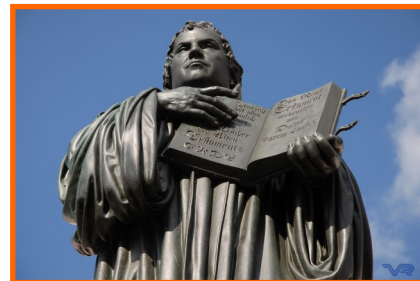


This is one of my favorite times of the church year. I enjoy singing the songs of Reformation and All Saints ("A Mighty Fortress" and "For All the Saints"). These are not holy days based on Biblical events like Christmas and Easter, but they are important. As I write this I see out my window the wind that is blowing hard enough to sway the tall madrona and Douglas fir trees on the north side of my house. Reformation is about the wind, the movement of God's Spirit blowing through the hearts of devout saints like Martin Luther, inspiring them (and us) to stand under the authority of Holy Scripture. Those saints understood that Scripture was the "norming norm" for faith and life. Today the church continues to struggle with the place of Scripture in shaping our beliefs and behavior. The American Association of Lutheran Churches, our denomination, has clearly defined the Bible as the inspired, inerrant and infallible Word of God. The winds of change may be blowing but our faith and life will be firmly grounded in the holy revelation of God in Scripture.

On All Saints' Sunday we at Emmanuel have a tradition of recording the names of our loved ones who have gone on before us. Their names are then read as the bell is tolled for them. Last year I added the name of my Beloved to the list. This year I shall add the name of my Mother. I miss them deeply, but I am confident that this life is not our end. One day we shall be raised and be reunited!

The last Sunday of October and the first Sunday of November mark these two holy days. I shall be preaching based on the heroic stories of faith from the lives of Martin Luther and Boniface. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tim Cartwright, Pastor
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church



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 Pastor Blake at
 760- 637-4099

Pastor Blake's Message

"Why Scary?"

October is a wonderful time. The weather starts to cool off as Fall begins, the leaves turn from the usual green to a wondrous red, and we anticipate the Holidays to come with a peaceful tranquility. As Lutherans, we have this month as a celebration of the Reformation, when the Gospel was brought back to the commoner by the hands of courageous Christian teachers.

But October is also the month of the year when Sharon and I watch a whole bunch of scary movies. This year we're trying to watch one horror film per week, plus scary podcasts and storytelling. Why would we do this though? Why Scary?

For one, we just plain enjoy them. Most horror movies are not *truly* terrifying in and of themselves. Old films like *Nosferatu* and *White Zombie* have more value in the Impressionist art that went into the set design than the actual frights they purported to offer. Ghost movies are more goofy than scary most of the time, and we both take pleasure in roasting them as we watch. Half of what we end up watching becomes delightful comedy to us.

But there are some truly frightening films out there. Popular titles like *The Silence of the Lambs* or *The Thing* remind us that there is danger in the world, even if we cannot understand what is going on when it confronts us. They serve as grim tales which caution those who would be unwary. At times when I am feeling secure, watching scary stuff calls me to be a bit more on guard about possible break-ins, confrontations, and health risks. Horror movies are ultimately a benign way to remind me to lock my doors at night and have a first-aid kit handy in case of injury.

Finally, while Halloween and the history of All-Saints Day might serve as our celebration of saints who have passed before us, it is good to remember Solomon's teachings in Ecclesiastes, which say that, though death be inevitable, life awaits for the faithful:

¹⁰ Then I saw the wicked buried. They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity. ¹¹ Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. ¹² Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him. ¹³ But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.



While it is mostly all just good fun for us, I honestly appreciate the contrast. Recognizing the dangers (real and imagined) in the world help us appreciate the great Deliverance which our Lord has brought us. Having this yearly *Memento Mori*, by contrast, reminds us of the Gospel, which says our lives are made eternal by the Atonement Jesus won for us at the Cross. But now it's your turn: do you do anything special or fun for the "Spooky Month?"

Pastor Blake Kilbourne

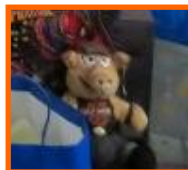
A Baby Shower during the Pandemic



Everyone received goodies that were carefully prepackaged to keep them hands free.



Sharon, Pastor Blake and big brother, Gary, eagerly anticipate the birth of their baby boy near the end of November. Emmanuel was able to celebrate with a shower in spite of the Pandemic.



The Religious History of the State of Washington

THE JOURNEY

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 Four—The Franciscans and the Reformers

The Spanish in 1788 build a garrison and gardens at Neah Bay to convert the Makah, which represented the first Christian missionary work undertaken in Washington. Converts were expected to preach the new faith, inspire genuine piety and secure allies for Spain. Great Britain challenged Spain's claims and soon became the dominate power in the area, resulting in Spain's abandonment and acceptance of the 42nd parallel as it's northern limit of claims. Other contenders to this area were Russians and the French. Now with the British firmly in position at Astoria, Oregon, Americans and the missionary society of Methodists became the primary Protestant influence in what would become the State of Washington. However, other denominations and individual clergy caught the imagination of the challenge to Christianize the Northwest Pacific areas. One of those was Jackson Kelly, a Baptist school teacher and writer, who became obsessed with the Northwest. He claimed to have heard the Voice of God commanding him to "promote Christianity" in the dark and cruel places on the shore of the Pacific. The Presbyterians and the Dutch Reformed Churches were already involved in establishing missions to bring Christianity to the Indians. But Kelly, was instrumental in encouraging settlement by white Americans and promoting the establishment of colonies and Churches. Some of the first "American" missionaries were Wilbur Fisk and Jason Lee, who founded the first Methodist mission in the Pacific Northwest in 1834. By 1840, the American Board of Commissioners, a joint agency of the Congregational, Presbyterian, Dutch Reformed and Methodist Churches, had missions at six locations including, For Nisqually on the Puget Sound and the Whitman Mission.



Makah women were very talented with basket weav-

By Larry Farner

A Follow-up to Larry's Story

Last month Larry referred to Cushing Eells a missionary that helped bring Christianity to Washington State. The following information came from Carol Reece.

"In Tracyton, when the road turns West, from going north past the Post Office, is Eells Road. The family built the home closest to the south east corner, in the early 1950's. The home up Eells road was their retirement home, built at a later date. Clifford Eells graduated from Shelton high school about 1928. Since our families were close, I did learn about the Whitman College connection early on. Their daughters graduated from CKIHS in 1960 and 1963."

Thank you Carol.

Sunday School 9AM

Adult: We're starting our new History of Israel class for Sunday School this weekend, starting with a sprawling study on what exactly the term means in the Bible and what it means for Christians.

Children: Educational opportunities are happening for children. Masks are required as well as social distancing.

Reaching Out to the Community

What's It All About Alfie?

Thanksgiving is, guess what? Not “just” about food and fellowship. I always wondered what did Jesus mean exactly when He said, “the poor will always be with us.” Then gazooks I finally got it! We will always have the opportunity to show genuine love for others, just as Our Lord has always loved and cared for us. November is the Thanksgiving month. So, lets show our love and how much we really care by “overflowing” the food basket for the month of November. November 1st is “First Fruits Food Bank” day. And by the way, it’s also, “All Saints Day”. So let’s go Saints!

-Sally Farner



Thank you, Thrivent, for your generous donation last month that we were able to add to our donation to the Bremerton Foodline. You have helped us make a difference for our hurting Bremerton residents.

Helping Local Families This Christmas

The Giving Tree is up and ready for you to participate in helping make a Childcare child’s Christmas a special one. This has been a year that has been especially difficult for young families. Many essential workers have their children in our church childcare center. Instead of supporting Operation Christmas Child this year we are reaching out to our families to help them get through a difficult time. You are welcome to pick a tag off the giving tree and purchase a special gift for a child or you can donate money and designate for the Giving Tree. There are a variety of needs and wants for these children.

Any questions: ask Sharie Adrig.

If you take a tag please have your gifts back by Sunday, November 29th. Please do not wrap the gift and include the tag that came off the tree.



From Martha & Mary

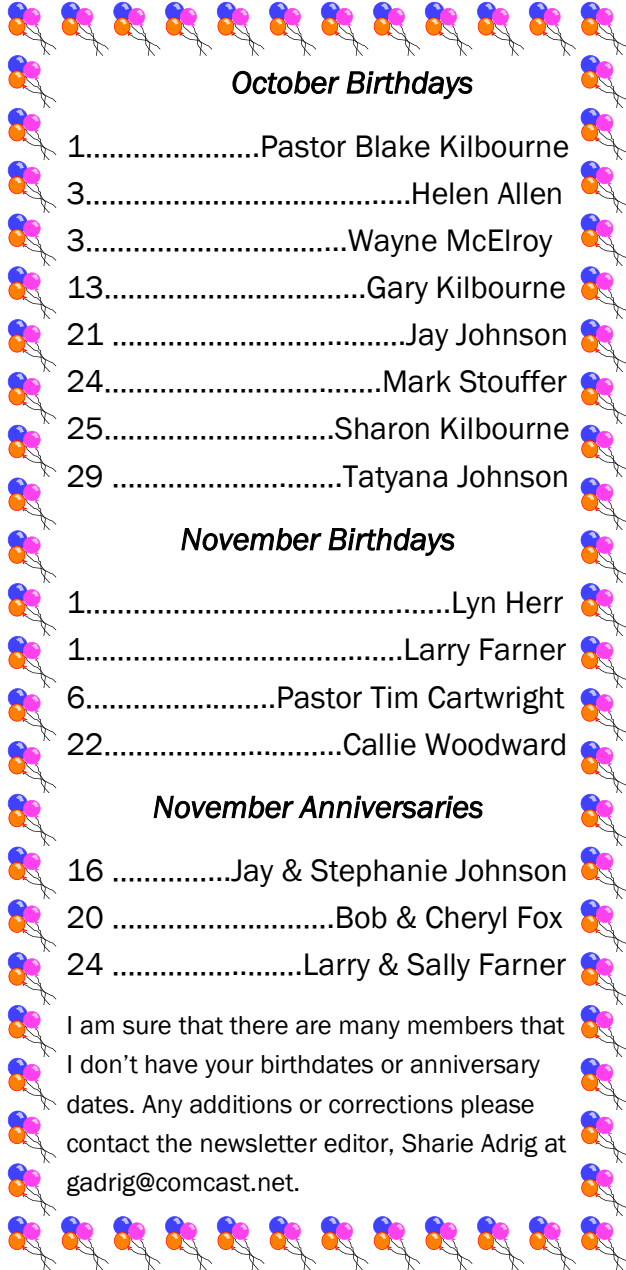
“From the beginning, children have been a special part of our existence. Today we own and operate 3 large child care centers: two locations in Poulsbo and one in Silverdale. Additionally, we partner with Central and North Kitsap School Districts to provide Before and After School care for school-age children as well as summer care and programming. Over 100 children experienced the joy of being a Martha & Mary Kid in 2019.”

Pregnancy Resource

Center Needs



Currently the PRC needs diapers (size N—3), baby wipes, toddler socks, diaper cream and bath supplies. They can be placed in our dresser in the fellowship hall. Questions: ask Sharon Kilbourne



October Birthdays

1.....Pastor Blake Kilbourne
 3.....Helen Allen
 3.....Wayne McElroy
 13.....Gary Kilbourne
 21Jay Johnson
 24.....Mark Stouffer
 25.....Sharon Kilbourne
 29Tatyana Johnson

November Birthdays

1.....Lyn Herr
 1.....Larry Farner
 6.....Pastor Tim Cartwright
 22.....Callie Woodward

November Anniversaries

16Jay & Stephanie Johnson
 20Bob & Cheryl Fox
 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.

Members Serving in October

Altar Guild.....Ida Ficca
 Chelette Williams
 Reader..... Ida Ficca

Members Serving in November

Altar Guild.....JoEllen Klempan
 Rose Link
 ReaderKeri Roberts

Sunday School for all ages!

We offer Sunday School at 9:00 AM for adults & children.
 Pastor Blake holds his Wednesday Compline Service at 6:30 in the fellowship hall.

Men's fellowship breakfast will begin when Phase 3 is in effect. Location TBA .

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

WHO'S A LUTHERAN?

A Lutheran is somebody who believes "coffee" is in the Bible and thinks Manna was miniature "Lefse."

Help Lutherhaven While You Shop Online

You can make a difference while you shop Amazon Prime Day deals on October 13 & 14. Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0677163 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app and AmazonSmile donates to Olympic Lutherhaven. You don't pay any additional by shopping with Amazon Smile but Amazon will donate a portion of the total payment to Olympic Lutherhaven. If you plan of purchasing items on Amazon, this is a great opportunity to purchase what you desire while also enabling Amazon to donate to Olympic Lutherhaven. October 13 & 14 are the special Amazon Prime Day deals but you can still donate to Olympic Lutherhaven any other day of the year when you purchase using the above Amazon Smile link. Thank you!