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**In case of an Emergency**

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

**360-286-1090**

## Pastor's Message

Thank you, Lord, for Carolyn, my wife.

I extend my humble and heartfelt gratitude to the people of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, to my extended family, and to our many friends who have prayed, encouraged and supported me as I (and we ) mourn Carolyn's abrupt departure from this world.

Each Sunday morning Carolyn would enter my church office and assist me with my Alb and stole. She would check that I had my clerical garments in their proper place. After church, when I arrived home, she would tell me that I had done a good job. Some days I lamented the lack of quality content in my message or the weak quality of my service leadership. She was God's faithful gift in support of me. I thank God for you, Carolyn.

Now on Monday mornings when I am alone at the church I am reminded of the seasons of her sweet presence and I smell the fragrance of her love. I see the pew where she sat, directly behind where I sit and I recognize that this was her way of upholding me and my ministry. I love her for that.

In my mind I hear her leading singing for the Sunday School children and I hear her teaching the Bible stories to the VBS children, holding their rapt attention on her. She loved the children and she loved sharing God's Word with them.

I mourn Carolyn's sudden passing I grieve for our grandchildren who will miss her calm, tender and patient devotion to them. Her demeanor shaped their character. I miss our evenings together. I would return home and greet her with a kiss. We would sit side by side and share with each other how our day was. I would slide my hand over hers and we would sit in silence, reading and holding hands.

Thank you, Dear Ones, for affording me the opportunity to share these memories. If you see me walking around church as if I am in a fog, it is probably because I am in a fog. I will get through this. God has called Carolyn to her eternal home and me to this unplanned path. I intend on honoring Him to the best of my abilities.

Pastor Tim Cartwright



## Food Bank Mission

Poverty does not always look like what we think it does. Life has a way of not always going the way we planned.

1. 1 in 7 seniors live in poverty in this country. And this country is a “land of plenty”.
2. Traumatic medical procedures and costs, loss of a job, retirements not keeping up with inflation, death of a working spouse, a rise in rent, and grandparents raising grandchildren without any additional money.
3. Our monthly donations to our local food bank help seniors who do not have enough money to pay bills, health care, rent/mortgage, or put food on the table for themselves or loved ones.

*Thank You Emmanuel, for your loving support of YOUR Food Bank Mission.*



## Coffee Hour Needs You!

Most of us enjoy our fellowship time following our service but only a few people help provide the food and time it takes to fulfill this ministry. If you don't want to take on the responsibility on your own, team up with one or two other people. Or even if you give Carol or Teresa some money to help alleviate the cost this is appreciated.

## “The Great Saga”, Starring You!

Beginning in September the Adult Christian Education Forum will begin an “exciting” SURVEY of the meaning of Revelations from the standpoint of a “noted” Theologian and “YOU” are going to challenge that Theologian and “YOU” are going to evaluate ELC from the point of view of St. John. This going to be **FUN**, join us and we will do this together!



## Sunday School for All

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 9th at 9:00 AM. In addition to our Adult class we offer a class for children too. We hope to see you all on Sept. 9th.



Special Thanks to our Sunday School Staff:  
Larry Farner, Judy Armstrong and Chelette Williams.

## Cold Weather is Coming!

Colder weather is just around the corner. There are many newborns that will need a warm blanket, booties, sweaters and jackets. Don't forget to help fill our dresser for the Pregnancy Resource Center.





The Smiles



The Crafts

The Bible Challenge





The Games



The Bible Stories

The Singing





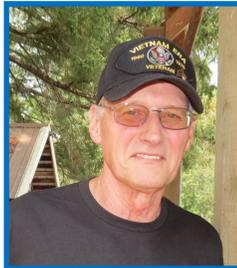
Thanks to our 2018 VBS Staff.  
Special Thanks to our leaders:  
Judy & Carverlyne



Special  
Thanks to  
Mary for your  
pictures!

Our Annual Church Picnic 2018





The Annual Croquet Challenge



**September Birthdays**

6.....Bob Fox (our missionary)  
 23 .....Mary Moen  
 24 .....Kim Bjornemo  
 24 .....Carl Knight  
 25 .....Brian Kenny  
 26 .....Judy Lund  
 26 .....Chelsey (Childcare)

**October Birthdays**

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

Any additions or corrections please  
 contact the newsletter editor, Sharie

There are just a few of you (and you know who you are) that keep Emmanuel going. It always seems that there are just a few that do most of the work. Some jobs go unnoticed and not thanked. If you see someone doing a job (no matter how small), take the time to say "thank you" or offer a helping hand.

We so appreciate all of you. Special thanks to those that go the extra mile.

Thank

You

**Members Serving in September**

Altar Guild .....Chelette Williams  
 Sharie Adrig  
 Reader .....Glen Adrig

**Members Serving in October**

Altar Guild.....JoEllen Klempan  
 Rose Link  
 Reader .....Maurine Simons

**Sunday School begins on  
 September 9th and Catechism  
 Classes begin on September  
 13th.**

**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.

